

**City of Harrington  
MINUTES  
City Council Special Meeting  
August 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on August 1, 2016 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Charles W. Baugher; Council Member Robert Dean Helsel; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; Noel Primos, Filling In for the City Solicitor, Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Tom Wilkes, City Engineer, Remington, Vernick, and Beach; and Jennifer Antonik, the (Harrington) Journal.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Roll was called.

**Loan for water infrastructure projects**

Mayor Moyer stated that this is the approval to start the loan process and that much of the cost of the water projects will be abated; there will be no increase to rates because of savings.

The City Manager stated that this loan will be for a new water tower, a new well, and water lines. No land has been purchased yet. These improvements have been needed for more than five years. The current wells are older and all in the same location near the railroad tracks. An additional tower will be good for pressure and economic development and expansion. The total cost of the project is four million one hundred eighty-two thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,182,100); the final loan will be for two million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$2,115,000) at 1.625% and the remainder will be paid by loan forgiveness and a grant. There will not be an increase to rates because of this debt. A referendum is necessary for the approval of the loan, and City Council's support will be needed to get information out about the project and loan.

Council Member Marquis asked about the status of the sewer improvements. The City Manager stated that the loan has closed and the sewer capacity improvements will begin to be made. The inflow and infiltration work has been completed. The lagoons still need to be closed.

Council Member Marquis stated that the City does not always communicate well what the City has accomplished. The City Manager stated that she would like to have a presentation for the City Council on the infrastructure projects.

Council Member Minner stated that the pamphlets that were made for the last referendum were very good. Council Member Helsel stated that Heritage Day would be a good time to promote the City projects.

Council Member Minner stated that brown water is still an issue. The City Manager stated that these projects will help brown water. Mayor Moyer stated that dead ends should be tied in. The City Manager stated that the phosphate added to the water reduces brown water.

Council Member Marquis asked if the City has pressure issues. The City Manager stated that when there is a fire, there are pressure issues. The City Engineer stated that an additional tower and pump will increase volume and pressure.

Mayor Moyer suggested looking for a used tower.

Council Member Minner asked if the new well will supply the whole City if the existing wells are down. The City Engineer stated that it is not likely one pump would be enough.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Baugher, to adopt the loan resolution to finance water system improvements in order to continue the application to the USDA. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Baugher – Yes, Helsel – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Parker – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Bivans, seconded by Council Member Minner, to adjourn the City Council Special Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies  
Clerk of Council