

**City of Harrington  
MINUTES  
City Council Meeting  
October 17, 2016**

**Open Forum**

The City Chaplain stated that he likes seeing "In God We Trust" on police cars and suggested posting United States and Delaware flags on telephone poles in town. He stated that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be early next year.

Barbara Bullock thanked the City for the work on the water projects loans. She stated that she agrees with Council Member Marquis about the City purchasing flowers and suggested that a representative attend the funeral/ceremony or a card be sent instead.

William Brode stated that the Emergency Services Night Out was very nice.

The Library Director stated that the Library will host a haunted garage again this year for Halloween. Last year goodie bags were given out to four hundred (400) children.

The City Chaplain stated that there was a house shot at with a BB gun.

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A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on October 17, 2016 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Charles W. Baugher, Jr.; Council Member Robert Dean Helsel; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Micah Parker; Kenny Brode, Captain at Harrington Police Department; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Chris Hayward, Director, and Marleena Scott, Assistant Director, at Harrington Public Library; John Long, Code Enforcement Officer; Aubrey Brown, City Chaplain; Barbara Bullock; William Brode; Jenn Antonik, The (Harrington) Journal; Marie Cunningham; Rob Taylor, Harrington Fire Company; and Bill Falasco, Parks & Recreation Director.

Council Member Amy Minner arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by the City Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

The City Manager introduced Code Enforcement Officer John Long.

### **Harrington Fire Company**

Rob Taylor stated that the Emergency Services Night Out went well and that the Fire Company will be selling Christmas trees.

### **Library and Parks & Recreation presentations**

The Assistant Library Director presented information on program attendance, library users, and programs that have occurred in the last few months. She also discussed the new library shelving that was received and the summer reading program.

Council Member Minner entered the meeting.

The Assistant Library Director discussed upcoming events at the Library.

The Library Director stated that a grant was received from Wal-Mart to fund the Haunted Library event.

[The Parks & Recreation presentation took place later in the meeting.]

### **Minutes**

Mayor Moyer stated that the July 5, 2016 City Council Special Meeting minutes are not ready.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2016 City Council Meeting, May 18, 2016 City Council Special Meeting, June 6, 2016 Swearing In Ceremony and City Council Organizational Meeting, and June 27, 2016 City Council Meeting as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Council Member Marquis asked about two purchases.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Parker, to file the August 2016 Financial Report for audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Council Member Marquis asked that a better description of the petty cash spending be included in the report.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to file the September 2016 Financial Report for audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### **Spending money on funeral/get well flowers**

Council Member Marquis stated that the wording about spending in the State Code is good and does not eliminate spending on community events.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis to adopt 29 Del. 6505 (c) as it pertains to use of taxpayer funds. There was no second. The MOTION dies.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that it is inappropriate to have a motion before there has been ample discussion.

Council Member Minner stated that at her job the employees donate to pay for flowers.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that this is a way to recognize people. He suggested people clean out their storage spaces or purchase new items, and the donated items can be sold or raffled off to start a fund. Council Member Marquis questioned who would maintain the fund.

Council Member Baugher stated that he has talked with residents and most are fine with using taxpayer money to buy flowers for employees.

Council Member Parker suggested placing a limit on the amount of money that can be spent annually. Vice Mayor Bivans stated that a cap would not be needed if in kind donations are received.

Mayor Moyer stated that a raffle would be a logistically difficult.

Council Member Helsel stated that he would rather the funding come from Council Member pay rather than not send flowers at all.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to adopt 29 Del. 6505. Roll was called: 2 Yes, 4 No (Bivans – No, Baugher – No, Helsel – No, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Parker – No). The MOTION was failed.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Baugher, to defer this issue to the Ordinance Committee. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Baugher – Yes, Helsel – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Parker – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Library and Parks & Recreation presentations**

[The Library presentation took place earlier in the meeting.]

The Parks and Recreation Director stated that the Parks and Recreation facility has undergone a lot of improvements over the last few years, which were funded mostly by grants and equipment from the LESO program. The Parks and Recreation Director presented a slideshow on the programs, attendance, and the building renovations.

Council Member Minner asked if the Parks and Recreation Department manages the Price Center. The Parks and Recreation Director replied yes and stated that building renovations have occurred at the Price Center too.

### **New Business**

#### **Sponsorship for Lake Forest Community Education Foundation 5k Walk/Run**

Marie Cunningham stated that a 5k walk/run has been organized with help from TriSports to benefit the Lake Forest Community Education Foundation. The Foundation was started in 2003 to give grants to help students. Ms. Cunningham requested sponsorships from the City or individuals; at least one other city in the Lake Forest School District will be a sponsor. It not only raises money for the Foundation but is also a good community event.

Mayor Moyer stated that individual sponsorships should be considered, not a City sponsorship.

#### **Council committee appointments**

Mayor Moyer stated that Council Member Baugher joined the City Council after the committee appointments were made.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Helsel, to remove Council Member Marquis from the Budget Committee and approve the appointment of Council Member Baugher to the Budget Committee. The MOTION passed unanimously.

**First Reading of Ordinance 16-13 – Amending Chapter 440, Zoning, to allow corner lots under 7,500 square feet to have only one front yard**

Mayor Moyer read Ordinance 16-13.

Council Member Minner stated that this ordinance will not apply to new lots that are created.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Parker, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-13. The MOTION passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

The Library Director stated that in the past there had been an employee fund, but it became difficult to manage and that she is not in favor of selling raffle tickets.

Mr. Taylor stated that there are some street lights out. The City Manager asked that he call City Hall with the pole numbers.

Ms. Cunningham stated that there is an issue with traffic from large trucks on Commerce Street. Captain Brode stated that the Police Department has found that much of the truck traffic has been local deliveries.

Ms. Bullock asked about electric suppliers soliciting door to door.

**City Council Comments**

Discussion occurred about truck traffic through the City.

Council Member Baugher thanked the Police Department for addressing cars in the fire lane of the shopping centers.

Vice Mayor Bivans thanked the City employees for attending the meeting and stated that he is glad to hear the public feedback about purchasing flowers and suggested better lighting at the Emergency Services Night Out.

Council Member Minner stated that the Emergency Services Night Out was good and reminded everyone of the town hall meeting about the referendum on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and stated that the lighting in the Liberty Plaza shopping center is not good.

Mayor Moyer stated that the Emergency Services Night Out was very good and that Heritage Day needs volunteers.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Baugher, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies  
Clerk of Council