

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
November 21, 2016**

Open Forum

There were no comments.

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on November 21, 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 Amy Minner; Council Member Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Mike Easton, Paige Rubino, and Doug Phillips from Horthy and Horthy (auditors); Barbara Bullock; Jenn Antonik, The (Harrington) Journal; Chad Robinson, Harrington Fire Company; Karen Craft; Darrin Simpson; Kenneth McKnatt; and Kenna Adams.

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

The Invocation was given by the City Solicitor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Tribute to George Teague

Mayor Moyer presented a tribute to George Teague for his success in horse racing.

The Chief of Police presented Mr. Teague with a letter from Representative John Carney.

Harrington Fire Company

Chad Robinson stated that the Fire Company will be selling Christmas trees this year. The Santa run will be December 13-15, 2016. Breakfast with Santa will be December 11, 2016. The City Manager stated that American Finance has offered to advertise city events on their sign.

Mayor Moyer asked if the Fire Company has discussed installing an agricultural meter. Mr. Robinson stated that he would have to check.

Minutes

Mayor Moyer stated that the August 15, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes are not ready.

Council Member Marquis stated that he would like to clarify on the July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes that when he spoke about taxpayer funds, it was not just about flowers.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting, July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting, August 1, 2016 City Council Special Meeting, and August 1, 2016 City Council Workshop with the clarification added to the July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Council Member Marquis asked about a late fee. The Accountant stated that the fee has been refunded.

Council Member Baugher asked about the fees for 101 Delaware Avenue. The Accountant stated that it is a large railroad property that required a lot of work.

Council Member Minner asked about the transfer tax report.

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

Old Business

Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-13 – Amending Chapter 440, Zoning, to allow a reduction to the setback of one front yard for existing corner lots under 7,500 square feet

Darrin Simpson stated that he is in favor of the ordinance. Two front yards make small lots unbuildable without a variance.

Second Reading of Ordinance 16-13 – Amending Chapter 440, Zoning, to allow a reduction to the setback of one front yard for existing corner lots under 7,500 square feet

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Parker, to dispense with the reading of Ordinance 16-13. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Helsel, to accept Ordinance 16-13. The MOTION passed unanimously.

New Business

FY 2015 Audit

Mayor Moyer stated that Harty and Harty has been performing the audit for a number of years, and the list of recommendations has decreased. Mike Easton stated that there has been a significant reduction. The FY 2016 audit will begin soon.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

2017 holiday schedule

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the 2017 holiday schedule. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Jenn Antonik stated that the clothing collection bins by Food Lion are full.

City Council Comments

Mayor Moyer stated that Public Works have been working hard.

Council Member Parker stated that the City Workers have been doing a good job.

Council Member Marquis stated that the Council should receive information on what is being learned at conferences that the staff attend. The Chief of Police stated that he learned about body cameras and active shooters. The City Manager stated that she includes information in her monthly report.

Council Member Marquis asked about the new Code Enforcement Officer. The City Manager stated that he has been working for the City for twenty-three (23) days, has issued one hundred twenty-seven (127) violations, and closed sixty-five (65) permits that were left open.

Council Member Baugher stated that a shop owner wanted to vote in the election, but the City only allows residents to vote.

Council Member Baugher stated that he spoke to someone that is interested in building a Burger King to the City.

Council Member Baugher stated that he would like to see money included in the budget each year to improve sidewalks.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that the Council should be made aware of new businesses that open in town and consider spotlighting businesses on the City's sign.

Council Member Minner stated that the Council does have a spot reserved in the Christmas parade.

Council Member Minner stated that she attended the unveiling of the community police vehicle and the business safety meeting and that Officer Carl Klotz did a good job.

Council Member Helsel stated that the Police Department goes above and beyond their duties.

The City Manager stated that Tom Wilkes is leaving Remington, Vernick, and Beach, so a new engineer will be taking over the City's projects.

Executive Session

Discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to go to Executive Session for discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement. The MOTION passed unanimously.

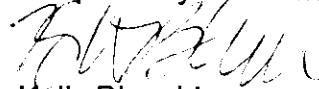
The City Council Meeting recessed at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Moyer called the City Council Meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m. Those still present: 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 Amy Minner; Council Member Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Baugher, seconded by Council Member Minner, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council