

**City of Harrington**  
**MINUTES**  
**City Council Special Meeting**  
**May 6, 2013**

A special meeting of the Harrington City Council was held on May 6, 2013 and was attended by the following: Mayor Robert E. Price, Jr.; Vice Mayor Cheryl Lahman; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Wayne Porter; Council Member Kenneth Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Chris Hayward, Library Director.

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

**Appointment of Election Board Member**

Mayor Price stated that it was difficult to fill this position. The Clerk of Council stated that the Election Board Members have to be present at the opening of the polls, count absentee ballots, have to be available during the day in case there are any issues, and are present for the closing of the polls and tally the ballots.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to accept the appointment of Holly Perdue to the Election Board. The MOTION passed by unanimously.

**Appointment of Library Needs Assessment Committee**

Mayor Price stated that there should not be a huge group but representative of those involved. The Library Director stated that Doug Crouse is the President of the Library Board, and Linda Chick represents the business community and civic organizations; both were involved in the previous attempt to build a new library.

The Library Director stated that a needs assessment was done thirteen years ago. A piece of property had been chosen and plan made to put a library there. During the process of raising money, a needs assessment was conducted for the whole state. It was determined that location was not suitable, because it was not large enough or offer any growth potential or parking. It would not solve the existing problems, so the project was dropped. The City had not devoted any money to the project yet, the Friends of the Library still has money saved, and the State reserved money for the project.

The Library Director stated that the State will pay for a new needs assessment to determine if renovations or a new building are required and where to locate it.

The committee will review the five proposals that were received and present them to Council.

Mayor Price stated that the City did not stop the project before; the project was probably not going to meet the needs that the State had determined, then the County was involved as well. The Library Director stated that so many things happened that stopped the project. Vice Mayor Lahman stated the Harrington almost became the County library. The City Manager stated that all those issues have been resolved.

Vice Mayor Lahman stated that the project should aggressively move forward because the need is there.

The Library Director stated that John Phillos is the consultant from the State that will help with the project. Mayor Price stated that Mr. Phillos is very receptive to the project.

The City Manager stated that Dover paid about fifteen percent of the cost of the new Dover Public Library. Most of the funding came from the State, grants, and endowments. Council Member Stubbs stated that the Kent County Levy Court donated to the Dover Public Library as well.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Coleman, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to accept the appointment of Mayor Price, the City Manager, the Library Director, Doug Crouse, Linda Chick, and John Phillos to the Library Needs Assessment Review Committee. The MOTION passed unanimously.

**Recreation Center roof repairs and installation of heating system in gymnasium**

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to approve the application for the USDA grant and proceed with the installation of the recreation center gas heating system and repairs to the roof. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to adjourn the City Council Special Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies  
Clerk of Council