

City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Special Meeting
August 5, 2013

A special meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on August 5, 2013 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Cheryl Lahman; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Charles W. Porter; Council Member Kenneth Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; and Teresa Tieman, City Manager.

Also present: Tom Wilkes, Remington, Vernick, and Beach Engineers; Christine Hayward, Library Director; and Lonnie Blike.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order.

Application for USDA financing

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to lift the application for USDA financing from the table. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to proceed with the application for USDA financing. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Selling of police vehicle and purchase of a new police vehicle

The Chief of Police stated that a new Charger costs twenty-three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$23,900). There are available funds of twenty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$25,300) from the sale of equipment leaving an available balance of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300). It is anticipated that the 2007 Crown Vic can be sold for four thousand dollars (\$4,000) or more. Grant money may also be able to be used to purchase vehicles, including a second vehicle. There is a SALLE grant that can be used for the vehicle enhancements like lights and installation.

Council Member Porter stated that the 2006 police car can be used as an administrative vehicle for the City. The Chief of Police stated that the Code Enforcement vehicle is the one being sold and has been replaced with a truck. The City Manager stated that there are a lot of meetings that she attends that the City is paying mileage for.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to sell the 2007 vehicle, purchase one new vehicle, purchase a second vehicle if the funding is available, and the 2006 vehicle is to be used by the City. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Candidate selection for part time Library Clerk position

Council Member Porter asked why this issue is being brought to Council. The City Manager stated that she was under the impression that the City Council had to approve hiring. The City Solicitor stated that is what the Charter says.

The Library Director stated that this is filling a vacant position; it is not a new position. The City Manager stated that Melissa Johnson has worked at a library before and is an instructor at Polytech Adult Education. Her references have been checked.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to approve the hiring of Melissa Johnson for the part time Library Clerk position. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Committee appointments

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to appoint Stacey Sizemore to the Board of Adjustment.

Vice Mayor Lahman asked if Mayor Moyer was going to explain in the newspaper why the committees were chosen like they were. Mayor Moyer stated that the Personnel Committee was changed because Council Members Coleman, Minner, and Bivans are not related to anyone working for the City. Vice Mayor Lahman stated that she is the only one who has a relative working for the City. Mayor Moyer stated that relatives of Council Member Porter have worked here before. The Charter and Ordinance Review Committee was changed because the City has gone into court because of ordinances being changed like with the asphalt plant. Council Member Porter stated that the ordinance change was a unanimous decision by Council. Mayor Moyer stated that it was not unanimous because he had voted against it. Council was advised by legal that the ordinance should not be changed mid-stream, and Council chose to ignore it. Vice Mayor Lahman stated that the Budget and Finance Committee and Personnel Committee have always been divided equally among the Council Members; as it stands right now, District 1 is not represented on any committee, because the Comprehensive Plan Committee is almost done. Mayor Moyer stated that Council Member Bivans was not represented for his term. Vice Mayor Lahman stated that every district should be represented on a committee.

Roll was called on the appointment of Stacey Sizemore to the Board of Adjustment: 2 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – No, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – No, Stubbs – No).

Mayor Moyer stated that the Personnel Committee appointments are Council Members Bivans, Coleman, and Minner. Roll was called: 2 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – No, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – No, Stubbs – No).

Mayor Moyer stated that the Budget and Finance Committee appointments are Vice Mayor Lahman and Council Members Stubbs and Minner. Roll was called: 2 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – No, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – No, Stubbs – No).

Mayor Moyer stated that the Charter and Ordinance Review Committee appointments are Council Members Minner, Bivans, and Coleman. Roll was called: 2 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – No, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – No, Stubbs – No).

Mayor Moyer stated that the Comprehensive Plan Committee appointments are Council Members Porter and Stubbs and Vice Mayor Lahman. Roll was called: 2 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – No, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – No, Stubbs – No).

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council