

**Harrisburg City Council Meeting  
Council Room, City Hall  
Harrisburg, Illinois  
Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2018  
6:00 PM**

The Harrisburg City Council met on November 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Room of City Hall Harrisburg, Illinois.

Mayor John McPeek presided over the meeting with Commissioners Beth Montfort, Natalie Miller and Richard Harper answering roll call.

Assistant Pastor Daniel Kinsey from the Dorrisville Social Brethren Church led the group in prayer and the pledge.

Commissioner Weirauch joined the meeting 6:02 pm.

Mayor McPeek:

- Asked anyone who had any comments to please wait until the end of the meeting and then come forward to the podium and identify themselves.
- Gave a Code Enforcement report for the year (Attached) and complimented Code Enforcement Officer David Williams for his work.

Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2018.
2. Check Register and Warrant Report for October 2018.

Commissioner Weirauch seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Gunning reminded Council about the double check by Environmental Resources of the old junior high that had been presented at the last Council meeting regarding asbestos and abatement. He stated the cost estimate was in their packet again for this meeting and reviewed the total cost of \$288,500.00. He had spoken with Dr. John Southerland last week about the \$250,000.00 Brownfield grant. Referring to the cost estimate, he stated the \$27,700.00 listed at the bottom was actually built into the \$288,500.00. He stated that the in-kind from the City of man hours and equipment could be used to cover the 20% City obligation. He stated some of the listed items had already been taken care of, such as the electrical panels and water connections and boarding up and there was no water in the auditorium. He asked Council approve to move forward to obtain chain of title and the Phase I and Phase II could be re-dated to fall within the necessary window. He reminded Council this did not include demolition. He stated Dr. Southerland had suggested there was some possible other grant money available to help with the demolition. Commissioner Harper moved to direct Attorney Todd Bittle to obtain the signed deed for the property. Commissioner Miller seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Gunning stated the Harrisburg Park District had paid for the mobile home permit and Superintendent Rick Brown had declared no damage issues. Commissioner Harper moved to issue a

Special Use Permit for the mobile home at 1205/1207 West Raymond. Commissioner Weirauch seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Brown of Brown & Roberts reminded Council the toe drains were put in when the levee was originally built for drainage seepage. The Corps determined they were no longer necessary and Mott Excavating was finally able to come in to fill them with concrete plugs. He was presenting the final pay estimate for \$17,640.00 and there was still 10% being withheld until all lien waivers were received. Commissioner Harper moved to approve the payment to Mott Excavating for \$17,640.00. Commissioner Montfort seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harper moved to pass Ordinance 1763 an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Real Estate owned by the City of Harrisburg, the lot south of 1004 Wilmoth, 919 South Granger and 1301 Cypress which had bids accepted at the last meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harper stated he would like to table the Mediacom Franchise agreement till the next meeting to review it.

Mayor McPeck stated there were some changes in the sexual harassment policy and Clerk Sally Wofford explained the Illinois Department of Human Rights had lengthened for them the time frame in which to file to 300 days. Commissioner Harper moved to pass Ordinance 1764 An Ordinance Adopting Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment For the City of Harrisburg. Commissioner Montfort seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harper moved to have Council direct the employees to read the policy and sign and return a letter of acknowledgement. Commissioner Montfort seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Kelly Hefner stated he had received notice from IEPA that it was time for the City's NPDES permit to be renewed. He asked Council to authorize Brown & Roberts to prepare the application for renewal. Commissioner Harper moved to authorize Brown & Roberts to prepare the application for renewal. Commissioner Montfort seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the banner request for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Michael Herrin Memorial Soccer Tournament from November 5 through November 12. Commissioner Montfort seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montfort stated there were a couple of Firemen going to continued training.

Commissioner Harper moved to approve the Façade Grant Application from Krystal Tison and Nina Brown not to exceed \$2,500.00 to be paid out of TIF, based on an estimated cost of \$7,800.00. Commissioner Weirauch seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harper moved to approve credit card payment to WIX.com for domain names annual fees of \$298.00 and \$14.95. Commissioner Miller seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Weirauch stated it was the consensus of Council the Early Retirement Incentive was not beneficial to the City at this time.

Mayor McPeek asked everyone to please stop littering.

Mayor McPeek stated the Presbyterian Church was doing its second Adopt a Highway clean up next weekend.

Mayor McPeek reminded everyone to set their clocks back this weekend.

Citizen Cynthia Cummins addressed Council regarding an incident at 728A West Raymond owned by Brian Storms and items removed from the trailer owned by her son located at that address. She gave a timeline of her attempts to rectify the situation, including a phone call to Saline County Trustee Bill Crater who had determined the trailer had not been converted to real estate so the person who had removed items from the trailer should be arrested for breaking and entering, theft of private property and damage to private property. She had also talked with States Attorney Jason Olson's office and was informed she should file a civil suit against Storms. She countered that she thought it was a criminal. Repeated attempts to communicate with Olson had been unsuccessful but Chief Morris had been in communication with her and had informed her that, if the States Attorney did not file charges, he would make an arrest. She had also been in communication with Commissioner Montfort who had asked the States Attorney to take another look at the case and it was now pending. She stated she believed three weeks was plenty of time to rectify the situation.

Commissioner Harper moved the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Weirauch seconded. By roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 6:33 pm.