

# City of Harrison

## Council Meeting

January 25, 2018 – 6:00 pm

Mayor Sherrell called the Council Meeting to order.  
Reverend Brian Herring opened the meeting in prayer.  
Mayor Sherrell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chris Head: **P**; Mary Jean Creager: **P**; Mitch Magness: **P**; John Eoff: **P**  
Ryan Oswalt: **A**; Heath Kirkpatrick: **P**; Joel Williams: **P**; Dena Taylor: **P**

### **Approval of previous minutes:**

The minutes from the December 28, 2017 Council meeting were presented to the Council for their approval. Council Member Creager moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

### **Department Reports:**

Accounting:

Finance Director Feighert presented the Council with the 2016 Water and Sewer Audit for their review. He explained the audit and asked the Council to review it in detail and we could discuss it at the next meeting. Feighert also advised the Council that the December 2017 Sales Tax numbers came in and that they were down. One issue affecting the sales tax was the fact that an entity in Harrison had claimed an \$83,000 sales tax rebate.

Parks & Rec:

Parks and Rec Director Eddington presented the Council with the 2018 Budget for the Parks Department, and answered questions from the Council. Eddington also advised the Council that the street in front of the Youth Center was now being closed in the afternoons to make a little safer environment for the kids there after school.

### **Committee Reports**

Community Environment, Services and Welfare:

Council Member Williams announced that the Planning Commission would be holding a Public Hearing to hear any concerns about the proposed Zoning Code and Land Use Regulation changes currently under consideration.

Resources & Policy:

ADEQ Contract of Obligation:

Public Works Director Phillips presented the Council with a proposed resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN  
THE ADEQ CONTRACT OF OBLIGATION

Phillips explained the Contract with ADEQ and answered questions from the Council. After discussion Council Member Williams moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Eoff seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Water Rate Increase Ordinance:**

Mayor Sherrell asked the Council if they had received any input from the citizens concerning the increase. It was noted that a Public Hearing was held and nobody showed up to speak. Council Member Magness made a motion to put proposed ordinance titled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION  
10.04.01 TO INCREASE WATER BILLING RATES  
BY 5 CENTS PER THOUSAND GALLONS;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On its second reading by title only. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Magness then moved to suspend the rules and place this ordinance on its third reading, by title only. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Magness then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Taylor then moved to enact the emergency clause. Council Member Magness seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Inland Services CPI Increase:**

Mayor Sherrell asked the Council what their pleasure was concerning the 2.36% CPI Increase being requested by Inland Services. After discussion Council Member Magness made a motion to approve the increase. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and Council Member Head casting the only no vote, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Fire Safer Grant:**

As presented in Committee, the Fire Department asked the Council for their approval to apply for a Fire Safer Grant. After brief discussion Council Member Creager moved to allow the Fire Department to apply for the Fire Safer Grant. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**2018 Council Committee Assignments:**

Council Member Taylor moved to approve the 2018 Council Organization and Assignments as discussed in the previous Committee meeting. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Mayor's Comments:**

**Panhandling Issues:**

Mayor Sherrell advised that the City had received several questions and concerns over some of the "Panhandling" on some of the corners around town. Mayor Sherrell advised that he had been in touch with the Arkansas Municipal League and they recommended that the City not take any action at this time, as some cities around the State are currently under lawsuits over the issue.

The Future of Hwy 65:

Mayor Sherrell presented 2 plans from the Arkansas Highway Department showing possible upgrades to the current Hwy 65 corridor inside the City, from Taco Bell to Aldi's Grocery Store. The other was a proposal to build a Bypass around the City. He advised that these were very preliminary and a long time in the future, but he did expect more discussion and meetings in the future. He urged the Council to consider these plans when making decisions in the future, and to consider the growth of Harrison over the upcoming years.

**Citizen Comments:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor

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Jeff Pratt, Clerk/Treasurer