

# City of Harrison

## Council Meeting

August 23, 2018 – 6:00 pm

### **Public Hearing – House of Hope Cottages Grant**

Prior to the Council meeting there was a brief public hearing as part of a grant process for the House of Hope Cottages. Jay Stallard with Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District conducted the meeting and explained the grant and the processes in operating and funding the grant. There were no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Sherrell called the Council Meeting to order.  
Reverend Arvin Adams 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: **A**; John Eoff: **P**  
Ryan Oswalt: **P**; Heath Kirkpatrick: **P**; Joel Williams: **P**; Dena Taylor: **A**

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

The minutes from the July 26, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the Council for their approval. Council Member Creager moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Head seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

### **Department Reports:**

Finance:

Finance Director Feighert gave a brief financial summary and updated the Council on last months sales tax, noting that it was the 4<sup>th</sup> largest sales tax revenue month received in history.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance:

As discussed in Committee, Council Member Williams moved to approve the upgrade and purchase of the new fuel system as presented. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Tub Grinder Repairs:

Director of Public Works advised the Council that the City's Tub Grinder had broken down and requires repairs that were not currently in the budget. Council Member Williams made a motion to approve a repair expense of \$5,921. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Sidewalk Repair Project:

Director of Public Works Phillips advised the Council that the City had received the bids for the project and advised that the current costs were significantly higher than estimated in the current Infrastructure Book. Phillips asked to re-allocate \$50,000 from the Street Fund, and

\$200,923 from infrastructure to move forward with the project. Council Member Head moved to approve the reallocation of the funds for this project as presented. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Fire Hydrant Repairs and Installation:**

Director of Public Works Phillips advised the Council that the City had received the bids for the project and advised that the current costs were significantly higher than estimated in the current Infrastructure Book. The Fire Hydrant bid came in at \$349,000. Phillips requested to reallocate Red Book infrastructure funds in the amount of \$154,100 for a total from infrastructure of \$292,600 and \$56,400 from the City Water Fund. Council Member Head moved to approve the funding as presented. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**2016 Legislative Audit:**

Mayor Sherrell explained the results of the audit and asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns. Council Member Eoff moved to approve the audit as presented. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Drug Court Presentation:**

A group of citizens addressed the Council and announced that September is National Drug Recovery Awareness Month. They went on to announce an upcoming event sponsored by the Boone/Newton Drug Court. September 15, 2018 7:30 am they will be hosting a Run/Walk to help support the Drug Court and asked that the public take part and help support this great organization.

**Harrison Housing Board Confirmation:**

Harrison Housing Authority Director Chonda Tapley presented the Council with a list of their current Board Members and announced that Rebecca Martin had been added to the board. Council Member Creager made a motion to confirm the appointment of Rebecca Martin and the updated list of Board Members. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Parks and Rec Appointment:**

Mayor Sherrell announced that he was appointing Casey Whitney to the Parks and Rec Commission for a term set to expire in May 2022. Council Member Williams moved to approve the appointment. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

**Vicious Dog Ordinance:**

Mayor Sherrell presented the Council with a proposed ordinance as discussed in committee titled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CODES FOR THE  
REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS IN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Council Member Eoff moved to place the ordinance on its first reading, by title only. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Creager then moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings, by title only. Council Member Head seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Kirkpatrick then moved to adopt the

ordinance. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Williams then moved to enact the Emergency Clause. Council Member Head seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried

Mayor Sherrell opened the floor to 3 citizens that spoke in favor of the dog ordinance and some discussion concerning the proper ways to address issues that people face with aggressive dogs.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Renew our Future:

Mayor Sherrell announced the results of the Special Election.

¼ Cent General Fund Sales Tax – 576 votes for the tax / 184 votes against

½ Cent Infrastructure Fund Sales Tax – 567 votes for the tax / 182 votes against.

Mayor Sherrell went on the thank the public for their support of our City.

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