

City of Harrison

Council Meeting

May 24, 2018 – 6:00 pm

Mayor Sherrell called the Council Meeting to order.
Reverend Heath Kirkpatrick 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 April 26, 2018 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.

Patty Methvin, with the Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Rick Shoenberger, with the Harrison Downtown Betterment Association, spoke to the Council. They wanted to thank the Police and Fire for all their support and help during this years Crawdad Days and Harrison Days events. They went on to advise the Council that the two organizations were working together to make next years events even bigger for Harrison.

Department Reports:

Finance:

Finance Director Feighert presented the Council with April's Financials and answered questions from the Council.

Parks and Rec:

Director Eddington addressed the Council and gave a report on the tournaments that the City had recently hosted and advised that 90 teams had traveled to Harrison in May to compete in State and other tournaments. Eddington went on to report that the Summer Rec Program had really taken off this year with over 150 kids signing up.

Committee Reports

Public Safety:

Council Member Creager advised the Council that the Harrison Perpetual Care Board had met, and announced that there would be a new fence installed between Maplewood Cemetery and the Catholic Church.

Resources and Policy:

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

“AN ORDINANCE REPLACING AND UPDATING CODE TITLE 14 “ZONING CODE”

Council Member Williams moved to place the ordinance on its third reading, by title only.

Council Member Magness seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Magness then moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

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

“AN ORDINANCE REPLACING AND UPDATING PART OF CODE
TITLE 15 TO ADOPT NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”

Council Member Magness moved to place the ordinance on its third reading, by title only. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Kirkpatrick then moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1427 FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
LEVY OF A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (.25%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN
THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, WHICH SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE
EXTENDED TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND
PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Council Member Magness moved to place the ordinance on it's first 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 the ordinance on it's second and third readings, by title only. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Taylor then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1428 FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
LEVY OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.50%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE
CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING,
CONSTRUCTING AND/OR EQUIPPING MUNICIPAL WATER, SEWER, STREET,
DRAINAGE, COMPOSTING, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; AND
PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Council Member Magness moved to place the ordinance on it's first reading, by title only. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Magness then moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on it's second and third readings, 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.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1429 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION
IN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE
LEVY OF A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (.25%) SALES TAX AND USE TAX

WITHIN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS; WHICH SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Member Magness moved to place the ordinance on it's first reading, by title only. Council Member Magness then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1430 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE LEVY OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.50%) SALES TAX AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND/OR EQUIPPING WATER, SEWER, STREET, DRAINAGE, COMPOSTING, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS, WHICH SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Member Magness moved to place the ordinance on it's first 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 Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DOGS IN THE CITY OF HARRISON, ARKANSAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council Member Head made a motion to place the proposed ordinance on it's first reading, by title only. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Magness then moved to suspend the rules and place this ordinance on it's second, and third readings, by title only. Council Member Creager seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Magness then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. Council Member Magness then moved to enact the emergency clause. Council Member Head seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as voted on at the previous Council Meeting titled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.16 (ZONING MAP) OF THE HARRISON MUNICIPAL CODE TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS FROM ZONE R-2 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council Member Magness moved to place this ordinance on it's second reading, by title only. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0, motion carried.

New Business:

Economic Development Agreement (Chamber of Commerce):

Council Member Magness addressed all in attendance and publicly thanked the Chamber Board Members for all their hard work supporting Economic Growth in our area. Patty

Methvin from the Chamber then addressed the Council and explained the Chamber's need for additional funds for Economic Development in our City. Methvin went on to outline some items for the upcoming year. Eddie Bartlett spoke in favor of the Chamber and explained the need for growth in our area not only in industry but in ways to grow our housing and other aspects of the community to increase quality of life and the ability to attract additional workers to our area, to assist existing industries with the work staff shortages that they are all facing. Lawton Coonts spoke in concern with the way that the Chamber operates and the way that they spend their funds. Coonts felt like the money should be spent in job training. Bartlett and Methvin addressed Coonts concerns and explained some steps that the Chamber had already taken toward job training in cooperation with North Arkansas College. Mayor Sherrell then spoke explaining how the City and Chamber have enjoyed a great working relationship with each other and worked together well trying to develop our local economy. Chamber Secretary/Treasurer Bobby Woods explained that the funds from the City are designated funds for Economic Development and none of it goes into the Chamber's general fund. Methvin then spoke to tangible results and listed projects that the Chamber had been recently involved with.

After discussion Council Member Eoff made a motion allow the Mayor to sign the Economic Development Agreement that had been presented to the Council for their review, with the effective dates on the contract to be July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and Council Members Creager and Taylor voting no, motion carried.

Mayor's Comments:

Spring Clean Up:

Inland gave a brief report on the Spring Clean up and advised that they had picked up on average 17 tons each week.

Municipal League Meeting:

Mayor Sherrell advised the Council that he and Council Member Head would be attending the meetings in Little Rock and would not be at the June Committee meeting. It was determined to leave the meeting as scheduled with Council Member Taylor residing.

Renew our Future:

Mayor Sherrell announced to the public that a new slogan had been decided upon for the upcoming infrastructure and general fund tax renewal campaigns. "Renew Our Future" will be the slogan throughout the campaign. Mayor Sherrell then announced the upcoming town hall meetings in each ward explaining the taxes and the needs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor

Jeff Pratt, Clerk/Treasurer