

City of Harrison

Council Meeting April 26, 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: **P**; Heath Kirkpatrick: **P**; Joel Williams: **P**; Dena Taylor: **P**

Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes from the March 15, 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.

Department Reports:

Police:

Chief Woodruff advised the Council that he would be presenting them with a resolution adopting changes in the existing Police Policy Manual as part of the departments efforts to obtain department accreditation. Woodruff advised that there would be a large number of documents to review. The Council advised that they would like to receive the docs in electronic format rather than hard copies.

IT:

IT Director Wilson advised the Council that the City would soon be switching to a Google based email management system.

Committee Reports

Finance:

Council Member Magness gave the Council an update on the City finances.

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 Magness moved to place the ordinance on its second reading, by title only. Council Member Williams 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 second reading, by title only. Council Member Williams 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 REGULATING DOGS IN THE CITY OF HARRISON”

The Council did not take any action on this ordinance.

Mayor Sherrell presented a proposed ordinance as discussed at the previous Committee 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 Williams moved to place this ordinance on it's first reading, by title only. Council Member Magness seconded the motion. The vote was 7 yes with Council Member Creager casting the only no vote, motion carried.

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

AN ORDINANCE 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.

Mayor Sherrell went on to explain the need for continuing this tax and what it is used for. Council Member Creager moved to place the ordinance on it's first reading, by title only. Council Member Magness 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 Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. Council Member Oswalt then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

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AN ORDINANCE 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.

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AN ORDINANCE 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.

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Old Business:

Mayor Sherrell then presented the Council with a lease with the Arkansas Forestry Commission to extend the lease that they have had with the City for decades. Council Member Williams made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease. Council Member Oswalt seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Director of Public Works advised the Council that the NAC Trail Grant that was on the agenda was being tabled for about 6 months until the next grant cycle.

New Business:

Hwy 65/412 Bypass:

Mike Nabors asked to address the Council and express his concerns about the discussion of the proposed Hwy Bypass around Harrison. Nabors went on to explain his concerns about the economic impact that he felt it would have on Harrison. Nabors asked the City to consider all alternatives to assist in keeping the flow of traffic through town, and not let it get diverted.

Temp Employment Approval:

As discussed in committee and requested by Finance Director Feighert, Council Member Magness moved to approve establishing a temporary pay account to cover an employee that is funded through a partnership with the College, the City will be reimbursed for the cost through a grant program. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Wellness Account:

As discussed in committee and requested by the City Wellness Committee, Council Member Magness moved to create a Wellness Fund with a budget of up to \$2,000. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Infrastructure Changes:

As discussed in committee, Council Member Oswald made a motion to re-allocate an additional \$135,000 in infrastructure funds to the overlay projects on Cottonwood and Forward Dr. Council Member Magness seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

New Tractor:

As discussed in committee and requested by Public Works Director Phillips, Council Member Oswald made a motion to approve the purchase of a new tractor in lieu of the power broom, that had already been approved. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Comments:

Spring Clean Up:

Mayor Sherrell advised the public about the upcoming city wide spring clean up and announced the dates.

Drug Take Back:

Mayor Sherrell advised the public that the City would be taking part in a Drug Take Back program. Open to all citizens to bring to City Hall and drop off any type of medication to be disposed of.

Bypass:

Lisa Whitmer addressed the Council and expressed her concerns about the proposed bypass and it's proposed route through her neighborhood.

Citizen Comments:

Dog Ordinance:

Stacy Shenkel addressed the Council and asked for the status now on the dog ordinance since the Council did not make any decisions. She expressed her concerns about neighbor dogs that keep running at large and being aggressive. She explained that she has to take pepper spray with her when she goes outside, and is terrified taking her dog out. She asked the Council to take steps quickly to address the issues. Council Member Magness explained some of the history and issues surrounding the ordinance, and expressed that the Council would be looking at it again at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor

Jeff Pratt, Clerk/Treasurer