

City of Harrison

Council Meeting

December 13, 2018 – 6:00 pm

Mayor Sherrell called the Council Meeting to order.
Council Member 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: **A**

Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes from the November 29, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the Council for their approval. Council Member Creager moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Fire:

Fire Chief Holt wanted to thank the Community for all the support, and help to the department, and the John & Amy Villines family through the search and recovery process from the flash flood event that swept them from the low water crossing at Highland.

John & Amy Villines Family Request:

Allison Black (John Villines sister), along with Joey and Tera DeMeyers (Amy Villines sister and brother in law) addressed the Council concerning John and Amy and the search process. The families were asking that the Council drain and excavate Lake Harrison in an effort to locate the bodies of John and Amy Villines, and continue the search. Mayor Sherrell advised the Council that there had been some meetings and it has been estimated that the cost to drain and clean out the lake could run between \$200,000 and \$400,000. Director of Public Works Phillips advised that he had met with Crouse Constuction, who was the previous contractor to clean out the lake. It was determined that instead of a bid process it would be handled as a "Cost Plus" contract basis. After discussion Council Member Oswalt made a motion to clean out Lake Harrison. Council Member Head seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Due to this event being an emergency situation, Council Member Oswalt moved to suspend the rules and waive the normal bidding process for large expenses, and allow Public Works to enter into a Cost Plus Contract with Crouse Construction, for the clean out of Lake Harrison. Council Member Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Department Reports

Parks & Rec Grant

Parks and Rec Director Eddington advised the Council that the City had been awarded a Parks and Tourism Grant of \$201,000 to build a “Barrier Free” playground and new bathroom facilities at the playground area on Lake Harrison.

Committee Reports

Finance:

Finance Director Feighert gave the Council a brief update on recent financials and asked if they had any questions. Feighert went on to advise that the Water and Sewer audit was wrapping up, and that the 2017 Legislative Audit had been completed and advised the Council that they would be receiving a copy of it in the next few months. He went on to report that it was a clean audit, and he was very pleased.

Safety:

Council Member Creager thanked the Police and Fire departments for all their hard work over the last several weeks during the search and recovery. Council Member Magness then showed a couple of pictures of firemen helping a little boy during Halloween and commended them for their efforts and expressed his appreciation for the men and women that we have working here at the City.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

After being placed on its second reading in November, Mayor Sherrell presented the Council with a proposed ordinance titled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING

“MINIMUM STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREETS”

Council Member Magness moved to place this ordinance on its third reading, by title only.

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

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

Old Business:

New Business:

Inland Services:

Mayor Sherrell introduced Keith Richardson with Inland Services, who then announced his retirement, and introduced David Hawkins as his replacement.

Mayor’s Comments:

Light Up Harrison

Mayor Sherrell thanked the Light Up Harrison Committee for all their hard work this year on all the Christmas Lights that they have put up in the downtown area. Mayor Sherrell then presented Rick Shoenberger with a certificate of appreciation.

Council Appreciation

Mayor Sherrell then presented Council Members Eoff, Oswalt, and Taylor (who was not present) with plaques of appreciation for their service to the Citizens of Harrison.

Mayor Sherrell then presented Chief Woodruff, Chief Holt, and City Attorney Van Younes with service awards for their many years of service.

Council Members Magness & Creager then presented Mayor Sherrell with service awards for his service to the City both as Council Member and as Mayor.

Organizational Council Meeting

January 1, 2019 at 11:00 in the Council Room was established as the City Council Organizational meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel D. Sherrell, Mayor

Jeff Pratt, Clerk/Treasurer