

April 1, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session April 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Councilmember Powers led everyone in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Mason called the meeting to order. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
Mark Powers
J.D. Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2008. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Powers seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the salaries. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Mee made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Leesa Laymance approached Council regarding their new Cab Company, Mighty Cab. Mighty Cab is located in the County at 141 Zeni Lane, Harriman, TN 37748 but she would be providing service to the residents of Harriman as well. Therefore she would need a business license to operate within the City Limits. Mayor Mason advised that after a background check was performed City Council would make a decision. Council also needed time to review Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code, Taxi Cabs before making a decision. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Wright to begin process of application with background check. The motion passed with a unanimous, "Aye". The item has been added to next week's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee asked Councilmember Powers to look into the Hospitals financial stability while the Covenant deal is finalized. Councilmember Powers advised that he would. Councilmember Powers also advised that the Hospital was able to make the last payroll.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder advised he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright advised he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson asked about the status of the Annexation Ruling for the Midtown area. City Attorney Harold Balcom advised that there is a hearing tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2008. Councilmember Sampson also would like the Mayor to look into the ambulatory service and fire department that would be needed in the Midtown area. Mayor Mason advised that pending the site plan he would have Chief Heidle with the Police Department and Chief Best with the Fire Department advise on services needed for that area.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Powers if he had any old business. Councilmember Powers that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason advised of the bids received in for the construction on Carnegie Library. The bids were for making the Library entrance handicap accessible. Bids were opened by Mayor Mason with Treasurer Charles Kerley and City Clerk Amy Arriola. Bids included were:

Integrity Management & Construction, LLC.

Base Bid - \$107, 500.00 Alternate Bid - \$8,894. Alternate Bid - \$10,430.00

Southeast Contractors, Inc.

Base Bid - \$101, 695.00 Alternate Bid - \$14,376.00 Alternate Bid - \$12,019.00

Pioneer Construction

Base Bid - \$110,700.00 Alternate Bid - \$14,700.00 Alternate Bid - \$4,600.00

Mayor Mason advised that due to the high cost of the bids received, the City might need to re-bid with more specifics to lower the cost.

Mayor Mason discussed the letter from Vaughn and Melton who would like to provide the City with electronic drawings of the Pinnacle Point shopping center to provide estimates on the amount of earthwork performed. A motion was made by Councilmember Wright to approve the offer and was seconded by Councilmember Powers. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

AGENDA

Mayor Mason asked to move the Highland Trees to the beginning list of the agenda.


Mrs. Vice of Highland Drive approached Council regarding the trees in their yard. After much discussion a motion was made by Mark Powers to send a formal apology letter to the Vice's for citing them. The motion was unanimously passed by Council. The motion that was made at the previous Council meeting will be upheld. This motion was to move all trees on City's right of way. Drack Langley and the Street Department will work with the Vice's in moving the trees or cutting them down. The City asks the Vice's for a waiver for the City incase they have to go on the property.

Lien for 422 Carter Street - City Attorney Harold Balcom reviewed the paperwork on file for the Lien. Mr. Balcom advised that due to the fact that the property was purchased at a tax sale and that the lien was not added to the taxes. The owner is free and clear of money owed towards the lien. Due to this the Lien is null and void.

S&ME Environmental Review - will be held over to the Council Meeting on April 8, 2008.

Insurance Bids - After reviewing the bids received in for the City's Health Insurance, the Insurance Committee advised that the current existing plan with the state is still the better deal. Mayor Mason advised that he would contact MTAS for their assistance for any suggestions.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous "Aye".



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk