

August 12, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session August 12, 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. Mayor called meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilmember Wright. 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 August 5, 2008. Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Chief Randy Heidle approached Council regarding two issues that are Police Board Recommendations. 1) Chief Heidle wants to buy a 2005 Crown Vic. Chief Heidle advised he has spent more money on an existing car in repairs than the car is actually worth. The Crown Vic that Chief is interested in is in Missouri and he would pick up the car instead of spending more money to have it shipped. Treasurer Kerley advised that it is not in this case required to bid out the purchase. Councilmember Tedder made the motion to purchase the used 2005 Crown Vic not to exceed \$13900.00 out of the Drug Fund. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Chief Heidle also advised Council that the audio recorder that the police department has been testing on a trial basis has expired. They would like to purchase the audio recorder for \$2800.00 out of the drug fund. This comes to the Council as a police board recommendation. Councilmember Mee made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Diane Cox with the Roane State Expo Center advised that the Expo is hosting a fund raiser event. The Expo no longer receives money from the State. Councilmember Mynatt asked how the City could help. Diane advised that the City as well as others could help through ticket sales for the dinner show, corporate sponsorship, and adopting a stadium chair. The Mayor advised that they would review in the workshop.

Fire Chief Wayne Best approached Council regarding holidays to make the City up to par with the rest of the County. Currently the City of Harriman has New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas

Day. After much discussion it was suggested to add Good Friday, Thanksgiving Friday, and two personal days. The motion was made by Councilmember Sampson to approve the added holidays. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Bill Alexander advised Council that Drack Langley and crew did a great job on cutting overhang.

Mike Demyanovich advised that with Utopia and Roane Furniture closing the downtown needs help. Mayor Mason advised that the H.E.A.T. Committee is looking into Harriman becoming a main street downtown. Mayor Mason also advised that Bobby Tidwell has been recruiting businesses to our downtown. Mr. Demyanovich suggested lowering taxes as an incentive for businesses to move into the downtown area. Mayor Mason advised that he wrote a letter to Congressman Davis regarding the Roane Medical Center becoming a prospective Veterans Hospital.

Councilmember Powers thanked Councilmember Mynatt as well as the Roane County prisoners and RMC in assisting with the clean up of the building where the new Radio and TV Station will be hosted. Councilmember Mynatt thanked Councilmember Sampson for the donation of beams as well.

Chipper Dunn advised that C&D Tire has made several cosmetic improvements to their business and are upset that Council hasn't acknowledged their efforts. Mayor Mason advised that he did in fact send them a letter thanking them.

Pat Ladue of Morgan Street inquired about the status of the street lights. City Coordinator Bobby Tidwell advised that Barge, Wagner, and Sumner are working on the architectural design for the lights. The grant has been delayed and may not go through until November possibly January.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee asked about the status of the mail trucks driving on the sidewalks. Mr. Tidwell advised that he spoke with the Postmaster and wrote him a letter. Mr. Tidwell advised that he would escalate it to Congressman Davis's office.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder made a motion to allow qualified (full time) police personnel to purchase a long rifle and have it payroll deducted from their paycheck. The amount would not exceed \$1000.00, and the employee would be required to put down 25% paid to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers. After much discussion, Councilmember Tedder called the question. The motion passed with four "yes" votes and two "no" votes from Councilmember Mee and Councilmember Sampson.

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 advised he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson suggested that Harriman have their own Industrial Board Committee. Mayor Mason advised that with the company interested in purchasing land from the City, he recommends having the Roane County Industrial Board go to the closing. Mayor Mason recommends having our own Industrial Board to handle the downtown area.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Powers if he had any old business. Councilmember Powers passed out salaries and pay from the HUB. Councilmember Powers advised that he is looking for policies, and management styles to save money. He wants to make sure that the HUB is in accordance with the law regarding overtime and comp time pertaining to salary employees. He advised that all of the HUB board members had a workshop and toured the building and HUB facilities. He said it was very informative and beneficial and would be happy to answer any questions any of the audience or Councilmember's may have.

Mayor Mason advised that the minutes reflect that the position of the Finance Officer and Budget Officer to be filled by Charles Kerley were approved by Council.

City Coordinator Bobby Tidwell advised on the Browder Building. He said that asbestos and lead based paint were found. He has the cost estimates on removing the substances.

AGENDA

H.E.A.T. Recommendations - Mayor Mason recommended Hugh Sliger, Diana Knobloch, Jim Gann, and Spencer Anderson as the new H.E.A.T. Members. Councilmember Powers made a motion to accept Mayor Mason's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye". Mayor Mason advised that he has one more H.E.A.T. Member to appoint.

Mayor Mason advised that on Sept. 21, 2008, the Fallen Officer Memorial will be hosting a County Wide Memorial at the Riverfront Park at 2PM. He encourages everyone to attend.

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

CBM
Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

Amy S. Arriola
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