

OCTOBER 7, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session October 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. Vice Mayor Ken Mynatt was present and presiding. Vice-Mayor Mynatt 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

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2008. Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Tedder seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked for a motion to pay the salaries. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Mrs. Billings of Clinton Street asked Council the status of the Princess Theater. Vice-Mayor Mynatt advised that there are several things in the works. Currently the Princess Theater Board is working with Comcast on the T.V. Station that the schools will be producing. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell advised that the original grant was turned down, however now the governor is reviewing the grant application again. Representative Dennis Ferguson and the H.E.A.T. Committee have a meeting planned for October 30, 2008 to discuss plans for downtown Harriman and the Princess Theater project. Vice-Mayor Mynatt also advised that Harriman has the Farmer's Market, the Haunted Historic Harriman Tour, and the Christmas Tour of homes coming up soon. All of these ventures bring attention to Harriman.

Rick Huffman approached Council regarding the Rockwood Festival on October 25, 2008. He would like to invite Council along with the Harriman Citizens to attend the festival.

Mike Demyanovich of 325 Walden Street advised that he has taken the position of the Director of the Harriman Museum after Terry Nichols stepped down. Mr. Demyanovich expressed his concern of the Temperance Building structure. He advised that the building is in dire need of repair. Mr. Demyanovich asked how the citizens of Harriman can help and get involved. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell advised that TDOT handles the enhancement grants. There is a lot of micro-red tape that is involved. It takes about two years for a grant to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder asked if Drack Langley, Lonnie Wright and Kenyon Mee had had a chance to tour the Armory Building yet. Lonnie and Drack have gone through but Kenyon hasn't as of yet. Lonnie inquired about the equipment that is being stored in the Armory Bldg. Chief Best has removed the equipment that belongs to the City; he will contact the other Emergency Departments to have them clear their equipment out as well. Lonnie advised that Drack is getting with the HVAC people on any needed repairs and looking at costs for painting.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright advised that the City is going to be doing the Fall Clean-up Day again. It is scheduled for November 1, 2008. Councilmember Wright made a motion to approve the rental of six dumpsters. Councilmember Tedder seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson inquired about whom is responsible for cleaning up the meth labs recently found at Roane Medical Center. Is it the hospital's responsibility or the City? Vice-Mayor Mynatt advised that first it needs to be determined if it was in fact a meth lab. The results are not back yet and the investigation is still open. Councilmember Sampson also inquired about the windows for the Temperance Bldg. Councilmember Sampson thought that Council approved for the windows to be replaced. Bob Tidwell advised that Frank Sparkman and Associates looked at the Temperance Bldg. last year and advised at that time that the building was structurally sound. Chief Best advised that the interior walls in the basement are deteriorating. Vice-Mayor Mynatt advised that this would be tabled to the workshop. Councilmember Wright added it to the Workshop Agenda scheduled for October 21, 2008.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Powers if he had any old business. Councilmember Powers briefed Council on the Utility Board Report. The Electric Rate has decreased 3%, and this will take effect November 1, 2008. The Natural Gas Rate and the Sewer Rate have both increased 7% and the effective date is October 1, 2008. The Water Rate will remain the same.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked City Treasurer Charles Kerley if he had any old business. City Treasurer Charles Kerley advised Council that during the time since Council approved Yoakley and Associates for doing the required audit for the hospital, Dr. Kerley has asked the City's own auditor, Craine, Thompson, and Jones for a quote. Craine, Thompson, and Jones came back with a quote of \$17,500.00. Dr. Kerley asked Council if they would prefer to go with the lower bid. Councilmember Wright inquired if there are any reasons the City would not want to use Craine, Thompson, and Jones. Dr. Kerley advised that due to Yoakley and Associates already having the information, they would do it faster than Craine, Thompson, and Jones because they will basically be starting from scratch. Councilmember Wright made a motion to rescind the original motion made on September 9, 2008 to hire Yoakley and Associates to do the audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes". Councilmember Wright made a motion to use Craine, Thompson, and Jones for the hospital audit at the amount of \$17,500.00. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked City Coordinator Bobby Tidwell if he had any old business to discuss. Mr. Tidwell advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

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AGENDA

Roane County Emergency Operations Center Representative.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt advised that Councilmember Lonnie Wright is Mayor Mason's recommendation for serving as co-representative for the Roane County Emergency Operations Center. Councilmember Powers made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Street Light Locations

Council agreed to delay street lights to March Meeting. Councilman Sampson advised he was approached by residents requesting street lights be installed on Cofer Lane. Steve Ladd with HUB advised Councilman Sampson that the cost to the City would be \$7.00 a month for one light and \$14.00 a month for two lights. There would be no cost to the City or to the

residents for the lights to be installed. Councilmember Sampson made the motion for the two lights to be installed on Cofer Lane. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

City Treasurer Charles Kerley advised that the heat bill for the Temperance Bldg is enormous during the winter months. Councilmember Tedder advised that he pulled the utilities for the Temperance Building two years ago and at that time the cost for heating the Temperance Building for one month was approximately \$5000.00. Mike Demyanovich advised that he found a gas leak in the attic a couple of months ago, and that could have contributed as well to the high cost.

233 Morning Drive

Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Maria Nelson requested Council to authorize City Attorney Harold Balcom to take legal action against the owner of 233 Morning Drive for property maintenance and building code violations. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Powers. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

522 N. Roane Street (Old Edwards Building) and 517-531 N. Roane Street (Old Miller Brewer Building)

Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Maria Nelson requested Council to authorize City Attorney Harold Balcom to take legal action against the owner of 522 N. Roane Street (Old Edwards Building) and 517-531 N. Roane Street (Old Miller Brewer Building) for property maintenance and building code violations. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes"

904 Old Roane Street

Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Maria Nelson requested Council to authorize City Attorney Harold Balcom to take legal action against the owner of 904 Old Roane Street for property maintenance and violation of junk vehicles. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt advised that West Hills Neighborhood is hosting a Neighborhood Cookout on Saturday, October 11th from 11:30 – 1:30 PM. They invite everyone to attend.

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

Kenneth Mynatt

Ken Mynatt/Vice-Mayor

Amy S. Arriola

Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk