

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Harriman City Council met in regular session September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Complex. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilmember Wright. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Buddy Holley
Kenyon Mee
J D Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Ken Mynatt

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 1, 2009. Councilmember Mee made the motion and Councilmember Holley seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Holley made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council.

Police Chief Randy Heidle asked for approval to purchase two cars, equipment and six long guns with ammunition. He stated that the money is in the budget and has been recommended by the Police Board to make this purchase. The amount will be \$38,527.50 and will be spread out over two or three months. After brief discussion Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the purchases. Motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mr. Demyanovich wanted to thank the Council for the Hooray for Harriman celebration. He stated that J D Sampson did an excellent job with the horseshoe tournament and hopes it will increase in the years to come. He thanked Bob Tidwell for the job he did on the state grant proposal to help restore the Temperance Building.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Holley if he had any old business. Councilmember Holley stated that he did not have any old business at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee asked if the Mayor found out about the Margrave Bridge closing. Mayor Mason stated that Drack went exactly by the state guidelines.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson inquired about the Mighty Cab business license. Mayor Mason stated that they came before Council and received approval. Dr. Kerley stated that they never came in and paid for a business license. After much discussion Mayor Mason said he would call Maria Nelson and have her to look into the situation.

Councilmember Sampson inquired about standings with the old Hospital Retirement Plan. Dr. Kerley stated that the state will be conducting their audit and we would not know anything until December. Mayor Mason stated that the Council decided to save money and wait six months and get the results in December instead of June.

Councilmember Sampson stated that he had the City Clerk to draw up a draft ordinance to adopt a hiring program where the City Council does the hiring of all city employees. The City Clerk sent the draft to Harold Balcom. Harold stated that we could not adopt that type of ordinance because the City Charter stated that the Fire and Police Boards do the hiring. Harold stated that he thought the Police and Fire Boards should be eliminated. He stated that all the other departments are run by department heads. He thinks that the

fire and police department should be run the same way. He stated that he doesn't agree that the City Council should be the ones to interview or hire for any position due to legal reasons. He recommended that the Council should change the City Charter first then look at adopting a hiring policy. Mayor Mason stated that he would like to look at changing the Charter to include either a Full-Time City Manager or a Full-Time Mayor form of government. He stated that this is a full time job and he spends at least six hours a day working on city business. He said that it is still not enough time to get everything done like it should be. He would like to look at going to this form of government in the next workshop.

Councilmember Sampson wanted to thank Drack Langley for all the hard work on the horseshoe pits. Plus, he thanked all the volunteers that helped with the success of the Hooray for Harriman festivities. He wasn't sure how much money was raised for the Temperance Building restoration fund but it looks to be around \$500.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder stated that he did not have any old business at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright stated that he did not have any old business at this time.

City Attorney Harold Balcom asked the council for authorization to be able to file suit against the Pinnacle Point developers if the mediation fails on October 14, 2009 at 9:00 or 9:30 am. Councilmember Sampson made a motion to give Harold Balcom authorization to file suit if the mediation fails and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason elaborated on how well Hooray for Harriman turned out. He thought it was their best event yet and thanked all who volunteered.

Mayor Mason asked to hire a part-time temporary marketing person to help recruit new business and help promote the City of Harriman. He has requested to hire Bill Landry thru December 2009 and see how things are working out. The Council will vote in December to see if they want to keep this position. Councilmember Holley made a motion to hire Bill Landry for this part-time temporary position and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

AGENDA

2nd Reading of Ordinance 0809-1

Mayor Mason read the caption aloud for everyone. He explained what the Ordinance was for and that the public hearing was held right before this meeting started. Mayor Mason asked the City Clerk if proper notification was made to the Public and she stated that it was. Mayor Mason then asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 0809-1. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss and possibly start taking bids for a Fire Truck

Mayor Mason stated that we needed to start taking bids for a Fire Truck because it will take several months to get the Fire Truck in but needed a motion to start taking bids. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss and possibly approve a road list for the paving project

Councilmember Wright passed out a list of roads that they would get quotes on. He stated that they were working with HUB to find out where they will be working so that way we don't pave them and then they have to come thru and tear the road up. Councilmember Wright also stated that they would not be able to pave all these roads but would do as much as many as they could. He will bring the list back to Council once they have all the estimates on the roads. Mayor Mason asked the Council to add the North end of Carter Street and Bazel Road to the list for estimates. After much discussion Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the list of roads for estimates. Councilmember Mee made the motion and

was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call “Yes”.

Reading of Resolution R0909-1

Dr. Charles Kerley read the resolution approving the retaining of business tax collection attorneys or agents by the city business tax collector. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Resolution R0909-1. Councilmember Tedder made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call “Yes”.

Discuss and possibly approve dates for fall clean up

Mayor Mason asked if anyone had any dates in mind. Councilmember Wright stated himself and Councilmember Mee would get with Drack and set a date and bring it to the workshop.

Mayor Mason stated that he had something and needed a motion to waive the agenda rule. The motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous “Yes”.

Mayor Mason stated that he would like to go ahead and appoint four of the seven Economic Development Board members. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Bill Alexander, Hugh Sliger, Jess Rittenhouse and David Webb for the Economic Development Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call “Yes”.

Mayor Mason reminded everyone to please check out the City’s new website at www.cityofharriman.net.

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

Angela Skidmore/City Clerk