

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session October 6, 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 Lonnie Wright. Roll call of Council was as follows:

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

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2009. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Mee seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

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

**DELEGATIONS**

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

Mr. Demyanovich gave an update to what has been going on at the Temperance Building. They met with Mr. Spartan and he gave his phase plan on the restoration of the building. He stated that the last two Saturdays they have hauled off four dump truck loads of stuff from the basement. He wanted to recognize Mr. Lee Eric from Kingston, Ron Cowan the Codes Enforcement officer, Mr. Papadoo and J D Sampson for their help in cleaning out the basement. He also wanted to thank Mimi Tedder for the lunch she provided the workers. He said they still have a little more cleaning to go on the basement and then they will start cleaning out the attic. Mayor Mason asked if they have an estimated cost on what all they want to do. Mr. Demyanovich stated that they do but they are wanted to make a few changes before they present everything to the council.

Fire Chief Brad Goss stated that he had approached the council last month and had asked for permission to use the basement of the Municipal Complex for a Haunted House. He was instructed to get with TML on the insurance. He stated that he met with Judy Housley and she said everything would be alright with a few updates. The updates are minor and an example was to add gravel to the back parking lot and to fix a thing or two in the basement. Chief Goss stated they will be having the haunted house Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> through Saturday October 31. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to grant the Fire Department permission to use the basement of the Municipal Complex for their Haunted House. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Glenda Copeland stated that she has approached council on numerous occasions about the condition of the building located in the downtown area. She stated the nothing has been done and the problem is getting worse. She stated that she has tried on several occasions to contact the landlord with no luck. Ms. Copeland inquired about the funds Harriman was receiving from TVA and wanted to know if the City could use some of that money to fix some of these problems. Mayor Mason stated that the City cannot spend money on privately owned property. He stated that the Housing Authority is working on condemning some of this person's buildings and the City taking over. Mayor Mason stated that the City's hands were tied at this time. Ms. Copeland stated that he has spoken with a lawyer and he advised her that she could possibly lose a lot of money. After much discussion Mayor Mason stated that he is working real close with the Housing Authority to try and fix this problem.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright made sure that he understood that the mediation hearing on the Pinnacle Point issue was scheduled for next week. That hearing was confirmed by Dr. Kerley the hearing is next Wednesday at 9:00 in Knoxville. He also stated that he has an updated road list for the paving project with the quotes included. The City Clerk will make each Councilmember a copy and send it to them.

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder stated that he went to Campbell County for a training session on the Main Street program last Tuesday. He stated that it was very informative and would like to have the instructor come down to Harriman for a presentation. He stated that she was very motivational and thinks she could help make things happen for the City of Harriman.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson stated that he had brought up the Harriman Utility bill last month and how he was concerned with how much the city is paying. After much discussion Councilmember Sampson made a motion to invite HUB and Chuck Flora to the council's next workshop and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Councilmember Sampson stated that he had the City Clerk send a letter to the Mayors in Roane County asking them if they would like to meet with Senator Ken Yager and State Representative Dennis Ferguson and discuss some laws that they feel needs to be changed. Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson to invite them to the November workshop.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee asked where we are on the North end of Harriman intersections. Mayor Mason stated that Steve Ladd said we were waiting on prices for transformers.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Holley if he had any old business. Councilmember Holley has a brief update on the Old Paper Mill. He stated that the land in the individual's name is out of court but the building is still in bankruptcy court and is in a business name. He is going to look more into the situation.

Mayor Mason stated that he had something that was discussed awhile back. He read Resolution R1009-02 aloud for everyone. A Resolution to approve the naming of the bridge located at the intersection of Highway 27 and West Hills Drive (West Hills Bridge) the Harold L. Wester Bridge. Cheryl thanked the Council for this honor. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed a unanimous roll call "Yes" vote.

## **AGENDA**

### **Discuss and possibly approve a water meter installation for James Kirkland**

Mayor Mason stated that he didn't want to do anything without Maria Nelson our Building Inspector. Mayor Mason asked for this item to be put on next weeks agenda.

### **Reading of Resoultion R1009-01**

Mayor Mason read Rosolution R1009-01 aloud for everyone. This Resolution is for a agreement with TML. It was passed back in April of 2009 but the copy had been missplaced. This Resolution will replace Resolution R0409-1.

Councilmember Tedder made a motion to approve this Resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes" vote.

### **Discuss and possible take action on Brown v City of Harriman**

Mayor Mason stated that this was put on the agenda to set up a closed executive meeting to meet with the lawyer assigned to this case. Mayor Mason set the

meeting up for Wednesday October 7, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the City Municipal Complex.

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to waive the agenda. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason stated that the manager at the Emory Golf Course had resigned and we need to hire someone now in order to maintain the work that has already been done. Mayor Mason has a recommendation from the Golf Board to hire David Moore temporarily until they can properly advertise and interview for this position. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to hire David Moore temporarily. Motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. After brief discussion the motion was ammended to hire David Moore temporarily for a maximum of ninety days. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes" vote.

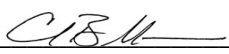
Mayor Mason asked on behalf of the Police Department for a motion to move \$4800 from the Drug Fund to cover the K-9 seminar that the Harriman Police Department was hosting on October 12-19. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes" vote.

Councilmember Wright wanted to ask when the joint meeting for the Margrave Bridge will be. Mayor Mason stated that it will be sometime around the week of October 12, 2009 and Ken Yager will be contacting the Mayor and he will contact everyone else.

Councilmember Mynatt wanted to remind everyone of the Hauntings of Historic Harriman this weekend October 9-10, 2009 and a chili supper. You can get the tickets on Cornstalk Heights web site or call Councilmember Mynatt's wife.

Mayor Mason reminded everyone to please check out the City's website at [www.cityofharriman.net](http://www.cityofharriman.net).

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".

  
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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

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Angela Skidmore/City Clerk