

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session October 13, 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: Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
J D Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Buddy Holley

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 6, 2009. Councilmember Sampson 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 bills. Councilmember Sampson 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.

Ed D'Alessandro was representing Cornstalk Heights. He wanted to thank the outstanding job the Police Department did protecting their community during the Hauntings of Cornstalk Heights.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson wants to have two workshops this month. He would like to invite the Economic Development Board and the Housing Authority to this workshop to discuss several different ideas that the council has. Mayor Mason thought it would be a good idea and that he would contact them.

Councilmember Sampson stated that he had made mention several years back about putting sewer on the other side of Highway 70. The reason being he has had some inquiries from some potential buyers of the land and thinks that having sewer available would help entice people to purchase the land. Mayor Mason asked the Clerk to have Bob Tidwell look into this again.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder touched on the Ghost Tour. He said they had a ton of people to go through there on Saturday night. He stated this was a good thing and would continue to grow. The police department is having a K9 school this week and they have 28 teams that are attending.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt to give an update on the Ghost Tour. Councilmember Mynatt stated there were at least 400 people that went through the tour. He stated that there were about 40 resident volunteers that helped with the event. He stated that there were people from several states that went through the tour. Everyone was very happy with the tour. He stated that they handle the tour a little different than everyone else. They actually have different storytellers throughout the tour instead of one. He stated that the tour generated several thousand dollars and he wasn't sure where the money will be sent just yet. Mayor Mason asked if they were going to do this tour more than one weekend.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright stated that he just wanted to get the Economic Development Board up and going.

Mayor Mason wanted to finish appointing the remaining seats for the Economic Development Board. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Donna Demyanovich, Tommy Goldston and Crystal Jones. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Wright. Councilmember Sampson asked how long the terms will be. Mayor Mason stated that they would have to be staggered terms and the board will figure out which ones will serve which terms. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

AGENDA

Discuss and possibly approve a water meter installation for James Kirkland

Mayor Mason yielded the floor to Maria Nelson. Maria stated that from her understanding HUB is not trying to deny Mr. Kirkland a water meter. Mr. Kirkland is not wanting to pay the flat sewer rate since he will not be hooked to the city sewer. Maria stated that HUB has a signed resolution back in 1990 that states that if you are within 200' of the city sewer line, you would at least have to pay a flat sewer rate. Maria also stated that HUB told Mr. Kirkland he would need a variance from City Council. After much discussion Mayor Mason stated that there would be no action taken on this item and it needs to be referred back to HUB.

Discuss and possibly take action on the Temperance Building Heat and Air Unit

Mayor Mason asked Bill Alexander how much it would cost to fix the unit. Bill stated that it would cost around \$800 to get a motor and blower in that unit. Bill stated that this is an old unit and you could replace the unit for around \$2500. After much discussion Mayor Mason suggested to wait and research this further.

Discuss and possibly take action on Brown v City of Harriman

Mayor Mason stated that there was an executive meeting last week and asked the will of the council. Councilmember Mee made a motion to give Mayor Mason authority to negotiate with the law firm in this matter and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. Councilmember Wright asked if Mayor Mason would bring any negotiation to the council for approval. Mayor Mason stated that he would since there is no set limit. The motion passed with a four "Yes" vote and a "Pass" vote by Councilmember Tedder.

Discuss and possibly take action on permitting the Marine Corp utilizing the basement for Toys for Tots

Mayor Mason stated that the Marine Corp usually used the Armory and it has something in it. They have asked to use the basement of the Municipal Complex to store the toys before Christmas. After much discussion Councilmember Wright made a motion to allow the Marine Corp to use the basement for six weeks and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss and possibly approve Flu Shots for the City of Harriman employees

Mayor Mason stated that every year they tried to furnish flu shots for the employees. He stated that he wanted council approval just in case it went over the dollar amount needed for council approval. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the flu shots. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. After much discussion Mayor Mason asked for a motion to allow Angie to check into seeing if we could utilize the health insurance. If not make sure the cost of the flu shot does not exceed \$25. The motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Councilmember Mynatt asked Dr. Kerley if the groups utilizing the Temperance Building were paying rent. Dr. Kerley stated that they were paying to utilize the rooms.

Councilmember Tedder asked everyone to be sure to go by and look at the Gazebo that was built for Cumberland Park. He stated that he was very pleased with the utilization of the money this organization was given.

Mayor Mason stated that this Saturday was Harriman Pride Day. He asked for the citizens to take pride and clean up their yard. He stated that West Hills is having a picnic at the Presbyterian Church and they would be presenting a plaque for the Harold L Wester Bridge. He also reminded everyone to go out and support the county's corn maze located behind the Roane State Community College baseball field.

Mayor Mason reminded everyone to shop their local businesses.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

Angela Skidmore/City Clerk