

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2017

I. Call to order

Mayor Miller called to order the regular meeting of the Harris City Council at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Oaths of Office

City Clerk Dargay administered the oaths of office to Mayor Diane Miller and Councilmember Trever Williams.

IV. Roll Call

City Clerk Dargay conducted roll call. The following members were present: Mayor Miller, Councilmembers Sculley, Rossini and Williams. Clerk Dargay announced a quorum of the Council was present.

V. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, December 15, 2016 Special Meeting minutes and the Accounts Payable. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

Randy Carlson - 43100 Falcon Ave. - Randy wanted to address the Council on how the 'gun ordinance' came about and how it was handled. He felt that the Council should have a procedure in place to handle complaints and that things should be documented better. The Clerk advised that she was following the Council's procedures and that all complaints were documented.

Councilmember Payne arrived at 7:15 pm. City Clerk Dargay administered the oath of office to Councilmember Payne.

VII. Consulting Staff Reports

- **People Service Report - written report**
 - George has requested approval to purchase a valve for the air system at the WWTP. Councilmember Rossini made the motion to approve this purchase in the amount of \$1,535. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Park Committee - Chair Monica Hult**
- **City Engineer – Chuck Schwartz**

VIII. Regular Agenda

- **Theresa Nesbitt - Pinewood Apts - Complaint regarding billing of sewer/water** - Ms. Nesbitt was present to complain about the costs they are paying for the sewer and water for this senior housing complex. Mayor Miller advised that any reduction for the apartments would then have to be made up by increasing charges to the other residents. When our debt was restructured with the PFA, they had a consultant work up a schedule on what our water and sewer rates should be and we have been following their recommendations.
- **Resolution 2017-01 - Annual Appts & Designations** - Changes were made to the Personnel Committee, Fire Dept Representative, Rush Line Corridor Rep, MidContinent Rep and Park & Rec Committee. The Gopher Bounty was discussed, but the decision was made to leave it at \$2. Councilmember Payne made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 as written. Councilmember Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Outline for Committee Meetings** - Mayor Miller advised that a list of suggestions regarding changes to the fire department had been started. We need to set up a process for moving forward. Fire Chief Carlson stated that the fire department should be involved in all meetings regarding changes. Mayor Miller would like to begin the process with a meeting including a LMC representative. Councilmember Sculley suggested that the first meeting should include Kevin Sedivy, of the State Fire Marshall's office. After additional discussion, the Council decided that the first step in this process would be to meet with a LMC representative. A meeting will be set up at a later date, once the availability of the League's representative is known.

IX. Staff Reports

- **Planning Commission - John Rossini**
 - Councilmember Rossini asked for the Council's expectations of the Planning Commission. Councilmember Payne felt that the updating of the comp plan was important.
 - Commissioner resignation - Commissioner Landgraf has submitted his resignation due to health issues. Councilmember Payne made the motion to accept Brian's resignation from the Planning Commission. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Commissioner appointment - Interim Commissioner Don Cardinal has agreed to complete the last year of Commissioner Landgraf's term. Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve Don Cardinal to take Brian's place through the end of 2017. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Schedule public hearing for firearms ordinance - Mayor Miller asked what the DNR's regulations are in regards to the distance from parks and cemeteries. Councilmember Rossini asked that the Clerk do some additional research and talk to the City Attorney and then have the public hearing before the next Planning Commission meeting.
- **Fire Dept - Chief Joe Carlson** - Joe wanted to know if the balance left over from their 2016 budget would be added to their set-aside amounts. Mayor Miller advised that she thought this was the procedure.
 - Joe also asked if he could have his Council packet earlier than the day of the meeting. The Clerk advised that he could pick it up on the Thursday before.
 - Joe advised the Council that he had requested a PO for \$144 to add the firemen's names on the backs of their jackets.
 - Joe advised that the subscription costs for the radios was going to be higher this year than last year.
 - Joe advised that Kirvida had come out and fixed a leaking valve and this was a warranty item and wouldn't be charged to the city.
 - The fire department would like to discuss the pension issue at the next Council meeting.
 - Joe would like to bring, to the next Council meeting, a list of recurring items that they need PO's for, such as the medical exams, pump testing, compressor, etc. so they can get approval for them.
 - Joe is going to a Chief's association meeting this month and he is going to talk to the other chiefs about the social media policy. He will bring this to the Council at the February meeting.
- **Public Works - Alan Teich** - written report -
 - There is an issue with Georgia Ave. between 439th and 440th Streets. That section of road is always icy due to the water draining from the hill. Alan would like to close that portion of the road for the rest of the winter. Councilmember Sculley made the motion to close that portion of Georgia Ave. for the rest of the winter. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **City Treasurer - Marlys Balfany** - written report
- **City Clerk - Joanne Dargay** - written report -
 - The Clerk brought some information to the Council regarding new microphones for the Council Chambers. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain more information and bring it to the February meeting.

X. Mayor and Council Reports

XI. Adjourn

Councilmember Rossini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

City Clerk Joanne Dargay

Mayor Diane Miller

Date Approved