

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

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. Roll Call

Deputy City Clerk Sculley conducted roll call. The following members were present: Mayor Miller, Councilmember Williams, Councilmember Payne, Councilmember Sculley, and Councilmember Rossini. A quorum of the Council was present.

IV. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Williams made the motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Regular minutes, and the Accounts Payable. Councilmember Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment

VI. Regular Agenda

- Resolution 2018-01 Approve Annual Appointments and Designations for 2018
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve the Annual Appointment and Designations for 2018. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- City Hall Furnace Warranty
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to schedule with Neighborhood Heating and Air to come check out the City Hall's furnace and get back under warranty. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Staff Reports

• **Fire Dept**

- **Fire Department minutes from December 21, 2017**
- **Greg Prokop Reinstatement**
 - Councilmember Rossini made the motion to reinstate Greg Prokop to the Harris Fire Department. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Kyle Crowe Resignation from the Harris Volunteer Fire Department**
 - Councilmember Payne made the motion to accept Kyle Crowe's resignation from the Harris Fire Department. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- **New Fire Department Applicant Farynrhaye Dubovich**
 - Councilmember Payne made the motion to approve Farynrhaye Dubovich as a member of the Harris Fire Department. Councilmember Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **New Fire Department Applicant Dan Benjegerdes**
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve Dan Benjegerdes as a member of the Harris Fire Department. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Miles vs. Minutes**
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to adopt the seven-mile radius rule for the Fire Department stating that all Fire Department members need to live or work within a seven-mile radius of the Harris Fire Station. If it is a work situation, the employer needs to provide written confirmation stating that they will allow their employee to leave at any time for a fire call. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Fire Fighter 1 and 2 Stacy Lent vs. Pine Tech**
 - Interim Chief Gregoire recommends that the City go through Stacy Lent for Fire Fighter 1 and 2. Some of the new Fire Fighters may need to take online courses due to work schedules to complete Fire Fighter 1 and 2. Councilmember Sculley asked what would happen if one of the new Fire Department members decides that they don't want to complete Fire Fighter 1 and 2 and the City is held responsible for the cost of the course? Interim Chief Gregoire said he spoke with the new members and they would be willing to sign something stating that they would be responsible for the cost of the course if they decide not to complete the training. Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve the new fire department members go to Fire Fighter 1 and 2 at Stacy Lent realizing that some may need to do online training. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **FEMA Grant**
 - We currently have 10 Fire Department members that don't have gear. Councilmember Rossini made the motion stating that the City of Harris will pay the assigned percentage if the Fire Department is awarded the FEMA grant. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Ambulance Light Bulbs**
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve new light bulbs for the Fire Departments Ambulance. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Fire Safety USA**
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to pay the bill for Fire Safety USA. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Interim Fire Chief Gregoire wanted the Council to know that Chris Collins fixed the Yellow Pumper. Gregoire wanted to remind everyone of the Groundhog Ice Fishing event that is scheduled for Saturday February 3, 2018 from 12-2.

- **Planning Commission -John Rossini**

- Planning Commission Chair Rossini updated the Council that the City hasn't heard anything in regards to the possible Boarding Kennel and Grooming CUP. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to Council to get the City's Ordinance book updated. The Council would like to discuss it at the next Council meeting when Councilmember Rossini has a better idea of the cost associated with the update. Planning Commission Chair Rossini said the Planning Commission continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

- **People Service - written report**

- **Public Works - Alan Teich and George Valvoda - written reports**

- Councilmember Williams made the motion to approve \$312.00 for a new cutting blade plus an additional \$15.00 for bolts for the City's grader wing. Councilmember Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Councilmember Williams got a quote from Ramberg Excavating for welding hooks on the V Plow. Alan Teich will be getting a quote from his son as well.

- **City Clerk/Treasurer - Marlys Balfany**

- **Deputy Clerks report - Abbey Sculley - written report**

- Councilmember Williams made the motion to approve Deputy City Clerk's training costs through the MCFOA annual conference assuming the agenda is appropriate and worthwhile. Councilmember Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. **Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Miller asked permission from the Council to use the Council Chambers in hopes to host a game day for the community. Councilmembers agreed that they are ok with this idea.

IX. **Adjourn**

Mayor Miller 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 8:07 pm.

Deputy City Clerk Abbey Sculley

Mayor Diane Miller

Date Approved