

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 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 Payne, Councilmember Sculley, and Councilmember Rossini. Councilmember Williams was absent. Deputy City Clerk advised that a quorum of the Council was present.

IV. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve the January 8, 2018 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

- Sheriff Duncan 2017 Crime Report
 - Sheriff Rick Duncan along with Chisago County's Crime Analyst Michelle Jacobson came to present the council with the 2017 Crime Report. Theft is the largest property crime Chisago County has, mostly due to theft from a vehicle. Harris had 2,898 calls for service this is 8% of Chisago County's total calls for service. This is comparable to Stacy and Center City. Chisago County currently uses the UCR reporting system. By 2021, it has been mandated that Chisago County be using the NIBRS System. This system will help track more details related to the crime. This may cause crime rates to appear different during this transition. Chisago County's goal for the year is to reduce property crime throughout the County. Sheriff Duncan recommends if you see anything out of the ordinary never hesitate to call. Your information may be the exact information needed to tie a suspect to criminal activity. Members of the community should always lock their cars, never leave them unattended and running, keep valuables out of sight, and retrieve mail promptly. Informed Delivery is a system that you can sign up for with the Post Office. This system would send you an email with pictures of your mail that you will be receiving. Telephone scams are still happening, watch out for calls saying that they are with the IRS or calls targeting grandparents. You can follow Chisago County Sheriff's Office on Face book, Twitter, and Instagram. You can also go to the County's website and leave an anonymous tip.
- People Service Contract Increase
 - Councilmember Rossini made the motion to approve the People Service 2.2% increase. Councilmember Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- American Legion Gambling Permit
 - Councilmember Payne made the motion to approve the American Legion's Gambling Permit. Councilmember Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Russell's Automotive Repair for 2002 Ford E450
 - Councilmember Sculley made the motion to approve \$1,043.44 for Russell's Automotive to repair the fire department's Ford E450.

VII. Staff Reports

• **Fire Dept**

- **Fire Department minutes from January 18, 2018 and February 1, 2018**
- Each Truck is getting a detailed inspection looking for any issues that need repair.
- March 24, 2018 is the First Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. This will take place at the Harris Fire Department from 8am - noon. Easter Egg Hunt begins at noon.

• **City Engineer Chuck Schwartz - written report**

- LRIP applications did not receive funding.

• **Planning Commission -John Rossini**

- The Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

• **People Service - written report**

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

- Public works is beginning to get quotes on lime for the ball field. Public Works will continue salting and scraping the tar roads in Harris and sanding the intersections of Harris's gravel roads. The council received a tool list from Public Works. This week the brush pile at the cemetery will be burned. Wednesday is supposed to be 40 degrees so Alan will work on Wednesday rather than Thursday so he can clean up the shop and power wash equipment while we are experiencing a warm day. The old Christmas lights will be brought to the recycling center in North Branch. The one-ton will only be used at the Waste Water Plant, and in front of the Fire Department.

• **City Clerk/Treasurer - Marlys Balfany - written report**

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

- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Harris will be at the City Hall at 6pm on Monday April 23, 2018.

VIII. Mayor and Council Reports

IX. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Sculley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Deputy City Clerk Abbey Sculley

Mayor Diane Miller

Date Approved

APPROVED