

**Regular Meeting  
Harrisburg City Council  
Council Room, City Hall  
110 E. Locust Street  
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946  
September 16, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on September 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, Harrisburg, IL.

Mayor John McPeek called the meeting to order. Mayor John McPeek presided over the meeting with Commissioners Raymond Gunning, Roger Angelly, Rupert Johnson and Ron Morse answering roll call.

Pastor Jerry Wells from the Dorrisville Social Brethren Church led the group in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Roger Angelly discussed the Wiggs Excavating invoice from the consent agenda. He stated there had been some complaints and issues arise about the work being done. Matt Tosh from Brown and Roberts, Inc. stated they were aware of the issues and those issues are being addressed. He stated it is possible to increase the retainer and lower this invoice amount due to the contractor. Mayor John McPeek stated he believes Wiggs Excavating has done a good on the water line project, it is when they come back to repair the streets/roads.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve the consent agenda to include lowering the amount owed to Wiggs Excavating to \$32,009.50. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor John McPeek opened the two sealed bids for 429 W. Sloan Street. The first bid was from Robert and Susie Lehman for \$500.00. The second bid was from Lindsay Adams. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to accept the bid from Robert and Susie Lehman of \$500.00 for 429 W. Sloan Street. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek opened the only sealed bid for 441 W. Church Street. The bid was from Lindsay Adams for \$100.00. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to accept the bid from Lindsay Adams of \$100.00 for 441 W. Church Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1829 Sale of Property at 108 W. College Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1830 Sale of Property at 407 S. Herbert Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1831 Sale of Property at 409 S. Herbert Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1832 Sale of Property at 313 W. Walnut Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1833 Sale of Property at 318 S. Cherry Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1834 Sale of Property at 322 W. Elm Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1835 Sale of Property at 712/714 W. Longley Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Robert Wilson reviewed the aerial photo of Harrisburg Lake. It shows each track the City of Harrisburg purchased years ago. It shows the book and page for all deeds. There is a small portion the city never purchased. There are 548 total acres and of that 548 acres, 234 of that area is under water. The surface area is 314 acres. There is a space that is near the lake owned by American Coal which is roughly 35 acres.

Attorney Robert Wilson discussed other cities trying to sell their lake and property. He stated those cities have not been able to sell their property and no bids were received. He stated it could be sold a lot at a time, but it involves a lot of work. He stated the City needs to take into consideration who will be responsible for the damn and spillway. If it is sold, he suggests selling the responsibility for the damn and spillway.

Mayor John McPeek stated the Malan Junior High project is ready for bids. This project will be advertised, sealed bids will be accepted, and packets can be picked up at City Hall. This project will take a little time, but the building will come down. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for the Malan Junior High Project. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek stated council will go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Matt Tosh with Brown and Roberts, Inc. discussed an engineering study of North Main Street at Midkiff and Towle Street to determine if improvements for drainage and pavement prior to IDOT resurfacing project. There are a couple of areas that hold water and the drainage is poor. This is to get some elevation information and see if anything can be changed to correct the problem. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to authorize Brown and Roberts, Inc. to conduct an engineering study of North Main Street at the Midkiff and Towle Street intersection to determine if improvements to the drainage and pavement can be done before IDOT resurfacing project in 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek discussed the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area during the October 02, 2021 Sasquatch Festival. This is a one-day event. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Resolution 21-0916 for the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area for one day. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek stated council will go into Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition.

Commissioner Ron Morse discussed the contract with Dartt and Co. who has been contacted to take over the responsibilities of the FY 2020 audit. Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to contract with Dartt and Company. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning announced the Fire Department is now state certified first responders. They average five to six calls per day.

Commissioner Roger Angelly discussed the increase from Saline Valley Conservancy District. He stated Superintendent Jason Haney and Office Manager Brandi Gaskins have been working with Attorney Robert Wilson and Treasurer David Cox on the new rates. There was an open discussion regarding this topic.

Commissioner Roger Angelly stated the water rate goes from \$22.11 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$6.86 per 1,000 gallons thereafter to \$27.45 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$7.64 per 1,000 thereafter. The sewer rate will go from \$19.19 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$6.86 per 1,000 gallons thereafter down to \$16.19 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$6.86 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

Attorney Robert Wilson passed out a comparative analysis of Saline Valley rate increases and City of Harrisburg rate increases. There was a discussion regarding the rates and water purchase from Saline Valley Conservancy.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to pass Ordinance 1836 for the water rate increase of \$5.34. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes, except Mayor John McPeek voted no. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to approve Ordinance 1837 for the sewer rate decrease of \$3.00. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes, except Mayor John McPeek voted no. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roger Angelly discussed the proposed contract with Scott Timmerman to include six hours per week plus truck and gas at \$125.00 per hour and an emergency rate at \$125.00 an hour. The previous contract was at \$100.00 per hour.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to extend Scott Timmerman's contract for the Class I Operator for the sewer department. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson made the motion to authorize the city clerk to advertise for 2021 Fall Clean Up beginning October 02 and continue to October 16, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek thanked Paul Taylor for his service on the Merit Board. Mayor John McPeek made the motion to appoint Doug Pyle to the Merit Board for a three-year term. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek announced: Shawnee Sasquatch on October 02, Boo-In-The Burg on October 28, Free Movie Night on October 29 showing Hocus Pocus, Town Wide Trick-or-treating on October 30.

Mayor John McPeek made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 6:37

Reconvene: 7:12 p.m.

Mayor John McPeek made the motion to return to open session. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek called the meeting to order. Mayor John McPeek presided over the meeting with Commissioners Raymond Gunning, Roger Angelly, Rupert Johnson and Ron Morse answering roll call.

Mayor John McPeek announced no action will be taken regarding Collective Bargaining or Property Acquisition.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:13 p.m.

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