

**Regular Meeting
Harrisburg City Council
Council Room, City Hall
110 E. Locust Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
August 05, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on August 05, 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, and Ron Morse answering roll call. Commissioner Rupert Johnson was absent.

Pastor Jerry Wells led the group in prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Regular Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2021

Check Register and Warrant Reports – July 2021

Leon Uniform - \$108.00 – Council Contingency – New Hire PD Uniform – M. Stover

Leon Uniform - \$206.96 – Council Contingency – New Hire PD Uniform – M. Stover

Safe Life Defense - \$126.26 – Council Contingency – New Hire PD Uniform – M. Stover

Brown & Roberts, Inc. - \$20,394.16 - #2021-110 – Ledford/Garden Heights C & I

E.T. Simonds Construction Co. - \$129,180.64 – Ledford/Garden Heights Road

Gary VanZant – Relinquish Lake Lot – 1st Addition, Block 2, Lot 10

Sheri Kraning – Petition Lease Lake Lot – 1st Addition, Block 2, Lot 10

Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek opened the only sealed bid for the street/alley vehicles from Jim Hayes, Inc. The bids were for two 2022 Ford F250 vehicles. Bid price was \$30,991 per vehicle for a total of \$61,982.00. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve the bid from Jim Hayes, Inc. for \$61,982.00. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek opened only sealed bid for the water vehicle from Jim Hayes, Inc. The bid was for 2022 Ram 1500 truck for \$38,058.00. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to accept the bid from Jim Hayes, Inc. for a Dodge Crew Cab 2022 Ram 1500 for \$38,058.00. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1827 for the sale of 712 Roberts Street lots one and two. 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 1828 for the sale of Beggs Place. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Alex Watkins discussed the NUE ARPA Funding. The City of Harrisburg was allocated \$1,050,000.00 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. There will be two disbursements, and it can only be spent on specific items which will be presented to council. Alex Watkins asked Council to pass Resolution 21-0805 to authorize Mayor McPeek and the City Clerk to execute the NEU ARPA Funding Agreement. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-0805 for the American Rescue Plan Act for approximately \$1,050,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Alex Watkins discussed a Poplar Street Development Project. There will be a request for proposals for private investors to make recommendations on how to best utilize the space and look at potential partnerships. The City can utilize the Business District and the TIF District per the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for the East Poplar Street for the development. 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 the review of executive session minutes from January 2021 through July 2021.

Mayor John McPeek stated Council will go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning announced IDNR contacted the Fire Chief and said they had fire equipment available for municipalities. The City was able to replace a 1987 Ford firetruck with a newer firetruck at no cost to the City. The Fire Chief received notification that the City has been approved for the truck which is valued new at \$287,000.00. The City received it at no cost.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Resolution 21-0805A for the temporary street closure for the 2021 Harrisburg Homecoming Parade on September 16, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Resolution 21-0805B for the temporary street closure for the 2021 Sasquatch Festive on October 02, 2021. 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 Resolution 21-0805C for the temporary street closure for the 2021 Holiday Lights Parade on December 09, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise city owned properties. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for a used road grader. Sealed bids must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than September 02, 2021 by 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek discussed the homeless situation in Harrisburg. It has gotten a little bit better. A couple of the homeless individuals have been accepted into the Housing Department. The lady on Hardee's parking lot does not want help. Several individuals and churches have attempted to help her. Mayor John McPeek is welcome to ideas or suggestions on how to help resolve the homeless issue.

There are concerns for citizens who do not feel safe using the bike path due to this issue. Mayor John McPeek stated the tents on the bike trails are gone or should all be gone by next week. There is an ordinance which can be enforced regarding tents. The City of Harrisburg is not a tent city.

Mayor John McPeek announced the following: There was a good turnout for the July 30 movie night. The next movie night will be August 20 which will be sponsored by Senator Dale Fowler and Mayor John McPeek, be watching the City Facebook page for details. The Saline County Fair was well attended. There will be another Farmer's Market on August 28, be watching Facebook for details. The new Mural Program has had a lot of interest. Please visit the City of Harrisburg's Facebook page or call 618-252-1937 for more information. October 02 will be the Shawnee Sasquatch Festival. There will be live entertainment, rides, family friendly area, food vendors and a vintage market. At the next meeting, Mayor John McPeek would like to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the junior high project. Please stop littering and remember to step up and clean up.

Citizen Raymond Quitugua talked to Council regarding the drug issue on Ford Street. There are three homes that he believes has drug activity. It goes on all day and into the early hours of the morning. He has made numerous calls to the police. He said that a police officer told him to move. He stated one of the dispatchers told him not to call 911. He stated Mayor McPeek came by and talked with them about this.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning asked for Mr. Quitigua and Mr. Johnson to meet him and Chief of Police at City Hall to discuss this issue. The citizens reported violence and loud noise. The police drive by, but do not stop. One of the citizens is afraid to walk down Ford Street due to the suspicious activity on Ford Street.

Citizen Rick Johnson would like Council to consider road work/repairs on Ford Street. Mayor John McPeek has been working with Superintendent Kenny Mayhall regarding Ford Street.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Review of Executive Session Minutes from January 2021 through July 2021 and Property Acquisition. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 6:27 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:49 p.m.

Mayor John McPeek made the motion to return to open session. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. 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, and Ron Morse answering roll call. Commissioner Rupert Johnson was absent.

Mayor John McPeek stated no action will be taken regarding property acquisition.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to keep the following Executive Session minutes closed: January 07, 2021, January 21, 2021, March 04, 2021, May 20, 2021, June 07, 2021, and July 15, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Adjourn: 6:51 p.m.