

**Council Meeting
Harrisburg City Council
Council Room, City Hall
110 E. Locust Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
August 18, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on August 18, 2022 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 Bobby Gentry of the River of Life Church led the group in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 04, 2022
Moran Economic Development, LLC - \$1,472.50 – TIF
Saline County Highway Dept. - \$7,313.14 - #080122 – MFT
Wiggs Excavating - \$74,077.59 - #20-142-012-Final – STP Optimization
Brown & Roberts, Inc. - \$2,468.37 - #2020-142 – STP Optimization C/I
Bob Abner – Petition to Lease – 1st Addition, Block 1, Lot 13

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

Citizen Savannah McVay approach council with concerns about a property in her neighborhood. She stated the neighbor passed away and now there is a squatter who is a convicted sex offender. She has some concerns about this individual, and believes he does not have any rights to live in this house. She asked for help on the situation. She has called the police multiple times. Commissioner Raymond Gunning stated he and Police Chief Nathan Moore will talk with her after the meeting.

Matt Tosh with Brown and Roberts, Inc. discussed the final change order for the STP Optimization project. The change order consists of decrease in price of \$10,151.16 and a time extension of 150 calendar days for completion. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to approve Change Order 20-142-03. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek requested the discussion regarding the Merit Board pay be tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor John McPeek discussed increasing the Mayor and Commissioner pay effective May 2023. The pay has not been increased in many years. The current pay for the Mayor is \$750.00 per month, Liquor Commissioner is \$150.00 a month and Commissioners pay is \$500.00 a month. The proposed increase is the Mayor at \$1,000 per month, Liquor Commissioner \$200.00 per month and Commissioner at \$600.00 per month. Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to approve Ordinance 1850 for increasing the Mayor and Commissioners salaries. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes, except Commissioner Rupert Johnson voted no. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek discussed council meeting times. He proposed changing the times to accommodate all citizens to attend at least one meeting a month. Meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. He recommends one meeting be at 6:00 p.m. and the other meeting be at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion approving Ordinance 1851 setting the times of council meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Alex Watkins presented a resolution for the city's strategic plan. The plan will help with grant applications. Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to approve Resolution 22-0818 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Alex Watkins discussed with council energy saving for the city through a solar installation lease agreement at no cost to the city. This will allow for the city to continue on the strategic position to reduce the overall operating cost of various departments. He asked for authorization from council to release and discuss the current electric bills and potential sites with prospective contractors. He will keep council updated on this project. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to authorize Alex Watkins to explore analysis for energy savings. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ron Morse discussed with council that Farmers State Bank has offered a better interest rate on money than our current banks. He is requesting council to authorize him and the treasurer to move money into Farmers State Bank. Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to authorize Treasurer Alex Jackson to open accounts at Farmers State Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning requested to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson made the motion to authorize Mayor John McPeek to sign the timber sales agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek presented the 2022 Sasquatch Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Resolution to council. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion approve Resolution 22-0818A. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek requested to change the October 06, 2022 council meeting to 8:00 a.m. due to the Sasquatch Festival. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to change the time of the October 06, 2022 council meeting to 8:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek requested to change the December 01, 2022 council meeting to 8:00 a.m. due to Christmas in the Courtyard/Lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to change the time of the December 01, 2022 council meeting to 8:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek reminded citizens:

1 E. Poplar Street demolition project will begin in early September
Homecoming - September 22, 2022
Sasquatch Festival - October 08, 2022
Boo-in-the-Burg - October 27
Town wide Trick-or-Treat - October 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Please stop littering.

Mayor John McPeek made the motion to adjourn to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 6:15 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:27 p.m.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to return to open session. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. 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 stated no action will be taken regarding collective bargaining.

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

Adjourn: 6:28 p.m.