

**Regular Meeting
Harrisburg City Council
Council Room, City Hall
110 E. Locust Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
October 07 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on October 07, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, Harrisburg, IL.

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

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

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

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2021
Warrants – Check Register – September 2021
Brown & Roberts, Inc. - \$13,138.82 – 2021-110 Ledford/Garden Heights C & I
Illini Asphalt - \$5,541.72 - #2174 – MFT
Leon Uniform - \$143.00 - #525311 – Council Contingency – New Hire Uniform – M.
Casteel
O’Daniel Trucking - \$1,807.50 - #C2109177 - MFT
Saline County Highway Dept - \$8,338.28 - #091021 – MFT
E.T. Simonds - \$20,712.94 Contingent upon final approve of IDOT #03-Ledford/Garden Heights – MFT
Casey Mulvaney – Relinquish Lake Lot – Southeast Addition, Lot 5
Brian & Cynthia Potter – Petition Lake Lot – Southeast Addition, Lot 5

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

There were no citizen comments.

Jim Brown from Brown and Roberts, Inc. presented the final change order for E.T. Simonds in regards to the Ledford and Garden Heights project with a decrease of \$20,292.96. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to accept change order #1 of a decrease of \$20,292.95 for E.T. Simonds. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Jim Brown from Brown and Roberts, Inc. presented resolution the expend MFT funds for the Garden Heights project. This is a supplemental resolution for expenditure of MFT funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to accept Resolution 21-1007 for the Ledford/Garden Heights project. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1838 for sale of property at 429 W. Sloan 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 1839 for sale of property at 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 authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Fraternal Order of Police contract. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse stated council will go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Attorney Kolby Smithpeters discussed a dilapidated house on Holland Street. The owner is willing to deed the property over to the city. The house will be torn down and then advertised for a sealed bid. The house is caving in and is posing a hazard. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to authorize Attorney Kolby Smithpeters to draft and accept a deed for 1114 S. Holland Street. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse stated council will go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning would like to donate an old police car to Unit 3 School District. The car will be used at the Middle School so the officer at that building can have transportation for security purposes. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to donate a police squad car to the Unit 3 School District for security purposes. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roger Angelly stated he was pleased with how well the Sasquatch Festival went. He thought Mayor John McPeck did an excellent job. He thanked Alex Watkins and Terri Jenkins for their time spent in preparing for the festival. It had a great turnout and a lot of people enjoyed it. It was a success.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson reminded the citizens about fall clean up. Clean up is in full swing right now and will continue through October 16, 2021.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson discussed Harrisburg Lake. He is not interested in selling Harrisburg Lake. He would like for the discussion of the sale of Harrisburg Lake to be taken off the table. Commissioner Rupert Johnson believes Harrisburg Lake is worth 5.3 million dollars, but it will not sell for what it is worth. He stated Harrisburg Lake is number six on the line items for money brought in to the city. Harrisburg Lake brings in roughly \$77,000 a year. Commissioner Roger Angelly does not agree with that amount. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said Harrisburg Lake is an asset to the City of Harrisburg. Commissioner Raymond Gunning stated the property has never been advertised and no bids were ever accepted for the property.

Commissioner Roger Angelly said the lease agreement needs to be followed by all leaseholders. Commissioner Raymond Gunning said people are taking a chance by building structures on leased property. They are only guaranteed a three-year lease. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse stated he said thinks it would not hurt by seeing what bids the City will receive for Harrisburg Lake.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson would like to see a campground at Harrisburg Lake. He would like Council to see what Lake of Egypt has and to see what Harrisburg Lake can be turned in to. He would like to have a survey completed at \$15,000 to see what it would cost to run water and sewer to Harrisburg Lake. He said the City is eligible for grant money as soon as the audit is done. He said it won't cost the City much at all. Commissioner Raymond Gunning said if a sanitary dump station is out there along with water, the property is more valuable. He stated the City would get revenue from the water sales.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse stated the council is here to server the citizens of Harrisburg, and there are only thirty-four residence from the City of Harrisburg that has lots at Harrisburg Lake. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said Harrisburg Lake is going to make money for the citizens of Harrisburg. He said he has a vision for Harrisburg Lake. Commissioner Roger Angelly asked how the City is going to pay for the survey. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said with grant money. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said he is a good business man and he stated there is a potential gold mine at Harrisburg Lake.

Commissioner Roger Angelly stated the survey will be done to find out how much it is going to cost before he agrees to put one penny into Harrisburg Lake. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said that is what the survey is for. Commissioner Roger Angelly asked if it was just a dump station for the campsite, not for the entire property, and he asked if the water was for everyone or just the campsite. Commissioner Rupert Johnson said there will only be a dump station for the campsite, but water will be available to everyone if they choose to tap into the water line.

Commissioner Roger Angelly said that more than likely the water will come from Saline Valley. Alex Watkins stated it has to be approved by the operator per IEPA and the City would have to enter into an operating agreement with whatever source that would be providing the water. Before the City can do anything, the City needs to meet with the water source. Jim Brown stated an EPA application is required to be submitted which requires a signature of the user and the water source.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson has already informed leaseholders there will be an ordinance for septic systems at Harrisburg Lake. Commissioner Rupert Johnson stated electric has already

been ran to the campsites. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse would like to have seen a committee formed to study this project before proceeding.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson made the motion to authorize Brown and Roberts, Inc. to prepare a preliminary report for water and a sewer dump station at Harrisburg Lake. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all taken all present voting yes, except Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse voting no. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson asked to table the discussion regarding permits for Harrisburg Lake campsites.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse announced: Boo-in-the-Burg on October 28, Movie Night is October 29, and Trick or Treating is October 30. On behalf of Mayor John McPeck, please stop littering.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 6:33 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse made the motion to return to open session. Seconded by Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse announced there is no action for Collective Bargaining or Personnel.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Morse stated once the contract is ready, a special meeting may possibly be held to approve it.

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

Adjourn: 6:47 p.m.