

**Council Meeting
Harrisburg City Council
Council Room, City Hall
110 E. Locust Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
January 06, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on January 06, 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.

Mayor John McPeek welcomed the Boy Scouts. They came to see how government meetings work and are working towards earning a Boy Scout badge.

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

Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Regular Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes – December 30, 2021
Check Register and Warrants Reports – December 2021
Brown & Roberts, Inc. - \$1,262.56 - MFT
Earth Services - \$113,500.00 - #20211213-4 – Amended to TIF

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 and council had an open discussion regarding a cannabis consumption lounge. Mayor John McPeek stated the city would only consider issuing one license and the fee would be \$1500.00. Commissioner Roger Angelly stated he was in favor of giving this a trial period of one year. Commissioner Raymond Gunning has concerns about this type of lounge. Commissioner Rupert Johnson asked what kind of revenue this would generate for the city. Mayor John McPeek stated the city would receive sales tax and a licensing fee.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to pass Ordinance 1841 establishing a license fee and regulations for one on-premise adult-use cannabis consumption lounge. There was no second; therefore, no vote was taken.

Alex Watkins presented information regarding request for proposals for 9 East Poplar Street and 111 North Main Street in Harrisburg, IL. These proposals will be given to any investor for the redevelopment of those properties. There will be stipulations in the proposal the investor will be required to follow. This is the first phase in redeveloping those properties. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise request for proposals for 9 East Poplar Street and 111 North Main Street in Harrisburg, IL. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Alex Watkins presented a resolution regarding employee COVID-19 protocol. This resolution would allow an employee who has been deemed as in "Close Contact" and is required to quarantine or an employee who tests positive for COVID-19 to be compensated for no more than five (5) sick days without utilizing personal time, sick time, or vacation time to be effective January 06, 2022. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Resolution 22-0106 for employee COVID-19 protocol. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeck announced there is no need to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining or potential litigation.

Mayor John McPeck stated council will go into Executive Session for review of executive session minutes from August 2021 through December 2021.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning stated he, Police Chief Michael Riden and Assistant Police Chief Nathan Moore interviewed several candidates for the animal control position. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to enter into a contract with Terry Brinkley for the animal control position at the rate of \$18,500 a year including the liability insurance. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning stated due to the impending retirement of current Police Chief Michael Riden on May 31, 2022, it is necessary for this council to prepare and train the future Police Chief with new Police Chief's duties to begin on June 01, 2022, the day after the retirement of Police Chief Michael Riden. Assistant Police Chief Nathan Moore will now be training under Chief Michael Riden to prepare for his promotion and appointment to the duties of Harrisburg Police Chief which will begin June 01, 2022.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to appoint current Assistant Police Chief Nathan Moore as City of Harrisburg Police Chief beginning June 01, 2022. Seconded by Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson stated he did not need to go into Executive Session for Personnel.

Mayor John McPeek discussed video gaming terminals. A report was reviewed from the Illinois Gaming Board for the video gaming report for January 2021 through November 2021. A new law was passed to allow cities who are home ruled to implement a push tax; however, for those cities who are not home ruled, the state is allowing an increase for terminal fees from \$25.00 per machine to \$250.00 per machine. Mayor John McPeek suggested increasing the fee to \$250.00 per machine effective immediately. Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve Ordinance 1842 amending of Section 10-27 of Ordinance 1617 governing video gaming terminals for the Harrisburg Municipal Code. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeek announced Malan Junior High is almost completely down to the ground. There is one small section remaining. He reminded citizens to please mask-up when possible as there is a rise in COVID cases. As always, please stop littering.

Commissioner Ron Morse made the motion to go into executive session for review of executive session minutes from August 2021 through December 2021, and personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 6:18 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:27 p.m.

Commissioner Ron Morse 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 there was a review of executive session minutes from August 2021 through December 2021. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to open the following executive session minutes: August 05, 2021, October 07, 2021, October 21, 2021, and December 30, 2021. The following executive session minutes will remain closed: September 16, 2021, October 28, 2021, November 18, 2021 and December 02, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Adjourn: 6:28 p.m.