

**Council Meeting
Harrisburg City Council
Council Room, City Hall
110 E. Locust Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
January 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Harrisburg City Council met on January 20, 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 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.

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Brown & Roberts, Inc. - \$982.97 – Mill St/O’Gara St
Moran Economic Development - \$1,900.00 – TIF

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

There were no citizen comments.

Citizen Jon Ruddick had an open discussion with council regarding a cannabis consumption lounge. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to Ordinance 1843 approving the license fee and regulations for one (1) on-premise adult-use cannabis consumption lounge. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Morse. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes, except Commissioner Raymond Gunning and Commissioner Rupert Johnson voted no. Motion carried. Mayor John McPeek stated this will be monitored very closely.

Attorney Kolby Smithpeters updated council on Chase Environmental Group. They are requesting to test soil where the old Costal Gas Station was located. At this time, Chase Environmental Group is not willing sign an agreement stating if they hit a utility then they will be responsible for the repairs. They are working on a mediation agreement. Attorney Kolby Smithpeters will continue to keep council updated on this situation.

Attorney Kolby Smithpeters and council discussed the Casey's General Store property. Casey's General Store wants the property taxes paid in order to give the building to the city. Mayor John McPeck stated the funds will come from the uptown TIF. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to enter into an agreement to purchase Casey's General Store on Poplar Street for \$20,957.82. Seconded by Commissioner Rupert Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Kolby Smithpeters presented four dilapidated properties to council. He stated there are more that need tore down, but for funding reasons the city will start with the following four: 315 E. Poplar Street, 700 N. Main Street, 1 Marshall Street, 727 W. Sloan Street. Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to authorize Attorney Kolby Smithpeters begin the process for demolition of 315 E. Poplar Street, 700 N. Main Street, 1 Marshall Street, 727 W. Sloan Street. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried. Mayor John McPeck stated he is aware of additional properties that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning stated the Police Department is running out of storage space. His department had budgeted \$15,000 for a gun range which the city longer has to building because SIC has since built a gun range for the area local law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Raymond Gunning made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for sealed bids regarding an extension of the Police building located on veteran's drive. Sealed bids must be turned in to the City Clerk no later than February 01, 2022 by 2:00 p.m. For detailed specs, please contact the Police Department at 618-252-4528. Seconded by Commissioner Roger Angelly. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief John Gunning stated his department received two phone calls over the weekend for active labors. A baby boy was delivered in the home of the call. They then received a call at 3:00 a.m. for an active labor. The baby was delivered in route to the hospital. Babies and mothers are doing fine. The employees involved will receive a certificate and recognition from Deaconess Hospital.

Commissioner Roger Angelly made the motion to hire Logsdon Church for the Sewer Department starting at \$19.685 effective February 16, 2022 pending the passing of his physical and drug screen. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roger Angelly encouraged the citizens to go by and see the progress that has been made at the Malan Junior High. It looks much better.

Commissioner Rupert Johnson stated timber needs to be cut at Harrisburg Lake in order to create additional spaces to lease. Commissioner Rupert Johnson made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids to timber a selected area at Harrisburg Lake. Bid description packets can be picked up in the City Clerk's Office in City Hall Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sealed bids must be turned in to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday March 03, 2022. For more information you can call Street and Public Improvements Superintendent Kenny Mayhall at 618-252-4302. Seconded by Commissioner Raymond Gunning. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor John McPeck stated he wanted to get an update on Mitcheville Water District. He will get with Commissioner Roger Angelly next week to talk about it.

Commissioner 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: 6:29 p.m.