

## September 2, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session September 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilmember Powers. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Kenyon Mee  
Ken Mynatt  
Mark Powers  
J.D. Sampson  
Chase Tedder  
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2008. Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the salaries. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

### **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Chief Randy Heidle approached Council regarding three items.

1 - Permission to purchase (2) 2006 Crown Vic's out of line item 940 (Machinery and Equipment). Mayor Mason asked Treasurer Charles Kerley if the budget allowed for these purchases. Charles Kerley advised yes. After much discussion Councilmember Tedder made a motion to purchase the two police cars and not to exceed \$26,800.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

2 - Chief Heidle requested permission to purchase (2) cameras for the new Crown Vic's. The money would come out of the Drug Fund. Councilmember Tedder made a motion to purchase the two cameras with the drug fund not to exceed \$5495.00. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

3 - Chief Heidle requested that Council approve employees donating sick leave to an officer that is on Medical Leave. Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the Sick time to be transferred from willing employees to the officer. The time donated will be monitored by the Police Chief and the Mayor. The amount of time the employee will be allowed to receive shall not exceed the amount of weeks the employee is covered under FMLA. Councilmember Mynatt seconded the motion. The Harriman City Personnel policy states that you are not allowed to donate time unless approved otherwise on a case by case basis by Council. Charles Kerley advised that it is ok to do if Council approves and is on a case by case basis. Dr. Kerley suggested that the sick leave policy be revised and suggested the City look into a Sick Leave pool. The motion passed

with a unanimous "Aye". \*\* Note\*\* to protect the privacy of the officer, the name was not released to the public.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Mason asked Treasurer Charles Kerley if he had any old business to discuss. Dr. Kerley advised that Judge Crass is requesting new software and hardware for the Court. Dr. Kerley advised that the money is in the Judge's budget and because this is covered under the City software program it does not need to be bid out. Local Government has a statewide contract. Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Powers if he had any old business. Councilmember Powers advised that he had three topics to discuss.

1 - Councilmember Powers commended the HUB Linemen on a job well done. There were several outages in the City over the weekend and the crew worked well into the night finding the problem and fixed it.

2 - Farmers Market - Mark Powers made a motion that the vendors of the Farmers Market be exempt from paying peddlers permits through October. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye". If made permanent change, the Municipal Code will need to be updated.

3 - Downtown Image - Councilmember Powers advised that the Art Department at Roane State Community College wants to paint the store fronts to show the historical image on the glass fronts to make it more attractive.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson advised on the Skidmore property. Councilmember Sampson made a motion to allow himself to begin negotiations. Councilmember Mee seconded the motion. This is for negotiations only. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt asked if Lonnie Wright had had a chance to talk about the taxi issues between Bodine and Mighty Cab with the City Attorney, Harold Balcom. Councilmember Wright advised that he had sent Mr. Balcom an email but had not heard back as of yet.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright asked Councilmember Powers if all of the outages during the week were related to the same issue that Councilmember Powers was discussing. Councilmember Powers advised that it was all related. The problem stemmed from Transformers going out which tripped several breakers.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder asked for the status of the National Guard Armory. Mayor Mason advised that he has not received a letter advising of their intentions.

Councilmember Tedder also inquired about the Expo Seats as to whether or not the City would be purchasing seats. Councilmember Tedder suggested that the Donation on the seat read as "Sponsored by the Citizens of the City of Harriman". Mayor Mason asked to have this added to next week's agenda.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Mayor Mason asked City Coordinator Bobby Tidwell if he had any old business. Councilmember Tidwell advised Barge Wagner Sumner to add on next week's agenda as well as the Environmental Study for the Browder building.

Mayor Mason thanked HUB for all of their efforts to get the power back on for the citizens of Harriman.

Mayor Mason advised that in the attempt to become a drug free workplace, the City of Harriman is using a software program that picks names randomly. This includes all (fulltime and part-time) employees. Currently 16 employees have been tested.

Mayor Mason advised that he received a letter of concern from a citizen regarding the price of our traffic light violations. The citizen said that we charge too much. Mayor Mason did some comparisons from Kingston, and Knoxville. Kingston charges \$113.00, Knoxville charges \$97.00. If caught by a camera violation in Knoxville is \$50.00. Mayor Mason advised that the City might want to look at increasing our fees.

Mayor Mason thanked Chris Ahler, Amy Arriola and all of the volunteers for a job well done on Hooray for Harriman.

## **AGENDA**

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment –

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Donna Demyanovich to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Carbine Rifle Agreement – skipped

Approval to seek billboard locations and prices –

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to authorize him to begin getting prices and locations from Billboard companies. The motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Approval to seek design & price for tri-fold flyer –

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to authorize Mayor Mason to start researching for a design and prices for a tri-fold flyer to promote Harriman, this comes out of the workshop. The motion was made by Councilmember Mee and was

seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

H.E.A.T. Appointment –

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Charlie Jones as the H.E.A.T. Appointment. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Emergency Operations Center Representative –

The representative works with the EMA and the County on needs that we may have. Councilmember Tedder has been in this position for the last couple of years, but the position is now up for renewal. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Councilmember Mynatt. The motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Powers. The motion passed with five "yes" votes and one "pass" by Councilmember Mynatt.

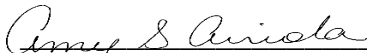
Carbine Rifle –

Mayor Mason read the Carbine Rifle Agreement. Councilmember Powers asked that City Attorney Harold Balcom look over the agreement for any corrections that may be needed and to make sure the agreement is legal. Amy Arriola to email agreement to Harold and to include in Council packets for next meeting.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous "Aye".



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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



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Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk