

**November 4, 2008**

The Harriman City council met in regular session November 4, 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 October 14, 2008. Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Tedder seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the salaries. Councilmember Wright 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. Lou Goldblatt with High-Tech USA spoke to Council about his company High-Tech USA. Mr. Goldblatt passed out flyers describing the services his company could offer the City (i.e. on-site services, preventative maintenance, remote diagnosis, computer training, etc.) This would cost the City \$800.00 a month (40 computers X \$20.00 per computer) City Treasurer Charles Kerley advised that the City is in need of some type of protection and that this product looks good. Dr. Kerley advised that he would first need to look into the existing contract the City has with Local Government. Councilman Sampson made a motion to enter into the contract with High-Tech USA pending what Charles Kerley finds out about the contract with Local Government. Councilman Tedder seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder advised he would like focus to be made on the Temperance Building. He made a motion for the Mayor to appoint a committee to spearhead the restoration of the Temperance Building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes". This will be added to the December Agenda.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright advised that in order to change the meeting time of the Council Meeting, an amendment would need to be done on the existing Ordinance to remove the time. Council would then vote on changing the time by motion. Councilman Wright advised he is working with City Attorney Harold Balcom on getting this done.

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson advised that he would like the Street Light discussion to be added to the next Workshop agenda as well as the Skidmore Property. The new HUB appointee needs to advise HUB that the street lights are out by the I-40 Rockwood/Harriman interchange.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Powers if he had any old business. Councilmember Powers made a motion to give the Mayor the authority to form a study committee to review the possibilities of the H.U.B. HR and the City forming a combined Human Resource office. The motion was seconded by Ken Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Mayor Mason advised that the Princess Theater received a grant for \$317,000.00 for restoration. He thanked Dennis Ferguson for all of his assistance. Mayor Mason passed out a flyer to advertise Harriman City. He asked that all the Councilmember's review and get back with him on suggestions/changes. Mayor Mason asked for an official motion to approve the emergency purchase of the Fire Department's First Responder Truck. The truck was an emergency purchase that occurred between meetings. Mayor Mason received three quotes and Earl Duff Subaru was the least expensive. Councilman Tedder made the motion to approve the purchase of the Ford F-150 at \$16,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

### **AGENDA**

#### Motorola Pagers - FB Recommendation

Assistant Fire Chief Brad Goss with the Harriman Fire Department spoke to Council about the benefits of the Motorola Paging System. The paging system will allow the Fire Department to page out for additional help, it has a broader signal, will advise of fire location, etc. This comes before Council as a Fire Board Recommendation as well as an ISO Recommendation. Brad Goss advised that they are looking for grant money that may be applied to the cost. Councilman Sampson made the motion to approve purchasing the pagers' pending the money is available in the Fire Departments budget (426.31 per month for 36 months). Councilman Tedder seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".


#### Bullard vs. Roane Medical Center


Bernice Bullard is suing Roane Medical Center for a workman's comp suit. The cost is \$39520.44. At this point it is unclear what the scheduled amount that Covenant will pay (30K or 35K). Harriman City is responsible for the remaining balance. Councilman Powers made a motion to pay the difference after Covenant pays and to instruct the City Attorney, Harold Balcom, to negotiate a cap on future medical expenses not to exceed \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wright. The motion passed with five roll call "Yes" votes and one "No" by Councilman Mee.

#### HUB Appointment

Mayor Mason read the letter of resignation by Mark Powers who has been serving as the Council appointee for the H.U.B. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to officially accept Mr. Powers' resignation. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes" vote. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to accept Councilman Ken Mynatt to now serve as the Council appointee for the H.U.B. The motion was made by Councilman Powers and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with five "Yes" votes and one "Pass" by Councilman Mynatt.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Wright. 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