

January 13, 2009

The Harriman City council met in regular session January 13, 2009 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 Harriman Police Captain, Kenneth Humphrey. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
J.D. Sampson
Chase Tedder

ABSENT: Lonnie Wright

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2009. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and Councilmember Tedder seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

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

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. No one approached.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson advised that he would like for Council to invite the State Officials to Council's workshop regarding several local issues pertaining to certain laws. Mayor Mason said that it wouldn't be a bad idea to advise State Officials that they are welcome to attend our workshops.

Councilman Sampson advised that he would like to get refocused on the goals that Council set in the Workshop in 2007. Councilman Sampson inquired about the law that states Harriman can only have three liquor stores in the City Limits. Mayor Mason advised that in order to lift that restriction, we would need to change the Ordinance. A councilmember would have to bring it up to put it on the agenda.

Councilman Sampson discussed the Papermill property. Councilman Sampson suggested that the City foreclose on the property for back taxes. Mayor Mason mentioned that Sharon McGhee advised that if the City forecloses on the property, the City would be responsible for cleanup. It would be better to hold off on doing so, until the City has money to do the cleanup.

Councilman Sampson thinks the soccer fields need to be used. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell advised that the soccer field has grass and that it needs to be mowed and played on this spring. Mr. Tidwell also mentioned that the lights at the field need to be tested.

Councilman Sampson suggested condemning the buildings that are in disrepair on Roane Street. Mayor Mason advised that the buildings in question have already been turned over to the City Attorney, Harold Balcom.

Councilman Sampson mentioned that as part of the cleanup and restoration of the Temperance Building, the City needed to have it treated and sprayed for termites. This will be brought up at the Temperance Building Committee meeting.

Mayor Mason advised that there was a recent meeting with Comcast, and they are currently working out the kinks of running fiber wire to the building on Roane Street for the T.V. Station. Mayor Mason advised that Bill Landry of the

Heartland Series on Channel 10 will be teaching a class at RSCC that the students will be broadcasting. There are currently 20 students signed up for the class. Mayor Mason advised he is trying to schedule another meeting with Lamar Alexander regarding grants for the Princess Theater.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt confirmed with Chief Best that the repairs on Engine One had been done. Councilman Mynatt also advised that the Harriman Fire Department through Mutual Aid has positioned a fire truck for emergency calls for the Swan Pond area. Councilman Mynatt thanked resident Curtis Humphrey for the use of his lot; this is where the fire truck is being parked.

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that due to the Soccer fields in the TVA section being damaged, it would be a good idea to get Harriman's fields ready for overflow games.

Councilman Mee also inquired about the status of the annexation suit against the City of Kingston over the Midtown area. Mayor Mason advised he would follow up with City Attorney Harold Balcom.

Mayor Mason asked City Treasurer Charles Kerley if he had any old business to discuss. Dr. Kerley advised that the Fire Department requires Council approval to seek bids for the equipment grant received by FEMA. The amount of the grant was \$104,205.00 plus our match of \$5485.00. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell and Dr. Kerley will be handling the bid. A motion was made by Councilman Tedder and seconded by Councilman Mynatt to take bids for purchasing equipment through the FEMA Grant.

Dr. Kerley also advised that he received a letter from Cathy Marek with TDOT stating that the City still owes on projects from 2002. Dr. Kerley advised that he requested and has received the backup for the charges in question. The Backup proves that we do owe the money. Mayor Mason asked Dr. Kerley if we could pay it off in three installments over a period of three years. Mayor Mason also asked Dr. Kerley if we could then put off that first payment until after the next fiscal budget begins. Dr. Kerley advised he would confer with Cathy Marek to find out. Councilman Sampson asked if doing a payment plan would affect the existing right of way plans. Mayor Mason advised that no it would not. Mayor Mason asked for this to be added to the February 3, 2009 Agenda.

Mayor Mason advised that the contract for the Browder property has been emailed to all Councilmember's. City Attorney Harold Balcom approves of the contract and the signing needs to take place. There will not be a payment made until July and then after that another six months the second payment will be made to Mr. Browder. Mr. Browder has six months to get out of the garage portion. Mayor Mason advised he is not happy with the 6% interest. Councilman Mee made a motion to accept both contracts for the land as well as the Browder Building. Councilman Mynatt seconded the motion. The motion passed with three Roll Call "Yes" votes by Councilman Mee, Councilman Mynatt, and Councilman Tedder. One "No" Vote by Councilman Sampson.


AGENDA

TVA Ash Spill Committee

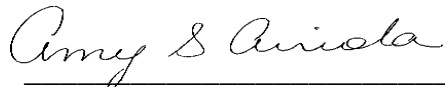
Mayor Mason advised of County Mayor, Mike Farmer's plan for a committee for the TVA Ash Spill. Councilman Sampson approves of forming a committee to advise of the TVA Ash Spill. Mayor Mason asked Council to think about who should serve on the committee (i.e. Council, Department Heads, Citizens). Mayor Mason advised that he has talked to TVA about Marketing/PR afterwards to help promote Harriman again after the cleanup.

Mayor Mason asked Bobby Tidwell, Police Captain Kenny Humphrey, and Fire Chief Wayne Best if they had any old business. No one did.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk