

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 7, 2009

The Harriman City council met in regular session July 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called the meeting to order with Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Assistant Fire Chief Brad Daniels. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Buddy Holley
Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
J.D. Sampson
Chase Tedder
ABSENT: Lonnie Wright

A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder to approve the minutes from June 16, 2009 and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

A motion was made by Councilmember Sampson to approve the Special Called minutes from June 23, 2009 and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

A motion was made by Councilmember Mee to approve the Special Called minutes from June 30, 2009 and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt to pay the Salaries for the month and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Delegations

There were no delegations from the audience.

Old Business-

Councilmember Sampson gave everyone a copy of a rough draft for an Ordinance Adopting a Hiring Program. He stated that if he went along with the City Charter Change he wanted a Hiring Program implemented. He has been questioned by the citizens wondering why the City has been hiring outside the city limits of Harriman. They felt like they were just hiring who ever they want, "The Good Ole Boy System". Sampson felt that if we adopted a Hiring Program with a point system that gave a Citizen of Harriman a better advantage over anyone outside the city limits, this should help to assure the citizens of Harriman that they are getting the most qualified person for the job. Mayor Mason elaborated a little by stating that there has been a few instances where there had not been anyone from the City of Harriman apply for the position that was trying to be filled. Councilmember Mynatt agreed that this Hiring System was a good idea. He wanted everybody to know that they are hiring based on qualifications and with the way the Charter reads at the moment you limit yourself to just relatively qualified appointees. Councilmember Holley agreed also and stated that we needed to get up to date job descriptions for all positions. Tracey Bolden stated that we were working very closely with MTAS on updating the personnel handbook and then we were going to tackle the job descriptions once that project was completed. Mayor stated that he wants this to be a system that all administration will have to follow once implemented and not fall into the "Good Ole Boy System" that some other small towns are using.

Councilmember Mee asked the council for approval of a third sign for River Front Park. He stated that they had the monies in the 2008/2009 budget for two signs and wanted to know if it would be possible to budget for a third sign. The quote received for the two signs was \$3835. Councilmember Mynatt made a motion to purchase three signs for the

Parks indicated and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. Treasurer Charles Kerley stated that due to the total price of the signs, the Parks and Recreation needed to get three quotes before the purchase was made. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Agenda

Peddlers Permit for Billie’s Hotdog Stand

Mayor Mason gave everyone a brief statement about the hotdog stand. He made sure everyone knew the Health Department approved the stand. Billie went to the County and purchased a Business License. The Mayor was unaware that she needed a City Business License and Council approval. Motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and seconded by Councilmember Tedder to approve the Business License for Billie’s Hotdog Stand. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

1st Reading of Ordinance 0609-2

Mayor Mason read the Ordinance aloud for everyone in the audience. The Ordinance is to rezone approximately 20 acres for the Harriman Utility Board from O-S to I-1. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt to pass the first reading of Ordinance 0609-2 to rezone the property and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Agreement with Roane County Emergency Communications District

Councilmember Mee asked if this was something that the City of Harriman pays for every year. Councilmember Mynatt elaborated that this agreement was for the dispatching of emergency calls. After much discussion a motion to pay the Agreement was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

City Charter Changes

Mayor Mason stated that this Charter Change has been two years in the making. Mayor Mason passed out copies to all Councilmember’s at last weeks Special Called meeting and asked that they look over it to make sure there were no errors. Mayor Mason stated that the changes were passed by the House. After very brief discussion of what was wrong the first time a motion was made by Councilmember Tedder to approve the Charter Changes and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Appointments for Committees and Boards

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Chase Tedder Vice-Mayor. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and seconded by Councilmember Mee the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to re-appoint Lonnie Wright to the Library Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to re-appoint Lonnie Wright and Kenyon Mee to the Street Department Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and seconded by Councilmember Sampson the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to re-appoint Ken Mynatt to the HUB board. A motion was made by Councilmember Holley and Seconded by Councilmember Mee the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Ken Mynatt and Baron Tapp to the Golf Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Sampson and Seconded by Councilmember Mee the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint J D Sampson and Kenyon Mee to the Building and Grounds Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and Seconded by Councilmember Holley the motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Buddy Holley and J D Sampson to the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and Seconded by Councilmember Mee the motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Chase Tedder and Buddy Holley to the Police Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and Seconded by Councilmember Mee the motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Angela Skidmore as the City Clerk. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and Seconded by Councilmember Tedder. Mayor Mason made a statement that Tracey Bolden, Charles Kerley and he interviewed several applicants. After much consideration they chose Ms. Skidmore based on qualifications. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason made a recommendation to appoint Randy Heidle as Police Chief. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and Seconded by Councilmember Holley the motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned



Chris Mason
Mayor



Tracey Bolden
City Clerk