

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Complex. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilmember Wright. Roll call of Council was as follows:

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

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 3, 2009. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Mee seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the public if anyone would like to approach Council.

Chief Goss approached Council about the new fire truck. He stated that he had gone through all of the bids and that the initial low bid was incorrect. He stated that the bid did not include the equipment that was in the specs, so the new low bid was now Ferrara. The Mayor stated that he would bring this up under old business.

Chief Randy Heidle approached council for an approval on some equipment for another road vehicle. The Police Board made the recommendation and now he just needed council approval. The amount will be \$5,595.00 out of the drug fund to purchase a camera and radar gun. A motion was made by Councilmember Holley to approve the purchase and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. After brief discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Chip Dunn wanted to let the council know that he really appreciated the flags that were put up for Veterans Day. He wanted to remind everyone that there would be a Veterans Day celebration November 11, 2009 at 11:00am at the Riverfront Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Holley if he had any old business. Councilmember Holley stated that the EPA came in and did some more sampling at the old paper mill and he hopes to have some results by the end of the month.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee stated that he did not at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson wanted to inquire about the street light situation. Mayor Mason stated that he had an email from HUB and they have finished their assessment for the north end and they have sent it into the state for approval. He isn't sure about the turnaround time on this. When it returns we should be ready to take that part to Nashville and still have \$60,000 left over that we could use on the south end. Councilmember Sampson asked about the \$200,000 that they had appropriated year before last and asked why we couldn't use that money for the south end. Mayor Mason had forgotten about that appropriation and wasn't sure if they had put it back in the budget. Councilmember Sampson talked about the lights that could use some replacing and Mayor Mason agreed that they would need to look at the cost of replacing the large utility poles located at the interstate. Mayor Mason asked Bob Tidwell if he would look into the situation.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder stated that he got the windows repaired in the Temperance Building.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt stated that he did not at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright stated that he did not at this time.

Mayor Mason asked if the building and grounds committee would look at the bathroom in the Temperance Building. The floor needs to be repaired.

Mayor Mason stated that the old Merrimac Bakery is now opened for business. They had an open house and ribbon cutting that turned out really well. He thanked Bob Tidwell for buying the ribbon for this occasion.

Mayor Mason wanted to let everyone know that the Harriman Economic Development Board met the night before and did get some initial business out of the way. He stated that they are ready to get started and will hold another meeting Monday November 16th at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Mason wanted to pick up where Chief Goss left off. He stated that this fire truck purchase is a must have and it has been appropriated in the TML loan we have requested. It is the mayors' recommendation that they go ahead and move forward with this purchase and take the low bid from Ferrara for \$347,698. He stated that he didn't think they could stand to wait any longer on this purchase. He stated that he did think that the vehicle is overpriced but we didn't have a choice. After much discussion a motion by Councilmember Sampson was made to take the low bid from Ferrara for \$347,698. The Fire Chief is to go ahead and submit a purchase order to Ferrara and order the truck. This was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

AGENDA

Discuss and possibly take action on the Redevelopment & Urban Renewal Area Map

Mayor Mason stated that he knew Councilmember Wright had some concerns about this situation. Councilmember Wright stated that he knew that they had described the four block area for this project. He stated that he knew some of the Councilmembers has expressed interest in other areas since the last time they discussed it. He stated that before finalization of the map he would like to meet with MTAS and KCDC to discuss what all will be the City's responsibility when they move forward with this. Mayor Mason wanted to get the initial comments from the council since this is on the agenda. Councilmember Mynatt suggested that we start off small and do this one piece of property at a time. After much discussion this would be placed on the next agenda.


Mayor Mason asked for a motion to waive the agenda rule. A motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason stated he waived the agenda for another necessary purchase. He stated that they have known for a couple of years that the emergency system would be mandated to purchase digital radios. They have been fortunate the past two years and not had to purchase anything. The county has decided that this would be the year for the change to digital radios. The fire and police departments are both in the same boat and are being mandated to purchase these radios. The total cost for the two departments comes to \$117,000. The original price was around \$200,000 but there was a grant that cover part of the price. The police departments cost will be \$73,000 and the fire department will be \$44,000. Councilmember Holley asked if we knew how we were going to pay for this. The fire department has \$21,000 in their budget for radios and maintenance. The police department was told not to budget for this because they were unaware of the extended cost to the department. Chief Heidle gave a breakdown of the cost of each unit. Councilmember Wright asked if everyone had to have their own radio.

Chief Goss stated that it is OSHA rules that everyone must have a radio. After much discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Tedder to move forward with the purchase of the radios for both the fire and police departments and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous rollcall "Yes".

Mayor Mason reminded everyone of the Veterans Day celebration at the Riverfront Park at 11:00am and to please shop your local businesses.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

Angela Skidmore/City Clerk