

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session February 9, 2010 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 February 2, 2010. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Sampson 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.

Bill Alexander wanted to commend the street department for a great job of clearing and salting the roads during the snow and ice.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright reported that he is receiving inquiries on townhouses in the city. Mayor Mason stated the only property he can think of would be the Fisk Heights property or the Golf Course property, which the city is in the process of purchasing. Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt to take before the golf board and see if they might set 10 acres or so aside for this type of project. Councilmember Wright stated he talked to some of the Harriman Economic Development board members about this situation and asked them to discuss it at one of their meetings. Councilmember Mynatt asked if they want to build to sale or to rent. Mayor Mason stated he thought it would be better to build and sale.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt reported that he has only heard from Councilmember's Wright and Holley on their opinion on the charter changes. He asked the rest of the council to think about it and it would be discussed at the council workshop next Tuesday.

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson stated the Economic Development board hasn't met yet and they have no idea what they are doing and would like to invite them to the next workshop. Mayor Mason stated they gave them instructions to adopt a set of by-laws first before they can move forward with any business. Mayor Mason stated he was under the impression that is what they were working on. Councilmember Sampson stated they haven't had any meetings so how could they be working on anything. Councilmember Sampson expressed his concern that if the council doesn't let the board know what is expected of them, then this board will not move forward with anything. Mayor Mason stated the board may be waiting to meet until they get a set of by-laws. Mayor Mason stated he would get with the chairman and see what is going on.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee asked the Mayor if he ever talked to HUB about the crosswalk signs. Mayor Mason reported that he sent an email asking them to remove all of them but couldn't remember if he received a response back. Mayor Mason stated he would check on that tomorrow. Councilmember Mee stated there are some of the signals that are in pretty good shape and was wondering if they just couldn't repair those. Councilmember Mynatt stated he has looked at several of them and it looks to him that they just need the face replaced on them. Mayor Mason reported that he talked to Harold Balcom and he said that if we took down the signals then we would have to post "walk at your own risk" signs up at the intersections.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Holley if he had any old business. Councilmember Holley asked for an update on the Margrave Bridge issue. Mayor Mason reported the railroad has agreed to reopen the project and include the utility relocation in it. They have requested that the water line, which was going to be the bulk of the relocation cost, remain where it is and have the utility board mark this line really well. Mayor Mason has let Senator Yager know that we are ready to reopen the project and see what the railroads' wishes are, so it is in the states court. Councilmember Mee asked if the project is reopened will it add cost to the city if we do or do not move forward with the project. Mayor Mason responded that he doesn't think it will cost anymore. They have already done engineering, surveying and the right of way acquisition that is what totals \$300,000. We were at the point of moving forward and that is when the utility relocation came into effect and put a halt on it. Councilmember Mee was concerned that with the utility relocation it would cause a design change and therefore adding cost. Mayor Mason stated he thought that they would just move the utilities and then move them back therefore there would not be any design change. He is almost certain the cost of the project has gone up. Councilmember Mee stated he didn't want to get the bill up to even more than what it is now and not have the funds to complete the project. Councilmember Mynatt asked if it would be impractical or impossible for the relocation of the water line to be along the side of the bridge. He was wondering if it would freeze. Mayor Mason stated if the pipe was insulated it shouldn't freeze. Councilmember Holley stated there should be enough flow on the line for it not to freeze. Councilmember Mynatt expressed his concern about the age of the existing pipe. Mayor Mason reported that he was in a meeting with the railroad and the state. They both said that it is the responsibility of the utility if that pipe busts.

Bob Tidwell spoke with Drack about the situation in Midtown on opening the turning lane at the traffic light located at Ruritan Rd and Highway 70. Mayor Mason reported he asked Drack to call the state and find out what the hold up was on opening the turning lane at this intersection. The state told Drack they are waiting on a turn signal to be installed. Mayor Mason told the state that the city never agreed to pay for a turn signal and was not going to.

AGENDA

Discuss and possibly approve to pay the annual donation for Cruisin'

Mayor Mason reported this request came in from the Cruisin' committee for their annual donation early. The usual annual donation for them has been \$5,000.

Mayor Mason asked the committee what the bare minimum would be for them to get started. They said that \$2,000 should get them started. Councilmember Sampson verified that this doantion would be from the FY2010. Mayor Mason confirmed this was correct. Councilmember Wright verified that this group gave up their FY2009 donation to pay for the speakers in the downtown area. Mayor Mason confirmed this was correct. Councilmember Wright asked where the money would come from. Mayor Mason wasn't sure but he thought Hooray for Harriman didn't use all of the money that was in the budget for them.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to approve the \$2,000 donation to Cruisin' contingent on the Mayor and Treasurer working out which fund it will come from and they submit their financial report to the Treasurer. This was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Reading of Resolution R0210-01

Resolution R0210-01: Authorizing the application for the 2010 federally funded home grant for housing rehabilitation for low income households.

Mayor Mason read the resolution aloud for everyone. Councilmember Tedder made a motion to approve Resoultion R0210-01 and it was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. Councilmember Holley asked who administers this money. Bob Tidwell stated we hire an Architectural Engineering Firm and we will get maximum points for this if we hire BargeWagner. After much discussion Councilmember Mynatt made a suggestion to ammend the motion to say contingent on hiring BargeWagner. Councilmember Tedder ammended the motion to approve Resolution R0210-01 contingent on the hiring BargeWagner. This was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason wanted to let everyone know the Pattycake Pastries is having another Grand Opening on February 19, 2010 at 9:00am. He is opening up a coffee and doughnut shop.

Mayor Mason wanted to remind everyone to shop their local businesses.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Angela Skidmore/City Clerk