



**MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
CITY HALL
JULY 5, 2022
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Judy Bowman.

2. Present

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Mills	Harrisonville	Board Member	Remote	
Mike Zaring	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Franklin	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Dave Doerhoff	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Marcia Milner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Judy Reece	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Gary Davidson	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Matt Turner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Judy Bowman	Harrisonville	Mayor	Present	

Others present: City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Alex Felzien, Director of Administrative Services Jeremy Smith, Public Works Director/City Engineer Carl Brooks, Police Chief John Hofer, Parks Director Grant Purkey, Economic Development Director Jim Clarke, Community Development Director Christina Stanton, Electric Superintendent Andy Pollard, Fire Chief Rusty Sullivan, Police Lieutenant Darin Chance, Building Official Chris Arthur and City Clerk Daniel Barnett - recording.

3. Discussion Items

A. Housing Authority Discussion

City Attorney Felzien spoke to recent requests for subsidized housing in Harrisonville.

Felzien spoke to the responsibilities of a housing authority, if one were to be created, and how such an organization would be made up.

Felzien said that if the Board wanted to move forward with the creation of a housing authority, it would need to do so by resolution.

Alderman Doerhoff asked if a housing authority could be tied into a Chapter 353 program.

City Administrator Ratliff said the two would have to be separate.

Alderwoman Milner asked about the requirements that could be included within the resolution forming the housing authority.

Felzien said final approval of projects recommended by a housing authority could be required to come before the Board of Aldermen for approval, if the City desires to write it into code.

Ratliff asked about restrictions and criteria that could be put in place by the City.

Milner asked about other nearby communities that currently have a housing authority.

Felzien said Kansas City would be the closest, with Springfield being the next closest.

Alderman Zaring asked about what federal funds would be available to the City if it did set up a housing authority.

Felzien said large amounts of money in the American Rescue Plan Act have been designated for low-income housing projects.

Ratliff spoke about the additional vetting that a project could receive if a housing authority was in place.

Alderman Turner spoke to the value of having additional legal backing when denying a project.

Felzien said he would like to further research the housing authority subject and the potential for federal funding and come back at a later date to continue education the Board on the matter

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B. Ambulance Service Agreements for Neighboring Communities

Fire Chief Sullivan spoke about the Fire and Emergency Services agreements to provide ambulance services for the Dolan-West Dolan, East Lynn and Gunn City communities.

Sullivan says he believes that in 1984 an agreement was entered into stating that the Harrisonville Emergency Services Department would service these areas.

Sullivan said City staff have looked and cannot find any documentation for the agreement.

Sullivan said the City has filed a Freedom of Information Act Sunshine Request with the Missouri Department of Health and Bureau of Emergency Services, asking for documentation showing that those communities are the responsibility of the Harrisonville Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Sullivan said the Bureau of EMS does show those locations on the City's license.

Sullivan says the cost of providing these services come out to about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per call or \$70,000 to \$100,000 per year.

Sullivan spoke to the City's options to stop providing ambulance services to the above mentioned communities.

Alderman Davidson asked Sullivan to speak to Lloyd Rudel, who was the Fire Chief in 1984.

City Administrator Ratliff said the City would be willing to provide fire and ambulance service to these communities, if the communities were willing to pass a tax levy to fund the service in that area.

City Attorney Felzien said he would research State Statute to determine the City's options in discontinuing ambulance services in these communities.

Felzien said he would also research which entities would need to be notified of a potential discontinuation of ambulance services.

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C. Code Discussion for Old Hospital Property

Building Official Arthur spoke to the current status of the Code Enforcement abatement budget.

Arthur spoke to the current state of permit revenue and abatement recovery revenue.

Arthur provided information about the status of the former Cass Regional Medical Center building.

Arthur said the building will be on the list of properties to be auctioned off by the Cass County Collector of Revenue later this year.

Arthur spoke to the implied liability on the City, once code enforcement cases are opened and abatement work has happened or is in progress.

Arthur spoke to the abatement costs for the property.

Mayor Bowman informed the Board that the owner of the property did recently pay the tax bill, so the property will no longer be on the list for the tax sale.

A consensus of the Board was reached to present a budget amendment to move funds from the Building and Code Enforcement Division's revenues to the division's abatement expense funds at the first August Board of Aldermen meeting.

The Board agreed to have staff abate the property by boarding the windows of the building and put a six-foot fence around the building. In addition, to bringing a budget amendment to increase the abated property line item by the \$66,000 that was identified in additional revenue of the Codes Department budget, the Board directed the City Administrator to bring a budget amendment to increase the camera security for City Park.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Milner to adjourn from the Work Session, with a second by Alderman Zaring. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Judy Bowman, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

Daniel Barnett, City Clerk