



# THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE

WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
WORK SESSION  
CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 2, 2024  
6:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Mayor Mike Zaring.

**2. Present**

| Attendee Name  | Organization  | Title        | Status  | Arrived |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Bill Mills     | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Sandy Franklin | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Larry Pfautsch | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Matt Turner    | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Dave Doerhoff  | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Marcia Milner  | Harrisonville | Board Member | Excused |         |
| Gary Davidson  | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Kile Chaney    | Harrisonville | Board Member | Present |         |
| Mike Zaring    | Harrisonville | Mayor        | Present |         |

*Others present: City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Alex Felzien, Director of Administrative Services Jeremy Smith, Parks Director Grant Purkey, Public Works Director Patty Hilderbrand, Community Development Director Christina Stanton, Economic Development Director Jim Clarke, Police Chief Randy Moody, Fire Chief Rusty Sullivan, Executive Secretary to the City Administrator Theresa West and City Clerk Daniel Barnett - recording.*

**3. Discussion Items**

**A. EMS Billing Discussion**

*City Attorney Alex Felzien spoke about the City's approach to cost recovery when one of the three local nursing homes, Crown Care Rehab and Healthcare Center, Golden Years and MeadowView Health and Rehabilitation, ask the Fire Department to send Harrisonville ambulance crews to complete non-emergency transfers of their residents to facilities outside of the Harrisonville community.*

*Felzien spoke about the possibility of the Board of Aldermen proposing an amendment to the City Code regarding false emergency reports, in which the nursing homes are billed for the services that were provided to them by the City.*

*Felzien said he would need to get the support of the City's Prosecutor and the Municipal Judge.*

*Felzien spoke to letters that had been sent from the City to the local nursing homes informing them that if the facility continued to misuse City services, they will be billed for their usage.*

*Felzien said the three nursing homes have continued to use the Fire Department for non-emergency transfers and have been sent bills, of which they have paid none.*

*Fire Chief Sullivan spoke to the financial toll these non-emergency transfers are taking on the department and the City.*

*Felzien said he plans to bring the discussion back to a future Work Session to finalize details before constructing any formal ordinance language.*

*At 7:15 p.m., the Board of Aldermen voted to go into Closed Session pursuant to City Code to discuss the Hiring, Firing, Discipline or Promotion of an Employee. A motion was made by Alderman Mills and seconded by Alderman Chaney. In attendance and voting to go into Closed Session were Aldermen Davidson, Doerhoff, Chaney, Franklin, Mills, Turner, Pfautsch and Mayor Mike Zaring. Alderwoman Milner was excused. Mayor Zaring then convened the meeting in Closed Session.*

*Upon returning to the Work Session, a motion was made by Alderman Mills to adjourn from the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Davidson. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.*

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Mike Zaring, Mayor & Ex-Officio  
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

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Daniel Barnett, City Clerk