



MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
DECEMBER 2, 2019
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Judy Bowman

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Brad Bockelman	Harrisonville	Board Member	Absent	
Dave Doerhoff	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Marcia Milner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Judy Reece	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Clint Miller	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
David Dickerson	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Gary Davidson	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Matt Turner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Judy Bowman	Harrisonville	Mayor	Present	

Others present were: City Attorney Steve Mauer, City Administrator Mike Tholen, Police Chief John Hofer, Finance Director Marcella McCoy, City Planner Roger Kroh, Public Information Officer/Deputy City Clerk Daniel Barnett and City Clerk Randall Jones, Recording.

2. Ceremonial Matters

A. 2020 Census Proclamation

Mayor Bowman shared a proclamation in support of the upcoming 2020 Census.

B. Chaldean Women's Club Presentation

Mayor Bowman was joined by Alderman Reece along with Jeanette Bartles, Peggy Clum and Betty Catron of the Chaldean Women's Club who presented a \$100 check for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

3. Public Participation

Larry Strack, 810 N. Patton, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding a request for a follow up on some questions that he emailed to each Alderman regarding utility rates and also information regarding the overage on the utility bills.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Board of Aldermen - Work Session - Nov 18, 2019 5:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Dickerson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Marcia Milner, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

B. Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - Nov 18, 2019 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Reece, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dave Doerhoff, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

C. Board of Aldermen - Special Meeting - Nov 21, 2019 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Turner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Clint Miller, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

D. Board of Aldermen - Special Meeting - Nov 22, 2019 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gary Davidson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Matt Turner, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

E. Board of Aldermen - Work Session - Nov 25, 2019 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Milner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dave Doerhoff, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

F. Executive Session Nov. 21, 2019

A motion was made by Alderman Reece with a second by Alderman Doerhoff to approve the minutes of Executive Session November 21, 2019. Motion carried with all ayes.

G. Executive Session Nov. 22, 2019

A motion was made by Alderman Davidson with a second by Alderman Turner to approve the minutes of Executive Session November 22, 2019. Motion carried with all ayes.

5. Agenda Items**A. APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING & ZONING**

City Administrator Mike Tholen presented staff report. Mayor Bowman would like to appoint Wilbert Crawford to Planning and Zoning to fill the unexpired term of Jim Proctor who has resigned. Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARING and Council Bill 76: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI, GRANTING A 10-YEAR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GRAHAM AND SANDRA GENTRY AND AQUAFRESH BARRAMUNDI, LLC TO OPERATE AN INDOOR AQUACULTURE FARM TO RAISE FISH WITH AN ATTENDANT'S LIVING QUARTERS AND AN INDOOR HYDROPONIC FARM AT 4241 BROOKHART DRIVE IN THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI

Public Hearing - Staff report presented by City Planner Roger Kroh. Graham Gentry, owner of AquaFresh, addressed the Mayor and Board. Alderman Reece asked for clarification of the waste removal and disposal. Alderman Davidson asked for clarification of the purpose of the greenhouse and the reply was perhaps growing hemp if allowed but would mainly be used for high-end vegetables. Media/South Cass Tribune Brian Pulliam questioned how many acres of hemp would be grown and the reply was it would only be inside the greenhouse but possibly the 20 acres to the north. No other input, the public hearing was closed. Council Bill #76 was read for the first time by title only. A motion to suspend the rules and move Council Bill #76 to its second reading by Alderman Turner with a second by Alderman Miller. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson aye, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner aye. Having been read in title only twice upon passage, Mayor Bowman designated it to be Ordinance #3481.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Turner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Clint Miller, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Staff report presented by Finance Director Marcella McCoy. Alderman Davidson asked for clarification on the amounts. Council Bill #77 was read for the first time by title only. A motion to suspend the rules and move Council Bill #77 to its second reading by Alderman Miller with a second by Alderman Davidson. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson aye, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner aye. Having been read in title only twice upon passage, Mayor Bowman designated it to be Ordinance #3482.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clint Miller, Board Member
SECONDER:	Gary Davidson, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

D. SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE AS FOLLOWS: CHAPTER 700, SECTION 700.530, BY ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SERVICES

A motion was made by Alderman Miller to amend the proposed ordinance as previously discussed at the November 25th work session. Alderman Milner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson nay, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner nay. Council Bill #72 was read in title only for the second time. Roll call vote: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson nay, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner nay. Upon passage, Mayor Bowman designated it to be Ordinance #3483.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Clint Miller, Board Member
SECONDER:	Marcia Milner, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Davidson
NAYS:	David Dickerson, Matt Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

E. SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE AS FOLLOWS: CHAPTER 700, SECTION 700.460, BY ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SEWER SERVICES

A motion was made by Alderman Miller to amend the proposed ordinance as previously discussed at the November 25th work session. Alderman Davidson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson nay, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner nay. Council Bill #73 was read in title only for the second time. Roll call vote: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson nay, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner nay. Upon passage, Mayor Bowman designated it to be Ordinance #3484.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Clint Miller, Board Member
SECONDER:	Gary Davidson, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Davidson
NAYS:	David Dickerson, Matt Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

F. SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Council Bill #74 was read in title only for the second time. Roll call vote: Alderman Bockelman absent, Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson nay, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner aye. Upon passage, Mayor Bowman designated it to be Ordinance #3485.

City Attorney Steve Mauer read the Expression of the Intent of the Board of Aldermen as follows: It is the intent of the Board of Aldermen that the position of Economic Development Director as specified in the newly passed City Budget should not be filled immediately. Rather, the to-be-hired City Administrator shall have the discretion to make that employment decision after evaluating the status of City operations/current employees and the goals of the Board of Aldermen after July 1, 2020. A motion was made by Alderman Miller with a second by Alderman Davidson to accept this Expression of Intent. Motion carried with voice vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Davidson, Turner
NAYS:	David Dickerson
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

G. SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A VARIANCE FOR THE DEVELOPER OF THE HARRISONVILLE VILLAS A VARIANCE OF THE APPROVED SUBDIVISION PLAT BY NOT REQUIRING TIMBER DRIVE TO EXTEND TO THE WEST PROPERTY LINE

City Attorney Steve Mauer stated that he had asked that this be brought back to the Board. Since then, he stated he received a response from Harrisonville Villas with a settlement proposal and he shared this with the Mayor and Board asking for direction on how to respond to the request. Alderman Reece made a motion to table Council Bill #47 with a second by Alderman Doerhoff. Motion carried. At this time, Mayor Bowman asked for discussion on how the Board would like to respond. Alderman Milner stated they needed to finish the road before being considered for the Second Phase. Alderman Dickerson said that they did have to hire a new codes person at the time this was happening. Alderman Davidson did not like that the Villas had told the residents that their rent would be going up. He expressed he is not in favor. Alderman Doerhoff was not opposed to having them post a bond. Alderman Miller said it was an unfortunate series of mistakes and would like to give them 12 to 18 months to resolve the matter. Alderman Turner thought it was the City's fault for not handling it correctly from the beginning. Alderman Dickerson would like to work with them. Mayor Bowman proposed that City Attorney Mauer work with the developer to get the road completed with possibility of posting a bond or letter of credit to be held until road completion. Alderman Milner stated that she would like to see a time frame to complete the road in case property were to sell before the road is completed.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Reece, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dave Doerhoff, Board Member
AYES:	Doerhoff, Milner, Reece, Miller, Dickerson, Davidson, Turner
ABSENT:	Brad Bockelman

H. REPORT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Davidson presented information to the Board regarding the absence of Alderman Bockelman during Board of Alderman meetings. An investigation committee was appointed to review his absences along with City Attorney Mauer. It was reported

that Alderman Bockelman had missed 10 regular meetings in a 12-month period. A motion was made by Alderman Davidson to move forward with the charge of violating the attendance policy for aldermen as per City Code with a second by Alderman Doerhoff. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Alderman Turner, aye, Alderman Doerhoff, aye, Alderman Milner, aye, Alderman Reece, aye, Alderman Davidson, aye, Alderman Dickerson, nay, Alderman Miller nay.

City Attorney Mauer proposed a hearing be conducted in Executive Session on December 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Milner with a second by Alderman Davidson to hold hearing as proposed. Motion carried with a roll call vote: Alderman Doerhoff aye, Alderman Milner aye, Alderman Reece aye, Alderman Miller aye, Alderman Dickerson aye, Alderman Davidson aye, Alderman Turner aye.

6. Aldermen and Committee Reports

Alderman Doerhoff stated that Ward 1 needs to be represented by two people who are elected. He stated his appreciation to Forged by Fire for providing area first responders a meal on Thanksgiving.

Alderman Milner commended the board for a good work session last week and to Alderman Miller for his research. She reminded everyone of the Bright Futures Holiday Store this Saturday.

Alderman Davidson was in agreement with Alderman Milner regarding the work session. He also reminded everyone of the Shop with a Cop event coming up on December 14th.

Mayor Bowman spoke on the Shop with a Cop Event which she has been involved with. She asked Chief Hofer to speak on this and he stated that they currently have 99 funded out of the 150 goal that has been set. Mayor Bowman reminded all of the Christmas on the Square festivities this Saturday. She thanked Alderman Miller for his leadership in discussing the utility rate increases.

7. Report from the City Administrator

City Administrator Mike Tholen expressed his thanks to the board for their work on the 2020 budget. He announced that Finance Director Marcella McCoy will be leaving the City to accept the position of finance director for the City of Warrensburg.

8. Questions from the Media

Brian Pulliam with the South Cass Tribune asked for clarification that the proposed rate increases include a 2% increase for electric in 2021 and a 3% increase for sewer in 2021. The answer was yes given by Alderman Miller.

9. Adjourn From Regular Session

A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson with a second by Alderman Turner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Randall K. Jones, City Clerk