

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session February 2, 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: Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
J D Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Buddy Holley

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2010. Councilmember Mee made the motion and Councilmember Sampson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes from January 12, 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 salaries. Councilmember Mee made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

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

Paul Jordan stated he bought a small mobile business that he would like to set up within the city of Harriman. He has past his health department inspection and has his county business license. Now he is asking for council approval to set up his hotdog stand within the city limits and for a city business license. Councilmember Mynatt asked if he would be operating on a daily basis. Mr. Jordan stated he would set up on different days depending on which days work best. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Paul Jordan's business Smokey Dogs to set up within the Harriman city limits. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Mee. Councilmember Wright stated this would be contingent on Mr. Jordan getting his city business license. Mayor Mason stated that was correct. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

OLD BUSINESS

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Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt stated he passed out a copy of the proposed charter change to the council members at the workshop and asked them to look it over and make any comments. He stated any time they would like to sit down and discuss any part of the changes, he will be more than happy to answer any questions they might have and if he doesn't know the answer then he knows who to refer them to. He has received back from MTAS their recommendations on language changes and it is at the typist now being reworded.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright reported that he has closed out the HEAT account and gave all the funds to Dr. Kerley.

Bob Tidwell stated that this was February 2 and our tenant Larry Webb was moving but had not moved everything. Mayor Mason stated Mr. Webb had contacted him stating he would need a little more time due to the snow storm. Mayor Mason gave him until Friday February 5th to be moved. Mayor Mason stated the January 31st deadline was Mr. Webb's deadline not the councils.

Councilmember Mynatt stated that anyone who came a little late to the fire board missed seeing the new truck. The fire department brought it up for everyone to see and it has already been put to use. They were call out to a car fire and had to leave but would hopefully be back after the council meeting was over. The fire department has checked the truck out and it meets all of the specifications. They have driven up the steepest hills in Harriman fully loaded with equipment and personnel and the truck pulled the hill with no problem. Mayor Mason stated that Dr. Kerley had advised the council to vote to write the check and pay for the truck. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to write the check and pay for the new fire truck. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason stated the only old business he had was the contract renewal for Bill Landry. Mr. Landry has been working the TV station and Marketing for the City. Mayor Mason made a recommendation to extend Mr. Landry's contract until June, 2010. Mayor Mason stated that Roane State Community College has just committed to buying \$92,000 of TV equipment for the TV station. This equipment will give the college students the editing equipment they will need for the station. Mayor Mason stated that Mr. Landry has been working very hard to get the TV station up and running. Also Mr. Landry has been visiting several businesses and speaking to different groups on all that is happening in Harriman. Mr. Landry is in the process of meeting with some businesses from other counties and trying to persuade them to relocate to Harriman. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to extend Mr. Landry's contract until June 1, 2010. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

AGENDA

Discuss and possibly take action on transferring the industrial park property to the Economic Development Board to be for sale

Mayor Mason stated this had been discussed in the last workshop. This is the same piece of property in the Fisk Heights area that just about every council has tried to do something with. Mayor Mason stated that a mystery industry had been interested in this property but he hasn't heard from them in quite sometime. Mayor Mason stated he would like to get the ball moving on transferring the property over to the Economic Development Board so they can put it on the market for sale. Mayor Mason did suggest that the Planning Commission rezone this property to open space. Councilmember Tedder stated he thought that they should start with rezoning the property. He does have one problem with just transferring the property to the Economic Development Board, he would like some say in what is done with the property. Mayor Mason stated if this property is rezoned open space then whom ever purchases the property would have to get it rezoned before they move forward with any construction and it would have to go through the Planning Commission and then to the City Council for final approval. After much discussion Councilmember Sampson made a motion to request to have this property rezoned to open space, after the rezoning has taken place, then move forward with transferring the property to the Economic Development Board contingent on councils approval of the sale and contingent upon the Economic Development Board adopting their by-laws. This was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss Charter Change

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he would like to skip this item. Councilmember Mynatt said yes he would like to skip this item, he believed they have discussed all they could for now.

Discuss and possibly take action on recycling at the city complex

Mayor Mason stated he was approached by Michael Dunn and asked if we would like to have recycling at this facility. The cost would be \$7.00 every two weeks to

come and pick the recycling up. They would provide two or three bins that would hold paper, plastic and cardboard. Councilmember Tedder stated he was signed up for this service and several people he knew was signed up for it. He stated he thought it was a good thing. Mayor Mason stated he would like to lead by example and asked for a motion to move forward with having Michael Dunn pick up our recycling every two weeks. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Mee. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason stated he had a couple of announcements, since the last meeting they had a fire on Carter Street that he went out to and witnessed the fire department in action. He stated they did an excellent job by keeping the fire contained to just the one residents. He stated they had mutual aid from the City of Kingston and Midtown and they all did an excellent job. Mayor Mason stated they also had another fire on Poplar Street. He wanted to remind everyone to keep the family of A.J. Melton in our prayers because Mr. Melton lost his life in that fire.

Mayor Mason wanted to thank Drack and the street crew for the job they did on the streets during the inclement weather. He did not hear any complaints.

Councilmember Mynatt wanted to reiterate how dangerous the Fire Departments job is. He stated that at one of those fires, some oxygen tanks had exploded and blew three firemen out to the front yard.

Councilmember Sampson asked that since the fire department and the police department has volunteers, that the council might look into getting some high school students to volunteer at the office and working in the city's website. Councilmember Tedder stated that they might want to look at talking to someone over the DECA club. Mayor Mason stated it would be a good idea and he would talk to someone at the school.

Councilmember Tedder stated he visited our library a few days ago and Ms. Estes told him that there was 98 people through there on Monday. He wanted to let everyone know that the library is a great resource. Mayor Mason stated Dr. Kerley has sent TVA an invoice for \$200,000 just for the Library. The money will be used for a reading room and new computer equipment available to the citizens of Harriman.

Mayor Mason reminded everyone to please shop their local businesses.

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

Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

Angela Skidmore/City Clerk