

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MARCH 9, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session March 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  
JD Sampson  
Chase Tedder  
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2010. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Mee 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 Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

**DELEGATIONS**

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

Connie Carroll lives at 102 Love Drive. She wanted to let the record show that she only called one time on her neighbor because he was burning some items that put off a horrible smell. She stated that it could not have been a BBQ pit because the flames were as high as 30' in the air. She stated her mother and she has breathing problems and the smoke was coming in the windows and the horrible smell made them sick. She again wanted to let the record show that she was not against anyone enjoying their BBQ pit; she was against burning things that should not be burnt in a residential area.

David Condron stated he lives right behind the gentleman that Ms. Carroll was complaining about and stated the only thing that he has ever seen burnt in the pit was firewood.

Mike Demyanovich with the Temperance Preservation Committee reported he gave Bob Tidwell a copy of the historical survey that has been in the works for about a year. In this survey the council will find what needs to be done to the building and a cost estimate with diagrams.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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 he would like to see the city moving forward a little quicker than it has been. He stated we had several projects going and it doesn't seem like anything is being accomplished. He stated they have wasted three days working on the charter change when they could have been using that time focusing on the projects that was started before the charter change project. He stated he would like to table the charter change for now and focus on these projects and get them done first then come back to this later.

Councilmember Mynatt stated this is the reason he has proposed the City of Harriman going to a City Manager form of government, so that these projects will get done. He stated Councilmember Sampson is the very one who complains on things not getting done and he is the very one who doesn't want to move forward with hiring a city manager to stay on top of things and see these projects through to completion.

Councilmember Sampson stated if we hired someone tomorrow then it would take that person six months to a year to get organized and familiar with all the projects.

Councilmember Mynatt stated that was his point exactly and we need to quit wasting time and move forward with the charter change.

Mayor Mason reported he had some updates on some of the projects that Councilmember Sampson was referring to. The dialysis clinic being open 24 hours was not a problem. On the four story medical building, Mayor Mason had a conference call the week before with the county and that project is moving forward. Mayor Mason had a meeting with Roane State about the Princess Theatre and the TV station about the budgeting. The budget for the city is being worked on. Mayor Mason had lunch with Jess Rittenhouse, the chairman of the Economic Development Board, and they are moving forward with KCDC on the timeline for the Urban Renewal Plan. They are waiting on the Housing Authority to approve the document that the council approved back in January.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee apologized for having to bring this issue up again, but stated the park signs still have not been ordered. The only reason he is bringing it up is because he has been approached again. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to have Bob Tidwell issue a purchase order for the three park signs that will cost approximately \$6,000 and be paid for out of the special project line. The motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

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

Mayor Mason asked Bob Tidwell if he had any old business. Mr. Tidwell stated he has given everyone an outline with several items listed. He gave a brief update on the Temperance Building Grant, Pinnacle Point Environmental Issue, and the Channel 15 project. He also had a list of projects that he would be addressing at a meeting with the

DOT in Nashville. The list includes the Trailhead Welcome Center, Cornstalk Heights Trail, Streetscape and the Margrave Bridge.

Mayor Mason reported the crosswalks in the City have been taken down. Also he talked to Representative Dennis Ferguson about the turning lane in Midtown and they will hopefully have this issue resolved soon.

## **AGENDA**

### **Discuss and possibly take action on the insurance broker change**

Mayor Mason stated he sent out an email regarding the insurance broker change that happened last Tuesday. The broker change happened due to several misrepresentations that has been brought to the council's attention. Mayor Mason wanted to make sure the council was on the same page. Mayor Mason stated he had gone back through the bids that Councilmembers Holley and Wright had gone through. There were some questions as to which plan the City was actually on. The council was looking at two different plans. The first plan was 1AG and the second plan was called 197. These plans were quoted by United Health Care. The council had made the determination that UHC 197 was the plan that would best suit the city. He reported from what he had gathered, Albertson and Griffin were the only ones that had quoted this plan. Albertson's quote was \$465.01 for employee only paid by the city and Griffin's quote was \$470.94 for employee only paid by the city. The council voted to take Albertson as their broker with the insurance cost of employee only coverage of \$465.01. It had been brought to the council's attention that we had UHC Rivervalley plan. After much investigation UHC 197 was infact a Rivervalley plan and council had not been made aware of this detail. The next question was who was actually the next lowest bid. Mayor Mason stated he wanted to be fair and last week council approved to go with SEBS. Mayor Mason stated he could not find where SEBS was the next lowest bid. Mayor Mason reported that SEBS had infact quoted the UHC 197 but they used a different name than everyone else. Sarah McCoin reported the name she had was the actual contract name which was United Health Care Rivervalley and not UHC 197. Mayor Mason stated he was trying to justify why SEBS bid was left off of the spread sheet that Councilmember Holley had worked so many hours on. Mayor Mason asked Ms. McCoin about her email she sent this morning and the question was why is she the next lowest bidder. Sarah responded, it was clear the objective of the bids at the time of the bidding process was to look at the overall cost of not just the employee cost for the city but also the family cost. As of December 31, 2009 there were sixty employees on the insurance, one of which had family coverage. So the best plan would have been a two tier rate which would have saved the city and the employee with family coverage money. After much discussion Councilmember Mynatt made a motion to table this to a Special Call meeting before the council workshop on March 23, 2010. This was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Councilmember Mynatt reported from the Golf Board that the Golf Course is in need of a tractor. Tim Duff asked if Councilmember Mynatt would ask for council approval to purchase a tractor, not exceeding \$10,000, out of the salary line of the budget. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to waive the agenda rule. The motion

was made by Councilmember Mynatt and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Councilmember Mynatt made a motion to authorize the Golf Board to purchase a tractor for the Golf Course not to exceed \$10,000 by moving money in their budget to make the purchase and to work with the Treasurer on cash flow before they make the purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason reported that the minutes are up to date on the web site. He also wanted to remind everyone that Crusin' will be starting up April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 4-7p.m. Mayor Mason reminded everyone to please 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".



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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



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Angela Skidmore/City Clerk