

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MAY 4, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session, May 4, 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  
J.D. Sampson  
Chase Tedder  
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2010. Councilmember Holley made the motion and Councilmember Mee seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Call meeting from April 20, 2010. Councilmember Mee made the motion and Councilmember Holley seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve and pay the salaries. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

**DELEGATIONS**

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

Bill Alexander was addressing the railroad crossing on Pine Ridge Road. Mayor Mason mentioned he talked to them today. They laid down the first coat of asphalt and they were letting it settle and the railroad ties settle under it. They are going to put another coat on top to make it smooth. Mayor asked if they could patch the road temporarily. They said they could. Bill Alexander wondered if they are going to make the street by the hospital two-way. He was getting tired of people going the wrong way. People are still going two-way. Mayor Mason didn't know if they were going to make change. He felt after the hospital leaves they would. He did not remember why they did it in the first place. Councilmember Mynatt spoke the reason they did this was the traffic congestion with the ambulance coming in and out. Councilmember Mynatt said you can make laws but cannot make people obey them.

Kathy Britton had three things she needed to talk to the council about. 1) The home that burnt on Carter Street. She lives on Morgan St. But is still affected by this burnt home. When asked, she was told this house could not be demolished because it is under investigation. She did not know if the law enforcement knew about this. There are people going in the house all the time, even children. This is a major issue, not to

mention garbage the owners left, that has been there for months. She would be glad to pay the \$20.00 for garbage pick up if she knew the owner would not put anything else in the alley way. We do not live in the ghetto. Mayor Mason mentioned it was top on the list to be torn down. Asst. Chief Humphrey mention the police department was involved in this. The insurance company is still investigating this. Mayor Mason asked if there was a trash issue in the back. Britton said mattresses sitting outside bring in rats and everything. It is very filthy. Mayor Mason asked if there was an apartment behind the house. Britton said there was an apartment and the women does her best to get people that cause trouble.

The police department was at this location just the other night and that is another ongoing issue. There is a mess in the front and back. Screaming and hollering which causes us to call the police. There was a man drunk in the alleyway banging on the doors. It is so horrible. You don't know what going to happen.

2 )Alley way is so dark. We have 4 utility poles. 3 have lights but the one that is needed by the apartment has no lights. Britton called HUB today about the light. Britton asked if she had to pay for it and HUB said yes, unless the city puts it up. Britton said she was not paying for it. The city took the street light out up front and the alley way is dark and that is where the police department is getting calls. She wants a light. Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson to check on this and asked Asst. Chief Humphrey to issue extra patrol. 3) Street lights on Morgan Street. There is one light pole the city put up that looks hideous and does not serve a purpose with trees and an empty house. She advises anyone of the council to drive or walk on this street at night. That is all she has to say.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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 Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee stated he would like a committee representative for each committee at the meetings to report. Mayor Mason stated to he would like a Committee Report to be put on the Agenda.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. 1) Councilmember Sampson stated that the Chairman of the Economic Board has missed several meetings. Chairman does not show up at meetings, and wondered if the Vice Chairman (Hugh Sliger) could take over or give Hugh Sliger a key. The Chairman has all the paperwork. Mayor Mason said he has asked for a report for this evening. Councilmember Sampson stated the committee has taken the time to attend meetings and the chairman does not show up. KCDC is getting aggravated. Mayor Mason has stated he had talked with them today and has given his name and Maria Nelson as a contact. 2) Sign Ordinance: Councilmember Sampson stated the Council never adopted the last draft of the sign ordinance. The last amendment adopted, you could only have so many seconds for the advertisement change on the electronic sign. He did not know for sure if the city sign meets the ordinance. After much discussion, the council withdrew the motion to lift the sign ordinance. The motion was passed by Councilmember Sampson and seconded by Councilmember Mee. With much discussion, Mayor Mason and the Council decided to have this on the Agenda for the Planning Commission to meet at the

workshop and iron it out then. Mayor Mason ask all Council Members if there is any problem with Councilmember Sampson withdrawing his motion. The council all agreed to put this matter on the Agenda with the Planning Commission. Mayor Mason agreed to Contact Chair Person Alan Williams from the Planning Commission to attend Council workshop on May 18, 2010 Mayor Mason asked Council Member Sampson if he had any other old business he stated he did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder asked what was happening at the Riverfront Park. He asked why the road was being torn up. An unidentified truck was at the location. He thought they should have waited since this was Polk Salad Festival weekend. Mayor Mason stated he would be checking on this.

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 Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright stated the Mighty Cab business working out of South Harriman had picked up an application for a business license a month ago but never returned to actually get a license. Asst. Chief Humphrey was appointed to check on this and to give Councilmember Wright an update on this.

### **AGENDA**

Ordinance No. 0510-01-An ordinance amending the Harriman Zoning map by rezoning certain property from I-1 light industrial district to O-S open space, park, agricultural, public, and semi public. The reading of the ordinance by Mayor Mason. Open for discussion on 0510-01. The current businesses will not be affected at this time. Mayor Mason stated once it is deeded to the industrial board it will not change for example a junk yard unless it is zoned for a junk yard. This was to try to protect our interest. Mayor Mason noted this was the first reading. After much discussion Councilmember Wright made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Certificate of Compliance for Meera Priya, Inc dba Laura's Liquor & Wine Store. Owners Vijay B. Patel & Monoj M. Patel. 50/50 owners. Mason asked Asst. Chief. Humphrey if all background checks were completed for the two owners. Asst. Chief Humphrey said they were completed. Councilmember Tedder made the motion to approve the new ownership and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with unanimous roll call "Yes".

HUB appointment to Chris Marsalis. He will be replacing Nancy Thompson. She is rotating off. Mayor Mason stated Chris was family man and the head high school tennis coach and supervisor of the counter intelligence at DOE. He is interested in giving back to the community. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked Treasurer Charles Kerley if he had any old business. Treasurer Charles Kerley stated he did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked City Coordinator Bob Tidwell if he had any old business. City Coordinator stated he had one item. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell stated since we have closed Margrave Bridge, Margrave is not a through street anymore. We have a stop sign where Queen St intersects with Margrave and the police are enforcing that stop sign. It shouldn't be a stop sign. It should come down. It is a left turn curve. Mayor Mason asked Chief Humphrey to get with Drack (Street Dept. Head) to address this situation.

Mayor Mason wanted everyone to know that Dr. Bass from the Body Farm will be at the Harriman High School Auditorium for "The Bone Thief" book signing on May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm. Also to remind everyone the Polk Salad Festival and Polk Salad Crowning is happening at Riverfront Park and "The Crusin" will be downtown, also to please shop at your local businesses.

Mayor Mason asked if there was any other business brought towards the board.

Councilmember Mynatt spoke, he had another item to bring up. He brought up annexation and the hiring of a city manager and why we haven't moved on that issue. He also mentioned charter changes that need to be made. He stated that all of this was discussed in the workshop. Mayor Mason stated that the agenda rule needed to be waived to have discussion. Motion was made by Councilmember Sampson and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. Mayor Mason asked if anyone would like to yield to the floor. Councilmember Mynatt yielded to an unidentified resident of Harriman. The resident stated he thought the city needed someone in charge. He mentioned the Walking Trail was not finished. He felt the city needed a direction change. We have a great downtown area that looks like crap. Kathy Britton took the floor agreeing with the unidentified Harriman resident. Kathy Britton has expressed Harriman being an historical town and changing the direction in the town. Mayor Mason ask Councilmember Mynatt if we could put this on as an agenda item next week. Councilmember Mynatt said "Yes". Mayor Mason asked if there is any other business. Councilmember Mynatt yielded the floor to another unidentified Harriman resident. He stated the city was a million dollar business and should be handled like a business.

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



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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



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Angela Skidmore/City Clerk