

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 11, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session, May 11, 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 May 4, 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 Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

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

Bill Alexander wanted to voice his opinion on a comment that was made at last weeks meeting about nothing getting done. He stated that things take time in government. When you have grants and such you submit the paper work the state reviews it and makes their changes and sends it back. When you are working with government money these things take time and they do not happen over night. He used the Library project that was just completed as an example. It took them what seemed like forever, but it is now complete. He wanted the citizens to know that things are being done, but when dealing with government it takes time.

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 did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson wanted to report on the Midtown sewer issue with customers being billed and not having access to tap on. He stated the billing department had made a mistake and they have corrected it. He wants Mayor Mason to see about getting the sewer lines installed in the near future.

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 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 gave a brief report on the paving project. Frankie Davis will be meeting with the committee to look at all the streets that are expected to be paved. He also made a brief comment on the timeline that the Harriman Economic Development Board has given to the council.

AGENDA

Committee Reports

Mayor Mason asked for any new reports from the committees. Mayor Mason stated this would be on the agenda for all of the meetings. He stated he wanted the committees to give updates on a regular basis.

Second reading of Ordinance # 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/semi-public

Mayor Mason stated this ordinance passed the first reading last week and the public hearing was held prior to this meeting. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve this ordinance. Councilmember Wright made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss and possibly take action putting proposed charter change on the August Ballot

Mayor Mason stated he put this on the agenda to get more discussion. Mayor Mason asked if the council would rather move this item to the workshop. Councilmember Tedder made a motion to move this item to the next workshop which will be May 18, 2010 at 6:00pm. This was seconded by Councilmember Holley. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason wanted to give an update on things that have been completed since he has been Mayor. About three years ago they successfully sold the Hospital that will move forward with an approximate \$50,000,000 facility for healthcare. They did a quick annexation in Midtown so the hospital would be in the Harriman City limits. This almost simultaneously stopped Kingston from coming across the bridge in an annexation lawsuit. The City has been working with TVA for about a year and a half communicating our needs of how the city has been hurt and this has been successful. They have been pursuing any monies that might be owed to the city on the Pinnacle Point project. They have assembled a Golf Board and have made capital improvements of approximately \$3,000 to be able to water the fairways. The utility rates have been cut by about 3%. They have given raises within the police department to make them more competitive. They have purchased a new fire truck, started a fire explorer program and has dropped the ISO rate for the City of Harriman to a 4 from a 5. They have started a police

explorer program, a reserve program, a citizen's police academy, a neighborhood watch program and crime is officially lower in Harriman. There is five new businesses in downtown and there is more to come. The Princess Theatre is going to be a educational complex. It will be the county's center for arts education for all ages. They are going to start paving in the next couple of months and will cost around \$500,000. They have acquired a new building and have merged several offices to make it more accessible for the citizens. The downtown is much cleaner. They are going to do a lighting project on the north end of Harriman. They have acquired the money so this will not cost the taxpayers a penny. They have acquired \$200,000 to update the library's technology. They have successfully installed an elevator in the library. They have accumulated over 600 tires during the clean up dates in the spring and fall. They pick up over 100 bags of trash each week, so the town is much cleaner. Dr. Kerley has worked hard to get the city's credit rating down to an A-1 rate which saves the city money. They have acquired a \$100,000 energy grant. They have assembled a Temperance Building committee which has acquired a grant that will start the restoration process of the Temperance Building. The riverfront study has been successful. They have assembled the Economic Development Board to move forward with the redevelopment downtown when the hospital moves. There will be several vacant buildings and they want to look to the future of these buildings once this process takes place. Mayor Mason stated he wanted to bring these things to light because after last weeks meeting everyone seemed down after the remark was made that they were not getting anything accomplished. This is just a small list of things that have been accomplished in the last three years.

Mayor Mason reported a Public Meeting notice on the Urban Renewal plan for the City of Harriman. This will take place Tuesday May 18, 2010 at 5pm in the City Municipal Complex. Randy Ellis is having a bottled water drive for the Relief Effort for the Nashville flood. Dr. Bill Bass will be at the Harriman High School Auditorium May 13, 2010 at 7pm.

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 Mee. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous "Aye".



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Angela Skidmore/City Clerk