

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2010

The Harriman City Council met in regular session August 10, 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 August 3, 2010. Councilmember Sampson made the motion and Councilmember Holley 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.

Police Chief Randy Heidle approached council about the City utilizing govdeals.com to auction anything that needs to be auctioned off. Chief Heidle stated that several cities in Roane County already utilize this site. This will give the City the opportunity to sell things quicker and possibly bring a higher bid. The amount the city would have to pay is about the same price to hold a live auction. After much discussion Councilmember Mynatt made a motion to work with Dr. Kerley for the City to start utilizing govdeals.com. This was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Sarah McCain with SEBS wanted to talk about a few things that the city will need to think about with the insurance renewal coming up. She stated her firm is already trying to get an extension for the same rates on the dental plan. The life insurance is a guarantee rate for two years. She reported they had class on My Wave Portal and HR Connections with several clients of SEBS at police training room. They had great feed back on the facilities and were very appreciative of the use of the facility. She reported they hosted a Health Care Reform seminar in Knoxville with about a half dozen Roane County representatives in attendance along with several East Tennessee companies and Local Governments. Harriman was represented by Angie Skidmore. She handed everyone a packet that was handed out at this seminar. The packet includes several changes that are coming down the pike to all employers. She gave some suggestions to the council about the RFP that HUB has posted in the paper. Also she wanted to clarify that the city was given inaccurate information on the blending of HUB and the City on the health

insurance. She stated this can be done regardless of what amount is paid by the employer. Sarah has suggested the city consider the broker commissions be a flat 3%.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason stated the traffic light at Pine Ridge Rd is complete. The TV station is all but finished. Gary Baker is donating the labor for the electrical and they are just waiting on the final drawings from Roane State. Bill Alexander is donating all of the labor for the heating and air conditioning installation. We will just need to get the materials list from Mr. Baker and Mr. Alexander so we can have an idea of the cost.

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 congratulate Randy Ellis on winning the County Commission election. Councilmember Sampson reported there needs to be arrows painted on the road for the traffic light in Midtown. Mayor Mason stated he would get with the State and find out if that is our responsibility. Councilmember Sampson had a request from Mr. Newcomb, the chairman of the Alumni, to see if they could start meeting downstairs due to several members not being able to go up and down the stairs. After deliberation, they decided to have Councilmember Sampson to make sure it was alright with them to just meet downstairs but keep all their belongings upstairs.

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 stated he did not have any at this time.

AGENDA

Committee Reports

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright for a committee report. Councilmember Wright reported the utility updates were on schedule and the paving will start as soon as the bids came in. Dr. Kerley stated he sent out bids on the paving and they were due into his office by August 17, 2010. Councilmember Tedder had a request about the pine trees on Morning Dr. The tree roots are running under the road and asked that Drack look into the situation

Councilmember Mee reported the Golf Board will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm in the City Municipal Complex.

Discuss and possibly approve to bid the Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance
Mayor Mason requested this be discussed in a workshop so everyone can be on the same page. Mayor Mason would like to recommend Councilmember Wright and Councilmember Holley be on the committee again. The two members agreed to set on the committee again. Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright to place this item on the workshop agenda.

Committee and Board Appointments

Board of Zoning and Appeals

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to appoint Mike Borman and Keith Howe to the BZA. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous roll “Yes”.

Historic Zoning Board

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to appoint Bill Alexander to the Historic Zoning Board. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call “Yes”.

Mayor Mason reported the Farmers Market is open at 3:00pm on Wednesday and at 8:00am on Saturday. Also the last Crusin’ for this year will be this Saturday. 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”.

Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

Angela Skidmore/City Clerk