

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session, October 12, 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
J.D. Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Ken Mynatt

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 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 pay the bill from previous month. 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.

Earl King stated the sewer line was clogged at his home. This has been an ongoing problem for 25 years and HUB is charging \$50.00 each time they unclog the sewer. Earl King states the line needs to be cleaned out and replaced. He feels HUB is discriminating against him because he believes his neighbors are at fault and why should he be the one paying. Earl King states the main sewer line is the problem. Mayor Mason delegated Councilmember Holley to check with HUB on the problem and get back with Mr. King.

Mary Holley stated she would like the city to purchase more litter receptacles for the town. Mayor Mason stated he would check to see if any funds were left from the lighting grant for the north end of the city. Mayor Mason felt this would fall under this grant.

Ed D'Alessandro stated he thought the free movie similar to the one the City of Knoxville was featuring by the Library Sponsors is an event that the City of Harriman could possibly consider. He thought this would be something Harriman could offer to the public. Mayor Mason states this is a very good idea and suggests this is something for the Ghost Tour committee to check on.

Chief Heidle gave an update on the K-9 Seminar. Chief Heidle said it was a success. Twenty-five teams attended. Chief Heidle asked for an approval to just take bids for 2 new patrol cars. They would be paid for by the Drug Fund. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to take bids on purchasing 2 new patrol cars paid for by the Drug Fund.

Councilmember Tedder made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call “Yes”.

OLD BUSINESS

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Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson was questioning the HUB Repair Bills. Councilmember Sampson was afraid the city was being double billed. Mayor Mason directed Councilmember Sampson to make a call to HUB to check on this.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder stated the cross was replaced at the Riverfront Park today. He was very pleased with the site from the bridge and wanted to thank Drack’s Street Department for their help.

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 Harold Balcom if he had any old business. Harold Balcom stated Drack and he went to Pinnacle Point. He discussed several options that Council could approve but felt an appraisal on the property in question was the best way to go. Councilmember Mee stated he felt there was no winnable solution. Mayor Mason moved forward in having the appraisal for the property in question. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and Councilmember Sampson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call of 5 “Yes” vote and 1 “No” vote by Councilmember Mee.

Treasurer Charles Kerley discussed the certified tax rate for the city. Assessed value for 2009 \$91,097,104 and the 2010 \$112,217,500. An assessment increased 23%. The certified tax rate is 1.1933.

Bob Tidwell, City Coordinator gave an update on four different projects that the city would be completing within 6 or 7 months. (1) City Paving is funded by city, (2) EECDBG funded by Energy Grant, (3) STP (street) fund by state grant, (4) Local – Retrofit-JCI. These projects are all funded by grants with the exception of paving. Bob Tidwell met with the state people this morning. The traffic lighting cannot start for another 2 months.

Mayor Mason stated the city had potential developers for a business downtown when the hospital vacates. Maria Nelson, Building Inspector has mapped each piece of property downtown with the address of the owner and if all taxes are paid. This is for Alicia Harris and her advisory committee so they can go ahead and get started. They will send a letter to the people who are not in compliance with codes and taxes.

Attorney Harold Balcom suggested a committee be appointed for meeting with the Housing Authority on the street and sidewalks mentioned in the letter received by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Mason appointed Drack Langley, Harold Balcom and Councilmember Chase Tedder.

Mayor Mason wanted to mention the Cornstalk Heights Haunted House tour was a success. Around 500 people attended. Mayor Mason wanted to commend Joe Jones and the people who participated for a job well done.

Committee Reports

Councilmember Tedder stated he was emailing the Temperance Building committee at this time to schedule a meeting in the next month.

AGENDA

Public hearing was held prior to council meeting on Ordinance 0910-02

Second reading of Ordinance 0910-02

An ordinance abandoning approximately 2,019 feet of right-of-way between Hannah Road running through the Charles Bissell property, shown on Roane County Tax Map 018, Parcel 002.00 and the Harriman Utility Board Property, Roane County Tax Map 018, Parcel 002.04 ending at State Highway 29/Harriman Highway in the City of Harriman, Tennessee are hereby adjoining the property owners. Said Section of right-of-way being more clearly shown on the attached map.

Mayor Mason yielded the floor to Attorney Harold Balcom. Harold read Ordinance 0910-02 aloud for everyone. Councilmember Tedder made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 0910-02 and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes"

Discuss possible State Audit

Attorney Harold Balcom feels we should move forward with a state audit. The last time he checked the audit was around \$10,000. The information will be helpful for the city for court. Mayor Mason appointed Treasurer Charles Kerley to check on the cost of a state audit.

Discuss and possibly take action on actuary study on TCRS

TCRS needs to close out the old retirement system. Treasurer Charles Kerley stated a bid should be taken to do a study on the results of what the numbers were based on. Councilmember Sampson made a motion to move forward with an actuary study on TCRS and was seconded by Councilmember Holley. Mayor Mason open the floor for discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes". Treasurer Charles Kerley would check on prices for the study.

Committee and Board Appointments

Harriman Housing Board would like to replace Mark Pendergrass, who is resident committee member, with Alfreda Forney. The board would like Building Inspector, Marie Nelson to replace Alfreda Forney who is also a committee member. Mayor Mason states Marie Nelson, Building Inspector would be an

asset to this committee. Councilmember Tedder made a motion to approve the appointments and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Industrial Development Board will meet next Monday night, 6:00pm to discuss what is going on downtown.

Halloween is scheduled 6:00pm to 8:30pm October 30, 2010, Saturday night instead of Sunday.

Mayor Mason reminded everyone to please shop at their local businesses.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Angela Skidmore/City Clerk