

**MINUTE OF HARRISVILLE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
363 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, Utah 84404**

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**Present:** Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Jennifer Jensen, Council Member Michael Murtha, Council Member Ruth Pearce.

**Staff:** Bill Morris, City Administrator, Gene Bingham, Public Works Director, Sean Lambert, Future Public Works Director, Lynn Fortie, Treasurer, Pamela Crosbie, Finance Clerk, Keith Wheelwright, Police Lieutenant, Max Jackson, Police Chief, Bryan Fife, Recreation Director, Jennie Knight, City Recorder, Rick Hill, Bailiff.

**Visitors:** Patricia Young, Robert Young, Stephen Weiss, Austin Teuscher, Brenna Teuscher, Chad Holbrook, Jennifer Moore, Dennis Moore, Krislyn Murray, Nathan Averill, Ann Richins, Brenda Nelson, Cindy Boccia, Roger Shuman, Kevin Jensen, Vivienne Murtha, Blakely Champneys, Bill Smith, Shantel Champneys, Jordan Read, Adam ?, Shanna Edwards, Lynn Edwards, Anna Hadley, Grover Wilhelmsen, Jacob Schlegel.

**6:00P.M. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mayor Richins called the work session to order. Lynn Fortie reviewed the changes that were made from the last discussion. Public Works moved the truck purchase to the storm water utility fund. Gene Bingham said he reviewed the annual permit to make sure we are in compliance with this purchase. They can justify this with exception to the snow plow. They also reduced the engineering budget. Police reduced the DUI overtime budget by \$2,500 and removed the physical fitness incentive. Chief Jackson said typically beer tax money is used to augment the general fund on DUI overtime. They have essentially removed the dependency on the general fund for this. The alcohol enforcement money is all they will be paying out of now.

Bryan Fife said the recreation part time wages can be reduced slightly, also the Orion Jr. High line item. He can also removed field #6 from use for an additional savings. The total savings from Parks and Recreation is \$3,300. Bryan Fife explained the dirt conditioner he is requesting absorbs moisture to make the fields usable. Council Member Jensen said this will help so games don't have to be canceled. She also expressed her desire to hold a competition tournament in our city parks.

Bill Morris explained the administrative department recently received a large building permit which will help balance the current year's budget. Lynn Fortie said there was a \$4,400 deficit before this was received. Bill Morris further explained he is proposing a 1% increase for the administrative department and a \$2,000 bonus for full time employees and \$1,000 bonus for part time employees. He already spoke about this with Mayor Richins and Council Member Murtha. Council Member Jensen agreed. Bill Morris explained the administrative department works hard on building permits and this is an

incentive for his staff. As they see large permits coming in they will be in favor of working hard with a bonus program as an incentive. Council Member Murtha asked what the total number is for the bonuses. Bill Morris said \$9,000 total. That will leave \$75,000 as surplus to offset the deficit in other departments. Council Member Jensen said she feels confident there will not be a deficit. Council Member Jeff Pearce pointed out there will still be additional building permits issued as well.

Council Member Murtha reported he contacted Lynn Fortie to clarify which employees have already received an increase. He proposed that no employees that have received more than 1% increase including department heads receive additional increase. Anyone who already received a raise would not receive anything more. This would be a savings of \$31,000 for the proposed budget. Lynn Fortie clarified that he calculated this but included bringing everyone up to the 1.5% proposed amount. So if an employee received a 1% he calculated an additional .5% for that employee. Council Member Murtha said some discussion has been given in the past about this but encouraged Council to consider a standard in the future. He feels this makes it fair and evens things out. Further discussion can be given in time for next year's budget discussions.

Gene Bingham expressed his concern about doing different things in different departments. Typically this is done across the board; he is concerned having each department march to the beat of their own drum. Mayor Richins said this needs to be done. Gene Bingham pointed out sometimes things get overlooked. Council doesn't always remember what has been done the previous year. Mayor Richins said the police department was evaluated in addition to a few other things. Gene Bingham urged Council to consider having continuity between the departments and also from year to year. Council Member Murtha agreed this needs to be standardized. He would like to develop a credible standard that will support the public interest as well. He used the federal government guidelines as an example. Gene Bingham expressed his concern with each department doing their own thing with no continuity; how are they going to keep a grasp on things and remember what was done.

Chief Jackson said he feels a strategic plan is the key; knowing where the city will be 5 years out. He said there was previously a step and grade used but this was eliminated. Gene Bingham explained this was likely due to a change in administration. Council Member Jensen said she is in favor of a step in grade again. Chief Jackson said this is a good selling point when hiring new employees. On an employee's anniversary date they will know exactly what merit increase they will receive and additionally any COLA from the fiscal year. They already have a guide if they are performing at their appropriate standard.

Council Member Jensen said she was not in favor of the department heads getting nothing. She feels they are working hard and doesn't want them not to get something. Council Member Murtha said he is proposing a 1.5% merit raise until the budget balances.

Council Member Robinson asked how much of the building permit received was from impact fees. Bill Morris explained the total for impact fees was \$115,000. The \$90,000 was the building permit alone.

Council Member Robinson said private industry doesn't do standard merit and COLA raises every year. Council Member Jensen pointed out that the private sector pays on average \$30,000 more than public employees. Her husband works for Ogden City and

when salaries are compared it's only between cities, not private sector. Council Member Robinson said he feels you must compare against the private sector because city employees have good benefits. Council Member Jensen pointed out, yes, because they get this in benefits not pay. Council Member Robinson said he feels government employees like school districts, and other public entities have hefty retirements. Council Member Jensen said this is not a fair comparison. Council Member Robinson said he does not have a problem with Bill Morris' proposal. He said if there are raises given, they should find a way to give them to everyone. He expressed his desire to build the rainy day fund for the future because the economy is due for a downturn.

Council Member Murtha proposed a 1.5% merit increase across the board for everyone. Mayor Richins pointed out this is allocated as a 1.5% merit pool of money and the department heads are allowed to disperse this to employees as they see fit. Sometimes the directors do not take the raise but they will determine who within their departments will receive an increase. Chief Jackson said he has some employees that won't be receiving anything. Council Member Murtha said he realizes that when the discussion involves pay and wages, they have to tread lightly. He likes this new proposal. Lynn Fortie asked for clarification for this to be calculated on all salaries. Council Members Murtha and Jensen said yes. Council Member Robinson asked where that will leave the deficit. Lynn Fortie said he will have to calculate that.

Council Member Jensen said based on recreation feedback she is hesitant to raise the fees. She presented the results of research comparing our surrounding cities with exception of Ogden City. She feels justified with a \$10 increase to basketball registration. Bryan Fife clarified the jersey for basketball is paid for in addition to registration fees. Council Member Jensen said she feels like our basketball program is better than others.

Council Member Robinson asked what the part time wages will be changed to. Council Member Murtha reminded Council Member Robinson the total of all Recreation adjustments is \$3,300. Council Member Robinson said there is still a deficit in the Recreation budget. Council Member Jensen said she has not received any feedback from any resident who is not willing to pay for that. Council Member Robinson said he feels there are too many people expecting entitlements. Council Member Jensen said she is not saying that, these people are taxpaying citizens. She explained there are a large number of people enjoying the park community right now. Council Member Robinson said he doesn't feel like Council should spend tax dollars to support kids playing ball. Council Member Jensen said the RAMP grant is an example of people voting for recreation. Council Member Robinson said he is entitled to his opinion and suggested raising the recreation fee to \$45. Council Member Jensen suggested \$40 for baseball/softball and \$45 for basketball. Council Members Ruth Pearce and Jeff Pearce agreed with Council Member Jensen. Council Member Murtha said he is indifferent but will always be in favor of a lower fee. Council Member Robinson said there is still a \$12,000 deficit in Recreation that is costing the citizens. Council Member Robinson asked what the city's population is. Bill Morris said around 6,800 residents. He said the resolution can be updated when Council reviews things on the regular agenda. Council Member Ruth Pearce asked when the last time an officer was called out from home, other than the chief or detective. Chief Jackson responded the detective belongs to the Weber County Homicide team. Council Member Ruth Pearce asked how many

officers drive their police vehicles home. Chief Jackson responded all of them. Council Member Ruth Pearce asked if they consolidate for training. Chief Jackson explained they take the same vehicle if they are all going to the same training. Mayor Richins pointed out Detective Moore lives within the city.

Council Member Murtha asked if they in fact reduced the line item for Mayor and Council training. Mayor Richins said he thought they cut that line item to \$2,500. They decided they would reduce that because they are not staying in hotels. Council Member Murtha said they will find out in the future if that is enough. Council Member Jensen said this should cover the costs because only half of the Council usually attends the training at any one time.

Lynn Fortie reminded Council the adoption of the final budget will be on the next Council agenda. Jennie Knight explained the original public hearing date was posted in error. The public hearing will be properly noticed and held on June 14, 2016. Council Member Robinson suggested holding a special meeting on June 21, 2016 to adopt the final budget. Council Member Jensen suggested adopting the budget on June 14, 2016. Council Member Jeff Pearce pointed out they are just about finished with the discussion anyway. Council Member Murtha said he doesn't feel like they are finished yet. Council Member Jensen pointed out this leaves two more weeks before the meeting will be held to come up with additional cuts. She also pointed out there is time during this meeting to continue discussion.

Bill Morris said there are two line items being added to the capital projects budget. The fence for the recreation compound at a proposed cost of \$30,000; Lynn Fortie pointed out this will be funded out of park impact fees. Bill Morris said additionally a line item needs to be added for the proposed security system. Mayor and Council agreed to allot \$50,000 for the security system. Council Member Jensen asked if this is all encompassing. Bill Morris said for the splash pad and cabin. There will also be a line item for Economic Development at a proposed cost of \$25,000. Lynn Fortie said the park impact fees will not show under the capital projects. Gene Bingham pointed out the security system could likely be taken from park impact fees as well. Bill Morris suggested a half and half proposal. Mayor Richins asked for a follow up date on the budget hearing. Lynn Fortie said there is likely around \$71,000 deficit at this point. Council Members Jensen, Ruth Pearce, and Jeff Pearce agreed to hold the hearing and adopting on the final budget on June 14, 2016.

Council Member Ruth Pearce asked for the revised budget to be available one week prior to the public hearing.

Council Member Robinson asked if they could solicit sponsorship from businesses for the recreation teams. Council Member Jensen pointed out businesses usually sponsor comp teams, this is recreation. She said comp teams are run very differently. Not everyone gets to play and the parents pay more. Council Member Robinson asked if this is any better for the kids. Mayor Richins said this is much more competitive. Council Member Jensen said all kids are allowed to play through city recreation.

## **7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Richins called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

## **2. Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Ruth Pearce led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

## **3. Consent Items.**

### **a. Approve the minutes of May 10, 2016 as presented.**

**MOTION: Council Member Jeff Pearce motioned to approve the consent items for May 24, 2016. Council Member Murtha seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

## **4. Business Items.**

### **a. Better City Presentation**

Matt Godfrey, Better City, presented the data he collected through conducting multiple interviews with stake holders throughout our community. By compiling the data and reviewing 15 years of financial documents he was able to project towards establishing common trends. He feels a strategic plan with projected feasibility by creating a pre-development strategy would benefit the city over the long term. His objectives include improving quality of life, economic viability, and changing market dynamics. He reviewed the demographics of Harrisville which are: predominately white, high school educated, with strong growth, very low poverty, high home ownership, and a stable population. Some of the information collected from the stake holder interviews indicated the need to be proactive, redevelop main corridors, improve the city image, bring in more retail, and increase the tax base. Other concerns were discovered such as a feeling of no clear vision and a desire for more senior housing. Multi-family housing was viewed unfavorably but mixed use was viewed favorably.

The budget deficit was projected to rise from \$75,473 to \$428,417 by the year 2025. He proposed a non-traditional approach of including mixed use zoning to provide a more stable environment with both property and sales tax revenue. He suggested the city be proactive and aggressive, identify one or two key projects, use our main corridor, and keep high quality architecture/design development, and finally try to draw in a \$30 million investment. He suggested updating the general plan and city ordinances to include design standards, keeping the community vision in mind to create iconic places. He highly suggested Council consider mixed-use projects. He also introduced key steps the city can take in the future such as: identify a location for development or redevelopment, having a master plan development, perform a feasibility study, identify financial gap, establish CRA, recruit developer, and repeat this process.

Council Member Murtha asked if there was a common trend among the stake holder feedback. Matt Godfrey replied most said they are comfortable in their existing neighborhoods and that is not something that is necessarily obvious from the developer's perspective. He said many mentioned the city park as the main gathering area for the city. Council Member Jensen said she thinks of Farmington Station as an example of mixed use. She understands North Ogden is putting in a mixed use area where Country Boy Dairy used to be. Matt Godfrey said he is familiar with that project and doesn't see that as a threat to the future of Harrisville. This is a horizontal mixed

use not vertical and he doesn't feel this is a game changing move because they are just combining zoning close together not creating space where there is housing with retail. He said maybe the city consider multi-family as not necessarily a negative thing. There is more of a market for this type of housing and also senior housing creating mixed use by combining with small retail spaces. Also with the high traffic counts, this helps bring in quick service restaurants or small café style chain restaurants. People will travel to these spaces because they are one stop. Council Member Robinson asked if this is more like downtown Provo. Matt Godfrey said not really because they have not redeveloped at all. He said more like the Daybreak development. Herriman also has a small project that would fit this profile. Council Member Robinson asked what area of the city is envisioned for this type of development. Council Member Pearce suggested down by Walmart. Matt Godfrey said to take a look at any currently unoccupied areas. He suggested looking towards the high traffic corridors, moving out from there. One logical place is along Harrisville Road or Highway 89, making the entrance to the city noticeable so people realize they have entered Harrisville. Council Member Murtha thanked Matt Godfrey for his presentation. He hopes this has caught the attention of others as to where the city is headed. He said he has a few areas in mind and likes the idea of redeveloping some existing space and taking advantage of multiple spaces. Gene Bingham commented he would like Council to consider broadening that perspective to include residential neighborhoods that may need redevelopment considerations.

**b. 2016 Annual Paint Striping**

Gene Bingham explained he comes in annually for the paint striping projects. He solicits bids from reputable companies that have worked for us in the past. Mountain West has honored their price from last year. Gene Bingham explained he likes to complete the road projects first and then complete paint striping, having everything finished before school starts again. Since Mountain West Striping will be honoring their previous price, he is here seeking approval from Council. Again this is done annually for maintenance.

**MOTION: Council Member Robinson motioned to award the 2016 Annual Paint Striping projects to Mountain West Striping in the amount of \$5,252.62. Council Member Ruth Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

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| <b>Council Member R. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Murtha</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Jensen</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Robinson</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member J. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**c. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-02; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, amending policy manual relating to idle free vehicle policy.**

Bill Morris explained this resolution updates the policy manual relating to an idle free vehicle policy. There was not a model in Weber County so he adapted one from Salt Lake City.

**MOTION: Council Member Ruth Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-02; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, amending policy manual relating to idle free vehicle policy. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

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| <b>Council Member R. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Murtha</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Jensen</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Robinson</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member J. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**d. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-03; a joint resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, entering an agreement for the Harrisville Farmer's Market.**

Bill Morris explained this is a joint resolution entering into an agreement for the Farmer's Market. He acknowledged the effort given by Council Member Ruth for the Farmer's Market. He said he put together a simple contract with the volunteer who is going to run the market. He encouraged Council to review this agreement making sure things are not missing. Council can evaluate this and see if we want to continue with this next year and build on what former Council Member Michelle Tait began last year.

Council Member Jensen asked if this agreement was with Susan Crosthwaite. Bill Morris responded yes and also pointed out this includes starting times, clean up and restrooms. Council Member Jensen asked if the volunteer has agreed. Mayor Richins asked what can be expected on the cleaning supplies. Bill Morris said he's not sure exactly. We will provide paper products and supplies. This will be a trial run because we have not done this before. Council Member Jensen expressed her agreement. Council Member Ruth Pearce said she has been communicating with Susan Crosthwaite through email and she has some good vendors involved who not only want to participate in our market but other cities as well. She has a lot of contacts to draw from that we have not had in the past in addition to the list of all participants from last year.

**MOTION: Council Member Ruth Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-03; a joint resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, entering an agreement for the Harrisville Farmer's Market. Council Member Murtha seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

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| <b>Council Member R. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Murtha</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Jensen</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Robinson</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |

**Council Member J. Pearce      Yes**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**e. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-04; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, Updating fees for Recreation; Solid Waste collection and disposal; Recycling; Sanitary Sewer; and providing an effective date.**

Bill Morris explained this resolution includes updating the fees for recreation, waste management, and sewer. Based on earlier discussion basketball registration was increased from \$35 to \$45 per participant. All other recreation registration fees were increased from \$35 to \$40 per participant. Council Member Jensen feels like that increase is enough and does not want to increase fees for the younger age groups again. She suggested maybe reevaluating at a later date to discuss the fees of the older kids. Bill Morris clarified the way this currently reads it includes all age groups. Council Member Jensen acknowledged that and suggested distinguishing between the age groups for price increases in the future.

Council Member Robinson proposed taking section one out; having it as a separate resolution. He feels like garbage and sewer should be a separate resolution. Mayor Richins asked what the reasoning behind this is. Council Member Robinson said in his opinion people may confuse the fact that utility fees are included with recreation in the same resolution. Bill Morris suggested changing the title to "City Fees". All Council Members agreed with exception to Council Member Robinson.

**MOTION: Council Member Jeff Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-04; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, Updating fees for Recreation; Solid Waste collection and disposal; Recycling; Sanitary Sewer; and providing an effective date re-titled as "City Fees" including the changes in recreation fees. Council Member Ruth Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

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| <b>Council Member R. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Murtha</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Jensen</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Robinson</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>Council Member J. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

**Motion passed 4-1.**

**f. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-05; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah adopting the Recreation Reservation Policy, and providing an effective date.**

Bill Morris explained this resolution sets a rental policy regarding the field fees. This was modeled after Pleasant View City. Most rental policies are adopted by resolution by the governing body and this implements how fields are to be used and applies to all of the field reservations. Any city scheduled activity takes priority over any private event, and if



adequate notice is given, a refund is allowed. There is also a full refund available for inclement weather. Council Member Murtha asked who decides if refunds are available for inclement weather. Bill Morris said this is at the director's sole determination. Bryan Fife clarified there are times when he is unavailable and would not be able to check up on reservations. Bill Morris said if someone feels they have been affected by inclement weather they can request a refund. Bryan Fife asked about hazardous playing conditions, who defines hazardous and whether to stop play to prevent injuries. Also how to address if someone is injured if/when the fields have been deemed unplayable or hazardous. Bill Morris recommended continuing current measures of determining danger by the presence of lightening or other hazardous conditions. Bryan Fife expressed concern with this as his determination if he is not present. Council Member Murtha referred to a previous discussion on this issue of who determines what is clean when keeping the cabin deposit based on whose definition. Bryan Fife asked about liability.

Council Member Ruth Pearce suggested including a statement that assumes liability on the renter with a use at your own risk clause. Council Member Robinson asked if they should carry a form acknowledging that. Bryan Fife explained the liability clause can be easily added to the reservation. Council Member Robinson pointed out if they are under the age of 18, an adult needs to sign for this. Bill Morris said they can add another requirement to address liability in the resolution.

Council Member Jensen explained the history of why they will be charging for field use. Bill Morris said the reservations will be made through Sportsites and they must abide by the policy included in this resolution. Council Member Robinson asked where the fees for rental are located. Bill Morris said the fees are outlined in the previous resolution. This resolution just includes the policy.

Bill Morris reviewed the changes; Bryan Fife will determine if inclement weather is a factor when issuing refunds and a liability clause will be added to the reservation process. Bryan Fife said he can include an acknowledgement that they must click when signing up to reserve the fields. He explained if documentation is required at the time of reservation, shadow boxes would be required which in past history just get vandalized. He suggested people who have fields reserved just provide proof by printing the reservation confirmation and having that onsite.

Council Member Robinson asked if referees have authority to cancel games. Council Member Jensen pointed out these referees are not provided by the city. Bryan Fife said on city recreation events, referees do have authority to cancel games. He clarified if games are cancelled due to inclement weather he will authorize a refund on a case by case basis. Bill Morris said they can also include: "If an official cancels the game, they will be refunded".

**MOTION: Council Member Jensen motioned to approve Harrisville Resolution 2016-05; a Resolution of Harrisville City, Utah adopting the Recreation Reservation Policy, and providing an effective date with the recommended changes. Council Member Jeff Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

**Council Member R. Pearce      Yes**

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| <b>Council Member Murtha</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Jensen</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Robinson</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member J. Pearce</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**5. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)**

Bob Young, 140 W. 2025 N., expressed his concern with an issue that may need to be addressed on 2000 North. There is a young handicapped girl who must access Washington Blvd two to three times a week. There is an abrupt change in the sidewalk that transitions to asphalt in front of the field to the East of Wildflower. This has been patched but there is now a PVC pipe that was inserted and covered by gravel. This is a safety and quality of life issue.

Jordan Read, 1158 N. 200 E., wanted to address Council regarding the low turnover in residents in Harrisville. He feels like recreation programs help bring and keep people in the area. His wife grew up here and they have opted to stay to raise their own family here. He and other residents have worked hard through email and text messages to try to help make this program better and to keep kids signed up in our city. If we lessen this program, people will leave. He referred to Matt Godfrey's presentation saying we have a young population staying in the area. He also appreciates the hard effort and time put in by Bryan Fife. He feels whether this is a revenue or expense, this must be offered to help keep people in our city.

**6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:**

Mayor Richins said he has an announcement regarding the public hearing for the budget adoption. This was previously set to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> but will be moved to June 14<sup>th</sup>. The June 28<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meeting will be canceled due to the primary election.

Council Member Robinson commented with regard to the economic discussion, he did not interpret recreation opportunities seen as assets. He felt the study put little value on additional recreation amenities. He has lived in Harrisville City for 40 years and knows the Singleton family and their daughters. He said on the city property tax collected if you take into account how much is paid; \$40 goes to pay for recreation. He feels like society expects entitlements. The city's main objective is to provide roads, sewer, and water that can't be done on their own. In his opinion, there was never the intent to provide recreation and he doesn't want to pay for other people's recreation. He said based on the presentation from Matt Godfrey, until there is other revenue in place, they must raise fees. Council Member Jensen pointed out the \$40 collected through property tax is not just supporting recreation but also parks. She doesn't want to raise fees and offend people. She has only received positive feedback in support of recreation. She has never received any feedback in support of Council Member Robinson's view point. Council Member Robinson said he has the right to voice his opinion. He shared the same view 10 years ago when he served on Council before. He feels recreation should be funded

by the citizens. Mayor Richins commented they are heading that direction by raising fees. Council Member Robinson said that brings things closer but not as close as he feels it needs to be.

## **7. Adjourn.**

Mayor Richins declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

## **8. HERITAGE DAYS WORK SESSION**

Council Member Jeff Pearce reported he feels things are going well. Council Member Jensen said there are a lot of food truck vendors available and their information can be pulled up on Facebook. Council Member Jeff Pearce said everything is set for the sound system. He will be following up with the provider again. This is an abbreviated version of Heritage Days. Mayor Richins suggested Council Member Jeff Pearce put together an outline of who is in charge of what including action item assignments and who will be assigned to those items such as the saw dust scramble.

Council Member Jensen said she is helping Council Member Murtha with the 5K shirts and medals. She suggested the youth city council help out with the course. Council Member Murtha asked if Council Member Jensen is asking for donations. Council Member Jensen suggested maybe the youth city council could help with the saw dust scramble. Mayor Richins suggested someone be assigned to contact the credit unions. Council Member Jensen said she also provided prizes last year for the scramble. She said anytime she purchased items she asked for more as a donation. Places like Zeppe's and Chili's matched her purchase with a donation. She already has things in the works for the Raptors tickets.

Council Member Jensen asked if Council Member Robinson could follow up on the food truck vendors if she provides a list. Council Member Murtha suggested having a master check list. Mayor Richins agreed saying this could be used for next year.

Grover Wilhelmsen asked what was happening for Heritage Days. He said as a citizen he is not informed of this year's activities. He is being approached by residents who would also like to know. He said he is now aware there will be a saw dust scramble, dance, and fireworks; will there be anything for adults. Mayor Richins said there will be food trucks. Grover Wilhelmsen questioned whether that is enough to draw the crowd. Council Member Jensen said the crowd usually comes for fireworks. She said last year everyone came around 7pm to participate in the dance and watch the fireworks. That is when they had the largest crowd. Grover Wilhelmsen suggested they have activities for all age groups. Council Member Jensen asked for suggestions. Grover Wilhelmsen said things like the recreation booth or some type of entertainment.

Council Member Murtha said in previous discussion there was concern about the declining numbers and that is why they are pulling back on events this year. Council Member Jensen proposed having some type of entertainment available for the crowd during the dinner hours before the dance. Grover Wilhelmsen said the watermelon seed contest was always popular and they could give out free slices of watermelon. He also said the cake was successful but that cost the city money. Council Member Jensen asked what worked best for entertainment. Grover Wilhelmsen said there have been all sorts of entertainment in the past but the hypnotist was very successful. He said advertisement is the key; even if this is not going to be an all day event.

Council Member Murtha pointed out we are competing with other community's having their city activities as well. Grover Wilhelmsen said something local would be supported by our local community. He agreed the food trucks will be a good idea but giving people a reason to come and participate in something is important.

Grover Wilhelmsen said there needs to be a standard. Council Member Murtha agreed he likes to have things standardized. Grover Wilhelmsen said it takes everyone on the Council to help.

Mayor Richins said he received negative feedback about changing the date last year. Mayor and Council agreed. Jennie Knight asked if they will be charging the food truck vendors. Mayor and Council agreed to not charge the vendors. Mayor Richins asked for a list of activities that can be included in the June Newsletter.

Council Member Jensen gave a history of the instruction on the mass gathering permit. Jennie Knight asked for clarification on whether to anticipate needing the chairs from the cabin. Mayor and Council gave discussion on whether to provide entertainment. Mayor Richins agreed the hypnotist has been successful in the past. Grover Wilhelmsen suggested giving a reason to have residents socialize; even something simple.

Residents want to stay for the activities that we have here when they are fun for all ages. He also suggested maintaining a cohesive schedule of events. He feels like we need to have everything residents need right here. He also doesn't want to lose the momentum they have worked so hard for in past years. Council Member Jeff Pearce admitted he historically does not attend these events. Grover Wilhelmsen said he is happy to help with assignments.

Mayor and Council gave a short discussion on events in other small communities and how to get people interested. Council Member Jensen said developing a brand would be helpful. Grover Wilhelmsen asked if they are tying in the Farmer's Market. Council Member Ruth Pearce said the market will be held on Thursday, the 5K on Friday, with a small Heritage Days on Saturday. They will provide something for the newsletter.

Council Member Jensen said she will solicit bids for a hypnotist.

Mayor Richins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**BRUCE RICHINS**

Mayor

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**JENNIE KNIGHT**

City Recorder

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016