



## **Harrisburg City Council Minutes**

### **July 9, 2014**

The Harrisburg City Council met on this date at City Hall, located at 120 Smith St. Presiding was Mayor Robert Duncan. Also present were as follows:

- Roger Raven
- Kimberly Downey
- Don Shipley
- Mike Caughey
- Rob Boese
- City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge
- Public Works Foreman Rick Nelson

Absent this evening were Councilor Sarah Puls, and City Administrator Brian Latta

#### Concerned Citizens in the Audience:

- Charlene Jorgensen, 225 LaSalle St, addressed Council about someone who was camping at the end of LaSalle St. This person was in a tent, and was present when the City put up the barricades on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Who enforces that?
- Nelson told her that when we are putting signs out, we aren't looking down at the end of the street. We've never had anyone do anything like that before for us to look for it.
- Eldridge added that she was contacted by a homeowner on the street on Saturday, which is the first she knew about it. She told the home owner to contact the deputies. If it had happened during business hours on a weekday, we would likely have the deputies take care of it as well. We don't have the staff to go looking for code violations, so we either have to see it happening, or have someone complain about it.
- Jorgensen said then if it happens again, that she'll call a deputy. But what happened with enforcing the dogs' law? There weren't supposed to be dogs west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and yet there were tons down by where the vendors were.
- Mayor Duncan said he ran into Deputy Lacey, and there were a lot of people down there this year. He didn't see any dogs when he was there, nor did he see any fireworks. However, he thought we would have more deputies in town. He only saw 2 all day, and we are supposed to have 4.
- Caughey said that was really 2 ½ deputies. Deputy Spangler was there for half the day.
- Mayor Duncan said it was disturbing, and not enough for this event. 4 are what we contracted for. He knows that Sergeant Kelley hurt himself, so that might have caused one of the problems.

- Shipley asked if there were any problems.
- Mayor Duncan said no, not really.
- Jorgensen said that if you are going to put up signs, then you should be enforcing them. She was also very concerned about the candy in the parade again. She saw several people being hit in the face, and last year, you instructed nobody on what they were supposed to do. It's very dangerous, and she's just waiting for something worse to happen.
- Mayor Duncan said that he didn't know what to tell you about the parade.
- Jorgensen didn't have a problem with the candy, but the overhand throws by a 4 year old are very dangerous.
- Eldridge said that the Harrisburg Festival and Events Association do tell people what they are supposed to do with the candy. Children are not supposed to be throwing candy, and nobody is supposed to throw overhand. It's on the website, and we tell them when they are staging for the parade. We have walkers in the parade, as well as City staff and others that are on the sidelines and intersections watching for that. There are plenty of kids who don't get supervised by their parents, and we do as much as we can to not allow it.

#### The matter of Approving the Payment of the June 2014 Bills

- Shipley **motioned to approve the payment of the bills, and was seconded** by Caughey. **The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the payment of the June 2014 bills.**

#### The matter of Approving the Minutes from May 28, 2014

- Downey **motioned to approve the minutes of May 28<sup>th</sup>, and was seconded** by Boese. **The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

#### The matter of Thanking Republic Services for Holding a Community Cleanup Event in Harrisburg and for Providing Equipment for the City-Wide Garage Sale in August

- Mayor Duncan said that it's wonderful that you provide services like the community clean up! He can't believe where all the stuff we hold onto comes from, and having someplace to take it is wonderful. As a City Official, he wanted to thank you very much for this service.
- Shipley thought it was great too. As a garbage collection services, to be doing as much as they do for our communities, it's great.
- Kevin Hines, representing Republic Services, said that it helps customers with stuff they can't get rid of during the year. We don't want to encourage people to hold onto stuff until there is one, but it's a good service to offer. He knows you guys appreciate them.
- Eldridge added that she doubly wanted to thank them, because they have agreed to provide us with another service on the 16<sup>th</sup>! People will be able to take their unsold garage sale goods to Republic Services, and we are trying to also get St. Vincent

DePaul's as well. She also wanted to say thank you to Republic Services, because not only do they provide community clean up days, they also help to fund our Summer Sounds at the Gazebo series!

- The City Council effusively thanked Kevin and Republic Services for their services.

The matter of Discussing the 100-Acre Site Land Purchase Extension Request by Knife River.

**Staff Report:** Eldridge said that the Parks Committee had reviewed the extension request by Knife River yet again, and had agreed with the City Council to just extend it for a period of five years. They do have an option to return to City Council if needed in the future, if they find they need to extend it further. She noted that in the agenda, it says ten years, but it really is only five years.

- Boese said that he thought that there was a road that was supposed to be provided by Knife River, and he didn't see it here.
- Eldridge thought it might be in the original agreement that we had. She asked Jeff Steyeart if he remembered that or not.
- Steyeart thought it was in the original agreement. It's just an access road for the City to use to work on the park.
- Raven couldn't remember if it was in the re-negotiation, or in the original document.
- Eldridge said that it wouldn't hurt it if they wanted to include that in the motion.
- Raven then **motioned to accept the re-negotiated terms in Exhibit A, and to approve the extension of the Purchase Agreement for up to five years, subject to the Council approval of an Extension Addendum to the Purchase Agreement. He added that there should be a bulleted memorandum in the documents somewhere with a park access road, with a one way 15' travel lane.** Downey **seconded the motion, and the City Council voted unanimously to approve the extension of the purchase agreement with Knife River for up to five years, subject to the Council approval of an extension addendum to the purchase agreement, which should include a parks access road.**
- Mayor Duncan said that when the company gets civic minded, and if they ever wanted to discuss the north end of the river from the gate north, let him know. He knows that's where the chute is, and the ponds, and where asphalt was dumped for a while. It looks like there is access off of Peoria Rd.
- Steyeart said that it was a storage yard for them.
- Mayor Duncan said that he hasn't seen anything stored there for a long time.
- Steyeart said that we've cleaned it up somewhat. The ponds are utilized by their operations. It would be sometime in the future. Previously, he knew that there was discussion of some sort of river trail.
- Mayor Duncan said that there was a tie in with the resort, so we could use the whole riverfront from Morse Park in the south, to up past River Bend. It would be one big trail. It's something we can think about.

- Downey said that during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, she talked with several people who worked locally on the 4<sup>th</sup>. One of our longtime residents, Dave Malpass, is about 85 years old. He was one of the big beans at Morse Bros back in the day.

The matter of Amending the Job Description for the Public Works Utility II Position

- Downey **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1088, “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY II POSITION.”** She was **seconded** by Caughey. **The City Council then voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1088, and thereby approving the job description for the Public Works Utility II Position.**
- Caughey commented that he really liked seeing the redlined copy, and hoped that we would continue to include it in the future.

**With no further business to discuss, the City Council meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:58PM.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Recorder**