

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
363 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, Utah 84404

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Present: Mayor Richard Hendrix, Council Member Chad Allen, Council Member Bruce Richins, Council Member Paula Knighton, Council Member Michelle Tait, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen.

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Jennie Knight, City Recorder.

Visitors: Ruth Pearce, Jeff Pearce, Amber Weston, Colton Cornwell, Wendy Knight, John Perry.

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

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Michelle Tait led the Pledge of Allegiance and opening ceremony.

**3. Consent Items.**

**a. Approve the minutes of November 13, 2012 as presented.**

Council Member Allen said he noticed there is a strike force line item under the Police budget. The city does pay \$2500 a year for the strike force services. Mayor and Council agreed to insert an informational comment to the minutes for November 13, 2012, notating the correction.

Mayor Hendrix requested Jennie Knight listen to the section regarding the use of an airplane for Mosquito Abatement from the October 9, 2012 meeting to clarify the comment. The correction made to these minutes will state "He (Mayor Hendrix) reported that the abatement committee discussed whether or not using airplanes to spray daily was cost effective. They determined the effectiveness of the spraying is evident and well worth the costs associated with spraying daily."

**b. Review the October 2012 Check Register.**

Mayor Hendrix commented on the check paid out to J&J Auto Body for \$13,598.00. After a short discussion, Mayor and Council agreed this was payment for the police truck repairs.

Council Member Allen said he clarified the payout to Castle Creek Homes (also known as Golf Crest Village) was overpayment returned for water or sewer impact fees. Mayor Hendrix said he will check with the sewer board to make sure we are collecting appropriate fees.

**MOTION: Council Member Richins motioned to approve the minutes of November 13, 2012 with the previously notated changes. Council Member Allen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**4. Business Items.**

**a. Discussion and/or possible action to approve Harrisville City Ordinance #457, an amendment to Nuisance Vegetation, Section 10.20.090 of the Harrisville Municipal Code.**

Bill Morris said Ken Martin, City Inspector, came to him this summer with his concern regarding trees that have overgrown the storm drains in certain areas in the city. Bill Morris explained that the amendments included in this ordinance address these issues to make sure the city storm drain system is protected from nuisance vegetation. He said part of paragraph "c." was changed and is now included in paragraph "b." He informed Council these changes are to conform with "ASHTO" which is used as the American standard that regulates the road width, curbs and gutters.

**MOTION: Council Member Knighton motioned to approve Harrisville City Ordinance #457, an amendment to Nuisance Vegetation, Section 10.20.090 of the Harrisville Municipal Code. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

Council Member Allen	Yes
Council Member Richins	Yes
Council Member Knighton	Yes
Council Member Tait	Yes
Council Member Wilhelmsen	Yes

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**b. Discussion and/or possible action to approved Harrisville City Ordinance #458, amending Chapter 11.20 relating to regulations applicable to more than one zone to add section 11.20.250 to regulate recreational and utility vehicles; severability; and providing an effective date.**

Bill Morris said there have been concerns throughout the community regarding people living in RV's on a more permanent rather than temporary basis. When Planning commission reviewed this ordinance for recommendation they added #2 to include semi trucks. Council Member Knighton expressed her concern over the limit of allowable trailers set to two. She wondered if that is too little and would put many people in violation. Mayor and Council discussed issues such as what defines trailers, utility trailers, and recreational vehicles. They discussed what residential zones are included in this ordinance. They agreed the one purpose of restricting the amount and type of allowable trailers is to reduce the likelihood of people using them for additional living space on a permanent basis. Mayor Hendrix communicated his concern with limiting residents who have the proper storage space on their property from maintaining trailers. Mayor and Council agreed this ordinance will default to the restrictions in place for each residential or commercial zone. They agreed to leave the regulations on the side yard to not require a solid surface such as asphalt or cement so as to allow for proper drainage. They discussed a previous ordinance may have required solid surfaces for automobiles to limit oil drippings and such to be in compliance with environmental issues. They also agreed to allow a gravel surface as a secondary driveway. Council Member Richins requested a clean copy of the ordinance to review. Bill Morris suggested Jennie Knight update the ordinance and resubmit for review at a later council meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Richins motioned to table Harrisville City Ordinance #458, amending Chapter 11.20 relating to regulations applicable to more than one zone to add section 11.20.250 to regulate recreational and utility vehicles; severability; and providing an effective date. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**c. Discussion on Economic Development.**

Bill Morris reported he met with Steve Weiss, Planning Commission Chair, to discuss existing possibilities to develop some of the commercial areas throughout the city. He said they met with Cameron Cooke from the Boyer Company, who owns the property complex where Walmart currently resides. He said Mr. Cooke brought an aerial photo of the area and they discussed the entire complex. Included in the discussion was a list of business that the Boyer company has contacted trying to entice into the city. He

said they have tried to rent the pads in the past but are now considering selling them if they have an interested buyer. There is currently no interest in the 1.75 acre pad east of Chili's but they have a small interest from a small box clothing store for the 2-3 acre pad on the Northwest corner. Mayor Hendrix commented that he was pleased to see that Boyer is trying to help develop that area.

Bill Morris explained that he and Steve Weiss propose the city create a development packet to distribute to potential businesses for recruitment possibilities, to encourage businesses to open within Harrisville. He said other surrounding cities have actually hired outside help to boost their economic areas. He indicated there has been some recent interest from 7-eleven about possibly coming in to project management later in the month to discuss the possibility of establishing a business on Washington Blvd. He said they will have council approve the packets before they are distributed. Council Member Allen asked what they as members of council can do to help encourage businesses. Bill Morris responded that they can be friendly when these businesses do come in and approach the city. He said sometimes it is hard to keep current with contact information. He also said Harrisville has a pleasant reputation with regard to businesses contemplating locating within the city boundaries. He suggested these packets include a letter from the Mayor. Mayor Hendrix thanked Bill Morris for his efforts.

**d. Discussion and/or action on adoption of 2013 Meeting Schedule.**

Council Member Knighton questioned whether council ought to consider changing the meeting date on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December. Mayor Hendrix said this is a formality to establish a regular meeting schedule. Holidays and other conflicts will be addressed when the need arises. Mayor and Council agreed to continue with the Tuesday meeting schedule.

**MOTION: Council Member Knighton motioned to adopt the 2013 Meeting Schedule. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**5. Public Comments.**

John Perry (244 West 1600 North) – Mr. Perry stated that all council members including the Mayor should have received an email regarding the situation being addressed at his residence. He said he has been listening to the Council Members regarding the concerns with code issues. He suggested Council spend some time trying to resolve current issues he feels are throughout the city. He said he feels the city ordinances limit and place controls on personal property. He said he feels strongly about these issues. He said when he purchased his house he did so in an area without covenants and restrictions. He expressed his disappointment with the city defining what is allowed on his property. He agrees the city should be involved with zoning regulations that define commercial and residential but disagreed with defining regulations that restrict what residents consider personal property. He suggested council use concern and compassion when addressing issues within the city.

**6. Mayor/Council Follow-up.**

**a. Council assignments for 2013**

Mayor Hendrix said he will have these assignments ready for the following council meeting. He said the Mosquito Abatement committee position is available and is a four year term. He asked council for suggestions on an appointment and reminded council this individual does not have to be a Council Member. The meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6 pm every month. Council Member Allen expressed interest in filling this position.

Council Member Richins asked if the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be cancelled because of the Christmas Holiday. Mayor Hendrix confirmed the cancellation of this meeting.

Mayor Hendrix informed Council he gave staff administrative leave for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

**7. Adjourn.**

Mayor Hendrix motioned to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

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RICHARD HENDRIX  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIE KNIGHT  
City Recorder  
Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013