

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**HARRISON CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 11, 2024 – 6:00 PM**  
**Harrison Senior Center**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wanda Irish called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Will Butler, Josephine Prophet, Joe Cornell, John Gray, and Charlie Shutt were present. Debbie Lockhart arrived at 6:05 PM

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** N/A

**4. GUEST SPEAKERS:** N/A

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/LETTERS:**

Jennifer McMenemy publicly addressed an agenda item related to a proposed ordinance. She questioned the necessity of this new ordinance, considering the existence of current laws that already safeguard employees. She raised concerns about who has the authority to attend public meetings and dictate such matters. Jennifer emphasized that unnecessary government control should be avoided, prompting the question: Should an individual's freedom of speech be restricted.

Jeff Hall publicly addressed the proposed ordinance. He expressed awareness of the ordinance and raised questions about its purpose. Jeff wondered why the council needed to allocate time for discussing it. He believes open communication is crucial in this matter.

Mike Reinhardt expressed concerns about recent work at a sewer pump station in the Stonegate area. His understanding was that the existing Stonegate property already had everything necessary for their pump out. If this work serves a different purpose, he emphasized that time and money should be carefully monitored. He also stated that the current project deviates from the original development plan. Mike advocates for community input and suggest that a public hearing would help determine if this aligns with the community's desires.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR: - ACTION**

**A.** Approval of Minutes for regular March 14, 2024

**B.** Monthly Bills presented for approval.

Council Member John Gray expressed that he objected the Consent Calendar and that he would like to discuss and remove items from the consent calendar.

Mayor Wanda Irish clarified that the items are part of a consent calendar and are approved together. However, the council can discuss item A and B separately.

Terrun, the City Attorney, explained that the section John Gray had referenced allows the Council to Individually discuss and remove items from the Monthly Check Listing. However, the Council attempted this approach previously, and it was unsuccessful.

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Council Member John Gray expressed his objection to an item in the meeting minutes. The item was the Executive Session agenda item. He stated the copy he received was

F: To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

He stated the City Council went into Executive Session for

B: To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student;

John conveyed that during the last Executive Session, he felt intimidated. He expressed his dislike for executive sessions, advocating for transparency.

Council Member Charlie Shutt indicated that he emailed the Treasurer. Requesting a copy of the accounts and mentioned that according to the Treasurer's job description in the Harrison City Code, she is obligated to provide the requested information. He mentioned that the Mayor responded via email, that she denied his request because she holds the position of Chief of Administration. He expressed that he will withhold approval for the bills until he is certain whether the City has sufficient funds to cover them.

Mayor Wanda Irish stated that Charlie can come to City Hall anytime and examine any materials he is interested in.

Council Member John Gray stated that in Idaho Statue 50-208 states that the Treasurer is suppose to give out the balance on hand, accompanying such report with copies of all warrants redeemed during said month. He then asked if the Council has received those.

Council Member Josephine Prophet stated that the Budget Sheet that the Council receives every month is money going in and out.

Joe Cornell questioned the IT Tech bill and wanted clarification on whether there existed contract with a fixed monthly rate. Miriah Pfeiffer, the City Clerk explained that the additional charge on the bill was attributed to the server and back up drives installed by the IT personnel.

Council Member Will Butler stated that he reviewed the Monthly Bills at City Hall.

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**Josephine Prophet made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar**  
**Will Butler seconded**  
**Will Butler AYE**  
**Josephine Prophet AYE**  
**Joe Cornell NAYE**  
**John Gray NAYE**  
**Charlie Shutt NAYE**  
**Debbie Lockhart AYE**

***Mayor Wanda Irish broke the tie by voting NAYE***

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) NO UPDATE**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Amending Harrison City Code to include Communication Transmitters Towers as an allowed use for Light Manufacturing District -DISCUSSION**

The City Attorney indicated that a Public Hearing regarding this item will be held on May 15, 2024, and there is no need for the city council to discuss it.

**B. Approval of Road Names and Addresses/Rules and Procedures of Meetings/Civility Ordinance -ACTION**

The Council deliberated on the topics of Road Names and Addresses, Rules and Procedures of Meetings, and the Civility Ordinance.

Joe Cornell expressed his opinion about the Civility Ordinance. He voiced his concern that this section could potentially shield city staff, even in situations where anyone could pose a straightforward question.

Council Member John Gray pointed out that the Ordinance prohibits public questions. He inquired about specific timing when the public can indeed ask questions.

City Attorney Terrun Zolman explained that members of the public can complete and Agenda Request Form. He stated that most cities facilitate public participation through a designated public comment section.

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**Joe Cornell made a motion to approve Road Names and Addresses/Rules and Procedures of Meetings Ordinance, excluding Civility.**

**Charlie seconded**

**Will Butler NAYE**

**Josephine Prophet NAYE**

**Joe Cornell AYE**

**John Gray AYE**

**Charlie Shutt AYE**

**Debbie Lockhart AYE**

- C. Discuss Amending the Septic Tank Pump-Out Frequency for Residential and Commercial Sewer Systems in Ordinance 479-DISCUSSION**

Mayor Wanda Irish mentioned that its 6 years for residents and 3 years for businesses. She mentioned that the St. Maries Septic raised their fees.

Miriah Pfeiffer, City Clerk stated that in the City Budget we are under budget on the Septic Tank Pump Outs. The City Council would like to leave the Septic Tank Pump-out Frequency as is.

- D. Approve Installation of a Bicycle Rack and Repair Station on Garfield Street-ACTION**

The Cycle Haus has proposed the installation of a bike rack, measuring between 6-10 feet in length, and a commercial grade bike repair station. These installations are planned for the 30-foot parking buffer adjacent to the Cycle Hause, located at the intersection of Garfield and Coeur D'Alene Avenue. The Cycle Haus will bear all costs associated with the materials and installations, and plans to have it ready for use by the summer biking season of 2024.

Councilman Joe Cornell pointed out that this initiative would contribute to keeping bicycles off the sidewalks. He further noted that, according to the Harrison City Code, it is illegal to park your bicycle on a sidewalk.

***Will Butler made a motion to approve the Installation of a Bicycle Rack and Repair Station on Garfield Street.***

***John Gray seconded***

***Will Butler AYE***

***Josephine Prophet AYE***

***Joe Cornell AYE***

***John Gray AYE***

***Charlie Shutt AYE***

***Debbie Lockhart AYE***

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#### E. Appoint New Planning and Zoning Member-ACTION

**Josephine Prophet Made a motion to Appoint Mary Brynes to the Planning and Zoning Commission**

**Will Butler seconded**

**Will Butler AYE**

**Josephine Prophet AYE**

**Joe Cornell AYE**

**John Gray AYE**

**Charlie Shutt AYE**

**Debbie Lockhart AYE**

## 9. REPORTS:

### A. Mayor

Mayor Wanda Irish reported that the URA had no submitted statements to the State Tax Commission for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. However, the good news is that we are no longer facing penalties. Mayor Irish emphasized that the URA operates as a separate entity and will need to address this matter. Additionally, she mentioned that the audits for 2021 are schedule to be completed around April 15. As for the year 2022, the field work has already been concluded, and the city is almost up-to-date. This means we will be able to recover the tax revenue that we were previously losing.

- i. HMH Engineering N/A
- ii. City Attorney-Andy Doman N/A
- iii. Public Works- Josh Burg *see report*
- iv. City Clerk-Miriah Pfeiffer N/A
- v. Treasurer-Mary Riberich N/A

### C. Committees

- i. Administration Committee: *Budget Sheet, Fee Schedule, Personnel Policy.*
- ii. Public Works Committee: *Community Clean Up Day, Street Sweeping, Parking*
- iii. Economic Development Committee: *N/A*
- iv. Urban Renewal Agency: *N/A*

## 10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM