

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 6:30PM
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

Council met in regular session with Mayor Scott Blubaugh in chair. Present were Eric Barker, David Earls, Don Evans, Jan Graves, Greg Stierwalt and Brande Vogele.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Council Meeting.

Minutes of the March 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance No.'s 03242015; 03252015; 03272015; 04022015; 04102015; and 04132015.

Motion by Don Evans second by Jan Graves to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Blubaugh presented Councilmember Graves with a plaque for her years of service from 2010 to 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS none

Motion by Jan Graves second by Don Evans to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Hartson gave oath of offices to the elected Mayor Scott Blubaugh and elected Councilmembers Eric Barker, Clayton Snyder and Brande Vogele.

Mayor Blubaugh called the council meeting to order.

Councilmembers present were Eric Barker, David Earls, Don Evans, Clayton Snyder, Greg Stierwalt and Brande Vogele.

Mayor Blubaugh took nominations for President of Council. Councilmember Vogele nominated Eric Barker, no other nominations were received.

Motion by Brande Vogele second by Clayton Snyder to elect Eric Barker as the President of Council. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Blubaugh stated that at the current time he was going to leave committees as they were to give council members an opportunity to decide which ones they might want to serve on. He preferred putting people where they had a desire to be. Councilmember Snyder will serve on the Finance, Airport and Park/Cemetery committees in place of former Councilmember Graves until appointments are made.

Council reviewed an engineering proposal for work to be done to construct a highway access to the airport industrial property south of Green Line Industries. Previous access to the property had to come from Green Line. Councilmember Earls asked about getting bids for the engineering work. Clerk Hartson informed him that the initial bid was requested to give council an idea of how much the project would cost so they could determine if they wanted to move forward. According to the city's procurement procedures request for bids were not required unless professional services rendered were in excess of \$25,000.00. Councilmember Evans asked that the "Printing" costs be clarified, that the cost of services included a certain amount of drawings and associated documents be provided to the city, only those in excess of the amount would be additional costs to the city.

Motion by Clayton Snyder second by Eric Barker to hire Earls Engineering & Inspection to perform surveying, platting and traffic impact study for the industrial site near the airport for the sum of \$12,660.00 to be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Roll call. Yea-Barker, Earls, Evans, Snyder, Stierwalt, Vogele; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Council reviewed the proposed renewal of employee health insurance from BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas, showing a .87% increase from the current premiums. Clerk Hartson informed council that a 7% increase was in the budget, so it clearly fell within the budget.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogele to renew employee health insurance with BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas effective June 1, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Greg Stierwalt for the mayor to appoint Royce Vogt to the Harper Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Clayton Snyder, term expiring February 2016.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Brande Vogele for the mayor to appoint Carlos Caro to the Harper Library Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Clayton Snyder, term expiring April 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to proclaim April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Harper, Kansas and for Mayor to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by David Earls second by Don Evans for Mayor to sign the Fair Housing Proclamation declaring the month of April Fair Housing Month in the City of Harper. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Blubaugh informed council of the “punch list” meeting held the previous Thursday regarding the Water Treatment Plant. MKEC Engineering, UCI (contractors) and Layne Christensen (equipment) were all present to discuss the on-going issues with the technical equipment talking to each other to give appropriate alarms and reports. PWD Sanders reported a valve being left open by UCI on March 27th resulted in the flooding of the building over the weekend. UCI was working on replacing sheetrock and making repairs.

Mayor Blubaugh reported that work on the inside wall of 119 W. Main was in progress and he was still waiting on a bid from Blick Construction for the exposed walls at 914 Central and 906 Central.

Councilmember Earls informed council that the drawing provided by Sturdi-built for the gazebo over the downtown stage was insufficient and he was going to get more information.

Police Chief Murphy reported that the mobile radios in the police vehicles had been reprogrammed to set off sirens and tested successfully. He attempted to set the sirens off from as far away as Anthony where dispatch was located but was unable to due to range issues. He was going to look into getting a radio set up with dispatch so that it would run off their repeater to see if that would allow dispatch to set the Harper sirens off in an emergency situation.

Council discussed installing a bridge over the drainage ditch on the north side of West Main east of the pool. PWD Sanders will be getting costs of different options.

Report of City Officers: Police Chief Murphy reported a hit and run involving a car hitting a fence, an arrest on April 4th of an individual with 7.5 grams of methamphetamine and the department investigating a report of child abuse.

Fire Chief Leu reported three fire runs and that the Model-T was running. The work on the Model-T was being paid for with funds received from Gene Jacobs Memorial.

PWD Sanders informed council that trees had been removed at D’Marios Pizza (720 W. 14th) that would allow for Wheatland to move poles for the street project. PWD Sanders also requested approval of funds for an insert-a-valve to be installed at the hospital so services were not interrupted during work on the street project. The installation would be on a live line and would not interrupt services.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Clayton Snyder to pay for the live insertion of a insert-a-valve for a cost not to exceed \$5,500 to be paid out of the water reserve fund, located at 12th and Spruce. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Hartson requested permission to begin advertising for summer seasonal help for public works, no one was opposed.

Notices and Communications: Clerk Hartson presented two cards of thanks, one from Dalores Meincke family and one from the Attica Long Term Care, in appreciation of the \$50 contribution to her memorial for the activity fund at Attica Long Term Care. Dalores Meincke was the mother of Cemetery Sexton Stan Ryberg.

Clerk Hartson read a letter from the Harper Chamber of Commerce Director requesting permission to remove the shelves on the north wall of the chamber office, patch holes and to paint it a neutral color at no cost to the city. According to the building use agreement between the City of Harper and the Chamber of Commerce for the chamber office, written permission was required before any changes were made to the building. There was no opposition to the request from the chamber.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogeles to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiffany M. Hartson, CMC
City Clerk