

**Harrington Public Development Authority  
Minutes  
February 20, 2018**

The February meeting of the Harrington Public Development Authority (PDA) was called to order at 7:00pm on Feb. 20, 2018 at the City Hall by President Heather Slack. Those present were: Jill Plaskon, Paul Charlton, Jay Gossett, Tim Tipton, Bunny Haugan, Heather Slack, Marjorie Womach and Cherie MacClellan.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treas. Paul Charlton reported a balance of \$5,386.15. Beginning balance was \$1,730.57, deposit of \$2,075.01 from Jay Gossett for the road sign and a withdrawal of \$19.43 for checks. Report was accepted as presented. An invoice for \$190.20 from the State Auditor for audit services for 2015 and 2016 was approved for payment. Heather commented that the audit report indicated there were no problems.

**SIGN FOR HIGHWAY**

Jay Gossett had a draft copy of the proposed road side sign. It was reviewed by those present and the following comments were heard:

- 1) No exclamation punctuation after "May" on the Cruizin Harrington sign.
- 2) Correct the upper case "l" to a lower case on the word "in"
- 3) Use the larger font
- 4) Use lower case "z" in "Cruizin"
- 5) Use the same font size on all the signs
- 6) It was suggested to use the Lion's logo on Fall Festival sign

Heather commented she had not heard anything from the Lions regarding the sign.

Jay will contact Baldwin Sign and let them know the corrections we requested.

**VACANT HOME OUT REACH**

President Heather shared with those present her concern regarding available houses for folks inquiring about moving to Harrington.

A partial list of known vacant houses was reviewed. The discussion that followed addressed how we (PDA) can assist in getting these possible available houses freed up for occupancy.

With permission from the owners they could be listed on the web site.

It was suggested a letter to these home owners could be an effective way to notify them of the need for housing and inquire if they had plans for their vacant property.

A motion by Jay Gossett and second by Tim Tipton recommended the PDA pursue the lack of available houses and draft a letter to send to the owners of these vacant houses.

**SKYPE UPDATE**

Heather reported the skype event with the committee on broadband services went very well. Presenting were: Bob Iverson, Josh Steward, Dillon Haas, Heather Slack, Marie Hall EDC. The internet at the Post & Office was used as an example of the positive results of this high speed internet has in our community. Margie Hall reported she had excellent feedback.

**AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

Availability of commercial buildings was also discussed. If we encourage folks interested in moving to town and opening a business do we have commercial building we could suggest. The availability of the McGregor building was mentioned. Currently the City is negotiating for this building as it is located on City owned property.

**COMMENTS**

- 1) Cruizin Days plans are progressing okay
- 2) Think about a fund raising idea

No further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm  
Bunny Haugan, Secretary