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City Council Minutes
September 08, 2026

Mayor:	Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President:	Mike Caughey, Present
Councilors Present:	Kimberly Downey, Cindy Knox, Dana Henry, Jeremy Moritz and Dan Meyers
Staff Present:	City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, and City Recorder/Municipal Court Administrator Lori Ross
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert Duncan

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:32pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: Will Harvel, owner of Chaos Strength & Conditioning, approached Council. He informed Council he has continually received noise complaints since he's been in business, and just recently received a citation into Municipal Court scheduled for October 28th. He is questioning the HMC as being vague and open for interpretation and would like some assistance in finding a solution. He added that they have made some adjustments to try and reduce the noise by cutting the music volume by 50%, installing sound boards and by projecting the music away from the door. He believes the complaints come from one individual. Harvel also feels the sound could be the barbell's dropping on the ground and not the music.

- Downey asked if he would be able to start the music at 9am instead of 5:30am. Harvel felt that would affect this business, adding that most of his members come to the morning session.
- Knox voiced her appreciation in hearing from Harvel but informed Harvel and Council, that she has heard the music in the early morning while walking and felt it was loud.
- Caughey also voiced his experience with witnessing the loud music.

- Eldridge added that the City has received several complaints about the property, including locations behind the gym, and felt it was the music and not the barbells causing the unreasonable noise.
- Chaos Strength customer, Shelly Smucker, asked about the decimal limit and requested specific guidelines and parameters within the code.
- Mayor Duncan suggested seeing how the court handles the citation and revisit the Municipal Code at a later date if needed.

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION IN RELATION TO CLEAN-UP DAY 2027: Eldridge referred to the email from Republic Services, as shown in Exhibit A, indicating they will no longer be assisting with the Clean-up Event other than supplying the containers, due to safety and liability concerns. Some other suggested changes included changing the event date from late June, having volunteers assist with the clean-up, and stricter requirements for what is being dropped off.

- Mayor Duncan inquired about the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Junction City regarding offering waste services and would like to have an answer by the end of the year. Scholz is not confident that Junction City will be able to pull off providing services for Harrisburg but isn't concerned. Scholz stated that submitting an RFP (Request for Proposal), sooner than later, will open up the discussion with Republic Services and other interested agencies.
- Henry is in favor of holding a separate recycling and waste event. Henry inquired if this years event had a lack of communication. Eldridge stated the communication was very vague and Republic Services never stated they weren't going to assist with sorting.
- Knox felt that Republic Services was trying to make a point by not assisting. Knox is in favor of continuing with the recycling round-up and forgoing the cleanup event for now.
- Downey also feels Republic Services doesn't want to participate any longer and suggested holding the recycling round-up event, later in the year after the City-wide Garage Sale.
- Moritz suggested getting volunteers to assist with the program until a permanent solution can be found. Eldridge to look into insurance requirements and suggested starting communication early with residents in order to find volunteers.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING LEGISLATIVE BALLOT STAFF RESULTS WITH COUNCIL: Eldridge referred to Exhibit A, and asked Council to complete the ballot, mark their top five priorities and return to her by September 21st.

THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LIST: No comments or concerns.

- Downey **motioned to approve the consent list and was seconded by** Henry. **The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0**. (Yes: Downey, Henry, Caughey, Knox, Moritz and Meyers. No: None.) An approval of the consent list approved the following:
  - **The Payment Approval Report for August 2026**

VERBAL REPORT:

- The Pacific Northwest Marathon will be held September 18th and 19th.
- Notices for the September 17th BNSF meeting were mailed. Eldridge would like Council's participation, but it's not required. Eldridge noted staff would post a notice stating a quorum may be present, but no official business will be conducted.
- Eldridge has received recent inquiries about businesses moving into Downtown Harrisburg including Hayworth Winery and a coffee shop/bakery.
- SMAC meeting will be held on September 23rd in Halsey.

- LCSO meeting on Thursday, September 10th. Linn County D.A., Doug Martini will be present.
- Eagle Park Work Party on September 19th.

With no further business, the City Council Meeting adjourned at the hour 8:30pm.

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Mayor **City Recorder**