

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2015

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Todd Grayson, John Kevern, Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig and Barry VanHoozen (7). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Kevern moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Grayson seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Roger Bowers, Maple Street, said he is concerned with a couple of sewer related issues. The first involves Columbia Gas sharing the information they are obtaining about our sewer lines during their construction project. Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities, stated that they will share the information with the City later in the project so we will have it at our disposal. Mr. Rettig asked if there will be a narrative with the videos and Ms. Godsey said that it is just visual information. Mr. Bowers also expressed concern about sewage being pumped into Grassy Creek. Ms. Kabat said that the City has followed EPA guidelines and reports overflows to the EPA. Ms. Godsey said it is done during heavy rain to alleviate basement back-ups and it is not an everyday occurrence. Mr. Grayson stated that this was discussed at the HSPU meeting held prior to the City Council meeting and he is working with the Administration on this issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin gave his report of the June 10, 2015 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 74-2015 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE THROUGH OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$138,424.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 74-2015 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 74-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 75-2015 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES TO THE WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 75-2015 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 75-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **RESOLUTION 57-2015 PLACING PURSUANT TO O.R.C. §5705.19(V) A REPLACEMENT LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 57-2015 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Resolution 57-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Service-Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, June 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the June 10, 2015 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rettig introduced **RESOLUTION 3-2015 APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS RESOURCES AND**

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 3-2015 by number and title only. Mr. Rettig moved that Resolution 3-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak.

Dawn Hoover of the Perrysburg Garden Club said that they are very happy with the way the Blue Star Memorial is being honored in this plan.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front St., said that the only people for this plan are the Administration, the Mayor's entourage, and those who think they can make money from it. He said it is totally incompatible with the Historic District and he believes that there are environmental issues and that the Army Corps of Engineers has not weighed in on this yet.

Deborah Born said that she agrees with Mr. Orser and Perrysburg citizens do not want this and the money would be better spent on a second fire station.

Charles Pflighaar, 401 W. Front St., said that he has concerns with the sewage on Water Street.

Diane Bishop, 231 W. Seventh St., suggested that future concepts have a key on it so you can figure out what everything is. She then read a prepared statement indicating her objections to the concept.

Gene Phlegar, 144 W. Fifth St., asked what fund these improvements will be paid from. Ms. Kabat said that it will come from the 404, Park Land Acquisition & Development Fund.

Susan Jambor, 467 Timber Ridge, said that she is also a member of the Perrysburg Garden Club and she was concerned about the Blue Star Memorial, but the revised plans are beautiful and she thinks it is a nice extension to bring those from outside the downtown area to downtown.

Philip Anderson, 232 W. Front St., said that he is not concerned about the park, but he is worried about traffic on Route 20 and parking on Cherry and Walnut streets with no curbs.

Dennis Lahey, W. Front St., said that he is not opposed to the park, but he is concerned about traffic flow because it is difficult to cross Front Street during peak traffic periods. He suggested that perhaps a demand crosswalk signal may be warranted along with enforcement of the speed limit.

Juan Artiaga, 426 E. Third St., said that the money would be better spent on the roads.

Kitty Gibson, 29639 Duxbury, asked why the design has to be so grandiose. She also asked why there has to be an ADA ramp because she never sees people in wheelchairs at the park.

Kate MacPherson, W. Second Street, thanked the Mayor for his vision and she said that she supports this in every way.

Mr. Rettig, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, thanked everyone for their comments. He said that the plan has evolved because their voices were heard and this revised plan addresses many of the concerns that were raised.

Mr. Mackin echoed Mr. Rettig's comments and said that there are still some issues that need to be looked at like the trees and the sewage, but overall this plan addresses many of the concerns raised.

Mr. Grayson said that he supports the plan, but he will be hesitant to appropriate construction funds until we solve some of the infrastructure issues in that area.

Mr. McCarthy said that he keeps hearing that no one wants this but that is not the case. He said that through the years there has been consistent citizen input requesting riverfront improvements. He said that the intention is not to destroy the view of the riverfront – that would be stupid. He acknowledged that there are still some issues that need to be resolved, but this is a simple, passive use that opens up the riverfront and if we don't do it now, it will never happen.

Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

Mr. VanHoozen reported that a committee meeting was held this evening prior to the City Council meeting. A copy of the minutes are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). City Council went into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen made a motion to reconvene at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 76-2015 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PATROL UNIT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 76-2015 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Ordinance 76-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 77-2015 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SERGEANTS UNIT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 77-2015 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Ordinance 77-2015 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mayor Olmstead thanked the negotiating teams for creating an atmosphere of cooperation to get this accomplished.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

Mr. Grayson reported that the Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and he will give a report at the next City Council meeting. He added that the Administration cares deeply about the City's infrastructure and he reiterated that he will be meeting with them to come up with a plan to resolve the issue brought to his attention about Grassy Creek. He said that part of the problem is a communication issue and challenges that are faced as Administrators, Mayors, and Council members' seats change.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gene Phlegar stated that he was incorrect and Charles Pierre L'Enfant did not lay out this fine City. He apologized for his superficial research.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kevern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor