

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2016

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Council Members John Kevern, Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams (6). Tim McCarthy arrived at 6:36 p.m. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, David Creps, Clerk of Council, and Karlene Henderson, Law Director.

Ms. Williams stated that in the minutes of the March 1, 2016, the discussion regarding Ordinance 20-2016, the amount for the multi-use path should read \$20,000 not \$220,000. Mr. Kevern moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting as corrected and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Rettig seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Deborah Born, 125 E. Front Street, said that the funds in the budget for Riverside Park are a complete waste of money and it will completely ruin the vista.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front Street, stated that Perrysburg's Downtown won Best Downtown in the City Paper and this is without the changes to Riverside Park.

Dave Dicke, 416 W. Third Street, said that the Boat Club is close to submitting plans and they would like to use the gravel area for parking which would account for 30 spaces in the right-of-way and they need City Council's help to keep that parking in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Law Director's Report

No report.

President of Council Report

Mr. Kevern reported that there is a public hearing scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. to consider a rezoning request for 521 Louisiana Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 20-2016 AMENDING ORDINANCE 109-2015 TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 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 third reading. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 20-2016 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 20-2016 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Matuszak said that City Council agreed to appropriate funds in 2015 for Riverside Park and the Administration was going to apply for a grant. He said that the Administration chose to have an outside firm do the grant application, no grant was received, and no alternate plans were presented to City Council. He said that he disagrees that City Council should spend money just because it's there. Regarding Hood Park, Mr. Matuszak said that originally the Administration was going to ask for \$1.5 million for a community center and \$500,000 for parking and the retaining wall, but the \$500,000 back-up proposal is not for parking and the retaining wall, it is for design and architectural fees. He said that he voted no based on how it would be financed and because it was all soft costs. Mr. Matuszak said that the 2015 budget, at City Council's request, included \$700,000 for a future fire station and he recalls that amount being 1/3 of \$2.1 million to be set aside but this budget only has \$300,000. He distributed a schedule to Council members and explained what was on the schedule which included eliminating all funds for Riverside Park, include \$75,000 for Hood Park design work, add an additional \$400,000 for a future fire station, and leave the remainder in the General Fund ending balance so it would be \$1.728 million. He said the budget could be amended later in the year for Hood Park and Riverside Park, but it puts the brakes on these two projects and puts City Council in control of the projects. He added that Hood Park should go before Riverside Park.

Mr. Matuszak moved to remove the \$500,000 expenditure and related bond issue for Hood Park from the budget amendment. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Matuszak moved to remove all appropriated funds for the Riverside Park project from the budget, add \$75,000 for the design and engineering of Hood Park, add an additional \$400,000 for a future fire facility, and leave the net balance in the General Fund ending balance. Mr. Kevern seconded.

There was discussion regarding the multi-use path and the timing involved with Riverside Park and Hood Park. Mr. McCarthy said that Mr. Matuszak insinuates that City Council has been lead around by the nose regarding Riverside Park and the multi-use path, but these projects have been in discussion for a long time. He said that he is confident Hood Park improvements will come behind Riverside Park and Mr. Matuszak said to use common sense and if the multi-use path is going in, it makes sense to do Riverside Park first. Mr. McCarthy said that the idea of putting money aside for a second fire station was to say that this is a priority and he feels

that a million dollars makes that point. Mr. VanHoozen said that the most logical way to proceed is to do Riverside Park before the multi-use path. He said the Administration came with a \$1.8 million dollar plan for Riverside Park and that hasn't changed. Mr. Matuszak said that City Council voted to approve spending one million dollars on Riverside Park and the Administration made no adjustments to stay within that amount. Mr. Rettig said that it is his recollection that when the one million was approved, City Council knew the total cost would be more than that. Ms. Williams said that she agrees with Mr. McCarthy that a lot of concerns have been addressed in the budget amendment such as resurfacing and the general fund reserve, and she added that some compromise is needed to get the budget amendment passed. Mr. Smith said that this all stems around the multi-use path and if we wait and do Riverside Park later, it will destroy the multi-use path and if we wait, it could also cost more.

Ms. Williams made a motion to amend Mr. Matuszak's motion to retain the \$890,000 carryover for Riverside Park, keep \$500,000 additional for the base bid, remove the \$245,000 for add-ons, keep the \$20,000 for the multi-use path subject to discussion regarding the placement of the bollards, cut the additional \$400,000 for the Fire Division, and cut the \$75,000 for Hood Park. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Matuszak said that based on Ms. William's motion there would be an additional \$245,000 available and he would like to see that go the Fire Division except for Mr. McCarthy's desire to put money aside for Hood Park. Mr. McCarthy said that he doesn't think that money for Hood Park would have to be in the budget amendment right now; it could be amended later. He said that he thinks the \$104,000 add-in for the electrical at Riverside Park is essential and it makes sense to do it now. He added that he thinks the under railing lighting would give it the wow factor and the lighting can't be done later. Mr. Rettig stated that the lighting and its effect on deterring vandalism was discussed at a Recreation Committee meeting. He said the lighted handrails prevent spillage but are a type of insurance policy to protect our investment. Mr. Smith said that he has some concerns with the retaining wall and while doing research he read that there is some concern in freeze/thaw areas and the problem lies in the concrete pour. He suggested getting specs from the concrete contractor and contact ODOT regarding their requirements.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend Ms. Williams' motion to add \$104,500 for electrical work for Riverside Park. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. McCarthy made a motion to amend Ms. Williams' motion to include \$510,000 instead of \$500,000 for the base bid of Riverside Park and to include \$201,000 for alternates at Riverside Park. Mr. Rettig seconded. Ayes: McCarthy, Rettig, VanHoozen (3). Nays: Kevern, Matuszak, Smith, Williams (4).

Mr. Smith made a motion to reconsider his previous amendment to Ms. Williams' motion to add \$104,500 for electrical work at Riverside Park. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen (3). Nays: Kevern, Matuszak, Rettig, Williams (4).

Mr. Matuszak made a motion to amend Ms. Williams' motion to add an additional \$255,000 for a future second fire station. Mr. Kevern seconded. Mr. McCarthy said that he thinks the million we have earmarked for the Fire Station makes the point that this is a priority and he thinks the \$255,000 should stay in the General Fund and can be used over the course of the year for Hood Park or a second fire station if discussions advance to that point. Ayes: Kevern, Matuszak (2). Nays: McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, Williams, VanHoozen (5).

The vote on Ms. Williams' amendment to Mr. Matuszak's motion was: Ayes: McCarthy, Smith, Williams (3). Nays: Kevern, Matuszak, Rettig, VanHoozen (4).

The vote on Mr. Matuszak's motion was: Ayes: Kevern, Matuszak (2). Nays: McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, Williams, VanHoozen (5).

Mr. Matuszak made a motion to amend the budget amendment as presented to reduce the funds for the Riverside Park base bid from \$510,000 to \$250,000. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: Kevern and Matuszak (2). Nays: McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, VanHoozen, Williams (5).

Mr. McCarthy made a motion to amend the budget amendment as presented to reduce the amount for Riverside Park alternates from \$245,000 to \$105,000. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, VanHoozen (4). Nays: Kevern, Matuszak, Williams (3).

The vote on Ordinance 20-2016 was: Ayes: McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, VanHoozen (4). Nays: Kevern, Matuszak, Williams (3).

Service Committee:

Ms. Williams gave her report of the March 9, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Williams introduced **ORDINANCE 31-2016 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE FORT MEIGS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG, OHIO 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. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 31-2016 by number and title only. Ms. Williams moved that Ordinance 31-2016 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Ms. Williams introduced **ORDINANCE 32-2016 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN INTERNATIONAL DUMP/PLOW TRUCK CAB/CHASSIS FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTERS AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$85,764.00) 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. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 32-2016 by number and title only. Ms. Williams moved that Ordinance 32-2016 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Ms. Williams introduced **ORDINANCE 33-2016 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT FOR BIDS FOR 2016 PAVEMENT RESURFACING 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. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 33-2016 by number and title only. Ms. Williams moved that Ordinance 33-2016 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the March 8, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rettig introduced **ORDINANCE 34-2016 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FORT MEIGS YMCA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$215,841.00) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY SWIMMING POOL 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 Ms. Williams. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 34-2016 by number and title only. Mr. Rettig moved that Ordinance 34-2016 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kevern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor