

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams (6). Nelson Evans was absent (1). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, David Creps, Clerk of Council, and Karlene Henderson, Law Director.

Mr. McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting as written and to dispense with their reading. Ms. Williams seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jackie Venzel, Rachel Schmitz, Bill Brown, Michelle Mesker, Mary Kaczinski, Kitty Gibson, Debbie Testen, Jamie Schmitz, and Scott Anderson expressed their concerns about the trees that were removed as part of the ditch cleaning project on Fort Meigs Road, the lack of notice given to neighboring residents, and the lack of communication between City departments. Ms. Schmitz read a list of her demands and presented City Council with a binder. City Council asked that the contents of the binder be scanned and sent to all members. In response to questions asked by City Council and the citizens, Ms. Kabat explained that this is a three phase project based on drainage issues upstream and the vegetation was removed so the excavation equipment can reach the bottom of the ditch. Ms. Kabat stated that the work is part of a Department of Public Utilities contract in the amount of \$13,750 to remove vegetation from the ditch. Ms. Kabat said that the City is not in jeopardy of losing our Tree City USA status because that is based on our street tree program. As part of that program, 198 trees were planted this year. Ms. Kabat stated that she and Jon Eckel will go out in the spring and see if there is space available to plant approved street trees in the affected area. She said that Mr. Eckel will look at the sidewalk after the ditch cleaning and see what needs to be done to ensure that it is safe.

Mr. McCarthy made a motion that since Phase 1 is in process, that there be no more vegetation removed, and that Phases 2 and 3 of the Fort Meigs Road ditch maintenance between Eckel Junction Road and Fox Run be suspended until this matter has been sent to the HSPU Committee for review and discussion. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead reported that he visited the fourth graders at Woodland Elementary School. He was encouraged by, and very impressed with, their questions. He said that it was a pleasure and privilege to spend time with the students.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Law Director's Report

Ms. Henderson stated that Ordinance 99-2016 on tonight's agenda was not drafted as an emergency so there will just be a first reading tonight.

President of Council Report

Mr. McCarthy reported that the Appointment Review Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and as a result, he made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mary Kaczinski for a two year term on the Litter Prevention Board and the new appointment of Lindsay Buker for a three year term on PRAC. Ms. Williams seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Mr. Matuszak asked that the November 30, 2016 meeting be switched with the Safety Committee meeting which is at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Kabat said that she will reach out to Mr. Evans since he is the chair of the Safety Committee.

Service Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date.

Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the November 9, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rettig introduced **ORDINANCE 99-2016 AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1090.06 REGARDING SMOKING IN CITY PARKS** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 99-2016 by number and title only.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. which will be the new starting time.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

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

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor