

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2017

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

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. VanHoozen as President of Council Pro Tem. Mr. Evans seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting as written and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Evans seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Diana Friess, 311 West Indiana Avenue, said that many street trees, especially throughout the subdivisions are hanging low. She suggested that the City hire an arborist or two to assist in the tree trimming until we get caught up. Mayor Olmstead said that they will look into it.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead reported that there was a great turnout for the Riverside Park rededication and we are already receiving requests to do weddings at the park.

Mayor Olmstead said the fireworks will be on July 3, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.

He reported that the unveiling of the Bicentennial Clock will be on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Olmstead stated that the Administration reached out to the Wood County Commissioners regarding signage at the Diverging Diamond. The Commissioners have agreed to contribute \$50,000 towards a sign if the City moves forward with it. Mayor Olmstead said it will be a part of the 2018 budget. Ms. Kabat distributed a rendering that Brody Walters came up with and there is a price quotation on the last page. Mr. Evans asked if it will be on one side or both. Ms. Kabat said that it will be on both sides. Mr. Matuszak asked about the location of the sign, and Ms. Kabat said that ODOT has new rules regarding signage on bridges so we would not be permitted to do that. Mr. Matuszak asked if the sign will say Wood County on it, and Ms. Kabat said that it would.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Law Director's Report

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Service Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee:

Mr. Evans stated that the Safety Committee met prior to the City Council meeting, but the report will be given at the next Council meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, July 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the June 13, 2017 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m, which is a change from the regular date.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 57-2017 AMENDING SECTION 220.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF PERRYSBURG REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only.

Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 57-2017 by number and title only.

Mr. Matuszak said that Mr. VanHoozen previously said that an election year is a good time to do this and he wondered why. Mr. VanHoozen stated that more attention is paid to what the candidates are saying at that time. Mr. Matuszak noted that one reason for doing three readings on an ordinance is to allow time for public comment. He asked if any comments have been received. Ms. Kabat and Mr. Creps said that they had not received any. There was discussion regarding the interpretation of the ordinance. Ms. Henderson said that you cannot receive an increase during your term. Mr. Creps stated that those whose terms begin in 2018 would be paid \$7,000 and those whose terms begin in 2020 would be paid \$7,500. In 2022, they would all be at \$7,500 unless there are changes made prior to that time.

Mr. Matuszak moved to remove the word modest from the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Evans. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Matuszak said that according to the information regarding Council salaries in other jurisdictions that was emailed to Council members, it shows that Sylvania is paid twice what Perrysburg City Council members are paid and Ottawa Hills City Council gets paid \$120 a year. He asked, how is it we feel what we do is more than what Ottawa Hills does and less than what Sylvania does. He said that none of his suggestions from the last meeting have been addressed. He said that he suggested a higher rate of pay for a Council member's first term. Mr. Smith said that you cannot do that per the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Matuszak suggested a sunset clause, and Mr. Smith said that his recollection of the last meeting was that they felt this should be discussed during the next charter review which will occur in 2018. Mr. Matuszak said that he doesn't do this for the money, and he thinks they should take a \$1,500 pay cut to \$5,000 a year. Mr. Evans said that he has found that being on City Council is more work than he thought it would be. He said he feels this is fair compensation for a person's time and they still donate a lot of time. Mr. Rettig said that the most important value to him is what happens with his kids and he struggled with running again because of the time involved. He said this is a second job. Mr. VanHoozen said that he feels this raise is incremental and modest. Ms. Williams said that she is dumbfounded by the conversation and nobody runs for the money.

Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. VanHoozen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor