

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD AUGUST 15, 2017

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Nelson Evans, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams (7). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Karlene Henderson, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting as written and to dispense with their reading. Ms. Williams seconded. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front St., spoke against the Hood Park parking. He said that it is a great deal of concrete and asphalt and is totally unnecessary.

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, said that a better use of money would be to fix what is broken at Hood Park. He distributed photos to the Council members showing items that need to be repaired at Hood Park.

Deborah Born, 125 E. Front St., said that she agrees with Mr. Orser and Mr. Hagen, and Hood Park is in the Historic District and they are ruining it.

Rachel Wesley, 563 E. Indiana Ave., said that the Boat Club has 98 members and their charter only allows 100 members.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat reported that the Administration is in receipt of the independent audit and she will be sending it to City Council members. She also reported that she and Mr. Creps had a conversation with Ohio Checkbook and there are a few tweaks to be made on their end and then we will go live with it.

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, August 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Service Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the August 8, 2017 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rettig introduced **ORDINANCE 79-2017 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING AND BIDDING PHASE SERVICES AT HOOD PARK AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED FORTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$49,900.00) 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 third reading. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 79-2017 by number and title only. Mr. Rettig moved that Ordinance 79-2017 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Rettig made a motion to remove the language “subject to reasonable adjustment based on relevant conditions and otherwise upon terms deemed reasonable and appropriate by the City’s Administrator, Director of Public Service, and Planning and Zoning Administrator” from Section 1 of the ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Ms. Williams said that at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting she voted to have the final design done so we could get a firm estimate for construction. She said that there is \$435,000 budgeted and she will not support moving forward with construction if the construction estimate along with the \$12,500 for preliminary design and the \$49,900 for final design is above that budgeted amount. Ms. Williams asked the Mayor if this parking is geared towards the park or for downtown. Mayor Olmstead said that it is geared towards both. She asked if he has received any feedback from the downtown business owners that the parking on Second Street was enough. Mayor Olmstead said that he has never heard there is

enough parking. Ms. Williams asked the Mayor about prioritizing the parking over repairs needed at Hood Park. Mayor Olmstead said that funds for those repairs will be in the 2018 budget. Mr. Matuszak said that he agrees with Ms. Williams about staying within the budgeted amount. He said that we already had issues with parking downtown without doing Riverside Park so now we've added to the problem. He said that he would be interested in knowing how many parking spaces we can get by using the existing parking at Hood Park more wisely. Mr. McCarthy said that during discussions about Riverside Park he remembers that they alluded to the fact that we would have to do something about parking. He said that we should do the engineering study and get a cost estimate and then decide if it's worth doing. He said that he does feel that pedestrian access needs to be addressed. He asked if the 40% contingency is still in there. Ms. Kabat explained that the 40% contingency was put in when the preliminary estimate was done in December, 2016. She said that the contingency is because of unknown conditions and because prices for materials can change based on the market. She said that when we get the final engineering done, the contingency will virtually be at zero. Mr. Matuszak asked if the preliminary estimate of \$437,000 includes the \$49,900, and Ms. Kabat said she believes so. Mr. Smith said that during the budget process repairs to Hood Park were removed. He said that we need to plan for the future and he sees this parking not so much for downtown, but for other amenities. He noted that Council recently supported the Water Trail Initiative and the multi-use path is being installed. Mr. Rettig said that it is an issue of projected need versus current needs. He said that there are current needs at Woodlands and Bicentennial Parks and he questions the rush. He said that he is in support of getting the information, but there are other items that are more urgent. He added that he does not think it serves the benefit of the park to eliminate greenspace to maximize parking spaces. Ms. Williams said that the assignment for Tetrattech was to maximize the number of parking spaces but this has now gone through two committees and it has been noted that greenspace is important. Mr. Rettig moved that Ordinance 79-2017 as amended be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: Evans, McCarthy, Rettig, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (6). Nays: Matuszak (1).

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., which is a change from the regular date and time.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Utilities Committee:

Mr. Smith gave his report of the August 2, 2017 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Smith.
Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor