

## **MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2019**

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Becky Williams (5). Tim McCarthy arrived at 6:35 p.m. Haraz N. Ghanbari was absent. Also present were Laura Alkire, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Matuszak moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting as written and to dispense with their reading. Ms. Williams seconded. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Katie Thomas, attorney for The Ability Center, was present to request that City Council approve the proposed budget amendment that includes funds to hire a consultant to look at making the downtown buildings ADA accessible. Ms. Thomas explained that since the City's right-of-way goes up to the buildings, and the building owners are permitted to use the right-of-way to make their entrance accessible, this plan gives the City some control over the design.

Tenesha Ulrich, Carter Road, said that she and her family come to the Farmers' Market and also visit the downtown businesses. She said that several businesses are not accessible to her, and she patiently waits outside while her family shops. She said that she would love to see Perrysburg set an example for the state and nation to be more inclusive.

#### **LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

Rick Ruffner stated that he owns several businesses in town, and he is requesting that the City pay for the police coverage for the Christmas parade. He said that last year the cost was \$1,500.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

##### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Mackin reported that several of our police officers will be going to Washington, D.C. to accept a Top Cop award from the National Association of Police Organizations. The officers receiving the award are William Chalfant, Doug Cunningham, Mark Lepkowski, and Ryan Merrow.

Mayor Mackin reported that after the hate incident on Lexington Drive, a grass roots committee was formed, and they will be holding an event at Hull Prairie Intermediate School on April 10, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The goal of the committee is to make Perrysburg a more welcoming, inclusive community. He encouraged City Council and the community to attend.

##### **City Administrator's Report**

No report.

##### **Finance Director's Report**

No report.

### **Law Director's Report**

No report.

### **President of Council Report**

Mr. Matuszak reported that Mr. Ghanbari is away through March 21 on military orders and that is the reason for his absence.

Mr. Matuszak also reported that the first round of interviews for Police Chief are scheduled for later in the week.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance and Economic Development Committee:**

Mr. Matuszak gave his report of the March 12, 2019 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 9-2019 AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-2018 TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 9-2019 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 9-2019 be passed as an emergency. Ms. Born said that she will not be voting for the budget amendment because there are several items that are unnecessary and are a waste of taxpayer dollars. She raised objections to the following items: multi-use path along the river, the amount of the Maple St. SSO elimination, Woodland Park parking, pavement marking/share the road signage, ADA accessibility for downtown area, assistant to the City Administrator, training for new Service Director, and furniture and administrative assistant for the Law Director. She said she would like to see the following added to the budget: 2 police patrol vehicles, 3 firefighters, additional expenditures for park maintenance, additional mowing equipment for the cemetery, and efforts to stop dumping raw sewage into the river. Mr. Smith addressed the SSO elimination and the mowing equipment for the cemetery. There was additional discussion about several of these issues. Mr. Matuszak addressed Mr. Ruffner who had spoken earlier and said that they will consider his request later in the year. Ayes: Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (5). Nays: Born (1).

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 10-2019 AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THAT PROPERTY TO OMCO BUILDING LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third

readings. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 10-2019 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 10-2019 be approved as an emergency. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Matuszak introduced **RESOLUTION 17-2019 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. § 5705.19(V) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Ms. Williams. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 17-2019 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Resolution 17-2019 be approved. Mr. VanHoozen asked the last time the ten mill was changed. Mr. Creps stated that the ten mills were spoken for years ago. Mr. VanHoozen asked if one mill is still adequate. Mr. Creps stated that the original intent was for the one mill levy to cover the difference between the City farming out the service and having our own employees do it. Mr. Eckel noted that the private service considered at that time was not as comprehensive. He added that the levy has always passed with at least 70% of the vote. Mr. Smith brought up the increased cost of recycling. Mayor Mackin stated that the communities that are currently discussing the water issue plan on discussing recycling once the water issue is settled. Mr. Matuszak said that another point to consider is that businesses pay the property tax, but do not benefit from the service. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

**Service Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**Safety Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Recreation Committee:**

Ms. Born gave her report of the March 12, 2019 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:**

Mr. McCarthy gave his report of the March 13, 2019 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel Committee:**

Ms. Williams moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment, appointment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Mr. McCarthy

seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). City Council went into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Ms. Williams made a motion to return from Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Williams gave her report of the March 13, 2019 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Williams introduced **ORDINANCE 11-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 7-2019 PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 22, 2019 AMENDING CODE SECTION 266.15-2 TO INCLUDE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (5). Nays: Born (1). The Clerk read Ordinance 11-2019 by number and title only. Ms. Williams moved that Ordinance 11-2019 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (5). Nays: Born (1).

Ms. Williams introduced **RESOLUTION 18-2019 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JON G. ECKEL FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (5). Nays: Born (1). The Clerk read Resolution 18-2019 by number and title only. Ms. Williams moved that Resolution 18-2019 be approved. Ayes: Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, VanHoozen, and Williams (5). Nays: Born (1).

Mr. Eckel said it is a privilege to come to work and serve the citizens of Perrysburg and he thanked City Council.

**Public Utilities Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Matuszak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor