

## **MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING HELD MAY 5, 2020**

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Council Members Jan Materni, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Council members present via teleconferencing were Deborah Born and Cory Kuhlman. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Laura Alkire, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of both City Council meetings held April 21, 2020 as written and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

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

None.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

Mayor Mackin read an update that will be shared on social media thanking the community and acknowledging all of the nice things people have done for City staff.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

##### **President of Council Report**

Mr. Smith read the following prepared statement:

*I would like to reiterate my gratitude to our community for how well everyone has been handling COVID-19. As I have traversed around the community, the members of Perrysburg have exhibited exemplary unity during this crisis. I couldn't be prouder to call Perrysburg my home.*

*As we continue to tread through this new normal. I would like to continue to encourage our residents to follow the CDC guidelines of wearing masks in public, practice social distancing, and continuing to wash our hands as often as possible. It is our patriotic duty to continue to practice these behaviors. We must also be*

*cognizance that the masks are not there to protect us, but to protect those we come in contact with (our family, our friends, and our neighbors) from contracting COVID-19 should we be an unknowing carrier.*

*During this crisis, I also think back to one of the most famous lines uttered by a President. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." I believe that line resonant then just as much as it does today. We must move through the fear that accompanies this virus, and continue to selflessly help our family, our neighbors, our friends, and our community. We cannot let the fear associated with this virus paralyze us from moving forward.*

*I do also believe it is time that our economy begins to reopen. I have faith and trust in our residents and businesses to continue to be responsible throughout our new norm. I hope that everyone will continue to patronize our local businesses to help the owners and their staff make it through this crisis.*

*We will make it through this together, and we will come out better and stronger than before.*

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

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Service Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Materni introduced **RESOLUTION 26-2020 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAMPBELL MECHANICAL SERVICES INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE PERRYSBURG MUNICIPAL COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$56,864.00) 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 Mr. Smith. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 26-2020 by number and title only. Ms. Materni moved that Resolution 26-2020 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ms. Born said that we should be reducing expenditures and we shouldn't be worrying about a heating system right now. Ayes: Kuhlman, Materni, Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, and VanHoozen (6). Nays: Born (1).

#### **Safety Committee:**

No report.

Mr. VanHoozen acknowledged that the Governor has announced budget cuts as have several area municipalities. Mayor Mackin said that in the current year budget we are postponing what we can and are planning on next year's budget being reduced. Mr. Creps stated that we have a \$20 million dollar budget and we've already reduced the pay down on the fire station notes by \$3 million, so that's a 15% reduction. Mr. McCarthy asked about tax collections for April. Mr. Creps said that April collections were a little over \$2 million and last year collections in April were \$4 million. He added that the due date for 2019 returns and for first and second quarter estimates has been pushed back until July.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **RESOLUTION 27-2020 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACCUMED BILLING INCORPORATED FOR THE PROVISION OF EMS BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE PERRYSBURG FIRE DIVISION** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 27-2020 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Resolution 27-2020 be passed. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Mr. Kuhlman clarified that currently there is someone in house doing the billing, but Accumed would be paid a percentage of collections. Chief Ruiz said that is correct, but it would actually be a cost savings to the City. There was discussion regarding what savings there would be, how Accumed would be paid, and several issues with the contract itself. Several Council members felt that they did not have enough information to make a decision about this at this time. Mayor Mackin said there was no problem with getting more information to City Council, and he asked if it could be presented as an emergency measure at the next meeting. Mr. Kuhlman and Mr. Matuszak both said that was acceptable. Mr. VanHoozen asked that Council members send any questions they may have to the Chief. Mr. Smith moved to table Resolution 27-2020. Seconded by Mr. VanHoozen. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

**Recreation Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Utilities Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith moved to grant a sewer credit for 10866 Bay Trace Drive in the amount of \$1,676.96 due to an issue with their back-up sump pump. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Kuhlman stated that there is a gap in the Ohio Revised Code regarding electric scooters and where they can be driven. He asked that the Safety Committee consider the issue to give citizens clarity on where we want them to be ridden.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy.  
Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor