

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2020

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Council Members Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Council members present via teleconferencing were Deborah Born, Cory Kuhlman, and Jan Materni. 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 the City Council meeting held May 5, 2020 as written and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mackin gave an update on the status of sports related activities and said that the Administration is reviewing the State's guidelines and the cost impact regarding the pool.

Mayor Mackin stated that Senior Staff will be reviewing the downtown DORA application with the Law Director. After that review, they hope to meet with those who submitted the application and then bring it to City Council. Mayor Mackin said that he anticipates a lot of public comment on this topic, and he has spoken to Council President Smith about how people can be heard and still maintain the recommended guidelines regarding social distancing.

Mayor Mackin said that he has been asked about helping downtown businesses with access to the right-of-way and about closing the street. Mayor Mackin said that it is a state route so closing the street is not really an option. He said they are working with the downtown businesses while at the same time following liquor control requirements.

Mayor Mackin thanked Gaven Smith for graciously providing pizza for City Council. He also thanked all the residents and businesses that have been providing food for City staff.

Mr. McCarthy asked about the timeline for the DORA and he asked about the Farmers' Market. Mayor Mackin said the CVB will evaluate the Farmers' Market by June 15th.

Mr. Smith read the following email received earlier in the day from Marv Himmelein into the record:

Dear Councilman Smith,

My name is Marv Himmelein and my wife & I live at 28315 W. River Rd. & have done so for 20 years.

We have noticed that we are seeing more & more trespassers on our property (particularly since Davis Overlook was opened).

During the walleye run we have come to expect that. However, increasingly, traffic has continued well beyond the run. The fishermen have worn a path along the river and people (not fishing) are walking dogs and bringing children. They have become a nuisance. We have littering, noise and have even seen people urinating on our property.

I am respectfully requesting that the city place signage at Davis Overlook that indicates the properties East & West of the overlook are private property and not public domain. The paths are on private property.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Ms. Kabat stated that she received a copy of the email from a couple of Council members, and she will be speaking with the Public Service Director to see what signage can be placed at Davis Overlook, and speak to the property owners about possible signage on their private property, to mitigate the crossing from public to private property.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Creps asked about the summer schedule for City Council meetings. Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Creps make a suggested schedule as he has done in past years and send it to Council members for discussion.

Law Director's Report

No report.

President of Council Report

Mr. Smith also thanked Gaven Smith for the pizza and he thanked all the volunteers who helped put flags on veterans' graves at the cemetery.

Mr. Smith said that he thinks we should have the joint meeting with the Township Trustees regarding the cemetery prior to the first or second Council meeting in June. He said that he will bring it up at the Cemetery Board meeting and let Mr. Creps know what works.

Finance and Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Matuszak introduced **RESOLUTION 28-2020 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL AND SPECIAL TREATMENT OF SHADE TREES AND CONTROLLING THE BLIGHT AND DISEASE OF SAME AND FOR PLANTING, MAINTAINING, TRIMMING AND REMOVING SHADE TREES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS AND WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG** 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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 28-2020 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Resolution 28-2020 be passed. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ms. Born said that we need to make cuts in the budget and she saw trees in the right-of-way being removed. She said we are a Tree City and the trees should be trimmed, not hacked. Mr. Matuszak read the Law Director's summary about the pending legislation noting that it is the first step in a real estate tax assessment. There was discussion regarding the City's financial position, and Mr. McCarthy stated that the Administration has provided City Council with a list of items that can be deferred and there is no imminent threat to the City's financial future as alluded to by Ms. Born. Ayes: Kuhlman, Materni, Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, and VanHoozen (6). Nays: Born (1).

Service Committee:

No report.

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

Safety Committee:

No report.

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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the third reading. 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 as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ms. Born asked about the effective date and questioned what state the contract would be governed by. Ms. Alkire stated that the contract will take effect when it is executed. She added that the agreement is covered under Ohio laws, it is an exhibit that refers to the State of Michigan, and the contract language prevails over the exhibit. Mr. Matuszak asked about general controls that will be in place. Ms. Kabat said that they will be utilizing our data and we can run a report once they bill and collect so we can check. Chief Ruiz added that his staff will verify the billing and the type of patient assessment provided. Ayes: Kuhlman, Materni, Matuszak, McCarthy, Smith, and VanHoozen (6). Nays: Born (1).

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Ms. Born stated that she too received the email from Mr. Himmelein which was previously discussed. She asked about the status of reopening the tennis courts because she received an email from Jeff Marczak, 13580 Otusso Drive. Mayor Mackin stated that he spoke about the reopening of tennis courts under his report. Mr. Marczak was in attendance at the meeting and was satisfied with the Mayor's response.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith thanked any residents who may have called in to listen to the meeting. Ms. Born thanked residents for being patient during the Covid-19 process, and she called attention to an email from Michael Cousino regarding the budget. Mr. Matuszak and Mr. Smith asked that the email be forwarded to all Council members.

Mayor Mackin stated that there will be no parade or service on Memorial Day, but he asked that everyone take time on Memorial Day to acknowledge and recognize those who have served this country and lost their life on its behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor