

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD DECEMBER 17, 2013

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Todd Grayson, John Kevern, Joe Lawless, Tom Mackin, Tim McCarthy, Mike Olmstead, and Sara Weisenburger (7). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Mathew Beredo, Law Director and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Lawless moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Grayson seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat thanked Mayor Evans for appointing her as Administrator. She said that the last year and a half has been wonderful and the City will miss him; but she is sure there will be consistency with Mike Olmstead coming in as Mayor.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Creps said he is happy to report that he received official word from S & P that the City's bond rating has been increased two steps from AA- to AA+. He called attention to copies placed in Council members' folders. Mr. Lawless asked what difference this makes money wise. Mr. Creps said that it can give us a better interest rate when issuing bonds or notes. Ms. Kabat said that a two step increase is unheard of, and it shows confidence in the City's policies.

Director of Law

No report.

President of Council Report

Mr. Lawless presented Mayor Evans with the gavel he has used for the last eight years, and he thanked him for his service to the City.

Mr. Lawless made a motion to approve the retirement and rehiring of City Engineer Doug Dariano. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Grayson said that he has been against this policy from its inception. He said it is a win for Perrysburg taxpayers and for Mr. Dariano, and Mr. Dariano is a

valuable employee. However, state taxpayers are left holding the bag if Mr. Dariano lives a long life. He said he does not want to, as a state taxpayer, have to root for him to not live a long life. He added that the longer Mr. Dariano lives, the more the state goes in debt.

Ayes: Kevern, Lawless, Mackin, McCarthy, Olmstead (5). Nays: Grayson and Weisenburger (2).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin also thanked Mayor Evans for his service to the community. He then gave his report of the December 10, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 111-2013 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 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. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 111-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 111-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Kevern.

Mr. Grayson said he has concerns regarding the Student Resource Officer. He said that he does not feel there have been enough public meetings at the School Board or City level. He said that he does not feel that we have fulfilled our duty and that some issues are big enough that we need to reach out to the public. He said that we have gone this long without one, and he doesn't see how delaying it eight to twelve months could hurt. Mr. McCarthy asked if there will be a contract with the Schools regarding them reimbursing us and if that contract will come back to City Council. Ms. Kabat said that because it is a zero dollar contract, it would not come back to Council. Mr. Mackin noted that the vote on the budget is for a new police officer. Mr. Grayson stated that we are budgeting for a rookie, but the Schools will be getting a senior officer. Ms. Kabat said that they have reworked the numbers based on the salary for a senior officer, and the Schools have agreed to pay their fair share. Mr. Grayson made a motion to remove the line item for a Student Resource Officer. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Lawless said that he is concerned about the ever increasing overtime in the Fire Division. He said that he believes they are over budget for this year. Ms. Kabat said that they have not exceeded the budgeted amount and they do not anticipate doing so.

Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 115-2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE 196-2012 TO REVISE THE ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 115-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 115-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Weisenburger. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 116-2013 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CASH TRANSFERS WITHIN THE CITY'S BUDGET 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 116-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 116-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Weisenburger. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 117-2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE 196-2012 BY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO APPROPRIATEIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 117-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 117-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Weisenburger. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 118-2013 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH NFP BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS AND RELATED ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 117-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 117-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Weisenburger. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Service-Safety Committee:

No report.

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 119-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WATERVILLE GAS REGARDING RELOCATION OF A GAS LINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ADJACENT TO FORT MEIGS ROAD 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 119-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 119-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Lawless gave his report of the December 16, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Lawless noted that the amount for the Skate Park will be reduced from \$95,000 to \$20,000 in the first Budget Amendment.

Mr. Lawless introduced **ORDINANCE 120-2013 RENEWING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PERRYSBURG**

AMATEUR BASEBALL SOFTBALL COMMISSION REGARDING USE OF CITY ATHLETIC FIELDS DURING 2014 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 120-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Lawless moved that Ordinance 120-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Lawless introduced **ORDINANCE 121-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PERRYSBURG AMATEUR BASEBALL SOFTBALL COMMISSION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT RIVERCREST PARK 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 121-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Lawless moved that Ordinance 121-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead.

Mr. Grayson said that he does not believe there is enough demand for another lighted field so he will be voting against this ordinance. Mr. Mackin asked if we have done what we can to address concerns of neighbors. Ms. Kabat said that we have had the lighting group come in to make sure we are not deflecting light away from the field and that the lights are focused. We also plan to install timers so we are not relying on humans to make sure the lights are turned off when they are supposed to be. Mr. Grayson added that PABSC agreed to turn off the lights at 9:30 p.m. on school nights.

Ayes: Kevern, Lawless, Mackin, McCarthy, Olmstead, and Weisenburger (6).
Nays: Grayson (1).

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Monday, December 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date.

Ms. Weisenburger introduced **ORDINANCE 122-2013 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GENERAL BARGAINING UNIT REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR VACANCIES 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 second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 122-2013 by number and title only. Ms. Weisenburger moved that Ordinance 122-2013 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Monday, December 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grayson thanked Mr. Lawless for his service to the community and for his guidance in getting him involved with the City. Mr. McCarthy also thanked Mr. Lawless and said the City is better off because of him. Mayor Evans said that he has appreciated Mr. Lawless' leadership with City Council. He thanked all of City Council for working together with him. He said that we have come a long way as a City. We have reorganized departments, paid off the six million dollar general fund debt, and built a new Service Department building. He said that he looks forward to Mike moving us on, and it has truly been an honor to have served the City. Mr. Lawless thanked everyone for their comments and said that during his sixteen years he is sure some of the decisions he made were not right, but he always did what he thought was best for the City of Perrysburg. Mr. Kevern thanked Ms. Weisenburger for her service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lawless moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Nelson D. Evans, Mayor