MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD OCTOBER 21, 2014

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Council Members Todd Grayson, John Kevern, Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig and Barry VanHoozen (7). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, David Creps, Clerk of Council, and Mathew Beredo, Law Director.

Mr. Kevern moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Grayson seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jeff Hoffmann, 310 Mulberry Street, said that two years ago the City had an outside firm conduct a study of the effectiveness of public safety. He asked if it can be released to the public. Mayor Olmstead said that he does not know what study Mr. Hoffmann is referring to. Mr. Hoffmann asked if there could be a public forum to discuss the minimum staffing level for the Fire Division. Mayor Olmstead said he would be more than happy to meet with Mr. Hoffmann.

Diane Bishop, 231 W. Seventh Street, spoke about the riverfront. She asked why the Administration is focusing on the riverfront and said that she feels it is a waste of taxpayer dollars which could be put towards a skate park or an additional shelter at another park. Ms. Bishop requested that the past studies and comprehensive plans be put on the City's website.

Ray Corrigan, 852 Heathermoor Lane, said that he thinks the riverwalk is a great idea and that everyone should have a chance to use the riverfront. He said that if it is done carefully, he believes most people in the community would support the idea.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead presented a proclamation honoring Perrysburg High School as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School. Dr. Michael Short, principal, thanked the Mayor and he said that Perrysburg High School is one of only two schools in Northwest Ohio to ever receive this award.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat stated that there will be two Riverfront Open Houses: Thursday, October 30th and Monday, November 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a chance for citizens to discuss their concerns and recommendations for the riverfront.

Finance Director’s Report

No report.

Director of Law Report

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin gave his report of the October 14, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. He also gave a report of the special meeting held prior to tonight’s Council meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. This is a special meeting to discuss the 2015 budget.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.

Mr. Creps reported that the stated interest rate for the notes will be 1%.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 89-2014 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF $3,655,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY THE COSTS OF IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM BY REMOVING THE EXISTING WATER TOWER NOW LOCATED ON FORT MEIGS ROAD AND ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING A NEW WATER TOWER TO BE LOCATED BEHIND THE EXISTING PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING AND A NEW WATER TOWER TO BE LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING WATER TOWER NOW LOCATED ON FORT MEIGS ROAD, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, 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. Matuszak. Ayes: Grayson, Kevern, Mackin, Matuszak, McCarthy, Rettig and VanHoozen (7). Nays: (0). Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 89-2014 be approved as an emergency with the administrative change adding the interest rate of 1%. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: Grayson, Kevern, Mackin, Matuszak, McCarthy, Rettig VanHoozen (7). Nays: (0).

Ms. Kabat said that after additional discussions, both internally and with some Council members, regarding downtown restrooms, the Administration looked at property that is currently owned by the City and has put together another option. She distributed a handout with two options. The first option is the lease that has previously been proposed, and the second option is to eliminate three parking spaces from the city owned parking lot on Second Street and build restrooms at that site. She said both are viable options and the Administration is poised and ready to act on either option.

Mr. Mackin made a motion to send the topic of downtown restrooms back to the Finance Committee for discussion and so both options can be thoroughly vetted. Mr. Matuszak seconded. Mr. Grayson said that he feels the ordinance that has already had two readings should be voted on. He said there is a 15 year return on investment on the option to build restrooms in the back of a parking lot. Mr. Mackin said that he has some legitimate concerns about the commercial lease and he believes that even if they go with the lease he thinks it should go back to the committee. Mr. Matuszak said that he thought Mr. Grayson had recused himself from this issue. Mr. Grayson said that he requested a legal opinion and was informed he could vote on this issue. Mr. Matuszak said he feels he would be negligent to vote on something he just received within the last fifteen minutes. Ayes: Kevern, Mackin, Matuszak, McCarthy, Rettig, VanHoozen (6). Nays: Grayson (1).

Economic Development Committee:

Mr. Kevern gave his report of the October 15, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Service-Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Monday, October 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the October 14, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Monday, November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., which is a change from the regular date and time.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rettig noted that there is nothing in the 2015 budget for a second fire station. He asked if there have been any meetings or anything that would make us think a second fire station is in the near future. Ms. Kabat said there have been several internal conversations and information is being gathered regarding run times so the Administration can come back to City Council and start talking about a location. Mr. Rettig asked if there has been discussion with anyone outside of the City regarding those areas. Ms. Kabat said there have been no discussions with anyone outside of the City regarding acquiring land. Mr. Matuszak asked if the information will be ready to present to City Council by the end of the year. Ms. Kabat said she is hopeful but can't make any promises.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kevern moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor