

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2014

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Todd Grayson, Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig and Barry VanHoozen (6). John Kevern was absent. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, David Creps, Clerk of Council, and Mathew Beredo, Law Director.

Mr. Mackin moved to nominate Mr. McCarthy as acting President of Council. Mr. Grayson seconded. Ayes: Grayson, Mackin, Matuszak, Rettig, VanHoozen (5). Abstain: McCarthy (1).

Mr. McCarthy moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Grayson seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Tom Clemons of the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board was present to ask for support for the agency's upcoming levy request. He said it is a ten year, 1.6 mil levy that accounts for 40% of the agency's revenues.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Sandy Latchem, Executive Director of the Perrysburg Chamber of Commerce and the Perrysburg Convention and Visitors' Bureau, thanked the Administration, City Council and all those who attended for a successful Harrison Rally Day. She said the last Farmers' Market is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014, and she would like to see it become even bigger next year with an increased number of concerts.

Phil Dombey stated that the constituents would like feedback regarding the status of the roundabout. Mayor Olmstead said he will address it in his report. Deborah Born and Diane Bishop both urged City Council to vote down Resolution 9-2014. Mr. Grayson said that even if they vote down Resolution 9-2014 he implores those in attendance to stay involved. Mr. McCarthy said that he is confused because he thought Resolution 9-2014 died two meetings ago. He said that it sounds like they are looking for something that says we are never going to do anything for the downtown and he won't vote for that. He said that he does not believe there is support for the roundabout at that location, but we should always look for ways to improve everything we can.

Jeff Hoffmann, 310 Mulberry Street, spoke about the minimum staffing level at the Fire Division. He said the situation is broken and needs to be fixed. He urged the Mayor to do something about it. He said if it is the Fire Chief's decision, the Mayor and City Council can override it. He requested that a public forum be held to discuss the situation.

John Wellstein, 233 E. Indiana Avenue, said that he liked Mr. McCarthy's comments. He said that he has a lot invested in the downtown and there is a lot of room for improvement to bring more business. He said that bathrooms and more parking are great, but he would like see more and he suggested reestablishing the

Downtown Improvement Program, bricked crosswalks, landscaping, picnic benches at Hood Park, and a fountain around the statue at its current location.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead stated that the intent of Resolution 9-2014 was never to remove historical significance or hurt the charm of the downtown. He said that he had the best of intentions to show commitment to the downtown area and make it a destination place. Since 1977, seven different studies have been done costing half a million dollars. He stated that the plan he put forward was not proposed in a vacuum. He spoke to groups, individuals and City Council about it and in general they supported the plan. However after public comment they changed their minds and he has no issue with that; that's how the system is supposed to work. Mayor Olmstead withdrew Resolution 9-2014. He thanked everyone, whether for or against the proposal, for being a part of the process. He said that everyone's opinion matters regardless of how long they have lived in Perrysburg. He said some good has come out of this including additional parking and downtown restrooms. He said he has been listening and the common theme among all groups seems to be access to the river and P3. Mayor Olmstead presented a PowerPoint presentation with items from the P3 plan primarily related to the riverfront. The final slide contained the future action the Administration is asking for from City Council: 1) Acknowledgement that the items, as listed, are in the P3 and that Council and Administration have been tasked with implementing. 2) Administration has extracted goals from the P3 Plan that pertain to the riverfront/downtown area in anticipation of working with Council members, through the Recreation Committee, to review and add to this list of goals for the riverfront/downtown area. 3) Ask that the Recreation Committee work with the Administration to bring back to Council a set of final parameters that would define the scope of a downtown riverfront project. 4) Administration would then ask that Recreation Committee recommend approval of Administration's proposed legislation for the engagement of an architect/engineering firm to take the final parameters and provide a design that encompasses them. 5) Council passes ordinance to engage architect/engineering services.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat reported that the Wood County Commissioners will be holding a Town Hall meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. prior to the City Council meeting.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Director of Law Report

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin asked if the expenditures for the items requested by the Administration in tonight's presentation are included in the 2015 Budget. Ms. Kabat said there are architect/engineering services in the budget.

Mr. Mackin said that with regards to the ordinance for downtown restrooms he has concerns about the cost of improvements to private property and the \$700 a month for rent. He encouraged City Council members to investigate this issue thoroughly. He also asked City Council members to work through the budget in their committees or to let the Finance Committee know about any questions they may have.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 80-2014 AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH CLARK ADDISON LLC FOR PUBLIC BATHROOM SPACE AT A COST OF SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00) PER MONTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: Mackin, Matuszak, McCarthy, Rettig, VanHoozen (5). Nays: (0) Abstain: Grayson (1).

Economic Development Committee:

Mr. VanHoozen gave the report of the September 17, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mr. VanHoozen added that after the meeting the committee asked Mr. Grisdale to look at what other cities are doing with CRA requests so the committee can review what our parameters should be in the future.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 85-2014 AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH CITIZEN HOLDINGS LTD, AND CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP, 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. Grayson. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 85-2014 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Ordinance 85-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Mr. Grayson said that he believes it is imperative that we review our requirements for CRA agreements. He said that he will support this request because they followed our rules, but they are building at a prime location. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Grayson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Service-Safety Committee:

No report.

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

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 88-2014 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WOOD COUNTY AND CRESTLINE PAVING AT**

A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,454,345.00) 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. Rettig. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 88-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 88-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Mr. Mackin asked why this did not go to the Service-Safety Committee, if it is budgeted, and why it is an emergency. Mr. Matuszak explained that the funding for this project is coming from four different sources: Wood County, two different sources from the State of Ohio, and from the City. Since some of the money is coming from Wood County, the contract is between the City, the contractor and Wood County. We submitted to Wood County a request for drafting of the contract in January, but did not receive it. We had to take a different route and just recently got what we needed. There is underground work that needs to be done and they hope to get that work in by winter. Ms. Kabat said that funds for this project were budgeted partially in 2013 and the balance in 2014. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

Mr. McCarthy thanked the Mayor for his comments. He said that he supports what he said about looking at the riverfront and downtown and he hopes the Mayor continues to put forth ideas that he feels are best for the City.

Mr. McCarthy gave his report of the September 17, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. McCarthy introduced **ORDINANCE 86-2014 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO REZONE 13587 ROACHTON ROAD AND THE ADJOINING PARCEL AS INS (INSTITUTIONAL) 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. Mackin. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 86-2014 by number and title only. Mr. McCarthy moved that Ordinance 86-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

Mr. McCarthy introduced **ORDINANCE 87-2014 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT ZONING REGARDING THE SHARMA ANNEXATION 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. Mackin. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 87-2014 by number and title only. Mr. McCarthy moved that Ordinance 87-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

Personnel Committee:

No report.

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

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave the report of the September 23, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Kabat said that she met with the Utilities Department regarding rates, and they are moving forward with a preliminary analysis. In the fall of 2012, a rate study was done that anticipated a 9% increase from the City of Toledo but there was actually a 13% increase. The Administration is looking at taking interim steps to address the unanticipated increase from Toledo and will bring ideas back to the committee and City Council will have to decide how to proceed. Mr. VanHoozen asked if we have looked at other groups as alternative water sources. Ms. Kabat said that we are in the process of a grant proposal to study a second, emergency source.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mackin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor