

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2008

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Council Members Ermie, Kevern, Lawless, Mackin, Olmstead, Rutherford, and McCarthy (7). Also present were John Alexander City Administrator, and David Creps Clerk of Council.

Mr. Lawless moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0)

SPECIAL REPORTS

Mayor Evans introduced Sergeant Christine Chase, who is the first female Sergeant for the City of Perrysburg.

Mayor Evans also introduced Chief Wilkins from the City of Oregon, representing Ohio Fire Chief Association there to present a Certificate and Commemorative Coin of Completion to Chief Jeff Klein who has successfully completed the John Maxwell Laws of Leadership for Fire Service, Class No. 3, on September 8, 2008.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZENS CONCERNS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Director of Law

No Report

President of Council Report

Joe Lawless stated that the Appointment Review Committee met before Council and agreed to appoint Kevin Rantanen to the TARTA Board of Trustees. Mayor Evans made a recommendation for Mr. Rantanen's appointment. Mr. Lawless made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0)

Mr. Lawless stated that a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled for November 18 at 7:15 for the Special Approval Use for Rotary Park, and another at 7:25 p.m. regarding permanent zoning for the Schroeder Annexation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin had passed out copies of the budget to Council members for their review.

Next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 172-08 “AMENDING CHAPTER 890 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF PERRYSBURG TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING INCOME TAX.”** 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ernie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 172-2008 by number and title only.

Economic Development:

Mr. Kevern briefly covered topics discussed at the recent Economic Development meeting for which the minutes were not ready for tonight. This report will be attached and made a part of the minutes upon receipt.

Safety and Service:

Mr. Olmstead briefly reviewed the special meeting held immediately prior to tonight's Council meeting regarding Nordmann Roofing being selected to do roof repairs at the Senior Center and Fire Station. Nordmann's bid came in at \$88,000 for both roofs. Duke and Porter had estimated \$35,000 for the Senior Center and \$80,000 for the fire station. Nordmann's bid comes in considerably under budgeted amount.

Mr. Olmstead then introduced **ORDINANCE 175-2008 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORDMANN ROOFING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000) FOR REPAIR OF THE PERRYSBURG SENIOR CENTER AND THE PERRYSBURG FIRE STATION AND TO DECLARE 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 reading. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 175-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Olmstead moved that Ordinance No. 175-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

The next Safety and Service meeting is October 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Lawless reviewed notes from a special meeting of the Recreation Committee held October 1. Mr. Lawless thanked Joe Stockner representing the American

Legion Post 28 for their plans to erect a black stone monument in Hood Park to honor local military lost in action. He also acknowledged and thanked Doug and Mary Ellen Pratt who committed to pay for the monument. Mr. Lawless stated that this is wonderful for the City and for all of Perrysburg's Veterans.

Mr. Lawless then introduced **ORDINANCE 188-2008 "AUTHORIZING A LICENSE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST NO 28, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, TO ERECT A MONUMENT WHICH COMMENORATES MILITARY SERVICE BY PERRYSBURG CITIZENS 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 188-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Lawless moved that Ordinance No. 188-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be October 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

Mr. McCarthy had no report this evening, however, he noted that the October 15 meeting date needed to be changed to Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. Those Public Hearing notices and minutes did reflect this date change.

Personnel Committee:

Ms. Ermie had no report this evening. Next Personnel Committee meeting is October 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

Mr. Rutherford review notes from the meeting held on September 23. This report is attached and made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Rutherford introduced **ORDINANCE 176-2008 "AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROTECTIVE COATINGS TECHNOLOGIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500.00) FOR CLEANING AND SEALING MANHOLE COVERS 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 176-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Rutherford moved that Ordinance No. 176-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

Mr. Rutherford introduced **ORDINANCE 177-2008 "AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FROM KISTLER FORD FOR THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$33,450.00) AND DECLARE 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 177-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Rutherford moved that

Ordinance No. 177-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

Mr. Rutherford introduced **ORDINANCE 178-2008 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM SEWERS IN SOUTHWOOD SUBDIVISION 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 178-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Rutherford moved that Ordinance No. 178-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

Mr. Rutherford introduced **ORDINANCE 179-2008 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS, LTD., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE ADDITION OF A PORTABLE GENERATOR AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DECLARE 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 179-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Rutherford moved that Ordinance No. 179-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

Mr. Rutherford introduced **ORDINANCE 180-2008 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS, LTD., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WHITE ROAD LIFT STATION AND DECLARE 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 reading. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 180-2008 by number and title only. Mr. Rutherford moved that Ordinance No. 180-2008 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Ms. Ermie. Ayes: (7) Nays: (0).

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 181-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1050.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SEWER CHARGES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 181-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 182-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1050.015 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION CHARGES.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 182-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 183-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1050.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SEWER CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY OF**

PERRYSBURG.” and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 183-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 184-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1050.09(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CAPITAL EXPANSION CHARGES ON SEWER SERVICE.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 184-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 185-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1060.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CAPITAL EXPANSION CHARGES ON WATER SERVICE.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 185-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 186-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1060.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING WATER CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 186-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **ORDINANCE 187-2008 “AMENDING SECTION 1060.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING WATER CHARGES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Ordinance No. 187-2008 by number and title only.

Mr. Rutherford introduced for first reading **RESOLUTION 25-2008 “REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE TARTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REMOVE THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG FROM THE TERRITORY SERVICED BY TARTA AND TO RELIEVE ALL CITY OF PERRYSBURG PROPERTY TAXPAYERS FROM THE BURDEN OF THE TARTA PROPERTY TAX LEVIES.”** and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Ms. Ermie Ayes: (7) Nays: (0) The Clerk read Resolution No. 25-2008 by number and title only.

Mayor Evans clarified to the audience at tonight’s meeting that the TARTA Resolution was just a first reading tonight and no vote will be taken at this time. Ms. Ermie read from a letter that Jim Gee of TARTA had sent to Perrysburg passengers. She felt statements Mr. Gee made were misleading. He stated there would be no services, no Call a Ride, no Mud Hens Ride, no TARPS. Ms. Ermie clarified that in the event they are relieved from the agreement with TARTA, Perrysburg will indeed have a replacement for the services provided by TARTA. Perrysburg has no intention of leaving its residents without transportation. The letter also stated that TARTA needs riders support to protect their choices. Ms. Ermie stated Perrysburg is doing this specifically to provide choices for their citizens. She said the Citizens continue to pay taxes significantly disproportionate to the services provided by TARTA. If Perrysburg is released they will issue a request for proposals for public transportation services.

Mr. McCarthy inquired whether a levy would have to be passed to afford another service if and when we withdraw from TARTA. He also stated that Perrysburg residents voted down the TARTA levy and that the Administration and Council would have to go to the Citizens of Perrysburg to ask for additional support for another public transportation carrier. Ms. Ermie said that even though citizens don't use the services, they support them based on the survey because they are aware of the need. Ms. Ermie felt that based on the survey the citizens were against TARTA, not a transportation service in itself.

Mr. McCarthy was not aware of talk about transportation to other communities. Ms. Ermie said with the employment hub to Toledo shifting to other areas, TARTA services did not shift to the services the city needs now. Mr. Rutherford said the County Commissioners have identified other transportations services in Wood County. Going forward, assuming we can get out, the City recognizes they will need a full year to think about how to go forward making a commitment to the people needing public transportation. Mr. Rutherford was disappointed in Mr. Gee's "fear mongering" to the residents that depend on public transportation. Ms. Ermie said she received a number of phone calls about the letter from residents greatly concerned about their transportation going away. Ms. Ermie is aware that the residents need transportation to Maumee, Bowling Green and others areas besides downtown Toledo and Perrysburg local runs. She also said that Perrysburg has asked TARTA for an additional Call A Ride, but to date they have not yet provided it. Mayor Evans stated that on November 6, TMACOG is looking at ways to be more regional and make changes. He also received a notice that TARTA is looking at re-doing their routes.

Again Mayor Evans told the audience that there will be two more readings on the TARTA issue. Mrs. Martin, who had attended the previous Safety and Services Committee meeting stated that she would like to see the City "do their homework", and provide to the concerned citizens what alternatives to TARTA are out there. She also said that after two years of this discussion, "we are still waiting to hear what the alternatives are." She said residents are concerned that other public transportation services would not have the equipment TARPS offers for wheelchair bound people. Ms. Ermie felt some of TARTA problems lie in the number of transfers riders need to make to get to their destinations. Mr. Lee Graham asked if the survey Ms. Ermie refers to was published. Mayor Evans said he will make the survey available to those residents who would like to see it. Mr. Rutherford said Mr. Gee told him ridership is up 20% since the price of gas has increased. Mayor Evans has already had some transportation companies call to offer their services. He said he will do his best to get information to ease some concerns shared by the residents tonight and at the Safety and Service meeting. He feels that everybody on Council agrees Perrysburg needs public transportation and Perrysburg will make sure we have it, particularly those residents who depend on it to get around. Mayor Evans has had offers and for what the City is paying now, "we could possibly even take people door to door." Ms. Ermie said Call A Ride is a great success and overall she understands that residents would like to see a "Plan B". Ms. Ermie assured concerned residents that there will be no lapse in service and that tonight was just the first of three readings before any further action is taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

David D. Creps, Clerk

Nelson D. Evans, Mayor