

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Present were Council Members John Kevern, Joe Lawless, Tom Mackin, Mike Olmstead, and Sara Weisenburger (5). Tim McCarthy arrived at 6:51 p.m. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Mathew Beredo, Law Director and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Lawless moved to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat reported that the City's contracted provider for the website is having issues with their contracted provider, and the website has been down since September 11th. We were due to launch a new website on November 1st, but are working to launch that several weeks earlier but with limited content.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Creps stated that Ordinances 94-2013 and 95-2013 were given a first reading at the last meeting but were inadvertently left off of the agenda.

Director of Law

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin gave his report of the September 10, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 94-2013 PROVIDING FOR A ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$170,000.00) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG 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: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 94-2013 by number and title only.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 95-2013 ASSESSING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, A SPECIAL TAX TO PAY A PART OF THE COST AND EXPENSE OF PROVIDING 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 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: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 95-2013 by number and title only.

Ms. Weisenburger said that after reviewing past financial statements, she believes that these items should be paid for out of the general fund. Mr. Mackin said that these expenses are not part of the City's core business model. He said that his concern is if they are paid for out of the General Fund, in times of financial distress, what would get cut. He said that the emerald ash borer problem struck during a time when finances were down, but the City was prepared and dealt with the situation. He said that these items provide value to the community. Mr. Olmstead stated that this is a good discussion to have, but there is a timing issue and this has been included in the global strategy. Mr. Lawless stated that the street lighting and street tree programs make the community much nicer. He said the Administration can look at lowering future street tree assessments since the emerald ash borer situation is under control, but it would be a big mistake to get rid of them. He noted that the lighting assessment is also used to install street lights in areas we annex and that money would have to come from somewhere. He said that he receives positive comments about the street trees also. Ms. Weisenburger said that she is not saying to cut the street tree program, just how it is funded. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration will review the Street Tree Fund, the street tree survey and priorities, and look at the budgetary needs to meet those goals and keep the Finance Committee updated. Denny Barrett asked how these two items are funded. He said he does not have a problem with either of them, and he thinks Perrysburg is wonderful.

Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 94-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: Kevern, Lawless, Mackin, McCarthy, Olmstead (5). Nays: Weisenburger (1).

Mr. Mackin moved that Ordinance 95-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Kevern. Ayes: Kevern, Lawless, Mackin, McCarthy, Olmstead (5). Nays: Weisenburger (1).

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Service-Safety Committee:

Mr. Kevern gave his report of the September 17, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 96-2013 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH WOOD COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO JEFFERSON STREET BETWEEN WATERS EDGE AND STATE ROUTE 25 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 96-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 96-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 97-2013 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO JEFFERSON STREET BETWEEN WATERS EDGE AND STATE ROUTE 25 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 97-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 97-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 98-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH J WILLIAMS CONCRETE & EXCAVATING, LLC TO PERFORM SIDEWALK REPAIR AND RESTORATION AND ADA CURB RAMP REPAIR AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$36,535.50) 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 98-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 98-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 99-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH UTOPIA CONSTRUCTION TO PERFORM SIDEWALK REPAIR AND RESTORATION AND ADA CURB RAMP REPAIR AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$38,169.55) 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 99-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 99-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Lawless noted that there is a public hearing scheduled for October 15th at 6:20 p.m. regarding a rezoning request for 399 West Boundary Street. He suggested scheduling a special Planning and Zoning Committee meeting for 6:25 p.m. that evening to consider the rezoning request. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Mackin agreed.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lawless moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Nelson D. Evans, Mayor