MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 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 was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Mathew Beredo, Law Director and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Lawless moved to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2013 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Evans recognized Jack Hoeflinger and Rachel Johnson for their efforts in the recent successful transit levy and their continuing work with the transit system. He presented them each with a City coffee mug.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Director of Law

Mr. Beredo reported that residents of Perrysburg received postcards from Columbia Gas regarding a switch in their provider. These cards were sent in error. Mr. Beredo spoke to Buckeye Energy Services and Volunteer Energy Cooperative and they have rescinded the switch for City customers, and he filed paperwork with the PUCO so there are no future issues. Mr. Beredo said that in the next 3-4 weeks City residents should be receiving a letter from IGS which is our real aggregation provider. He said if there are any questions, please contact him.

President of Council Report

Mr. Lawless recommended taking the Committee reports out of order with Recreation Committee being first since there were many people in attendance who were there regarding the Riverfront Master Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Lawless gave his report of the August 19, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Lawless made a motion to move forward with the multi-use path from Hood to Orleans Park. Seconded by Mr. Grayson.

Mr. McCarthy asked if we are keeping our options open regarding the type of surface for the path. Mr. Lawless said we will go back to TMACOG and see what options we have. Mr. McCarthy clarified that we are not irrevocably tied to the TMACOG grant. Mr. Lawless said that is correct.

Deborah Born presented a petition in opposition of the path and the Riverfront Master Plan. She recommended that the Recreation Committee take no action.

Denny Barrett, 514 W. Front St., said that he is against the $25 million proposal but is all for the path. He said his only concern is that he doesn't want to spend $50,000 on what kind of path to do; just ask the residents what kind of path to put in.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front Street, said that Mr. Lawless was wise to remove the path from the plan, and he suggested that all citizens be brought in, not just those from the Charrette.

Dan Judson who owns three properties on the river said that it is a race track by the river already. He said that he is all for a walking path but is against anything with vehicular traffic. Mr. Lawless said that by definition a multi-use path would not be for vehicles, but we will have to take a look at vehicular traffic to Riverside Park. Katina Holland, 335 W. Front Street, agreed about the cars racing down by the river.

Alex Heard, 333 E. Front Street, presented a petition in support of the Riverfront Master Plan. He said that the riverfront is an untapped resource and the Master Plan is creative and exciting.

Katina Holland stated that there is not really access to the riverfront because private property backs up to the right-of-way, and then goes from the right-of-way to the riverfront. She added there is already a path.

Charles Pfleghaar, 401 W. Front Street, said if vehicular access is cut off to Riverside Park it will cut off access for property owners to put in docks.

Paul Belazis, 503 W. Front Street, said that his main concern is what the path will look like, and he hopes we don't link ourselves inextricably to the grant but instead consider the views of the community.

Mr. Olmstead said that the the common theme over the last several meetings has been to do something with the path/trail. He said moving forward with or approving Phase I does not mean that we are accepting or rejecting a grant, it does not determine what a path is going to look like, and acceptance of this motion is in no means a final determinant. Ms. Weisenburger clarified that they are not voting to spend any money. Mayor Evans said we will look at other surfaces before we get it engineered. He said City Council will still have to approve getting the engineering done even if it is in the budget.

Diane Bishop, 231 W. Seventh Street, said her big concern is that the least obtrusive path go in; they need to look at how they are impacting the ecology. She added that she does not want to see a levy to pay for this.

Mr. Mackin said that the concerns that have been raised are legitimate. He said that everyone that he has talked to has said that they would like to see more access to the riverfront, and he is glad we are taking the first step.

Mr. McCarthy said that he hopes we do this path in a way that is high quality, is sensitive to the property owners, and is something we are proud of, with or without the grant.

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

Cal Smith, 403 Rutledge Court, expressed concerns he has about PABSC. He said he feels City Council is not getting the full story about PABSC operations. He said that the number of kids playing ball has decreased over the last several years. Mr. Lawless said that this issue belongs at the Recreation Committee. He said that we have an annual agreement with PABSC, and he added that if there is anything the City can do to get the numbers back-up, we'll do what we can. He said that the Recreation Committee can take this issue up at their next meeting.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin gave his report of the August 13, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Mackin introduced **RESOLUTION 29-2013 ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFY THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR 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 Resolution 29-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Mackin moved that Resolution 29-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Lawless. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Service-Safety Committee:

Mr. Kevern gave his report of the August 5, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., which is a change in date and time.

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 87-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROUDFOOT ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN WORK ON JEFFERSON STREET AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE**

HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($110,000.00) 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. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 87-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 87-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 88-2013 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO WORK ON STATE ROUTE 25 BETWEEN FINDLAY STREET AND FRONT STREET (PID 92731 WOO-25-21.81) 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 88-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 88-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 89-2013 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT FUNDING 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. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 89-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 89-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern introduced **ORDINANCE 90-2013 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DIVISION AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS ($83,618.00) 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. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 90-2013 by number and title only. Mr. Kevern moved that Ordinance 90-2013 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lawless moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk | Nelson D. Evans, Mayor