

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2014

Mayor Olmstead called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 June 17, 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

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, spoke about his concerns regarding funding for street trees and why he believes the City should apply for grants. He said that he is concerned that if it is funded by the General Fund, it will be the first thing cut when the budget gets tight. He also questioned why the assessment for street trees needs to be passed as an emergency measure. Mr. Mackin asked Mr. Creps if we have time to do more than one reading and still get it to the Auditor's Office on time. Mr. Creps said we have time for two readings. Mr. Hagen also suggested that a copy of the City's Urban Forestry Management Plan be placed at the library.

Kevin Rantanen, 113 Silver Maple Drive, said that he was sent a letter regarding the Summer Reading Program and he made a contribution. He said if he had known City Council was going to make a donation to the program he may have made his contribution smaller. Mr. Grayson stated that he voted no on the donation and added that the people that made the presentation to the Finance Committee approached Tom Hosler, Perrysburg School Superintendent, but did not go to the School Board to request a donation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead recommended that Ben Krautheim be appointed to PRAC and Peter Casey be appointed to the Way Library Board. Mr. Kevern stated that the Appointment Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of these appointments. Mr. Kevern made a motion to appoint Ben Krautheim to PRAC and Peter Casey to the Way Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Mackin. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mayor Olmstead introduced Walter Chapman whose artwork is currently being displayed in the Perrysburg Municipal Building. Mr. Chapman, a Bronze Star recipient, began his career over 80 year ago. Robin Ballmer of Main Art-ery added that Mr. Chapman is also a revered art instructor. She thanked the City for allowing artists to display their work in the Municipal Building.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Director of Law Report

Mr. Beredo reported that Resolution 6-2014 appointed a three member Equalization Board for Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212. One of the members, Chris Vogel, may not be able to participate so Resolution 7-2014, appointing Rodney Shultz to serve in his place, is on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Beredo gave an update on NOAC and gas aggregation which was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Upon further review of the bids received, the good deal appears to be less good and would only save residents \$6 over 24 months. The City of Toledo and Lucas County have decided to not enter into a contract at this time. With them not part of the mix, it will make the savings even smaller. Mr. Beredo said that he will continue to work with the aggregation partner and our energy consultant to get the best deal for residents.

President of Council Report

Mr. Kevern reported that a public hearing will be held at 6:20 p.m. on August 5, 2014 to consider a rezoning request for 201 Walnut Street from OS (Office & Service) to R4 (Single Family Residential).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Mr. Mackin gave his report of the July 8, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Mackin introduced **ORDINANCE 67-2014 ASSESSING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, A SPECIAL TAX TO PAY A PART OF THE COST AND EXPENSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE TREATMENT OF SHADE TREES; CONTROLLING THE BLIGHT AND DISEASE OF SAME; AND 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. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 67-2014 by number and title only.

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2014 at 5:45 p.m., which is a change from the regular date and time.

Service-Safety Committee:

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

Next meeting: Monday, July 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rettig said that he has had many residents speak to him about the reduction of the minimum staffing level at the Fire Division. He said that he feels obligated as a City Council member to look into issues and report back. He read a prepared statement with what he said he found. He said that he investigated the rationale behind the cuts and it appears it was due to budgetary constraints but the overtime budget is no longer in the red so it seems like a permanent change. He said the Administration has said that statistically four is not less effective than five. He said he has asked for the statistics but has not received them yet. He said the City is currently researching a second fire station which he applauds, and it recognizes that we are growing and expanding, but it seems to contradict the reduction in minimum staffing.

Mr. Matuszak also read a prepared statement regarding the minimum staffing. He said he believes there is no disagreement that safety is the biggest concern. He said the Administration does not believe that safety has been compromised and the Fire Union disagrees. He said he believed that the major issue was money, but he has been analyzing payroll information and he has not seen that compensation has gone down. He said that if the Fire Division is doing what it is allowed to get more overtime, he does not blame them. However, they should not be surprised that there is push back from the Administration.

Mayor Olmstead said that the Administration continues to believe that our current practice is the safest and best practice and will continue to do so until there is evidence suggesting that that is not happening.

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the July 8, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., which is a change from the regular date and time.

Personnel Committee:

Mr. VanHoozen gave his report of the June 24, 2014 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Grayson added that the Committee received the information about the prevailing wage coordinator's wages and he earned about \$3,000 for the last year.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 68-2014 AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 267.01-2 TO PROVIDE A COMPENSATION RANGE FOR THE CITY'S PREVAILING WAGE COORDINATOR 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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 68-2014 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Ordinance 68-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. VanHoozen introduced **ORDINANCE 69-2014 APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY'S PERVAIING WAGE COORDINATOR 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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 69-2014 by number and title only. Mr. VanHoozen moved that Ordinance 69-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Grayson introduced **RESOLUTION 7-2014 APPOINTING RODNEY SHULTZ TO REPLACE CHRIS VOGEL ON THE EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR CHERRY STREET SEWER SEPARATION DISTRICT 212 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. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 7-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Resolution 7-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kevern moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor