

MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2021

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Deborah Born, Cory Kuhlman, Jan Materni, Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Mark Weber (7). Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on June 1, 2021 as written and to dispense with their reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Materni. Ayes: (7). Nays: Born (0).

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mackin recommended that Amber Rathburn be appointed as Finance Director. Mr. Smith moved to appoint Amber Rathburn as Finance Director. Seconded by Ms. Born. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Law Director's Report

Ms. Sandretto stated that an appeal was filed because of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision. However, the applicant is going back to the BZA with a new application and if approved, they plan to withdraw their appeal. Ms. Sandretto said that she is asking that City Council approve a waiver of time to schedule the hearing of the appeal. Mr. Smith moved to approve the waiver. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

President of Council Report

No report.

Finance and Economic Development Committee:

Mr. Weber gave his report of the June 8, 2021 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 39-2021 PLACING A REPLACEMENT LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. §5705.19(V) ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH** and moved 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 39-2021 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 39-2021 be passed. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 40-2021 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE THROUGH OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$165,130.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved 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 40-2021 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 40-2021 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Weber introduced **ORDINANCE 37-2021 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES TO THE WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and moved 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 Ordinance 37-2021 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Ordinance 37-2021 be passed as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Kuhlman said discussion about the Recording Secretary and Clerk of Council positions will be on the agenda.

Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kuhlman stated that two Resolutions numbered 41-2021 were prepared. He said that he will be introducing the version that has language in the second to the last paragraph added by the Administration to address the concern about unfunded federal mandates. It proposes that an Executive Order include funding for municipalities.

Mr. Kuhlman introduced **RESOLUTION 41-2021 REQUESTING PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO SIGN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR FEDERAL MANAGEMENT THAT WILL REDUCE TOXIC, HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS THAT ARE COSTLY FOR MUNICIPAL WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND RESULT IN ECONOMIC HARM TO FISHING, BOATING, AND RECREATIONAL, TOURIST-RELATED BUSINESSES** and moved to allow for its reading by number and title only and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: Born, Kuhlman, Materni, McCarthy, VanHoozen, and Weber (6). Nays: Smith (1). The Clerk read Resolution 41-2021 by number and title only. Mr. Kuhlman moved that Resolution 41-2021 be passed. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ms. Born said that this is a positive thing, and it definitely needs to be done. She said we need to clean up the water for future generations. Mr. Kuhlman applauded the information from Lake Erie Waterkeepers and H2Ohio. He said that they all have the same end goal. Mr. Weber agreed that they have the same end goal, and he's curious how this would affect private property owners. He said that this may be giving the Federal government too much authority without giving H2Ohio a chance. Ms. Materni said that she is very conflicted. She said she has done a lot of research and everyone wants to blame CAFO's, but she was told if farmers didn't fertilize for the next 50 years they still wouldn't need it. She said that legacy fertilizers are the issue. Mr. VanHoozen thanked Dr. Campbell for bringing this issue up. He said that he has learned that the Chesapeake Bay Executive Order did not deal with non-point systems because of the Clean Water Act Section 404 excludes non-point farms. So, if he supports this, it would focus on government entities and factories, not on farms which is where the phosphorous is coming from. He said that he too is conflicted. Mr. Smith said that everyone wants to see the lake recover and be healthy. He said the State has been working on this and there is money in the next budget, and he prefers to let them continue to work on it. Dr. Campbell said that he had never heard that the Chesapeake Bay order did not address non-point systems. He said that H2Ohio said that legacy fertilizers are part of the problem, but not the only problem. Dr. Campbell said that State Senator Theresa Gavarone gave a presentation to TMACOG and in it she said that H2Ohio funds were cut back, and the Governor is concerned there could be additional cut backs in the future. He said there has been discussion about a bond issue, but that would have to go to the voters and would take at least two years. Ayes: Born, Kuhlman, Materni, McCarthy, and VanHoozen (5). Nays: Smith and Weber (2).

Service Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Mackin and City Council members thanked Mr. Creps for his service to the community for the last 33 years. Mayor Mackin said that the City is in a very strong financial position due to his efforts. He said he is conservative and as a result, we have had long term success, paid down debts, and had clean audits. He said the City owes him a great deal of thanks. Mayor Mackin presented Mr. Creps with a proclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weber.
Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman Mark Weber. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Tim McCarthy, and Mark Weber. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Dave Creps, Finance Director, Amber Rathburn, Deputy Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

REFUSE LEVY

Ms. Sandretto stated that the next step for the refuse levy is approval of a resolution to send to the Board of Elections that places the levy on the ballot. It is a one mill levy for two years, and the Wood County Auditor has estimated that we will collect approximately \$792,680 per year. The Committee agreed 3-0 to forward the resolution to City Council.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed expenditures greater than \$5,000 for the month of May. Mr. Weber asked about the payment for fireworks. Mr. Creps explained that the City pays for them, and the CVB reimburses us. Ms. Born asked about a payment to Bergren Associates. Ms. Sandretto said that payment was for telemetry equipment that City Council passed a resolution for. Mr. McCarthy asked about runout fees for Frontpath. Mr. Creps said those are claims from the previous year processed this year by our former third-party administrator.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance in the health insurance fund as of May 31, 2021 was \$66,580.94. He said we have had a number of substantial claims, and the balance has been anemic. He said that he is expecting a reimbursement for the aggregate stop loss.

Mr. Creps requested approval of legislation regarding the certificate of estimated resources. He said this is an annual housekeeping item that is an exercise for the Wood County Auditor to tell us what we are going to collect in property taxes. He said that we will have better revenue numbers later in the year. There was a brief discussion about ambulance collections, and Ms. Sandretto said that she reached out to Fire Chief Ruiz who said that a lot of ambulance payments are from Medicaid and those payments could be delayed, and also because of the pandemic there were fewer runs to hospitals.

Mr. Creps recommended that the City renew the property and liability insurance with the Ohio Plan through Hylant Administrative Services at a cost of \$165,130. He said that there was one other bid received, but it was through a private insurer and was for \$214,976. Mr. McCarthy said that the Ohio Plan is a big enterprise and is widely used. The Committee recommended 3-0 to move this along to City Council.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported 2020 and 2021 are atypical years because of the changes in due dates because of the pandemic. He said that collections for May were over \$2.5 million dollars which is an increase of 105% over May of 2020. He pointed out that there were no due dates last May. Year to date collections through the first five months of the year are approximately \$9.6 million dollars which is an increase of 20% over the first five months of 2020. Mr. Bronder said that compared to the first five months of 2019, year to date collections are down 7.5%.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Born reported that Sophia Lustig has opened downtown.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weber, Chairman
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.