MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 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 May 20, 2014 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. McCarthy seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Scott Kirby gave the 2013 report for the Street Tree Commission. He said that the City received its 30th Tree City USA recognition. He said there was an increase in tree pruning from 688 in 2012 to 718 in 2013, 280 trees were removed versus 360 in 2012, and 416 trees were planted in 2013 as opposed to 323 in 2012. Emerald Ash Borer treatments were completed in May of 2014. The tree inventory that was completed a couple of years ago showed 11,574 street trees with a value of $8.5 million.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Richard Currie, 529 W. South Boundary Street, spoke to City Council and requested that they form a Bike Committee to work with the Administration on making Perrysburg a bike friendly community. He also requested that bike lanes be installed on South Boundary, East Boundary, White Road, Second Street, Findlay, and the west end of Indiana Avenue. Dick Kudner, East Boundary Street, said that he too supports Perrysburg becoming a bike friendly community.

Mr. Mackin asked about the status of the multi-use path along the Riverfront. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration is still researching various pavements that are ADA compliant and are not asphalt. They have one in mind and will be getting a sample installed at the Municipal Building to look at its durability, application and to understand how it functions. She anticipates that the Administration will be going to the Recreation Committee in the near future with a recommendation to move forward with the design of the second phase in preparation for a TMACOG grant, probably with an alternate pavement rather than asphalt.

Mr. Currie asked if bike lanes are included in the design of the SR25/Eckel Junction Road intersection improvements. Ms. Kabat said that they are not. Mr. Currie urged Council to not approve the construction contract until bike lanes are included in the design.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead said that there recently has been discussion regarding Fire Division personnel. He said that he thinks it's important that the Administration be accurately represented and he read the Administration's official position:

One of the responsibilities we have to our citizens is to provide them with safety services. Safety is of the paramount concern to the City. We have been, and remain today, committed to the safety of both residents and employees of this City. I also believe in providing not just safety services, but in fact all City services, in the safest and best manner. This is what our residents expect; this is what our residents deserve. The staffing decision that was made by the Administration follows the National Fire Protection Association's best practices regarding minimum staffing. It is the continuation of a policy that has been in place since March. It is a policy that was implemented as recently as last year intermittently during certain time periods. This decision is well within the scope of the authority of the Administration, and it was carefully considered by the Chief of Fire of the Perrysburg Fire Division as well as the City Safety Director and the decision stands. The men and women in our Fire Division are hard-working and are dedicated to saving the lives and protecting the property of our residents. I have the utmost confidence in their professionalism and their skills and abilities to continue to perform their jobs.

Mr. Rettig said that a study was done ten years ago that recommended a second fire station. He asked where the Administration stands with regard to a second station. Ms. Kabat said that she has heard of that study, but has not actually read it. She said that one outcome the City had hoped for with the Matrix Consulting study that was done a couple of years ago was that it would give us some sense of when is the right time to put a second station into play, giving us some demographics or some parameters, but that report never materialized with that. They indicated it was up to the City to determine based on what we wanted our run times to be. She said there have been various discussions regarding a second station, but prior to moving forward with a second station what needs to be worked out is our ability to staff that station, what our options for staffing are, and we have to come up with a funding plan. Mr. Rettig said that he is uncomfortable with the decision regarding staffing. He feels best practices and minimum are contradictory terms and we are going backwards. Mayor Olmstead said that we are not going backwards and that when he was on City Council they looked at a second station, but it was not at the top of the list of priorities. He said there is no supporting data that we've gone backwards or are any less safe. He said he has no objections to looking at a second station, but there is a process. Mr. McCarthy explained that at one point when Levis Commons was being developed the City was offered land for a second station so we'd have it if we needed it. He said it was the prior Administration's position that we weren't going to build a second station if we couldn't staff it. He added that the idea stalled when the economy stalled. He said we can always be safer, but he does not feel we have gone backwards. Mr. Mackin said that there have been several different scenarios regarding a second station. All were proactive to anticipate growth and then the economy took a hit. He said that it would be wise of City Council to look at the budget the next year or two because growth is occurring. He said that with regard to the staffing level, it is the Administration's decision and when he was on the Service-Safety Committee, the Fire Division was told to stay within their budget, but he hopes when the Chief says we need to go back to the minimum staffing of five, we will. There was additional discussion regarding a second fire station and evaluating data to determine the need.

<u>City Administrator's Report</u>

Ms. Kabat reported that the Administration will be meeting this week with residents from Fort Meigs Road regarding the widening project.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

Director of Law Report

No report.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

No report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Service-Safety Committee:

Mr. Matuszak gave his report of the meeting held prior to the City Council meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 56-2014 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MILLER BROTHER CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 25/ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD AT THE COST OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS ($1,262,267.55) 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. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 56-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 56-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Mr. McCarthy asked if this includes the improvements related to Costco. Ms. Kabat said that it includes most of them, but not the signalized intersection at Black Diamond or the additional lane at Callander Court. Those will be completed by the developer. Mr. Mackin clarified that the budgeted amount includes costs other than this contract. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Matuszak introduced **ORDINANCE 57-2014 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY FIRE DIVISION OF A 2015 CHEVY TAHOE FROM BYERS CHEVROLET THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($33,000.00) 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. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 57-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Matuszak moved that Ordinance 57-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Mr. Grayson asked if the Police Division has any four wheel drive vehicles. Ms. Kabat said she believes one of the Tahoes and the Animal Control Officer's truck are four wheel drive vehicles. Mr. Grayson asked if they have had any problems with the two wheel drive Tahoes. Ms. Kabat said that they used the four wheel drive vehicles to pick up officers and we did have to have the two wheel Tahoes towed out of ditches this past winter. Mr. Mackin asked why this needs to be approved as an emergency. Chief Klein explained that they are not in production now, they go into production in August and if we don't order it now, we risk not getting it until after the snow. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

No report.

Next meeting date: June 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date and time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kevern moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk　　　　Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor