MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2014

Mayor Olmstead swore in new Council members Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig and Barry VanHoozen.

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, Mathew Beredo, Law Director and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Grayson nominated John Kevern to be President of Council. Mr. Matuszak seconded. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern welcomed the new Mayor and Council members. He said he is confident that they will serve the public well. He thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as President and said he looks forward to working together with them to maintain or even improve the living experience of Perrysburg citizens and taxpayers. He said that they can do this through fixing what is broken, trying not to fix what isn't broken, and knowing the difference between the two.

Mr. Kevern recommended the following assignments for Council committees:

Finance: Chairman Tom Mackin, Todd Grayson, Jim Matuszak

Economic Development: Chairman John Kevern, Rick Rettig, Barry VanHoozen

Service-Safety: Chairman Jim Matuszak, John Kevern, Barry VanHoozen

Recreation: Chairman Rick Rettig, Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak

Planning & Zoning: Chairman Tim McCarthy, John Kevern, Tom Mackin

Personnel: Chairman Barry VanHoozen, Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy

HSPU: Chairman Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig

Appointment Review: Chairman John Kevern, Todd Grayson, Tom Mackin

Mr. Grayson moved to approve the assignments as proposed by Mr. Kevern. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern moved to appoint himself and Tom Mackin as representatives to the Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Kevern moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Grayson seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

<u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u>

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olmstead said that his first several days in office have been an interesting few days; a trial by snow and ice. He said he has been in conference with the administrative team multiple times, and it is refreshing how they come together to work through an event like this. He said he appreciates the effort of our staff and the patience of the citizens in this difficult time. Mr. Grayson requested that we try and do something about Level 3 being a law as it has an impact on local businesses. He said that we should let our State legislators know that there is a difference between asking people to stay home and demanding it, and there is also a difference between the city and outlying areas. Mayor Olmstead explained that the Sheriff is the chief law enforcement agent in the county and we, as a City, cannot trump his call. He said he communicated at length with the Sheriff and explained the Charter challenge in getting new Council members sworn in. Mayor Olmstead said that as a business owner he also understands the impact this has.

City Administrator's Report

Ms. Kabat said that she has spoken with the Sheriff and the Level 3 is being reduced to a Level 2 at midnight. She said that we have had road crews out since Sunday at 3 a.m. The plan is to begin to salt once the temperatures start to rise. She added that garbage and recycling pick-up is delayed two days this week, so Monday's normal pick-up will be on Wednesday and Friday's normal pick-up will occur on Sunday.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Creps stated that if any of the new Council members have any questions or requests to please let him know.

Director of Law

Mr. Beredo welcomed the new Council members and explained that he is counsel to them collectively and individually. He said if they have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact him.

President of Council Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The second Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Economic Development Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The third Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Service-Safety Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: January 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Recreation Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Planning And Zoning Committee:

No report.

Next meeting: January 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Grayson gave a report of the December 30, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Grayson introduced **ORDINANCE 1-2014 AMENDING SECTION 266.15-2 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF PERRYSBURG REGARDING SALARY RANGES 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. VanHoozen. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 1-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Ordinance 1-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Matuszak questioned if these ordinances need to be emergencies. Mr. Beredo explained the difference between emergency and non-emergency measures. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration is requesting that they be approved as emergency measures to begin the process sooner as opposed to later, but the process could go forward without them being emergencies. She said that this will streamline the chain of command so crews, such as the snow crews that have been working non-stop the last three days, know who to go to if they have an issue. Mr. Matuszak said he understands the explanation but is not sure he is satisfied with it. He said that we remove the benefit to the public of the thirty day period for the Administration’s convenience. He said that we are doing the public a disservice, emergencies should be exceptions, and things should be proposed thirty days earlier. Mr. Grayson said that he felt the same way when he got on Council, and he tries to reason if anyone is going to have an issue with an ordinance being passed as an emergency. He said the Administration has made a good case for this, and it is basically administrative paperwork. Mr. Matuszak said that is all the more reason why it should not be an emergency; there is no detriment. Mr. Mackin said there is a detriment. The Administration has found a weakness, they have identified it and they are trying to resolve it. Doing nothing could be detrimental in providing insufficient service.

Mr. Matuszak made a motion to make Ordinances 1-2014, 2-2014, and 3-2014 non-emergency measures. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Kevern said that this has gone through the Committee a couple of times and he sees no benefit to delaying it. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Grayson introduced **ORDINANCE 2-2014 AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 266.01-3 TO INCLUDE "DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE" AMOUNG THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF 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. VanHoozen. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 2-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Ordinance 2-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Grayson introduced **ORDINANCE 3-2014 APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE 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. VanHoozen. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 3-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Ordinance 3-2014 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Matuszak asked if on Exhibit A, which is marked draft and is attached to the ordinance, the name should be left blank. Ms. Kabat said that the name can be deleted as well as it being marked draft. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Health, Sanitation and Public Utilities Committee:

Mr. Grayson gave his report of the December 30, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting date.

Mr. Grayson introduced **ORDINANCE 4-2014 LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS ($1,022,285.38) FOR THE SEPARATION OF COMBINED SEWERS WITHIN CHERRY STREET SEWER SEPARATION DISTRICT 209** 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 Ordinance 4-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Ordinance 4-2014 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Matuszak questioned the interest rate in Section 4 of this ordinance. Mr. Creps explained that this project started in 1991. The first couple of years the interest rate was 10%, but since then it has been 8%. He said making an adjustment now causes more problems than it solves. He added that it has never been the City's policy to encourage people to use the City as a bank. It is not set up to be competitive with the private market. Mr. Mackin said it would not be appropriate to change it now as it would be unfair to those who paid first. Ms.

Kabat said that the project is being treated as a whole; we are treating the first the same as the last. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Mr. Grayson introduced **ORDINANCE 5-2014 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MOWER WITH SNOW BLOWER UNIT FROM INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT OF NORTHWEST OHIO AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($26,900.00) 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. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 5-2014 by number and title only. Mr. Grayson moved that Ordinance 5-2014 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 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Grayson. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Nelson D. Evans, Mayor