

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 2022

Council President Jonathan Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present were Council Members Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, Jonathan Smith, Cory Kuhlman, and Mark Weber (5). Barry VanHoozen and Tim McCarthy were not present (2). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Amber Rathburn, Clerk of Council, Kelly Chalfant, Human Resources Director, and Matt Choma, Deputy Director of Public Utilities.

The purpose of the meeting was the introduction of candidate for Director of Public Utilities.

Mr. Choma, candidate for Director of Public Utilities, has worked for the City for just over two and a half years as Deputy Director of Public Utilities. He has Bachelor's Degrees in Civil Engineering and Geology from the University of Toledo, as well as a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from UT.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Choma is a wealth of knowledge and he has full confidence in him for this position and that he will do a wonderful job.

Ms. Materni said she has worked with Mr. Choma on an ODOT construction project and he was always very professional and a knowledgeable resource.

Mr. Weber has had some one on one interaction with Mr. Choma and he is always impressed. Mr. Weber stated he has full confidence in him as well.

Mr. Fuller stated that in the short time he has known Mr. Choma, he has a wealth of knowledge and is very confident in how he proceeds forward. Mr. Fuller wanted to know if Mr. Choma has any particular goals that he would like to achieve in this position. Mr. Choma would like the Department to focus on using technology as much as possible, particularly GIS. Mr. Choma would also like to move the Department from a reactionary stance to a proactive stance.

Mr. Kuhlman got to interview Mr. Choma. Mr. Kuhlman said he was impressed in the interview and stated that Mr. Choma is clearly a good fit for the City. Mr. Kuhlman encouraged Mr. Choma to not be afraid to ask City Council for what he needs.

There being no objections, there was a 5-0 recommendation to City Council to hire Matt Choma as the new Director of Public Utilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

Amber Rathburn, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor