

## **Minutes of Perrysburg City Council**

**Meeting Held January 16, 2024**

### **CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM**

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMAN CORY KUHLMAN**

Cory Kuhlman was sworn in for his second term on Perrysburg City Council. Judge Joel Kuhlman, his brother, had the honors of swearing him in.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Council Members Mark Weber, Kevin Fuller, Kerry Wellstein, Cory Kuhlman, Tim McCarthy, and Rick Rettig (6). Council Member Barry VanHoozen was not present. Also present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Tim Effler, Law Director, Amber Rathburn, Clerk of Council, Patrick Jones, Police Chief, and William McCullough, Fire Chief.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024**

There being no objections to the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 2, 2024, the minutes were approved. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF DECEMBER 20, 2023**

There being no objections to the minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 20, 2023, the minutes were approved. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

### **LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

Jessica Geib, 558 West Front Street, encouraged City Council to return the TMACOG funding for the roundabout. She is not against change or progress, but does not define progress as bigger and faster.

Cooper Suter, 564 West Front Street, has been assured that there will be no action on the roundabout this month. He stated that one solution was flashing pedestrian lights and that both of his children have been hit by cars in crosswalks that they had the right of way in. Mr. Suter stated that to come back with the idea of flashing pedestrian lights is insulting. Mayor Mackin appreciates his honesty and sincerity. Mr. Suter added they should vote to send the money back to TMACOG.

Deborah Born, 125 East Front Street, agreed with Mr. Suter that the money should be returned. She believes that the water should be fixed at the treatment plant and that it should be the focus.

John Ray, 552 West Front Street, thanked Mayor Mackin and City Council for their public service and their desire to make Perrysburg a better city. Mr. Ray asked what the benefit is for the historic district to have all of this through traffic. He would like to see more cost-effective, carbon-neutral, and pedestrian-accommodating options. Mr. Ray suggested solutions to reduce pollution and traffic congestion, improve pedestrian safety, and ease the egress issue to and from Orleans Park.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **Mayor**

Mayor Mackin addressed the State Auditor's investigation regarding the complaint filed in March 2022. The letter accused former City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and HR Manager Kelly Chalfant. Mayor Mackin stated that he took the allegations seriously, the City cooperated, and is happy to report that no criminal or civil action was found. The case is closed and the City is pleased with the outcome of the Audit. Mayor Mackin thanked Ms. Kabat and Ms. Chalfant for their cooperation.

### **City Administrator**

No report.

### **Finance Director**

No report.

### **Law Director**

No report.

## **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr. Fuller acknowledged the hard work that went into Winterfest and noted that there are some beautiful ice sculptures. He stated that artist Ryan Roth created an ice sculpture to honor a local musician, Andrew Michael Ellis, who passed away last week. Mr. Fuller stated that this exemplifies the importance of all forms of art in our community.

### **Wood County Transportation Improvement District Appointment**

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 8-2024, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPOINTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG TO THE WOOD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5540.02(C)(1)(c) 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. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays:

(0). The Clerk read Resolution 8-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 8-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance & Economic Development**

Mr. Weber gave his report of the January 9, 2024 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Resolution# 4-2024**

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 4-2024 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (\$25,452.60), AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A, FOR 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 and to dispense with the second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 4-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 4-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **Ordinance# 4-2024**

Mr. Weber introduced **ORDINANCE 4-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 33-2023 TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024; 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 4-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Ordinance 4-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **Safety**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Resolution# 5-2024**

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 5-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HONDA EAST IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$30,013.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CAN AM DEFENDER PRO LIMITED VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DIVISION; 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. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 5-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 5-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Chief McCullough stated that it is a budgeted expenditure, and they would like to have this before the Solar Eclipse in April. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **Recreation**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Planning & Zoning**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Personnel**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Request an executive session to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.**

Mr. Kuhlman made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Kuhlman made a motion to return from Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Fuller. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

Mr. Kuhlman introduced **ORDINANCE 5-2024, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 3331 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 5-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Kuhlman moved that Ordinance 5-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Mr. Kuhlman clarified the emergency part, so that it could take effect immediately, as an act of good faith on their end. Ayes:

(6). Nays: (0).

### **Public Utilities**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Resolution# 6-2024**

Kevin Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 6-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLIE'S DODGE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$46,438.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE VEHICLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES; 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: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 6-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 6-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **Resolution# 7-2024**

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 7-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE BID AND AGREEMENT WITH KYLE SHERMAN EXCAVATING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-ONE CENTS (\$1,390,285.71) FOR THE ALLEY WATER MAIN & SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; 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. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 7-2024 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 7-2024 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Mr. Kuhlman asked about the ten percent contingency. Mr. Fawcett responded that anytime they are digging, they can run into unanticipated conditions that need to be taken care of. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **Service**

No report.

Ms. Wellstein stated that there is a special event on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Schaller. It is an open house event that will showcase some of the potential plans for the downtown improvement project.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Request an executive session to discuss an imminent court action.**

Mr. Fuller made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an imminent court action. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: Fuller, Kuhlman, McCarthy, Wellstein, Rettig (5). Nays: (0).

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to return from Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

**Request an executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes.**

Mr. Fuller made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to return from Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: Rettig, Wellstein, Kuhlman, Fuller, McCarthy (5). Nays: (0).

City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Rathburn  
Clerk of Council

Thomas G. Mackin  
Mayor