

Minutes of Perrysburg City Council

Meeting Held March 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Mackin.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilmembers Kevin Fuller, Cory Kuhlman, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig, Mark Weber, and Kerry Wellstein (6). Barry VanHoozen was absent. Also, present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, Samantha Jacobson, Clerk of Council, and Tim Effler, Law Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025

There being no objections, the minutes from the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Mackin stated that he recently was on the Words to that Effect (WTTE) podcast and spoke about legacy and the City of Perrysburg. The podcast episode will be released on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

City Administrator

No report.

Finance Director

No report

Law Director

No report.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Fuller spoke about the recent pamphlet that depicted hateful speech, and made a statement on behalf of all of City Council standing firmly against hate speech, bigotry, and all forms of discrimination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Economic Development

No report.

The next meeting date is March 11, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Ordinance# 7-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **ORDINANCE 7-2025 AMENDING CITY OF PERRYSBURG, OHIO, CODIFIED ORDINANCE 896.02 REGARDING HOTEL TAX**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 7-2025 by number and title only.

John Kranjec, 12200 Williams Road, owner of Belamere Suites: Spoke to Council as a hotel owner. Mr. Kranjec feels as though the increased hotel tax would affect his business, by preventing him from raising rates in order to improve his business. He also stated that the Short Term Rentals (STR) in Perrysburg do not pay any hotel taxes, and he feels that this is not fair to the hotel owners who have to pay these taxes. Mr. Weber informed Mr. Kranjec that the City is considering including STR's in this new tax. Mr. Kranjec believes that the increased tax could deter business from his hotel and wants Council to re-consider. The Council members are considering everything said by Mr. Kranjec, the 3rd reading and vote will take place at the next Council meeting.

Resolution# 15-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 15-2025 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. §5705.19(V) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE OR REFUSE**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 15-2025 by number and title only.

Resolution# 16-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 16-2025 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL AND SPECIAL TREATMENT OF SHADE TREES AND CONTROLLING THE BLIGHT AND DISEASE OF SAME AND FOR PLANTING, MAINTAINING, TRIMMING AND REMOVING SHADE TREES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS AND WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read

Resolution 16-2025 by number and title only.

Resolution# 17-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 17-2025, A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 17-2025 by number and title only.

Ordinance# 12-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **ORDINANCE 12-2025 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED IN THE CITY AT 28442 E. RIVER ROAD, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND INTERESTS THEREIN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 12-2025 by number and title only.

Safety

Mr. Rettig gave his report from the February 24, 2025, meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Resolution# 22-2025

Mr. Rettig introduced **RESOLUTION 22-2025 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD WITHIN 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. Fuller. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 22-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Rettig moved that Resolution 22-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Fuller. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Resolution# 23-2025

Mr. Rettig introduced **RESOLUTION 23-2025 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN POLICE EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR UNFIT FOR 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. Fuller. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 23-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Rettig moved that Resolution 23-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Fuller.

Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Recreation

No report.

The next meeting date is March 11, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Planning & Zoning

No report.

The next meeting date is March 25, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Ordinance# 9-2025

Mr. McCarthy introduced **ORDINANCE 9-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE §1215.02(110.01) "MEDICAL MARIJUANA"**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. (6). Nays: (0). Ordinance 9-2025 was not read by number and title. A collective discussion was held about Ordinance 9-2025, Ordinance 10-2025 and Ordinance 11-2025. Mayor Mackin started the discussion by asking Kent Jones, a citizen of Perrysburg, who lives south of Roachton Road, to speak on the topic. Mr. Jones who has Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.), has been prescribed medical marijuana for pain he experiences from having M.S. Mr. Jones stated that there are probably other citizens like him who use medical marijuana and would benefit from having a local dispensary so they do not have to travel to another city. Mr. Jones also mentioned that he believes dispensaries to be very secure and safe, he explained that they have identity verification to prevent underage people from entering.

Heather Hogrefe, a teacher at Penta Career Center and a Perrysburg citizen, 226 E. Indiana Ave. Ms. Hogrefe, spoke on the topic next, she said as a teacher, she is around teenagers often and states how building a dispensary in Perrysburg would send a mixed-message to the kids of Perrysburg, as the schools have them participate in the D.A.R.E. program, where they promise not to partake in drug or alcohol use, building a dispensary in the City would in a way, be telling the children that drug use is okay.

Ms. Wellstein spoke further about Perrysburg students and the younger people in our community. She stated that she is concerned about the availability of marijuana that a dispensary would bring to the City. She spoke about how young kids would be able to easily access the products through the use of a fake ID or having an older person purchase a product for them. Ms. Wellstein shared research she found on the potency of the THC products that are available at dispensaries now, some products contain up to 80-90% THC, the high levels of THC can be detrimental to young adults' development.

Mr. Kuhlman spoke about how he feels as though the City should not have arbitrary regulations, and he thinks that we should not prevent a legal business from operating

within the City. Mr. Kuhlman spoke about his hesitation to fully support this topic because the possible tax revenue to the City is now not guaranteed because of proposed law changes at the state level.

Aaron Harder, 1244 Sutton Place, spoke similarly about letting the people of Perrysburg choose to partake in marijuana use or not. He spoke about how people will likely continue to use marijuana in the City but instead have to travel outside the City to get it or have to use an unlicensed distributor. He spoke on the medical side of the topic as well, he stated that medical marijuana is a less addictive pain remedy option for patients over opioids and other highly addictive pain medications.

Ordinance# 10-2025

Mr. McCarthy introduced **ORDINANCE 10-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE §1225.08 “LAND USE AND BASE ZONING DISTRICT TABLE”**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). Ordinance 10-2025 was not read by number and title.

Ordinance# 11-2025

Mr. McCarthy introduced **ORDINANCE 11-2025 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE §1235.04(aaa) “MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND/OR ADULT USE CANNABIS” TO THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG ZONING CODE**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Kuhlman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). Ordinance 11-2025 was not read by number and title.

Personnel

No report.

The next meeting date is March 25, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Public Utilities

Mr. Fuller gave his report from the February 26, 2025, meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Resolution# 24-2025

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 24-2025 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; 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 24-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 24-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (6). Nays:

(0).

Resolution# 25-2025

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 25-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PVS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FERROUS CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) AT A PRICE OF SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.75) PER GALLON; 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 25-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller moved that Resolution 25-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Resolution# 28-2025

Mr. Fuller introduced **RESOLUTION 28-2025 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2 RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT**, and moved that the rules be suspended to allow for its reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 28-2025 by number and title only.

Service

Ms. Wellstein gave her report from the February 26, 2025, meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Resolution# 26-2025

Ms. Wellstein introduced **RESOLUTION 26-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TMACOG TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIUSE PATH; 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 26-2025 by number and title only. Ms. Wellstein moved that Resolution 26-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

Resolution# 27-2025

Ms. Wellstein introduced **RESOLUTION 27-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SIGNAL SERVICE INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$61,939.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES/MAST ARMS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape 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 27-2025 by number and title only. Ms. Wellstein moved that Resolution 27-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 29-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS 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. McCarthy. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 29-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 29-2025 be passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0). Mr. Fuller did not vote due to a conflict of interest in this Resolution.

Executive Session - To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance.

Mr. Fuller moved to go into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. Mr. Kuhlman seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). City Council went into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Kuhlman moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Weber seconded. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jacobson
Clerk of Council

Thomas G. Mackin
Mayor