

Minutes of Perrysburg City Council

Meeting Held March 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mackin.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilmembers Kevin Fuller, Cory Kuhlman, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig, Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Kerry Wellstein (7). Also, present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Samantha Jacobson, Clerk of Council, and Tim Effler, Law Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMEND AND APPROVE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025

City Council Minutes of February 18, 2025 -- Amended

Mr. Fuller moved to approve the amended meeting minutes from the February 18, 2025, Council meeting. No objections, the amended minutes from February 18, 2025, were unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL APPROVAL USE

There being no objections, minutes from the SAU Public Hearing of March 4, 2025, were unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING - CODE AMENDMENT: CH. 1245.54

There being no objections, minutes from the Code Amendment Public Hearing of March 4, 2025, were unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING - CODE AMENDMENT: CH. 1235.04(G)

There being no objections, minutes from the Code Amendment Public Hearing of March 4, 2025, were unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2025

There being no objections, minutes from the March 4, 2025 City Council meeting were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Debra Born, asked the Council members why the City is rescinding Promedica's CRA. Mr. Weber stated that Promedica had asked the City to do so.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Mackin thanked the individuals that helped put together the Winter Fest celebration; he thanked the Chamber of Commerce. He also congratulated the high school wrestling team as they made an appearance at the 2025 OHSA State Wrestling Tournament and won a state title for the fourth year in a row.

City Administrator

No report.

Finance Director

No report.

Law Director

Mr. Effler talked about Ordinances 9,10 and 11 as the numbers and titles were not read during the previous Council meetings on February 18 and March 4. He stated that because of this, these Ordinances will be read for the first time during the March 18 Council meeting. He also said that the Council meeting on April 1st will be the second reading of the three Ordinances, and they will also be voted on.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Weber gave his report of the March 11, 2025, meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

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: (5). Nays: (2). The Clerk read Ordinance 7-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Fuller asked if Council had heard from any of the other hotel owners about this Ordinance. The other Council members said that they had not received any other question/comments from the public regarding this topic. He also asked about STR's and if they are in the process of being included in this tax. Mayor Mackin said that a

resolution to include STR's in the hotel tax is in the works. Mr. VanHoozen explained that this tax affects tourism to the City and if tourist have to spend more money on their lodging, then they may be less likely to spend money at local restaurants or other places in the City. Mr. Weber moved that Ordinance 7-2025 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (5). Nays: (2). Mr. VanHoozen and Mr. Fuller voted "Nay".

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: (1). The Clerk read Resolution 15-2025 by number and title only.

Sara Weisenburger, 605 W Front St, addressed Council regarding this Resolution, 16 and 17 as she believes that these three should not be considered necessities. She stated that the City collects a tax regarding trash, trees and lighting already and believes that the City should not be requesting more. Ms. Weisenburger, pointed out the City's current finances and, based on 2023 numbers, she believes that the City is in a good financial position and should be able to cover the extra costs these taxes don't cover. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 15-2025 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (1). Mr. Fuller voted "Nay".

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: (1). The Clerk read Resolution 16-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 16-2025 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (1). Mr. Fuller voted "Nay".

Resolution# 17-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 17-205 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: (1). The Clerk read Resolution 17-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 17-2025 be approved. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (6). Nays: (1). Mr. Fuller voted "Nay".

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 and to dispense with the third reading. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 12-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Ordinance 12-2025 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Ordinance# 13-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **ORDINANCE 13-2025 AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH THE TOLEDO HOSPITAL AND PROMEDICA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, 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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 13-2025 by number and title only.

Resolution# 30-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 30-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEARGOV FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUDGETING SOFTWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$52,500.00); 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 Resolution 30-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 30-2025 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Resolution# 31-2025

Mr. Weber introduced **RESOLUTION 31-2025 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$31,960.40), 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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 31-2025 by number and title only. Mr. Weber moved that Resolution 31-2025 be approved as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

Safety

No report.

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

Recreation

Mr. Rettig gave his report of the March 11, 2025, meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 9-2025 by number and title only. A collective discussion was held for Ordinances 9, 10 & 11:

Kathleen Gibson, 29639 Duxbury Ln, Ms. Gibson asked why the City started with Ordinances that could allow dispensaries into the City instead of ones that would prevent them from being in the City. Mr. McCarthy explained that if these ordinances are voted down, then that would prevent dispensaries from being in the City. Ms. Gibson also spoke about the Host Fund tax, that is currently in place in Ohio but possibly could be changed where the Host City no longer receives financial gain from having a dispensary in their City.

Sylvia Ballert, 202 W Front St, is a sophomore at Perrysburg high school and spoke about the confusion having a dispensary in the City could bring for students, as they are told that marijuana is a gateway drug and that they should follow the DARE program and stay away from drugs, allowing a dispensary could send a mixed message to children that drugs are okay.

Dr. Daniel Brahier, 1284 Sandy Glen Dr, spoke about the dangers of the marijuana that is available today, the potency has dramatically increased in recent years, he spoke about how allowing a gateway drug such as marijuana could turn into a public health issue for the City.

Tyler Sherman, 1667 Fox Run, spoke about his time in law enforcement and how he has witnessed first hand the harm that drug use can have on people. He spoke about comparable cities to Perrysburg located in California that do not allow dispensaries even though it is legal in the state. He said that these cities have maintained a safe and clean city by not allowing dispensaries to the city as it attracts the wrong people.

Kent Jones, 25261 John F McCarthy Way, spoke about how allowing dispensaries would be beneficial to citizens like himself who have a medical condition that causes them a lot of daily pain. He spoke about how he was wheelchair bound for 5 years and

is now able to walk because of the decreased levels of daily pain due to medical use of marijuana. He spoke about how regulated marijuana is safe for use and has a very low overdose potential, but synthetic marijuana and other non-regulated products are the real cause for concern, as these are the products that cause serious harm.

Kevin Rantanen, 925 Locust St, asked Council if they knew what percentage of Perrysburg citizens voted for Issue 2 in November 2023. Mr. Kuhlman responded and said he believes it was close to 60%, which was in line with what the state of Ohio voted.

Melissa Ballert, 202 W Front St, spoke about how having a dispensary in Perrysburg would cause more harm than good, she spoke about the lack of research that she feels has been done on the topic and believes this to be very troubling as a mother.

Ms. Wellstein spoke about how she has done research and recently visited a dispensary in Monroe, Michigan and she expressed how troubled she felt as she witnessed people smoking in their cars still in the dispensary parking lot.

Mr. Kuhlman spoke about his support for Ordinance 9 as it relates to medical marijuana and believes that people should be able to receive the necessary medication they need. He spoke about the other two ordinances and that he feels that these advance our community in a personal liberty sense.

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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 10-2025 by number and title only.

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: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Ordinance 11-2025 by number and title only.

Personnel

No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Utilities

No report.

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

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 second reading by number and title only. Seconded by Mr. Rettig. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0). The Clerk read Resolution 28-2025 by number and title only.

Service

No report.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kuhlman spoke about the Perrysburg wrestling team as they went to the state championship. He pointed out two members of the team that moved to a higher weight class in order for some of the other team members to have a chance at wrestling during the state tournament. He commented on how great the City is and congratulated the team.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Jacobson
Clerk of Council

Thomas G. Mackin
Mayor