



City of Pleasant Ridge
23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

Regular City Commission Meeting October 10, 2017

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Attorney Need, City Clerk Drealan
Absent: None

Recognition of the Pleasant Ridge Royals Pony League and Pleasant Ridge Phillies Major League Baseball Teams as the Tri-City Pony and Major League Champions

Assistant City Manager Pietrzak introduced Royals Coach John Blasé who noted that the team won the season 9-2-1. He introduced the team and presented their stats for the year. He thanked the assistant coaches, parents, the Recreation Department and the Commission. He presented a team jersey to the Mayor.

Pietrzak noted that the Minor League Team, the Brewers finished second place. He introduced Head Coach Eric Scheible and the other coaches of the Phillies. They commented on the team's longevity and success. They presented a team jersey to the Mayor and thanked the Recreation Department. Some of the parents presented Assistant Recreation Director Shawnie Stamper with a thank you gift for all her work this season.

Public Discussion

Ms. Amanda Wahl, 3 Oxford, noted that the Pleasant Ridge Foundation will host a "Plan it Together" night on October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. They are soliciting opinions regarding auction themes.

Ms. Esther Winer, 78 Kensington, would like residents to volunteer to provide assistance for senior citizens for outdoor maintenance services. Mayor Metzger agreed that the block clubs would be a good network to provide this assistance. Pietrzak offered to help distribute the information.

Mr. Sean Campbell, 58 Sylvan, noted that there are concerns about speeding and running stop signs on Woodward Heights. He inquired whether the police could patrol the area during the morning rush hour before they cover the schools.

Ms. Betty Howe, 31 Cambridge, supported the need for assistance for senior citizens. She acknowledged that the police force does an excellent job and encouraged support for the millage vote. She discussed the history of the Headlee Amendment.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that the police have been patrolling the Woodward Heights area and have issued a number of tickets. He is also working on coordinating with the Boy Scouts or high school students to assist senior citizens with yard maintenance. Crime is down in the City so the Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 2nd will be Coffee with the Cops. All of the police force will be there. Residents are welcome to attend and express any concerns or ideas. Commissioner Foreman thanked Sgt. Reed and other officers who assisted in Oakdale. He inquired whether there was any process for residents to notify the city when they have installed security cameras on their homes. Chief Nowak encouraged residents to notify the police at policechief@cityofpleasantridge.org if they have security cameras but there is no requirement to do so.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The next meeting is October 23rd. They are considering a post-holiday DDA gathering.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The next Home and Garden Tour will be June 2nd. They will be looking for homes earlier than usual.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on the Recreation Commission. The next meeting is October 25th. He encouraged residents to attend and present ideas for winter activities.

Commissioner Foreman reported on Ferndale Public Schools. He presented an update on the High School Homecoming. A video of students and faculty singing the fight song has been posted on Facebook. The Marching Band won Flight Three of the Lampher Invitational. The Southeast Oakland Coalition and Fiat-Chrysler will be supporting Ferndale High School's Challenge Day which uses various exercises to communicate inclusiveness throughout the schools. The next School Board meeting is October 16th. November 4th is Ferndale Mom's Night Out.

2017 Community Pool Season Report

Pietrzak reported that the pool has used approximately 10 million gallons of water since 2004. It holds 253,000 gallons of water. Over 261,000 swimmers have used the pool since it opened. The busiest year was 2012 and the slowest year was 2014. He discussed the amounts and types of chemicals needed to keep the pool safe for swimmers throughout the season. The 2017 season saw about average attendance at 18,309. The variations in the attendance coordinate with the weather. There were no safety issues this year. The pool will reopen on May 25, 2018. Metzger inquired as to the maximum capacity for the pool. Pietrzak responded that the pool enclosure can only hold 440 people at one time. They have approached maximum capacity on some occasions but have never had to turn anyone away. Krzysiak thanked the Recreation Department and pool staff for their hard work. He noted that the Health Department has reviewed the duck situation. Pietrzak stated that in the spring

there had been zero violations from the Health Inspector. Later in the year there were some complaints regarding the presence of ducks and their droppings. The ducks had remained in the area for much longer than normal. The pool has a protocol for dealing with the ducks and cleaning up after them. The pool chemistry already exceeds the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control. The Health Department noted that the complaint was valid but that the pool was taking adequate measures to address the situation. In the spring they will focus on dealing with the ducks before they nest. They have discussed the issue with a local duck sanctuary for ideas.

Consent Agenda

17-3328

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Scott, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Foreman, Scott, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None

Bid Award - 2017-2020 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation

City Manager Breuckman noted that this is regular preventative maintenance that has been included in the current budget. It is a four-year contract to clean the sewers and conduct CCTV investigations on all streets that were rebuilt prior to 2010. The low bid was from Diversified Infrastructure Services at an average cost of \$43,400 each year. The work will be done in a quadrant approach around the City. The bid was under the engineer's estimate and under what had been budgeted. There may be another contract for those streets that were recently rebuilt which would put the City on a ten-year cleaning and investigation cycle. Esther Winer inquired regarding the annual insurance premium that she pays. Breuckman responded that that insurance covers the homeowner's lines that connect to the city sewer system. Krzysiak inquired whether, if the inspection of the main line revealed any problem with the homeowner's line, the city share that information with the homeowner. Breuckman confirmed that they would.

17-3329

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to award the bid to Diversified Infrastructure Services in the amount of \$173,612.24.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Scott, Foreman, Krzysiak, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None

Bid Award - 2017 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full and Section C.I.P.P. Lining

Breuckman indicated that the need for repairing some sections of sewer lines was identified during the recent reconstruction of some streets. Lining is a less invasive measure to keep the sewers properly functioning. They did not need to be completely replaced but some sections needed some attention. The lining is fed in through the existing manhole covers. No excavation is necessary. The City had budgeted \$235,000 for the project. The low bid was \$165,600 from Inland Waters Pollution Control. Krzysiak inquired as to how the repairs identified by the inspections will be funded. Breuckman replied that the three-year budget includes funds for planned maintenance.

17-3330

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Scott, to award the bid to Inland Waters Pollution Control in the amount of \$165,621.25.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Foreman, Scott, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None

Establishing a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on an ordinance to amend Chapter 74, Utilities, by the addition of a new Article, Article VIII, Entry onto Private Property; Section 74-340, Intent; Section 74-341, Definitions; Section 74-342, Regulation; and Section 74-343, Trespass

Breuckman noted that this has been proposed in response to some of the recent issues regarding the behavior of some sub-contractors hired by utility companies. Contractors must provide advance notice of the need to enter onto homeowner's property to both the city and the homeowner and all personnel entering onto the property must carry identification. Commissioner Scott inquired as to whether notice would need to be provided if a homeowner called for service that required entry onto a neighbor's property. Breuckman indicated that that issue may need to be clarified. Krzysiak inquired regarding the penalties for trespass. Both the individual and the company can be ticketed for any violation. Breuckman indicated that the overall intent was not to ticket people but rather to send them away to correct the situation.

17-3331

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, to schedule a public hearing on November 14, 2017 to solicit public comments on the proposed ordinance.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Scott, Perry, Foreman, Krzysiak, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman noted that a millage information session will be held on October 17th. He encouraged residents to see the new patio behind the Community Center. He thanked the Foundation for their support of the project. Perry noted that the fact sheets regarding the millage are available on the city website.

Pietrzak commented that city just underwent a mandatory lead and copper testing of the water system. He noted that the city passed with excellent results.

Other Business

Mayor Metzger thanked Commissioner Foreman for his service and contributions.

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that the book for October is *The Little Paris Book Shop*. That meeting is October 11th at 7:00 p.m. The November book is *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* It is a memoir and includes drawings and graphics. The meeting is November 8th. He noted that there are many resources available for senior citizens throughout the community. The Welcoming Cities

roundtable was very successful. He noted that Halloween is a great opportunity to show off the openness of Pleasant Ridge.

Commissioner Foreman noted that there will be a candy collection after Halloween. Any candy collected will be donated and sent to troops overseas.

Mayor Metzger commented on the number of activities in October and November published in the Ridger. He especially noted the Halloween Hayride and the grand reopening of Gainsboro Park.

City Clerk Drealan noted that election day is November 7th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All voting is at the Community Center. Absentee ballots are available. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is November 4th.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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