



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

**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
November 14, 2017**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

Public Discussion

(None)

2018 Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program

The City is eligible to receive \$6000 under this program. The funds are used to support senior services programs.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

17-3334

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the 2018 application and subrecipient agreement be approved and the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement.

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

Ordinance 426 to Amend Chapter 74, Utilities

Breuckman explained that this ordinance would require utilities and their subcontractors to provide notice when they are performing work along rear property lines of any property in the city. Foreman inquired how utilities would be made aware of the change in the ordinance. Breuckman noted that information would be sent to their government relations offices.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

17-3335

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that Ordinance 426 amending Chapter 74 be adopted.

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

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. There are no meetings until January. They will be working on getting homes signed up for the next Home and Garden Tour before the end of the year. Drealan noted that the Historical Commission covers the reindeer and the pictures with Santa are handled by the City.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on the Recreation Commission. He noted that Pietrzak presented the pool season recap to the Commission. Tree lighting is December 4th and there is a Christmas breakfast on December 2nd. There will be two vacancies on the Recreation Commission. Applications can be found online or with the City Clerk.

Commissioner Foreman reported on Ferndale Public Schools. He commented that a new program called Cartridges for Kids has started. You can recycle your printer cartridges and raise money for the schools. Bins are located at the Ferndale Public Library and at Webb Elementary. Just for Kicks is an adult talent/variety show at the Loving Touch. The event raises money for scholarships for outdoor education programs. Detroit Concert for a Cure is December 4th. The cast of American In Paris will be performing at the Loving Touch. It benefits Broadway Cares and Ferndale Blessings in a Backpack. The next schoolboard meeting is November 20th.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The October meeting included a discussion regarding solar panel regulations. The primary focus of the discussion was whether to allow solar panels on the street side of homes. There will be a public hearing on December 11th regarding that topic. There will also be a public hearing on December 11th regarding allowing the Sunoco station to obtain a merchant liquor license. The license would allow them to sell beer and wine for consumption off-premises.

November 7, 2017 General Election Certification

City Clerk Drealan noted that 1,038 residents participated in the election. Precinct 1 had 513 ballots cast and Precinct 2 had 525. Approximately 44% of registered voters cast ballots. The Police Stabilization Millage passed with 827 yes votes and 125 no votes. The official canvas has been received from the County and is available for review. Mayor Metzger noted that Pleasant Ridge had the top voter turnout of all communities with elections in the tri-county area.

17-3336

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, to receive and file the Official Certification and Election Report.

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

Oaths of Office

City Clerk Drealan administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kurt Metzger, Commissioner Bret Scott and new Commissioner Amanda Wahl.

Governmental Reports

Representative Robert Wittenberg, Michigan House of Representatives, thanked Commissioner Foreman for his public service and congratulated Commissioner Wahl. He commented on the coffee hour meetings. He can be contacted at 517-373-0478 or robertwittenburg@house.mi.gov. He noted that the auto insurance bill failed and new bills are being considered. They can be seen at FairandAffordable.com. Bills regarding concealed guns in schools will likely come up after Thanksgiving. He indicated that he and many others are against these bills.

Sergeant Robert Ried, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, thanked everyone who attended the Cops and Coffee event. He recommended that everyone check their credit reports.

Deputy City Manager Scott Pietrzak presented an update on the patio project behind the Community Center. Work is still being done on the new play structure.

Consent Agenda

17-3337

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

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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman commented on how important it was that the residents supported the police millage. He noted that, besides the Recreation Commission, there is also one vacancy on the Historical Commission and one on the Planning Commission. Applications need to be received by the middle of December. Drealan noted that the Board of Review will also have an opening. He commented that the lawsuit involving Oak Park, Huntington Woods and the 45th District Court has been resolved. There will be no net impact on the City's budget as a result of the settlement. The Foundation, Garden Club and Historical Commission have partnered together to provide lighting in Stephenson Park. The sewer lining project has begun. Residents will be receiving notices when their street is scheduled for cleaning and will get a door hanger on the day of the service. Gainsboro Park has won a design award from the State Parks and Recreation Department. There will be an award ceremony and a dinner.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that there is no book club meeting in December. He welcomed Commissioner Wahl and thanked the Foreman family. Commissioner Wahl expressed excitement at being a part of the Commission.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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