



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
February 13, 2018**

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

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

Public Discussion

(None)

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Sullivan, Ferndale Fire Department, noted that there were four retirements at the end of 2017 including the Fire Marshall. Three new people have been hired this month which will mean that there will be seven people in the Department with one-year experience or less. There are now three positions to fill. The number of applicants has dropped significantly.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that residents are required to clear their sidewalks. He also noted that pushing the snow into the street is not permitted. It would also be helpful if residents removed their cars from the street, even if a snow emergency has not been declared. He reminded everyone that garbage day is Monday. Cans should not go out before 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and they should be removed within 12 hours of collection.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Suburban Ford of Ferndale hosted a "drive for your school" event. The event raised \$3900 for camp scholarships and other school programs. University High School teachers and administration developed a new program called Target Time to help students recover and make progress after disappointing test scores. In the most recent session, 158 students participated and 67 of them remediated their failing scores and achieved passing grades. Two Ferndale Middle School students, Ruby Speedwell and Tiana Bartley, had their artwork displayed at the Student Art Town Exhibition. Ms. Bartley's photo won second place out of all the middle school students in metro Detroit. Ferndale Schools received a grant from DTE for LED exterior lighting which will result in savings of \$8600 per year. Spanish will now be offered in sixth grade. The Superintendent will attend the March City Council meeting to discuss the district's strategic planning process. The Superintendent challenged the students to send her a photograph of them reading on their recent snow day. The Commissioners brought their own books and took a picture to send to the Superintendent as well.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The Planning Commission had a public hearing on February 5th for special land use for the Sunoco gas station which is now permitted to sell beer and wine beginning this month. They reappointed the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The DDA held a new year gathering of local businesses which was very well attended including people from Iron Ridge. They also discussed adding decorative planters. The next meeting is February 26th. Updating the Woodward streetscape will be on the agenda. The existing streetscape is 30 years old.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. There was a special meeting in February regarding the 100-year home plaques. The lighting has been installed at Stevenson Park. Next meeting is March 7th.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission met on January 31st and discussed the community garden. It is sold out and ten additional plots are being added. The Daddy/Daughter dance was a success with 40 couples participating. Applications for summer counselors and life guards are due by March 2nd. St. Patrick's Bingo is March 8th. The egg hunt and pancake breakfast is March 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda

18-3354

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Establishing public hearings on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm to solicit public comments on the following ordinance amendments:

- a. Amendment to the Pleasant Ridge City Code, Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulation, by the addition of Article VII - False Alarms.
- b. Amendment to the Pleasant Ridge City Code, Chapter 34, Nuisance, Article III, Section 34-52, by the addition to a new section (13), regarding storage of unlicensed automobiles.
- c. Amendment to the Pleasant Ridge City Code, Chapter 70, Traffic, Section 70-21, Violation and Penalties, regarding OUI cost recovery.
- d. Amendment to the Pleasant Ridge City Code, Chapter 70, Section 70-86, Notice and 70-87, Failure to Pay, regarding OUI cost recovery collection.

City Manager Breuckman indicated that these ordinance amendments have been requested by the police department. Some are the result of recent changes in state law. The false alarm amendment is intended to encourage residents to address the underlying cause of frequent false alarm calls. It also sets some standards regarding audible alarms. The second ordinance specifically deals with storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles which were previously only covered by the general nuisance ordinances. It excludes vehicles stored in garages and only addresses vehicles in yards or on the street. The two OUI ordinances are housekeeping matters to match changes in state law.

Commissioner Krzysiak asked how many times the vehicle storage issue has had to be addressed. The Deputy Chief noted that the occurrences have been fairly rare. The issue is usually corrected by the

homeowner without the need for ticketing. Chief Nowak indicated that a more specific ordinance would be very helpful especially when there are multiple nuisance issues at a particular residence. He also noted that CLEMIS can now track false alarm reports. There was a discussion regarding the process and necessity of responding to alarms. The fees and fines applied to false alarms were also discussed. City Attorney Need noted that three false alarm calls can occur without penalty.

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Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to schedule these public hearings on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman presented the MParks design award for Gainsboro Park. Construction bids have been solicited to reconstruct Ridge, Indiana and Bermuda. He presented slides for some of the proposed construction projects including improving the crosswalk near the school. Indiana, Ridge and Bermuda will be redone with asphalt which is less expensive and quicker to install. The intersection with Sylvan will be concrete to match the existing road. Colored concrete will be installed to highlight the crosswalk. These will be primarily summer projects that will be presented for approval at the March meeting. The permeable asphalt at Kensington is performing well.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that February's book, *Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead is very powerful and will be discussed at the February 14th meeting. The March book will be *Unconventional Leadership*, by Nancy Schlichting, the CEO of Henry Ford Health System.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk
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