



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

**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
May 8, 2018**

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

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

Public Discussion

Mr. Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, stated that the next meeting of the Recycling Committee will be held soon. Send an email to him at WPRTV@yahoo.com if interested and a date and time will be set. Ferndale will have a recycling event on May 19th from 9:00 to noon. No hazardous material accepted. The Ridge Resale Shop will be open the second Saturday of every month. They will also take donations at that time. He presented a video of wind catchers that he created from mostly found objects. He is interested in working with the schools to create wind catchers that would produce electricity. Commissioner Krzysiak expressed support and invited Mr. Zachary to attend the next School Board meeting.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police, Interim Police Chief Vincent Palazzolo and Lt. David Spellman, Ferndale Police Department, presented a Certificate of Merit award to Pleasant Ridge Officer Andrew Shelton for exemplary service in responding to an armed robbery on April 23rd.

Assistant City Manager Scott Pietrzak presented an update on Recreation Department summer events and programs. The Adult Sand Volleyball League has six teams. Camp and Swim Team registration has begun and the swim team has started practices. Participation is up from last year. There will be an adult swim meet during the summer. Baseball will start soon. There are five teams which is more than some other communities. Field renovations have begun and should be completed soon. The Junior Garden Club is very successful. Commissioner Wahl indicated that this is a very special program for young residents. The 50+ trips are mostly full and also very successful. The pool will open on May 25th. Some major repairs were necessary. The deck chairs have all been re-strapped and new umbrellas have been delivered. The Citywide Garage Sale is this weekend.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. They will begin working on a new master plan which has not been done in five years. The last master plan resulted in the creation of Gainsboro Park.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Big Green Detroit Learning Initiative awarded Learning Gardens to Ferndale Lower Elementary, Ferndale Upper Elementary and University High School. Each garden costs \$50,000. The students will learn about the outdoors and science while producing edible gardens. The Ferndale School Board authorized \$100,000 for classroom technology. Ten seniors from Ferndale High will be attending the University of Michigan on full scholarships. The next School Board meeting is May 21st.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. At the last meeting the DDA discussed and approved its 2018-2019 budget. Approved items include funding for the Woodward Streetscape project, contributions to the FabCab, banner maintenance, façade improvement and planter programs. The next DDA meeting is July 23rd.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The Home and Garden Tour will be June 2nd. Tickets can be purchased in advance on the city website.

Consent Agenda

18-3367

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

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

Establishing a Public Hearing on June 12, 2018 to Solicit Public Comment on the 2018-2019 Budget and Millage Rates

City Manager Breuckman introduced an overview of the budget and millage rates. The budget is available on the website. The new budget will become effective July 1, 2018. The 2018 millage rate will be lower than 2017 even with the new police pension millage being applied. The City receives 46% of the tax bills. The bulk of the balance goes to Ferndale and Oakland County Schools. State revenue sharing has gone down considerably and continues to decline. Recent millage increases have been necessary to maintain the same levels of revenue without state funds. There is a net revenue projection of \$18,575 for 2018-19. Ideally the net revenue should be approximately \$30,000 and the city is on a good path to achieve that goal in the near future. The big projects for the upcoming year are the Community Center Big Room and an SUV for the police department.

Utility rates are adopted by resolution. Those rates incorporate various sewer and water capital improvement projects that are covered by a three-year contract. Water meter heads, which are installed in basements, are beyond their normal life span and will need to be replaced. The new meters will be cellular so residents can download an app and check their water usage in real time. The average water user will see a 2.0% increase in their bill which matches inflation.

18-3368

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to establish a public hearing on June 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to solicit public comment on the proposed 2018-19 millage rates and the 2018-19 combined city budget.

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

2018-19 Utility Bill Rates

18-3369

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the resolution regarding the 2018-19 Utility Rates as recommended.

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

City Manager's Report

Breuckman discussed the Indiana, Bermuda and Ridge Road reconstruction project. A postcard mailer regarding the project will be sent to every household since the whole community will be impacted. Phase One begins on May 14 and is limited to concrete and curb work which will have minimal impact on travel. This phase is expected to continue until the end of May. Phase Two will be resurfacing Indiana and Bermuda. The intersections at Indiana and Bermuda will all be closed. This phase will run from May 29 through mid-June. Phase Three will be Ridge Road and will begin after school lets out. Ridge Road will be closed. There will be access to the Community Center throughout the project. This will be the most disruptive part of the project and will run from June 18 through mid-August. Residents on Ridge will still be able to put their trash out as usual. Approximately 11 houses will have their access blocked for some time and will need to park on a side street and walk to their homes. The entire project is expected to conclude before the next school year begins.

Commissioner Perry inquired regarding school bus pick up. The school district will establish new bus stops or routes as necessary. There was discussion regarding the fact that the alleys are not wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic. Commissioner Scott inquired regarding posting a no right turn sign at Poplar Park which does not appear to be necessary. Commissioner Perry encouraged residents to communicate with their neighbors who may not have access to online postings. Hard copies of all the information will also be available.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that the May 9th book is *Grownup Anger* by Daniel Wolf. It traces the history of the Calumet massacre of 1913. There are no books for the summer. Residents can email suggestions for the upcoming reading season. He discussed the Facebook drive to clean up the sidewalks on the service drive. He and Commissioner Perry helped sweep 3,340 pounds of debris off the sidewalks. He inquired whether the County or MDOT would maintain that segment of sidewalk in the future. Breuckman indicated that responsibility was split between MDOT and the County Road

Commission which makes it difficult to get a commitment from either organization. If the debris was blown into the street, the County Road Commission would sweep the street, but not the sidewalk itself.

Commissioner Perry congratulated the Women's Club on their successful spring brunch. They broke their previous record for the amount of funds raised for college scholarships and other projects including a high school a cappella group. Commissioner Wahl reminded everyone to buy tickets to the Foundation auction. Proceeds will support the Community Center Big Room project. Blocks and organizations can donate gift baskets to be auctioned. Mayor Metzger supported the opening of the pool and the Memorial Day festivities. Commissioner Scott noted that the road construction should not affect the Home and Garden Tour.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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