



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting  
December 11, 2018**

Having been duly publicized, Deputy Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Krzysiak, Scott, Wahl, Mayor Metzger  
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Clerk Drealan, City Attorney Need  
Absent: Commissioner Perry

**Public Discussion**

Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, discussed how to join the Environmental Action Committee. He encouraged everyone to recycle during the holidays.

**Pleasant Ridge Panthers Soccer Team Recognition**

Assistant City Manager Pietrzak acknowledged that the team finished the season undefeated with a record of 9-0-1. They also won the end of season tournament. He introduced Coach John Blase who thanked the parents. He discussed the success of the team's season and presented the Mayor with a team jersey. Pietrzak discussed changes in soccer rules and congratulated all involved.

**Centennial Homes Presentation**

Mr. John Wright, Historical Commission, noted that eight homes were built in the city in 1918. The homes that were recognized are 79 Kensington, 81 Kensington, 19 Norwich, 13 Oakland Park, 15 Oakland Park, 35 Oakland Park, 14 Ridge Road and 8 Woodside Park. A Pewabic tile was presented to each homeowner.

**Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2018**

Mr. Aron Stevens from Stevens, Kirinovic. and Tucker PC, presented the annual audit. He thanked Plante Moran for their cooperation and assistance. He indicated that he was presenting a "clean" opinion, which represents the highest level of compliance. He noted that there has been an upward trend in total revenues and expenditures as well as the fund balance. Revenues exceeded expenditures in four of the last five years. The fund balance at the end of the audit period was \$776,182 which represents approximately 26% of expenditures. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends having a fund balance of at least 17% of expenditures. Approximately 69% of the revenues come from property taxes. Public safety represents 46% of the expenditures followed by general government at 24%. Commissioner Krzysiak discussed the success with improving the city's fund balance. There was discussion that the water and sewer fund has a fairly healthy balance as well. Additionally, there was discussion regarding the status of the pension and health care liabilities.

**18-3393**

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Scott, to receive and file the FY 2018 annual audit as presented.

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

**Governmental Reports**

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that there have only been a couple of package thefts. Officers are following delivery trucks when possible. Two unlocked cars with the key fobs in the cars were stolen in early December. Both cars were recovered within twelve hours. He recommended that residents lock their cars and garages. He asked that residents be kind to their neighbors when removing snow from their property. There was discussion regarding Fire Chief Sullivan's health and recovery.

**City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The last meeting was November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Commission is working on plans for the 2019 Home and Garden Tour. No date is set but the tour will likely be the third week in September. The police station was decorated with historic ornaments and items and may be opened again for viewing before the end of the year. The next meeting is planned for January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The deadline for letters to Santa is December 13<sup>th</sup>. The holiday hours for the wellness center will not affect those with fobs to get into the center. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Pietrzak stated that the renovations to the big rec room are nearing completion. The room is being used while construction continues.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Zoe Butters reported that Ferndale High School had 28 new inductees to the National Honor Society. The volleyball team went to the district championships. Sydney Embry reported that Student Council at University High School conducted a food drive for the homeless. She also noted that the Pipeline Club discusses issues and goals for students after they graduate. They also held an anti-bullying day. The Superintendent's Excellence Award was presented to Latavia Jackson and Katrice Leonard. The Eagle of the Month award was presented to Dave Roberts, the maintenance supervisor. The CASA program was also recognized. 370 students participated this year. The CASA Japanese class will be travelling to Japan next year. This summer is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CASA. Alumni are asked to return on April 26 and 27 to celebrate. The school system presented its audit. Its fund balance is healthy and enrollment has stabilized. The next School Board meeting is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The last meeting was December 10<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion regarding the approval of the liquor license at the gas station which was forwarded to the full City Commission. Special recognition was given to Martha Schlesinger who has completed eight years on the Planning Commission.

**Consent Agenda**

**18-3394**

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

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

**Annual Meeting Schedules**

**18-3395**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the 2019 annual meeting schedules as presented.

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

**Historical Commission Appointments**

Lisa Wetzen, Nick Kokotovich, Samantha Chapman, were recommended to serve full terms and Jaclyn Huffman was recommended to serve a partial term, all ending December 31, 2021.

**18-3396**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the appointments to the Historical Commission as presented.

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

**Planning Commission/DDA Appointments**

Patricia Corrigan, Tom Treuter and Alex Bellak were recommended to serve full two-year terms.

**18-3397**

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

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

**Recreation Commission Appointments**

Esther Winer, Sufi (Jay) Ahmad, Barbara Rozman-Stokes were recommended for full terms and Al Kaczkowski was recommended for a partial term.

**18-3398**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

**Resolution Regarding Proposal 18-1, Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act**

Mayor Metzger discussed the fact that communities will have to decide whether to opt in or out of the state's proposed regulations. City Manager Breuckman indicated that the proposed resolution would recommend opting out for now. This would allow the matter to be better clarified before the city makes any lasting decisions. The state has one year to finalize the regulations. Breuckman and City Attorney Need will research the matter further. City Attorney Need acknowledged that the state's regulations are still being formulated and are currently very vague.

**City Manager's Report**

Breuckman noted that some end of year projects were being wrapped up. Leaf pick up is complete and was very successful. There was discussion regarding preparing for sidewalk replacement work next summer. Work will begin on the east side in 2019 and continue with the west side in 2020. The city engineer has been placing pink dots at locations that need replacement. The city will cover the cost of replacement. Home owners who want to replace more than the city recommends can do so at the city's bid pricing. Consumers Energy will be replacing a number of gas leads throughout the city during 2019. Consumers will be repairing some sidewalks as a result of their work. The city will complete their sidewalk repairs after Consumers is done. Pietrzak noted that snow removal season is beginning. A major salt shortage is anticipated in January and salt may only be placed at intersections during part of the season. The salt is dyed brown; sand has not been added. There has not been any city sidewalk snow removal for ten years.

**Other Business**

Krzysiak indicated that there may be a change in the date for the Book Club to the third Wednesday. He discussed concerns regarding the lame duck session in Lansing. He encouraged anyone who was also concerned to contact the governor's office at [governorsoffice@michigan.gov](mailto:governorsoffice@michigan.gov) or call 517-373-3400. Scott indicated that focus needs to be placed on state government as well as at the federal level.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Mayor Kurt Metzger

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Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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