



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

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**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting  
January 14, 2020**

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

Present: Commissioners Budnik, Perry, Scott, Wahl  
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Clerk Allison  
Absent: Mayor Metzger

**Public Discussion**

Dania Bazzi, Ferndale Public Schools Superintendent discussed ballot issues. The issues include the Headley override renewal which only affects business and non-homestead properties. There is also a zero mill increase capital improvement bond proposal. The capital improvement projects include a new elementary school and repurposing the old elementary. The website, ferndaleforward.com, provides a lot of information and answers to questions. A video presentation of a summary of the plan can be found on Facebook. Tom Treuter, 11 Oakland Park, noted that the website is very easy to navigate. Perry inquired about CASA moving to the old elementary school. CASA is a consortium program providing advanced courses to smaller school districts. Michel Davision, Ferndale School Board President was introduced. There was discussion regarding changes in traffic and parking for the CASA students while maintaining the play space. The district has had its highest kindergarten enrollment and its highest retention rate this year. There was a discussion about how the current long range plan was developed.

Sherry A. Wells, Ferndale Historical Society, gave a presentation on the history of the formation of the cities that made up Royal Oak Township based on information gleaned from city directories. Copies of the report were presented to the Deputy Mayor.

Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, Pleasant Ridge Environmental Committee, presented some ideas for reducing trash at the curb such as marking with a "free" sign. He noted an article in the Ridger concerning how to declutter. He also mentioned a movie called "Game Changer" which discusses the environmental impact of producing meat.

**Governmental Reports**

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, discussed the increase in scam calls.

**City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The Pleasant Ridge Picks the Oscars voting link expires at noon on February 5th. Results will be released on Oscar night. The movies will be presented at the Rec Center beginning January 21st. Daddy/daughter dance is January 31st. Applications for Foundation and Women's Club Scholarship are available at the Rec Center and city hall. Junior Garden Club meeting February 12th at 3:45 p.m. Kids Pilates begins February 18th. Registration for youth soccer and baseball is open until March 1st. The Foundation will host an event showcasing past projects and seeking ideas for the future. Overnight camp is scheduled for August 1st.

Commissioner Budnik reported on Ferndale Public Schools. He encouraged residents to visit the ferndaleforward.com website.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The next meeting is January 27th.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. Lauren Howard, Amber Herrick, Eric Krogel and Lisa Wetson were elected to the Board. There is no meeting in February but there is a workshop on February 6th.

**Consent Agenda**

**20-3455**

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

Adopted:                      Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Wahl, Budnik, Scott  
   Nays: None

**City Manager's Report**

Breuckman noted that the deadline for the spring tree planting program is February 13th. Cost to the resident is \$125 to have a tree planted in front of your house. Every year trees are planted along two or three streets that have the least number of trees. Junior commission appointments will be made at the February 11th city commission meeting. There are openings on the recreation and planning commissions.

**Other Business**

Perry noted that a streetlight has been installed at the intersection of Main Street and the 696 service drive.

With no further business or discussion, Deputy Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Scott

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk  
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