



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
May 12, 2020**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

Public Discussion

Jessica Herzig, 1 Sylvan, commented about the summer activities which have been cancelled due to the coronavirus. Feels that the summer activities can be planned and executed safely.

Governmental Reports

Chief Jack Pesha, Ferndale Fire Department, gave an update regarding recent fire/EMS response calls, reminded residents about the fire department smoke detector program. COVID-19 testing now being offered to any resident through the Oakland County Health Department. Social Distancing should still be practices as well as other hygiene activities such as washing hands.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, complaints regarding excessive noise and speed on Woodward Avenue. Officers are out, including extra patrols, and writing tickets to offenders.

City Manager Breuckman commented regarding the cancellation of the summer activities. All pools and summer camps in Oakland County have been cancelled due to an Oakland County Executive order, as well as the Governors Executive Order. He gave further details regarding the logistics of opening the pool for this season.

Proclamation – National Gun Violence Awareness Day
20-3462

Motion by Commissioner Wahl second by Commissioner Scott, to adopt the proclamation declaring the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

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

Consent Agenda

20-3463

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

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

Establish Public Hearing – 2020-2021 Millage Rates and Budget

Breuckman presented information concerning the 2020-2021 budget and millage rates. He highlighted the accomplishments that had been achieved in the last year. The unfunded pension liability is being addressed due to the millage that was passed. The proposed budget for 2020-2021 is available on the website. If passed, it will take effect on July 1, 2020. The millage rate for 2018 will be slightly increased from 21.4120 mills in 2019 to 21.4531 mills in 2020. He presented a graph showing how the millage is distributed among various entities. Pleasant Ridge's millage rate is slightly above average for Oakland County communities, primarily due to reliance on residential taxes rather than commercial. Net revenue for 2020-2021 is projected to be lower due to the global pandemic and the projected dip in property assessments. The unrestricted fund balance will remain at 29.5%. Utility rates will be adopted by resolution. There is a three-year budget for capital improvement projects which include cleaning and televising sewers and water meter head replacement. There is an app that can be installed to monitor water usage for leak detection. The cost for meter head replacement has been included in the water bill. There is still a long-term issue regarding lead pipe replacement which could result in a \$10-12 million expense citywide. Replacement of all lead pipes including leads to the meters is being mandated by the state. Based on the project being conducted in Lansing, the cost was between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per house. PR is planning on presenting an asset management plan to the state to phase in the project in conjunction with regular street maintenance.

20-3464

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:30pm, to solicit public comments to the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 millage rates and the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 combined city budgets.

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

2020-2021 Utility Rates

20-3465

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the resolution regarding the 2020-2021 Utility Rates be adopted.

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

Establish Public Hearing – Small Cell Ordinance

20-3464

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Wahl, that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:30pm, to solicit public comments to the proposed ordinance amendment to Section 62-29 of the Pleasant Ridge City Code, regarding DAS/small cell/wireless facilities in the public right-of-way.

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

City Manager's Report

Commissioner Budnik commented about the tree planting program. Will residents have a choice is the species planted. Brueckman responded there is a street tree maintenance and planting manual, each street has trees identified for planting. The trees chosen are meant to inhibit a monoculture of trees.

Other Business

Wahl indicated the Citywide garage sale is scheduled for August 8th. that the Foundation auction has been rescheduled to October 3rd. The Foundation has been purchasing gift certificates to auction off at this year's auction to help local businesses. A website has been established Neighborsthatcare.com to deliver meals to first responders. The website is a resource and is also accepting donations.

Commissioner Perry commented about the old pool furniture that was being sold. Mayor Metzger indicated that furniture has all been sold. Questioned if some of the recreation programs can be done remotely. Wahl indicated there is some online content for kids through the recreation department.

Commissioner Scott announced the 2020 Historical Commission Home and Garden Tour has been cancelled and the museum is also closed.

Mayor Metzger gave an update regarding census response and reporting.

Clerk Allison gave an update regarding the August 4th Primary election. Absentee ballot applications will be mailed to the voters on the permanent list in the next few weeks. Any voter wishing to vote by mail can contact the Clerks office to obtain and application or go online for the application.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk