



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

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**Regular City Commission Meeting  
October 13, 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 Venture, commenting on behalf of 27<sup>th</sup> District House district candidate Sherry Wells.

Lisa Mueller, 37 Sylvan, questioned if the City of Pleasant Ridge is considering replacing the lead water service lines to homes, she understands there is an ongoing program in the City of Royal Oak. Breuckman responded the lead line replacement is a state mandate, and all communities will be required to replace the public and private portion of the lead service lines. The line is from the water main to the home. The public line is from the main to the stop box. The private line is from the stop box to the meter in the home. In the City of Pleasant Ridge has 65% of the service lines are lead. There is some grant monies available but Pleasant Ridge does not qualify. This will be a project for FY2022.

Jaimie Powell Horowitz, 45<sup>th</sup> District Court candidate, commented about percentage of absentee ballots being returned. Allison commented that Pleasant Ridge at 44% returned, however the offices are still receiving applications. There are over 1300 absentee ballots out currently. Perry questioned the number of registered voters. Mayor Metzger commented there is active voters and total registered voters Allison stated currently there are currently 2,380 active voters and 2,498 registered voters. Many of the inactive voters are people that have been issued notices that are awaiting responses. If the voter does not respond, they will be removed from the record.

**Governmental Reports**

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, be aware of leaf piles when parking in the street as they can be a fire hazard, leaf collection will be beginning soon. Reminded residents to lock their car door, and remove you refuse collection cans in a timely manner. Metzger commented the leaf collection dates are in the most current edition of the *Ridger* and are listed on the City website.

Wahl gave an update regarding the fall events related to the Recreation Department. “Rat Patrol” meeting will be held via Zoom. See full list of activities on the City website. Budnik gave an update regarding the Ferndale Public School Board meeting. The meetings are streamed on the FPS website. Scott gave an update regarding the Historical Commission, the centennial tile program for qualified

homes and the *Then and Now* update. Breuckman commented the Planning Commission will be meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Howard Smith, 60 Woodward Heights, commented regarding the Woodward Heights traffic calming. He was unable to access the meeting held last month and wanted to express his comments.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **20-3476**

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

### **Public Hearings**

#### **Ordinance to amend Chapter 14 – Building and Building Regulations, Article I – In General by the addition of new Sections, Section 14-2 – Portable Toilets, Section 14-3 – Dumpster Use Regulations, and Section 14-4 – Construction Materials Regulations**

Breuckman gave an overview of the proposed ordinance amendments. Metzger questioned the meaning of dumpster cover. Breuckman stated there is a mesh cover that can be installed on dumpsters to keep materials contained.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:06pm. With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:07pm.

#### **20-3477**

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Scott, that the Ordinance to amend Chapter 14 – Building and Building Regulations, Article I – In General by the addition of new Sections, Section 14-2 – Portable Toilets, Section 14-3 – Dumpster Use Regulations, and Section 14-4 – Construction Materials Regulations be adopted.

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

#### **Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article III – Sewers, Division 3 – Use, Section 74-197 – Prohibited Discharges**

Breuckman gave an overview of the proposed amendment.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:08pm. Wahl and Scott commented they are happy with the proposed ordinance amendment. Scott indicated the maximum fine amount is \$500.00. Breuckman confirmed that was accurate.

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:09pm.

**20-3478**

Motion by Commissioner Wahl second by Commissioner Scott, that Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article III – Sewers, Division 3 – Use, Section 74-197 – Prohibited Discharges be adopted.

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

**Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article II – Water, Division 4 – Cross Connections, Section 74-114 – Adoption of State Regulations, Section 74-115 – Inspections, and Section 74-116 – Testing**

Breuckman gave an overview of the proposed amendment.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:13pm. With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:14pm

**20-3479**

Motion by Commissioner Scott second by Commissioner Budnik, that the Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article II – Water, Division 4 – Cross Connections, Section 74-114 – Adoption of State Regulations, Section 74-115 – Inspections, and Section 74-116 – Testing be adopted.

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

**Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) Water Towns Grant**

Chris Bobryk gave a brief presentation regarding the CRWC water towns grant and program. This is a program to help communities leverage water resources, and most applicable to Pleasant Ridge, improve water quality. The City’s participation in the program will allow us to receive green infrastructure concept design services from the CRWC and their partners. City staff will identify a project and they will prepare a concept plan for stormwater infiltration measures in our City. This will allow us to continue to find ways to put storm water in the ground rather than in our combined sewer system. There is no cost to the City to participate in the program.

**20-3480**

Motion by Commissioner Budnik second by Commissioner Scott, that the resolution regarding the City’s participation in the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) WaterTowns grant initiative, be adopted.

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

**Water Meter Replacement Program**

**20-3481**

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Wahl that the bid for water meter replacement and other associated services as described in their proposal be awarded to HydroCorp, of Troy, Michigan in the amount of \$79,870, and that the City Commission authorize the purchase of water meters and transponders, from Badger Meter, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$326,141.55.

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

**Barking Dog Discussion**

Breuckman and Need outlined the City’s current barking dog ordinance. The City’s current ordinance is consistent with ordinances adopted in neighboring communities. Metzger does not see a need for changes to the current ordinance. Budnik agreed, feels the City’s ordinance is strong as written. Scott concurred with the Metzger and Budnik. Mueller had requested clarification at the last meeting, requested that the Commission consider making a change to the ordinance regarding where the dog is located – inside the home or outside the home. Mueller had researched the other communities’ ordinances as well. Metzger felt the ordinance should not have to be specific, since it could cause many loopholes. The ordinance can be reconsidered again at a later date also. Mueller thanked the Commission for their consideration.

**Delinquent utility bill fee**

**20-3482**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl that the fees charged to delinquent utility bills continue to be waived until this item is reconsidered in the future.

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

**Credit Card processing fee**

**20-3483**

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry the fees charged in relation to credit card continue to be waived until this item is reconsidered in the future.

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

**City Manager's Report**

Woodward park improvements and median crossing project will begin soon. Fall leaf collection program will begin soon. The leaf collection will not be extended past the current schedule. Open Meetings Act Virtual meeting protocol. Need commented on the Open Meetings Act and recent legislation regarding virtual meetings. Legislation adopted and will be discussed the next meeting in November.

**Other Business**

Nowak commented on the fall leaf collection and the Woodward Heights traffic enforcement tally.

Allison gave update on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General election and absentee voting options. The polls will be open from 7am-8pm on election day and voting will take place at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. Absentee ballots can be returned until 8pm on election day and must be returned to the Pleasant Ridge City Hall.

Budnik commented about the streetsign program. Breuckman indicated that the Woodward intersection streetsigns have been replaced, other streetsigns have only been replaced if they were damaged beyond repair. If there is interest in changing all the signs that could be considered as a future project.

Scott thanked staff for lighting the exterior of the building on rainbow colors.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:31pm.

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Mayor Kurt Metzger

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk