

CITY OF PERRY PROPOSED MINUTES
PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON October 5, 2023.

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY John Walworth, Perry Congregational Church.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS, CHAD FULLER,
LARRY LAMBERT, BOB PORTER AND KEENA DUNN;
MAYOR, SUSAN HAMMOND AND CITY CLERK, SHIRLEY SMITH

ABSENT: Mike Connell, excused by Mayor Hammond, Chief Kyle Bawks, excused by Mayor Hammond

ALSO PRESENT: TREASURER, MEGGEN GALBREATH
SUPT. of DPW, KEVIN TYLER
STUDIO 130, Alex Malloy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

10-05-23-01

Moved by Fuller, seconded by Lambert that the agenda be adopted as printed. Carried: all yes.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

10-05-23-02

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Porter that we suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 regular meeting. Carried: all yes.

PRE-APPROVED REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hammond presented the Perry's Pride Award Kodet's Hardware and Put your Best Face Forward Award to Jane Easton, 129 E. Second Street on behalf of Council member Mike Connell.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

Shirley Smith handed out to council an email from the MML on the breakdown for the next payment from the tornado claim and a revised Parade Policy.

MAYOR & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

TREASURER, MEGGEN GALBREATH reported Summer tax were due September 30, 2023, which was extended through October 2, 2023 due the 30th being on a weekend. Anything outstanding as of October 3rd will receive a one percent penalty and will have until February 28, 2024, after that date, anything outstanding goes to the County and additional penalty/interest is assessed. Summer taxes were 94% collected. Park mileage was new on the tax roll this year. Total mileage new revenue is \$5857.00 and we have collected \$5,534.00 of that. Property taxes we have collected approximately \$700,000. First quarter budget review will be ready for the next meeting. Devin's tree is planted, we have received the bench and plaque - it's still pending installation. Sunday, October 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. will be Treats on Main Street coordinated by local businesses. Contact Amy's Diner for information. Christmas Fantasy will be December 9, 2023 from 5 to 8 p.m. She has started planning.

SUPT. of DPW, KEVIN TYLER reported most of the demolition is complete. There is an addition to the demolition due to a large footing that was found. Insurance will take care of the additional upcharge to remove it. The garage door was repaired on the DPW barn and is operational and the fence was also repaired. DPW salvaged enough scrap sheet metal to put on the roof of the salt barn. Gutter repair has been scheduled for City Hall. Dangerous tree removal has been completed. Stump removal will need to be figured into the budget. Sidewalks have been cleaned up and are passable. He is working with Michigan Recycling on lowering the cost of the clean up behind the DPW with the trees and stumps from the tornado.

CITY CLERK, SHIRLEY SMITH reported Spartan Fence repaired the fence that was damaged by the tornado by the sledding hill. They took \$500.00 off of their invoice for tornado donation.

POLICE CHIEF, KYLE BAWKS was absent.

Mayor Hammond reported we have received \$12,200 in tornado donations. We also have an anonymous donor that will match up to 50% of what is collect from September 22, 2023 to December 01, 2023, up to a total of \$5,000. She passed the proof of what the thermometer from Agnew Signs will look like. It will be placed at Carl's Supermarket in the yard where the old pay phone was located. She also reported on the revision to the Parade Policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Porter reported as a representative from SSES. There was a special meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. It was determined by the board that they did not want the service of the current Chief. The Chief had been on paid leave for about three months. They will start looking for a replacement Chief.

Larry Lambert reported the Ordinance Committee will hold a meeting on October 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Animal Ordinance is moving forward and will most likely be on the agenda next meeting. The masterplan update is underway. Planning Commission members and McKenna will be at the Farmer's Market at the MacQueen House on October 14th.

Chad Fuller reported we have received two quotes for the Pavilion and just waiting for the third.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

10-05-23-03

Moved by Porter, seconded by Fuller that we approve the bills as presented and that payment be authorized. Carried: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss/possible approval of antique fire truck

10-05-23-04

Moved by Puffer, seconded by Porter that we approve to sell the 1929 antique fire truck. Carried: all yes.

Discuss tree replacement - tornado aftermath

10-05-2023-05

Mayor Hammond asked how do we want to develop the plan to replace trees destroyed/removed from the tornado. Stressing the City will not be responsible for newly planted trees. Bob Porter agreed with the Mayor. He can go to his suppliers and check on wholesale prices to provide to homeowners. A letter will be drafted for the next meeting to mail to homeowners advising of the trees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & OBSERVATIONS:

None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Perry's Pride Awards - Chad Fuller

Ord. amendment Definitions

Ord. amendment Animals in Residential and Agricultural Districts

Ord. amendment Dogs

Tree discussion with letter draft.

Christmas holiday lights contest

Fire truck discussion (old business)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 P.M.

Susan J Hammond, Mayor Date

Shirley Smith, City Clerk Date