

CITY OF PERRY MINUTES
PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Regular City Council meeting held on January 4, 2024.

Invocation presented by: Pastor John Walworth, Perry Congregation Church.

Call to Order:

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mayor Hammond, Mayor Pro-Tem, Larry Lambert. Councilmembers Mike Connell, Bob Porter and Jacob Puffer.

Also present: City Clerk, Shirley Smith; Supt. Of DPW, Kevin Tyler, Treasurer, Meggen Galbreath, Police Chief, Kyle Bawks and Studio 123, Alex Malloy.

Absent: Chad Fuller, Council excused, Keena Dunn, Mayor excused.

Approval of Agenda:

01-04-2024-01

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Porter that the agenda be adopted with the following change under new business, adding Mayor Appointments.

Carried: all yes.

Council Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023:

01-04-2024-02

Moved by Connell, seconded by Lambert that we suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes from the December 21, 2023 regular council meetings.

Carried: all yes.

Preapproved Reports or Presentations:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Communications:

None.

Mayor & Department Head Reports:

Treasurer Meggen Galbreath: Everything has been filed to the State of Michigan from the audit. ACT 51 report for MDOT filed for road funding. City Hall can no longer sell dog licenses. If residents want to purchase a dog license you have to go to the Treasurer's office at the County Court House.

Supt. Of DPW Kevin Tyler: Precision Roofing installed the new gutters, but they are the wrong color. They are working on a resolve for this issue. He may see if they can replace the gutters on the east side of the building to match, but the City would have to pay a portion on that bill. If Precision Roofing will share the cost to replace the gutters on the east side of the building, he will be back for approval from Council. If the east side is changed then the entire building will have new gutters. The tornado siren is completed and tested. He is still waiting to hear from Midwest Tree on the grinding. The new generator for City Hall has been ordered. It will take seven months to receive. Duhaney's the Vactor Truck Company is waiting for the chassis to be built for the new truck. There was a water main break on Friday, December 26, 2024. It took seven hours to repair. The Vactor truck broke down and DPW had to repair it.

City Clerk Shirley Smith: Reported all of the mass absentee ballot applications have been mailed.

Police Chief Kyle Bawks: He reported that he was able to install the new modem and antennas in one of the police cars. He is going to return the new antennas that were ordered and will save about \$1,500. He has hired a part-time officer, Tony Matthews. Winter reminder that everyone needs to clear off sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow and clear snow and ice. Reminder, no parking on street in the City between 3 am and 6 am.

Mayor Sue Hammond: Received information that the antique truck was sold to Mitchells Farms in Holly MI and they will use it as a display and in parades.

Committee Reports:

Larry Lambert reported Ordinance meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10 am in Council Chambers.

Presentation and Approval of Bills:

01-04-2024-03

Moved by Porter, seconded by Connell that we approve the bills as presented and that payment be authorized.

Carried: all yes.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Mayor Appointment

01-04-2024-04

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Porter that we approve the appointment of Jeff Kodet, owner of Kodet's True Value to the Pension Committee with a term expiring October 2025.

Carried: all yes.

2. Discuss Pension Committee:

01-04-2024-05

The Mayor is proposing a change to the members that serve on the on the Pension Committee. She said that members are assigned by policy, not a Charter assignment. Members currently on the Committee; The Mayor, Chairman of Finance and Ordinance, Council member, Local business owner and a city employee. Bob Porter suggested that the Council member is the Finance and Ordinance Council member. Lambert, Puffer, Connell all agreed. We will remove the Council member position from the Committee.

3. COPS Grand Information – Security:

01-04-2024-06

Kevin Tyler, DPW Supervisor is waiting for people to get back with him. He needs to get with Chief Bawks about the security and they will sit down and figure out the priority buildings. He did reach out to Allied Universal said they would tailor their quote to our budget. Meggen reported to the Mayor that we have until December 31, 2024 to use this grant.

4. Discussion downtown beautification:

01-04-2024-07

Jacob Puffer is interested in heading a committee and volunteers for downtown beautification. They Mayor stated she would like to see the beautification of the businesses outside the main section of Main Street. Larry Lambert agreed that we need to incorporate as many of the businesses out of the central business area as possible. Jacob will take to the Parks Committee and see if they want to be involved and he will speak with DPW.

Any Other Business That May Come Before Council:

None.

Council Discussion & Observations:

None.

Agenda Items For Next Meeting:

COPS- Security

Downtown beautification – Feb 1st meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:28 pm

Susan J. Hammond, Mayor

Shirley Smith, City Clerk