

CITY OF PERRY MINUTES
PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Regular City Council meeting held on December 21, 2023.

Invocation presented by: Mayor Hammond

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, Keena Dunn and Jacob Puffer.

Absent: Chad Fuller – excused.

Also present: City Clerk, Shirley Smith, Treasurer, Meggen Galbreath, DPW Supervisor, Kevin Tyler and Studio 123, Alex Malloy.

Approval of Agenda:

12-21-23-01

Moved by Connell, seconded by Porter that the agenda be adopted as printed.

Carried: all yes.

Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023:

12-01-23-02

Moved by Lambert, second by Connell that we suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 regular meeting.

Carried: all yes.

Preapproved Reports or Presentations:

Winners of Christmas Lighting Contest:

Lambert recognized the Christmas Light Winners for 2023, which were the following:

- 1st place – 620 N. Watkins St.
- 2nd place – 375 N. Clearwater Dr.
- 3rd place – 326 Green St.
- 4th place – 322 Lamb Street
- 5th place – 719 Starlight Way

Public Comment:

Amy Guenther, Food Bank President is busier than ever. Servicing up to fifteen families a week. There is an operational change, distributions will be on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, although appointments are still required.

Communications:

Shirley Smith handed out information to the Personnel Committee members from Kevin Tyler. Also handed out three copies of quotes from the COPS Grant – security upgrades, item #3 on the agenda for reference.

Mayor Reports:

She thanked everyone for their participation with Christmas Fantasy. She also reported the sale of the 1929 Antique Truck is complete. It sold for \$4,150.00. The funds from the sale will go toward the natural disaster relief fund.

Committee Reports:

None.

Presentation and Approval of Bills:

12-21-23-03

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

Carried: all yes.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

1. Mayor Appointments:

12-21-23-04

Mayor Hammond reappointed Jane DeLau to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2027.

Moved by Puffer, seconded by Lambert that we reappoint Jane DeLau to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2027.

Carried: all yes.

Mayor Hammond reappointed James Shaw to the Shiawassee Council on Aging for a term expiring January 1, 2025.

Moved by Connell, seconded by Porter that we reappoint James Shaw to the Shiawassee Council on Aging for a term expiring January 1, 2025.

Carried: all yes.

The Mayor appointed Billy Roback to the Local Officers Compensation Commission replacing Greg Wekwert. Council thanks Greg for his service to the Commission.

Moved by Porter, seconded by Connell that we appoint Billy Roback to the Local Officers Compensation Committee for a term expiring October 2028.

Carried: all yes.

~~The Mayor appointed Councilmember Larry Lambert to the Pension Committee.~~

~~Moved by Puffer, seconded by Porter that we approve Councilmember to serve on the Pension Committee.~~

Carried: all yes.

It was realized after the meeting that Larry Lambert is already a sitting member on this committee. There will be a discussion at the next meeting to choose another council member.

2. Audit Approval:

12-21-23-05

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Connell that we accept the 2022/2023 City audit presented by Luke Downing, CPA from Clark Shaefer Hackett.

Carried: all yes.

3. Discussion COPS Grant – security upgrade:

12-21-23-06

DPW Supervisor, Kevin Tyler presented his third quote for the security portion of the grant. It is still too high. He will give a break down at the next meeting on where the need is for this upgrade. Shirley Smith will check with MML to see if there is any type of discount when we do upgrade and Meggen Galbreath will check some of the rules for the grant. These items will be reported at the January 4, 2024 meeting.

4. Possible adoption of ZO Amendment No. 390, Chapter 2, sec. Definition – A 2.02, Accessory Building/Structures and Uses and sec 2.20 Definition – S, Sheds:

12-21-03-07

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Connell that Zoning Ordinance amendment No. 390, Chapter 2, sec. 2.02 and sec. 2.20 Definitions – A, Accessory Building/Structure and Uses and sec. 2.20 Definitions - S, Sheds which was read at the December 7, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted.

Carried: all yes.

5. Possible adoption of ZO Amendment No. 391, Chapter 3, sec. 3.14 Accessory Buildings/Structures and Uses:

12-21-23-08

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Puffer that Zoning Ordinance amendment No. 391, Chapter 3, sec. 3.14 Accessory Buildings/Structures and Uses which was read at the December 7, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted.

Carried: all yes.

6. Possible adoption of ZO amendment 392, Chapter 17, sec. 17.02 Zoning Administrator Duties and Zoning Compliance Permits:

12-21-23-09

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Dunn that Zoning Ordinance amendment No. 392, Chapter 17, sec. 17.02 Zoning Administrators Duties and Zoning Compliance Permits which was read at the December 7, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted.

Carried: all yes.

7. Possible adoption of ZO Amendment No. 393, Chapter 3, sec. 3.34 Driveways, Off-Street Parking and Sidewalks:

12-21-23-10

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Connell that Zoning Ordinance amendment No. 393, Chapter 3, sec. 3.34 Driveways, Off-Street Parking and Sidewalks which was read at the December 7, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted.

Carried: all yes.

Any Other Business That May Come Before Council:

None.

Council Discussion & Observations:

None.

Agenda Items For Next Meeting:

COPS Grant – Insurance, Time frame, Building need.

Downtown beautification.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 pm

Susan J. Hammond, Mayor

Shirley Smith, City Clerk