



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
October 18, 2016**

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

Present: Commissioners Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Attorney Greg Need, City Clerk Drealan.

Recognition of the Pleasant Ridge Astros Pony League and the Pleasant Ridge Mets Minor League Baseball Teams as the Tri-City Pony and Minor League Champions.

Assistant City Manager Scott Pietrzak introduced the two winning teams and coaches. Mayor Metzger was presented with team shirts and a trophy was donated to the City. Pietrzak commended his staff for their great work managing the sports and pool activities. Also, Pietrzak commended all the teams for their participation. A major league baseball team will be added next season.

Public Discussion

Jean Russell, 65 Devonshire, Environmental Committee will host a presentation on November 21, 7:00pm, Community Center, for resident John Ganis, and have a book signing for his new book, "America's Endangered Coasts, from Texas to Maine."

Assistant City Manager Scott Pietrzak added that the meeting is being live-streamed on Facebook and comments are welcomed.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, mentioned that on September 21st was the first Neighborhood Watch Program that had a good turnout and great topic discussions. This will be an annual event with an extended program. Chief Nowak reported that are many fraud schemes going on and Medicare is the latest one due to open enrollment. Another scheme is the threat of kidnapping of a relative, or stating your computer has a virus and gain access to your computer.

Commissioner Foreman mentioned that there has been discussion as to why police are present at Roosevelt School. Chief Nowak responded that there have been traffic issues in the area and police presence is there as manpower dictates to assist in these matters, provide safety to the children and the parents, especially those walking.

Mayor Metzger reported that he was advised by a visiting citizen to Pleasant Ridge how Officer Fearn assisted her being locked out of her car and commended him for his actions. Chief Nowak mentioned that the priority of the police department is to serve the residents and the community first.

City Commissioner Liaison Reports

Commissioner Foreman gave an update on the October 7th Homecoming Parade, tailgate, and football game. A new administrative position has been created in the district, Director of Operations, in order to oversee the projects funded by the sinking fund millage. Five boxes of school supplies were donated by Hodges Subaru as part of the Subaru Loves Learning Program. “The Hobbit” is the upcoming play being performed at the high school November 11th – 13th. Next School Board Meeting is Monday, November 21st, 7:00p, at the high school.

Commissioner Perry reported that the Planning Commission and DDA met September 26th and discussed their working plans for the upcoming year, including meeting schedules and outreach to the businesses. Next meeting is Monday, October 24th, 7:00p. Literature on the upcoming RTA vote is available from the Woodward Transit Authority and will be distributed around the City.

Commissioner Scott on behalf of the Historical Commission reported that there will be three open positions in January 2017. Scott reported that there are 10 meetings per year and any resident is welcome who may be interested in the history of Pleasant Ridge. Applications will be accepted until the end of this year. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd. If anyone wants to add a planting that was significant 100 years ago where the police department is located, add daffodils to your garden.

Commissioner Krzysiak mentioned that the last Recreation Commission was jointly held with the City Commission, and discussed the area around the Community Center and new designs for the space. A decision was made to donate the Gainsboro playscape equipment to the City of Pontiac next spring. The next Recreation Meeting is October 26th, 7:00p. Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 22nd; ages up to 6yo, 10:00a-11:30a, ages 7-12, 6:00p-8:00p, at the Community Center. Hayride will be at Gainsboro, Sunday, October 23rd, 4:00p-6:00p. Ridge Resale will be open during this event.

Consent Agenda

16-3277

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Foreman, Perry, Krzysiak, Scott, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None.

Ordinance 420: Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles Article V, Parking Violations Bureau and Parking Fines, Section 70-93, Parking Fines

City Manager Breuckman explained that this amendment cleans up an oversight in the previously adopted Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance 418 adopted in April 2015. The proposed amendment corrects the previous ordinance whereas the double parking fine should be \$80.00 instead of \$25.00.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

16-3278

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that Ordinance 420 amending Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, Article V, Parking Violations Bureau and Parking Fines, Section 70-93, Parking Fines, be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Scott, Foreman, Krzysiak, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None.

Ordinance 421: Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations, Article VI, Property Maintenance Code

City Manager Breuckman explained that the Property Maintenance Code inadvertently left out the code recodification. The proposed ordinance adopts the most recent international Property Maintenance Code.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing opened at 8:23 p.m.

John Hubble, 5 Kenberton, inquired as to what this actually means as to the code being inadequate. Breuckman explained that the international code process is to review every 3 years, and the City last approved the 2006 code. The new code being adopted is 2015, and there are just a few minor changes. Hubble was concerned about the handrail modification letter he received and wanted clarification as to the changes in the code. Having a new code enforcement officer overseeing the Property Maintenance Code has resulted in residents receiving notices for handrails. Hubble expressed concern as to the City’s approach on how residents were notified of this change, but mentioned that his visit to the City Hall offered assistance in better understanding what he needed to do to his property.

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

Commissioner Foreman inquired as to what information is in the initial letter that residents receive, and Breuckman responded that the Code Enforcement Officer’s cell phone is provided in the letter. Though he is only part-time, it may take a few days for a response. The City has been flexible with working out resolutions for residents that need to install a handrail.

16-3279

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Foreman, that Ordinance 421 amending Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations, by the addition of Article VI, Property Maintenance Code, be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Foreman, Krzysiak, Scott, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: None.

Other Business

Commissioner Foreman mentioned an event at the Detroit Zoo, a chili cook-off, Saturday, November 5th, 12:00p-4:00p, benefiting the family of deceased Detroit Captain Kenneth Steil.

Commissioner Perry mentioned that are vacant positions on the Planning Commission/DDA. Applications are made through City Hall.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported that the next book for the Book Club will be “Hope for the City” by Jack Kresnak and will be discussed on Monday, October 24th, 7:00 p.m., Community Center. The book for November will be “The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao” by Junot Diaz.

Mayor Metzger complimented City staff on The Ridger, that just went out within the past week, stating this is the best one he has seen and very informative. The Lasagna Dinner will be Friday, November 11th, 5:30p-7:30p. Tickets are available at City Hall. Assistant City Manager Pietrzak explained that due to the election and all the mailings, there was a delay in some residents receiving The Ridger. A 50-plus Bingo will be held on November 10th, which will include dinner. Mayor Metzger encouraged residents to attend.

City Clerk Drealan reminded residents that the November 8th election is approaching, and the last day to receive Absentee ballots is Saturday, November 5th. Emergency ballots can be received on November 7th, but must be filled out at City Hall forthwith. Mayor Metzger reminded that the next City Commission meeting will be November 15th due to the election.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk
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