

# CITY OF PERRY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS THOMAS CHAPUT, SAMARA HAMILTON, MARK LANDERS, CHRISTINE TOBIAS, GREGORY WEKWERT, TERRY WOOD, MAYOR ROSS DELAU, AND CITY CLERK JUDY GUENTHER

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: PUBLIC WORKS SUPT., Chuck Mudge  
TREASURER, Jo Ann Velting

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

### READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Under Committee Reports, Council wants to describe the "draft" that the Finance and Ordinance Committee is working on to say that it was a draft of an Ordinance for Committee Reporting Procedures.

02-03-09-01

Moved by Wekwert, seconded by Landers that we suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting as amended. Carried, all aye.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dawn Whitbeck, owner of Hearth & Home is asking for some kind of round robin reporting method to report incidents to all businesses to make them aware of possible problems.

Donation of \$450.00 from the City of Perry employees was presented to Annie and Dave Robertson of the Perry Area Food Bank.

Samara Hamilton gave an invitation to the public to form a recycling group for the city. The Mayor will form a committee to study the matter and it was also suggested that we contact Boy Scout Groups.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from a citizen complimenting Maureen Matson's professionalism was read.

### DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Treasurer, Jo Ann Velting reported that taxes are steadily coming in.

DPW Supt., Chuck Mudge gave an update on the Iron Removal Plant and brought water samples that clearly showed the improvement. He invited everybody to the ribbon cutting on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the new Iron Removal Plant located at the well field on Ellsworth Road.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mark Landers announced that there would be a Finance & Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Greg Wekwert gave a Planning Commission update. He went over the Planning Commission's Goals and Objectives for 2009. Planning Commission might have to hold a Special Meeting to set a Public Hearing for the Ordinance Amendment.

The Mayor gave a New Rezoning checklist and application form to Council for study and recommendation. The Planning Commission is receiving copies of this information and Council has asked for their input.

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

02-03-09-02

Moved by Landers, seconded by Wood that we approve the bills as presented and that payment be authorized. Carried, all aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UTILITY BILL FOR 404 E SECOND STREET-**

The property has been inspected by the Public Works Dept. and it was the general consensus of the Council that it will have to be rezoned to single family zoning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE-**

Tabled. (Ordinance must first have a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission level)

**AUDIT FIRM CHANGE-**

Jo Ann gave an update on the attorney's opinion and seeks the Council's approval to change auditors. Jo Ann made copies of the Audit Letter of Engagement for Council members.

02-03-09-03

Moved by Chaput, seconded by Landers that we request the City Attorney to write a letter to Campbell, Kusterer & Co. advising them that the City intends to go in a different direction and attempt to obtain the mutual consent of all parties that the City will use a different firm for the next audit. Carried, all aye.

**IDEAS FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAM-**

Sidewalks, street paving, lagoon cell cleaning, and street lighting were some of the suggestions. Council was asked to make a wish list. Tabled.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Chaput brought up the need to have better communication between Council and the Planning Commission.

