

# CITY OF PERRY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2009

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER SAMARA HAMILTON

ALSO PRESENT: POLICE CHIEF, Kyle Bawks  
PUBLIC WORKS SUPT., Chuck Mudge  
TREASURER, Jo Ann Velting

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

### READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

04-07-09-01

Moved by Wekwert, seconded by Landers that we suspend  
the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes of  
the March 17, 2009 meeting as written. Carried, all  
aye.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Resignation Letter from Samara Hamilton was read.

04-07-09-02

Moved by Wood, seconded by Chaput that we accept Samara  
Hamilton's resignation from City Council and the Perry  
Planning Commission with regret. Carried, all aye.

The Mayor appointed Bradley Sharlow, 336 Scarlet Oak  
Lane, to fill the City Council position for a term  
expiring December 1, 2010.

04-07-09-03

Moved by Chaput, seconded by Wood that we accept the  
Mayor's appointment of Bradley Sharlow to the City  
Council position, term expiring December 1, 2010.  
Carried, all aye.

Brad Sharlow was sworn in and took his seat at the City  
Council table.

### DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief, Kyle Bawks gave Councilmembers the  
monthly statistics. He has been working on grants and  
training for the department.

Treasurer, Jo Ann Velting met with Consumer Energy to learn ideas for saving energy and money for the City. She will be meeting later this month with the Michigan Department of Transportation to learn about Act 51 monies, which are the revenues that the City receives for the maintenance of City streets.

DPW Supt., Chuck Mudge reported that the auto-feed for chlorine at the new water plant is now working. He is monitoring backflow devices. Lagoon runoff has been started. They have constructed 4 picnic tables and 2 sets of bleachers with funds earned during PerryFest and MudgeFest. The City will be flushing hydrants April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 9pm each of those nights.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mark Landers gave a Finance & Ordinance Committee report. They will be meeting again on April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Their agenda will cover: 1) Committee Reporting Policy, 2) Compensation for Special Planning Commission meetings, 3) Alcohol Management Proposal, 4) Receipt of Gifts Policy

Brad Sharlow gave a Planning Commission update. They did not have a quorum on April 6<sup>th</sup> and plan to reschedule their Public Hearing for May 4, 2009 at 6:30pm.

#### **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

04-07-09-04

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **RECEIPT OF GIFTS POLICY-**

The Finance & Ordinance Committee is working on this policy.

04-07-09-05

Moved by Chaput, seconded by Wood that a resolution to repeal City Code No. 1220.07 Receipt of Gifts be placed on the next agenda for possible adoption. Carried, all aye.

##### **COMMITTEE REPORTING PROCEDURES-**

The Finance & Ordinance Committee is working on the final draft of this policy.

##### **SANITARY SYSTEM PROJECT PLAN-**

04-07-09-06

Moved by Chaput seconded by Wood that we approve the Sanitary System Project plan engineering fees to be performed by Workhorse Civil Design for an amount not

to exceed \$17,000 and authorized the Mayor to sign the "Authorization to Proceed Agreement". Carried, all aye.

**S.A.T.A.-**

Agreement between City and SATA was discussed.

**AUDITORS-**

The Treasurer gave an updated report on the City Auditors and asked the Council's direction. It was the general consensus that they should be given a second chance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT (CHRP)-**

Council was brought up to date on the application process that was initiated for this grant. This grant will pay for one additional officer for 3-years but we will be required to continue their employment for one additional year at the City's expense.

**REQUEST FROM BUILDING AUTHORITY RE: TUCK & POINTING**

**CITY HALL BUILDING-**

Chairman of the Building Authority, Jo Ann Velting, presented two bids for Tuck & Pointing City Hall. Discussion followed.

Council recommends that the two proposals be studied for comparison and that the Building Authority possibly look into grants.

**SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT-**

The proposed Sidewalk Special Assessment project for 2009 will be: North side of Keeney Street from Main Street to Watkins Street.

04-07-09-07

Moved by Sharlow, seconded by Tobias that we initiate a Special Assessment Sidewalk Project for the designated area of the North side of Keeney Street from Main Street to Watkins Street and set a Public Hearing for May 19, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at Perry City Hall, Council Chambers to consider any objections to the proposed improvement and to the district to be assessed. Carried, all aye.

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

Harold Canfield requested that City Council consider a reduced rate to hook up water to his property at 229 Lamb Street since it has already been installed to his house but has not been used because he had his own well.

