

CITY OF PERRY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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PERRY COMMUNITY BUILDING

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 2, 2010

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS, MICHAEL JOHNSON, JO ANNE O'BERRY,
GREGORY WEKWERT, TERRY WOOD, MAYOR ROSS DELAU AND
CITY CLERK DEVIN MILLER

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS, THOMAS CHAPUT, BRAD SHARLOW

ALSO PRESENT: CITY TREASURER, JO ANN VELTING
DPW. SUPT., CHUCK MUDGE

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:

03-02-10-01

Moved by Wood, seconded by O'Berry that we suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting as written. Carried, all aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter was read from Shiawassee County Emergency Management Homeland Security regarding their annual report.
- Letter was read from United States Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development regarding their review of the 2008/2009 City audit.
- Council received a form asking a municipality approval regarding Markham Motors applying for used vehicle dealership at 3034 W. Lansing Rd.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dave Huffine, owner of the Huffy's Marathon Station, asked to keep business in the city and wanted to be able to give bids for City auto work and/or gas bids.

MAYOR & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

CITY TREASURER, JO ANN VELTING, reported that March 1st was the last day to pay taxes at the city and she will be getting books balanced and sent to the county this week. She also gave a Building Authority report and requested funds be allocated for the restoration of the building.

DPW. SUPT., CHUDGE MUDGE, reported DPW budget is complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greg Wekwert gave a Planning Commission Report and reminded Council next meeting will be April 5th 6:30pm.

Ross DeLau reminded Council that Finance and Ordinance Committee will be meeting March 11th at 6:30pm.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

03-02-10-02

Moved by Wekwert, seconded by O'Berry that we approve the bills as presented and that payment be authorized. Discussed. Carried, all aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Possible Approval of Resolution to Reduce Speed Limit on M-52 at the Trunk line -

03-02-10-03

Moved by Wood, seconded by Wekwert that we accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, traffic on M-52 from North City Limits to where speed zone is currently 35MPH, has steadily increased over the past years due to the development and growth of the City of Perry, and

WHEREAS, this development has increased the number of access points to the state trunkline resulting in an increase in traffic congestion and the volume of turning traffic along the corridor, and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult for residents to negotiate left-hand turns, or move into and out of the flow of traffic safely due to the increased volume of traffic,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council is formally requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) conduct a speed study on M-52 from North City Limits to where speed zone is currently 35MPH. It is understood MDOT in cooperation with the Michigan State Police (MSP) will use engineering data gathered in the speed study to make a decision, which could raise, lower, or maintain the current speed limit. It is further understood the City of Perry will abide by the decision made by MDOT and MSP as a result of this speed study. Carried, all aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Perry Technology Plan 2010-

No action taken.

Mayor's Reappointments-

The Mayor reappointed Carol Sanford, 3075 W. Britton Rd., to the Planning Commission for a term expiring January 2013.

The Mayor reappointed Steve Wallace, 431 N. East St., to the Board of Review for a term expiring January 2013.

03-02-10-04

Moved by Wekwert, seconded by Wood that we approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carol Sanford to the Planning Commission, term expiring January 2013. Carried, all aye.

03-02-10-05

Moved by O'Berry seconded by Johnson that we approve the Mayor's reappointment of Steve Wallace to the Board of Review for a term expiring January 2013. Carried, all aye.

Possible Approval of the Poverty Resolution

03-02-10-06

Moved by Wekwert, seconded by Wood that we accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the City Council: and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Mayor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Perry City, Shiawassee County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7) Comply with any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

