

Parma City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Oney Eguia, Doyle Fisher, Jim Smith, and Tom Smith

ABSENT: Angie Lee

OTHERS: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Russel Brooks, City Engineer; Garianne Goslin, Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were read for approval. Oney Eguia moved for approval. Keith Vickers seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CITY ATTORNEY: Jill Holinka

AMENDING WATER ORDINANCE UPDATE - Ms. Holinka has a pretty good draft going that she will try to have available before the next meeting. The issues have included owners arguing about being responsible for their tenants bill. The Idaho Supreme Court states that the City cannot place a lien on the property for a tenants arrears without a signed contract.

With the new ordinance, resolutions will be all that's necessary to make administrative changes such as fees and deposits. Garianne Goslin informed the Council of the benefits to the City Clerk's office of simplifying the processes and giving them the tools to collect the funds for the water and sewer accounts.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - Ms. Holinka talked about the land use issues with the current plan that might be useful for future growth. The Planning & Zoning Commission would like to meet with the Council in a workshop to discuss the vision of the Council. This workshop could take place prior to a regular council meeting or during a regular Planning & Zoning meeting.

Airports and Agricultural components have been added to the draft. The next P & Z meeting will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Council chambers. The Council members are encouraged to attend this meeting to give the Commission guidance on how the Council believes they should proceed.

CITY ENGINEER: Russell Brooks

FLOODPLAIN MEETING UPDATE - Mr. Brooks distributed the new floodplain maps to the Council members. He and the Mayor attended a meeting on January 15th with several other communities. It was put on in part by FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers. They discussed the methodologies and asked for feedback from the local government.

The survey of the topography was greatly improved and the hydrology was reassessed. The maps are currently preliminary and are still subject to change. Mr. Brooks feels that the City of Parma should submit some comments in order to support the request for local input. He provided a list of those comments and concerns.

There will be another community consultation meeting in May where comments that are submitted will be discussed. Ultimately, the City will need to adopt the maps. He feels that they put a lot more care into the maps than has been done in the past.

He will submit a letter with comments on City letterhead for submission for the February deadline.

MAYOR REPORT

WATER/SEWER RATE ARTICLES - The Mayor asked the Council their opinion on how best to communicate with the citizens about the future rate increases. He had previously submitted a draft "About Town" article for the Council's review. It does not include the amount of the increase but speaks to the necessity of the increase. He'd like to see the information mailed to each user.

Keith Vickers put together a short study on rate increase amounts with current budget appropriations and comparisons to other small cities. Mr. Vickers discussed the changes and upgrades that need to be made in order to support the current system.

Council will consider the options for discussion at a later meeting. Mayor Leigh hopes to have a final decision on a rate increase sooner than later.

GREATER PARMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - GPEDA was formed as a branch of the Western Alliance for Economic Development. Bylaws are being drafted. It will be formally announced at the State of the City Address.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 at 12:40pm at the Lion's Club meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Keith Vickers moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Tom Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.