



CITY OF PLYMOUTH MEETING MINUTES

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201 S. MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel Dwyer, Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott, Commissioners Colleen Pobur, Daniel Dalton, Suzie Deal, Joe Valenti

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Wright, excused

Also present was City Manager Paul Sincock, City Attorney Robert Marzano and various City Department Heads.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jason Konopka, 325 Parkview, Plymouth, spoke about preservation and his concern with the City of Plymouth. He feels that the City needs to be very concerned and asked for a year long moratorium for knocking down existing structures. He also spoke about the Bathey property site and the owner of that property needs to be accountable for the condition of that site.

Sonia, a young girl who lives on Mill Street, spoke and asked for help to clean up that area of the City because she is concerned with nature being harmed. She stated she likes her neighborhood.

A resident asked about why the City is not concerned with the toxic waste on that property and who is responsible because it has been going on for years. She feels like no one cares from the City and the residents are having to deal with it and she pays taxes like others in the community and has to deal with this.

A resident from 760 Parkview, Plymouth, stated she is a new resident and it is a beautiful town and the Bathey property is just horrible. She does not understand how this can go on and not be addressed.

Robert Rameriz stated he is an attorney representing a condo owner next to Tim Hortons. He stated everyone is wondering why this property has never been cleared and are the taxes paid or is this on the tax rolls. He indicated there are petitions going around concerning this property and there are questions whether this property is actively being marketed at reasonably appraisal prices. He stated this property is blighted and has been going on for 20 years. The City Commission was voted in by the residents of Plymouth and has failed to do their job.

A resident at 189 N. Mill, Plymouth, stated he has great neighbors on Mill Street and this concerns him with broken concrete, weeds, broken down fencing, toxic chemicals and no one should have to live across from this horrible property. He has caught wild animals on this property and disposed of them at his own cost. He loves Plymouth and would request the City to take more of a proactive approach to make this land like a park setting. The property owner needs to be accountable and do a better job of maintaining this site. He does not feel this is being unreasonable and asks for ten days for the City Commission to get back to the residents with some information and he provided his contact information.

Teresa Bevins stated she is a 63 year old resident and cannot keep her house or windows clean. She has concerns with the kids and teenagers playing on that property and someone is going to get hurt.

Nicole Johnson, 175 N. Mill, Plymouth, stated she has been an employee of Hermann's Grill for 13 years and loves Old Village. She feels this part of town is neglected and wants everyone to work together as a community.

Kenneth Hubert, 420 Parkview, Plymouth, stated there are very passionate people speaking about this location and Plymouth is a nice and beautiful town. He said it is very hard to look at that section

of town that is not so nice. People are traveling up and down the road in that area looking at this mess and everyone is concerned and wants assistance with this blighted property. He stated the Commission should not take this personal and not an attack on them but this area of town needs some attention and it has looked like this for a very long time.

Elaine Attridge, 1192 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, stated she lives next to the old Kellogg House that was torn down. She too has preservation and historical issues with this town and wants to stop the renovation of Kellogg Park and Saxtons Property. She is concerned and doesn't know what is happening to this City and very upset. She feels there are too many permits being given out for demolition and being given like candy. She said the preservation of this town is so upsetting for so many people.

Marques Thomas, 802 Coolidge, Plymouth, stated he wanted to thank the Police and Fire and the DPW for all they do for everyone. He offered condolences to the recent loss of Police Officer and how very sad for their families. He stated he wanted to say just "Vote" on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016.

Rachel Kay, 201 N. Mill, Plymouth, would like to see the area she lives in cleaned up because Plymouth is a gorgeous town and she loves her neighborhood.

Daniel Sabo, Taylor, spoke about a consideration he thought of for the Bathey property and that would be to make it a parking lot and have shuttle services.

Christina Bornor, 745 Parkview, Plymouth stated she moved 6 years ago to Plymouth from Kentucky and 6 years later nothing has been done to the Bathey property and she is very upset about it.

Anna Jones, 154 Roe Street, Plymouth, stated her son is a runner and the sidewalks are good everywhere but that particular area and when it storms water stands in puddles around Bathey. She asked why that area isn't targeted for sidewalk repair like other areas of the town.

Frank Jones, 154 Roe Street, Plymouth, stated that the City charges the residential property owner to cut weeds and grass if they are in violation of the ordinance and why not this property owner?

Paul Barraco, 340 E. Union, Plymouth, stated his father lives across from the Bathey property and encourages the city to do what they can to clean it up as soon as possible.

Rachey Kay, 201 N. Mill, Plymouth, stated Mill Street is a major road and people travel up and down to get to downtown and all they see is this giant eyesore. Why not keep it nice and bring in lots of people and be proud of that area.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Commissioner Daniel Dalton for approval of the Agenda for Monday, November 7, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 6 - 0

ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

4a. Approval of October 17, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

4b. Special Event: Heat the Streets 11/18/16

4c. Special Event: Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting, 11/25/16

4d. Special Event: Plymouth Goodfellows Paper Sale, 12/3/16

4e. Special Event: Music in the Park 2017

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Suzie Deal for approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 11, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 6 - 0

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Dwyer thanked everyone for coming out for their input concerning the Bathey property and he feels like the City Commission has let them down. He explained that there was a proposed project for housing on that property with a developer and the deal fell through and they worked very hard to make it work. The City will work forward with stronger enforcement of ordinances and will call the owner of the property. He stated the Commission schedules coffee hour downtown with residents and would love to schedule one to discuss this issue with whoever could make it.

City Manager Sincock stated the property is on the tax rolls and the taxes have been paid and he can check the records for service on the property with the Police Department. He stated that the City doesn't know what is going on unless the residents call to make the complaint and should be calling the Police Department when they see things happening. He stated they will check the records

regarding sidewalk replacement. He explained that the City could not come to a deal with a project of town homes with the property owner and there were 15 code enforcement violations this year but there are open issues on that site that will be reviewed.

Mayor Dwyer stated he will hopefully have this issue on the next agenda but will have all the information on the website as to what is going on. He is not aware of any toxic waste issues but would be happy to look into the complaint. As far as the issue of trees and home massing, these are issues to be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting this week for anyone who desires to hear the discussion. The Saxton property has been having continued dialogue with the DDA and is on their meeting agenda for Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Joe Valenti thanked the Mayor for recognizing the complaints and addressing them individually.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur stated it is important that citizens know there is a process and the City Commission does hear these residents that come to the meeting to express their complaints. The Master Plan survey was sent out to residents awhile ago and when they came back the results are on the website. The information coming back has been a consideration. The foundation issues with homes being built have been taken care of by ordinance changes. This town is a very walkable and drivable community and the feedback the Commission receives they are listening, but there is a process they have to go through in a very legal way. The Bathey property is a Brownfield Property and she is the chairperson of that committee. She stated the City can enforce ordinances and the residents need to stay engaged with this issue.

Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott stated he attended the Plymouth Rotary Officer of the Year Luncheon. He stated that Police Officer of the year was Tony Angelosanto and the Fire Fighter of the year was Dave Tabaka. He stated we are very blessed to have great Police and Fire officers and thanked Chief Al Cox for all he does.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur reminded everyone that if they are not signed up for receiving e-mails from the City Administration to be sure and sign up and contact the City Manager's office.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

7a. Vehicle Maintenance Service Agreement –
RES. #2016-95

WHEREAS, The City of Plymouth has a large number of vehicles in our fleet in order to provide for the Public Health, Safety and Welfare; and

WHEREAS, The City has had a strong working relationship with Huron Valley Ambulance and their parent organization Emergent Health Partners since 1990 ; and

WHEREAS, The lone City Mechanic is retiring from service to the City and there is a need to provide for City vehicle repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The City and Emergent Health Partners have worked on an agreement between the two parties to provide for City vehicle maintenance and to share mechanic costs between the two organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the Vehicle Maintenance Service Agreement between the City and Emergent Health Partners. This agreement provides for the service of city vehicles and authorizes the mechanics from Emergent Health Partners to provide this service to the City, use the City Mechanic's Bay and allows them to provide maintenance on their vehicles in the City Mechanic's Bay. Further, the Mayor is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is hereby directed to include the entire Vehicle Maintenance Service Agreement between the City and Emergent Health Partners as a part of the official Meeting Minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Daniel Dalton for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

7b. Ambulance Agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance -
RES. #2016-96

WHEREAS, Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) has provided the City of Plymouth with Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services Responses since 1990; and
WHEREAS, This partnership between the City and HVA has provided the Citizens of the City an extremely high level of patient care; and
WHEREAS, It is necessary for the City to replace its ambulance and HVA has an agreement with other communities in their service area to provide a Basic Life Support Ambulance to the community at no charge; and
WHEREAS, HVA has offered to the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the Ambulance Agreement between Huron Valley Ambulance and the City of Plymouth. Further, the Mayor is authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the City.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk shall include a complete copy of this agreement as a part of the Official Meeting Minutes of this Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Commissioner Joe Valenti for approval of the resolution.
MOTION PASSED 6 – 0

7c. Final Payment Bidigare Contractors – 2015 Infrastructure Program -
RES. #2016-97

WHEREAS, The City completed 2015 Infrastructure Project; and
WHEREAS, The project has been completed by Bidigare Contractors and they are requesting final payment on the project; and
WHEREAS, The City Engineer has reviewed the project and it meets all design specifications.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize final payment to Bidigare Contractors in the amount of \$19,335.94 for work completed on the 2015 Infrastructure Project. Funding for this project is to be authorized from the Water and Sewer Fund and Road/Street Funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Dalton and seconded by Commissioner Oliver Wolcott for approval of the resolution.
MOTION PASSED 6 – 0

7d. 1st Quarter Budget Amendments –
RES. #2016-98

WHEREAS, certain expenditures require allocation to departments differently than originally projected in the 2016-2017 City Budget, as adopted; and
WHEREAS, revenue forecasts and expenditures patterns require modifications to the original budgetary allocations as established in June, 2016;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2016-2017 City Budget is hereby amended as indicated in the 1st quarter amendments column of the attached Budget Adjustment Summary which is hereby made a part of this resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Director is hereby authorized to make the line item changes necessary to implement these budgetary amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Dalton and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Pobur for approval of the resolution.
MOTION PASSED 6 – 0

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott for adjournment of the meeting at 8:28 p.m.
MOTION PASSED 6 - 0