

Parma City Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Parma City Hall.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Garianne Goslin, Deputy City Clerk; Glenys Rasmussen, Library Director; Robert Rasmussen, Beth Campbell, Edna & Gary Atkinson, Gail Knickerbocker, and Shane Knickerbocker

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were read for approval. Keith Vickers moved for approval. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Jim Smith introduced Glenys Rasmussen as the new Library Director. Mrs. Rasmussen reported that they have wonderful plans for the library including reinstating the "Friends of the Library" committee. The President will be Laurie Hudson. They will take care of the book sales and will implement three other children's activities throughout the year. She hopes to add children's learning programming as well.

She intends to move the library into the 21st century and hopes that with the support of the Council, it can be more proactive within the community. There have been three resignations from the board and are looking to have replacements by June 1st. She also intends to become a part of City Council meetings by attending regularly.

She also asked what process she needed to follow to have mold in the basement of the Library abated. Mayor Leigh will look at it and see what can be done.

Edna and Gary Atkinson reported that they were recently involved in a traffic accident just as you turn off at Grove to turn left (heading east) in front of Bruce & Rod's (8th Street) at about 7:30am. That area is very dark and she would like to see the area lighted more to avert future incidents. She believes that there are a lot of children and school buses in the area that would benefit from additional lighting. Mayor Leigh will check with Public Works to be sure that the area has properly working lights. If not, he will see about a solution.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE/SET PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing for Water & Sewer Rate Increase will be held on April 13th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. The consensus of the Council is to raise the base water rate by \$9.00, sewer

by \$10.00, and increase the base usage (before the \$1.58 per thousand gallon rate is in effect) from 3,000 gallons to 4,000 gallons.

Additionally, Mayor Leigh shared the water and sewer Hookup Rates of neighboring communities. Garianne Goslin related the possible need to increase these rates in order to accommodate upgrades to meters as the City looks to upgrading its utility billing and accounting software in the fall; particularly to those meters that need replaced. The Council will take this under advisement.

FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION:

Angie Lee moved to approve the Fair Housing Resolution #2015-04. Keith Vickers seconded the motion, motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Park Swings – Information has been provided to the Council regarding the handicap accessible swings. The cost would be approximately \$1,100 to provide two swings; one each for the City Park and Old Fort Boise Park. There would be no additional cost for installation. Keith Vickers moved to purchase two swings for the parks. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clean-up Week – The dates for City Clean-up will be held on April 20-25. Motion was made by Angie Lee to hold Community Clean-up Week on April 20-25 and have dumpsters available to the public. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.

Airport Update – Mayor Leigh discussed the contract for the upcoming resurfacing project at the Airport. Mayor asked that Council review the contracts for approval at the April meeting. Four of the five advisory committee members have tentatively approved the contract. It is currently under legal review.

COMPASS – Implementation Grant – Mayor Leigh has been in touch with COMPASS regarding the removal of the two trees between 6th and 7th street and replacing the sidewalk. The total cost would run about \$6,000. He has been working with ITD on traffic control.

ADJOURNMENT:

Oney Eguia moved to adjourn at 8:12p.m. Angie Lee seconded the motion, motion carried.