

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY
COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Heasley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led those present in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Heasley, Vice Mayor Britigan, Commissioners Balmer, Fooy, Hageman, J Heasley, and Kinsey. Treasurer/Clerk Stutz, City Manager Durham and City Attorney Soltis.

Absent None.

3. Minutes

Moved by Vice-Mayor Britigan, supported by Commissioner Kinsey to approve the amended Minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

None.

5. Citizen Comments

Per Mayor Heasley's request, Vice-Mayor Britigan gave a history of the mill property to date, including information regarding the cost to demolish the buildings (\$8-10 million).

Robert Green (no address given) said he was thankful for the Commission and the presence of Mike Seals, County Commissioner. Mr. Green had several points to make – 1) his concern for firefighters, 2) this could be an opportunity to ask city residents for help, 3) what is flammable that is left in the mill? And 4) with Georgia Pacific leaving soon, how do we secure the future of their property? Bruce Wheatley, resident of 248 Devon and Assistant Chief of the Parchment Fire Department, told the audience that the mill is not really empty. There are piles of things, paper, and other items that are still in there, not to mention things that people bring into the property to burn. City Manager Durham explained that the Fire Chief who is also the Superintendent of Public Works is very familiar with the property and would never send his firefighters in to fight a fire unless he was absolutely sure of the area.

Mary Machinski, 222 W Glenguile, posed the question, shouldn't the owner of the property be liable to remove the buildings? She also asked where will the dirt go when they do demolish the building?

Angela Castellani, 433 N Riverview, recited her concern for students and the health hazards of the smoke in addition to asking if the landowner should pay for the cost of fighting the fire?

Judy Resler, 218 Maple, queried about specific communications with River Reach. She also noted that the property along Belleisle Blvd looks terrible in the summer with high weeds, and is not conducive for redevelopment. City Manager Durham stated that upon his urging, River Reach is changing brokers for the property in hopes of better marketing.

Deb Lawson, 507 Keyes, suggested putting together a neighborhood watch.

Priscilla Stewart, 210 S Riverview, cited that in the past the City told residents that the Brownfield funds would cover costs. She also mentioned her belief that police presence was better when the city had its own police force. She wanted to see statistics for before and after closing the police department.

Jeff Stewart, 210 S Riverview, agreed that the Parchment Police department was better at patrolling than what we have now.

Bruce Rzepczynski, 221 W Thomas, suggested requesting the speed trailer from Township or the Sheriff.

Karen Conner-Beck, 1124 Parchmount, reiterated the idea that police coverage has declined, citing speeding on Parchmount and Riverview, home invasions, trespassing, etc.

Barb Hilton, 229 Parchmount, asked about the past Mayor portraits. City Manager Durham explained the plan for the Commission room and asked her if she would be willing to help. Mrs. Hilton agreed.

Kristen Capelli, 318 E Thomas, stated she was discouraged with the city, there are street lights out on her street, speeding, etc.

Nicole Marie Elsman Parsons, 1109 Parchmount, thanked the Commissioners, saying citizens need to work with them and suggested raising her taxes if necessary.

Ed Sackley, Public Media Network, spoke regarding the availability of streaming all 5 public channels with an internet connection. He discussed their partnership with KRESA for Education for Employment and equipment that has been installed in select governmental units to broadcast live meetings.
Publicmedianet.org

6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Moved by Vice Mayor Britigan, supported by Commissioner Hageman to receive the consent agenda items.
Motion Carried.

7. **Unfinished Business**

None.

8. **New Business**

- A. Discussion began with questions from Commissioner Balmer regarding the difference in patrol numbers from 2011 to current, and clarification of sections 3 and 4. Vice-Mayor Britigan asked about a dedicated officer after midnight as well as additional patrol hours. Commissioner J Heasley noted that 1.9% increase over prior year is low and a testament to Chief Bourgeois.
Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Commissioner Balmer to table the discussion on Police Patrol Service Agreement Extension until next meeting.
Motion Carried.

9. **Standing Board and Committee Reports**

None.

10. **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Balmer thanked all of the citizens for coming to the meeting and “scolded” them for not coming to more meetings to express their opinions.

Commissioner Heasley thanked attendees as well, saying that the Commission shares their concerns about the mill and is working hard to address them.

Commissioner Hageman echoed the thanks to citizens, and also extended thanks to the Vice-Mayor, Mayor and City Manager in their efforts to explain the pains as well as goals of the Commission with respect to the mill property.

Commissioner Fooy asked City Attorney Soltis about trespassing tickets and enforcement thereof. Attorney Soltis noted that the property owner can, and has, designate an agent for the enforcement purposes.

Commissioner Kinsey too thanked citizens, saying their comments and concerns regarding police presence and enforcement were timely because of the service agreement extension.

Vice-Mayor Britigan reminded everyone that the transportation millage that was passed is leading to enhanced bus service within Parchment's borders.

Mayor Heasley expressed his thanks to the Vice-Mayor for his presentation, and to the citizens noting that the Commission wants to hear from them.

11. City Manager Comments/Reports

City Manager Durham reminded all that the next meeting is April 18, 2016, and invited all to take part in the budget process (dates and times will be posted).

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Fooy and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Shannon S. Stutz
City Clerk