

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY  
COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 18, 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 Commissioner Balmer, supported by Commissioner Hageman to approve the amended Minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting.

**Motion Carried.**

**4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**5. Citizen Comments**

Robert Green, 133 N. Riverview, congratulated Geno’s for staying open after the accident the other night. He asked about the paper mill – whether the developer/owner could afford to have the flammables removed from the property. Mr. Green then asked the process for adding or removing a traffic signal, and questioned the security of the Georgia Pacific plant for the future. City Manager Durham replied that he is in contact with the developer; a survey of traffic is done then MDOT is involved; GP is a much smaller property and they’ve already had interested parties for its purchase.

Nicole Parsons, 1109 Parchmount, asked when potholes will be filled, said she was concerned about speeding on her street later at night (9-10 pm), and the legality of fundraising for the \$8 million needed to demolish the buildings.

Karen Conner-Beck, 1124 Parchmount, is very concerned about speeding on her street as well as the “loose dog situation” in the city. She feels that ordinances need to be better enforced.

Mike Conner, 1150 Parchmount, wants to see a public hearing on the police because it affects citizens, and wants better enforcement of ordinances. He also asked the commission to consider resurrecting the newsletter that was sent out in the past.

Judy Resler, 218 Maple, called River Reach 8 working days in a row and left messages with two different people (CEO and receptionist) and got no response. She felt that is not good business.

**6. Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**7. Unfinished Business**

**A. Police Patrol Service Agreement Extension.**

Commissioner Balmer asked for the number of cars on patrol in 2011 vs current.

In response, Chief Bourgeois stated that in 2011 there were 24 sworn officers and now there are 32.

Chief Bourgeois encouraged the commission to have a discussion on how they want their resources to be used. He also cautioned residents who may think of the past “romantically” – he noted that despite opinions to the contrary, there has not been an increase in crime. There *has* been an increase in reported and investigated crime, however, and he puts “a lot of stake in the professionalism of his patrol.” The Chief of Police discussed social media and the idea that everyone is a reporter, but without any journalistic standards.

Scott Karaptian, principal of Parchment High School, spoke in support of the city’s contract with Kalamazoo Township Police. He “couldn’t be more happy” with their response times, investigations, and helping to create a safe learning environment for his students.

Jason Misner, Parchment Athletic Director and Vice Principal of Parchment Middle School, echoed Mr. Karaptian’s sentiments, adding he feels that KTPD has an intimate relationship with PMS staff and students.

Judy Resler, 218 Maple, suggested an open dialogue between the department and residents.

Vice Mayor Britigan noted his appreciation for the KTPD and had a question on the business end. Answered by Chief Bourgeois: How is the school use reflected in the arrangement? Direct billed to school if presence was requested (i.e. football game). What about detectives or investigators? No additional charges for fraud investigators, training, additional officers called for backup, etc. Vice Mayor Britigan noted that is “value add for no extra cost”.

Mayor Heasley expressed his appreciation for KTPD from the start, adding they’ve done a “terrific job”.

Moved by Commissioner Heasley, supported by Commissioner Fooy to extend the service agreement with Kalamazoo Charter Township for the provision of police services for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at the proposed annual cost of \$298,480 with the additional expenditure of up to \$8765 in targeted patrol overtime and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Balmer, Britigan, Fooy, Hageman, J Heasley, R Heasley, Kinsey.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**8. New Business**

A. Moved by Commissioner Hageman, supported by Commissioner Kinsey to approve the request by Parchment Little League to use public streets for the annual little league opening day parade.

**Motion Carried.**

B. Presentation of the Proposed FY2016-17 Budget – Receive.

**9. Standing Board and Committee Reports**

None.

**10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Balmer thanked the citizens in attendance.

Commissioner Fooy noted his appreciation for Mike Conner's input and thanked Kalamazoo Township Police Department for their service.

Vice Mayor Britigan expressed his thanks for the citizens and their willingness to be part of the solution.

Mayor Heasley echoed the thanks and pointedly noted it comes down to "where is the money".

**11. City Manager Comments/Reports**

None.

**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 8:14 p.m.

Shannon S. Stutz  
City Clerk