

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Gore at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Taylor, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Fogt, Mr. Gore, Ms. Groat, Mr. Reams, Mr. Berbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Schmenk, Director of Administration Froment, Finance Director Morehart, Law Director Aslaner, Clerk Patterson

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns - Journal Tribune, Lin Rice - ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: Eric Phillips, Rolly Rausch, John Howard, Andrea Weaver, Belle Starr, Kathy Young, Max Amrine, Chris Richardson

REORGANIZATION:

1. Elect President - Mrs. Groat nominated Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Fogt. Mr. Taylor moved to close nominations. Affirmative voice vote was unanimous. John Gore was elected President.

2. Elect Vice President - Mr. Fogt nominated Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Groat. Mr. Reams moved to close nominations. Affirmative voice vote was unanimous. Nevin Taylor was elected Vice President.

3. Appoint Clerk of Council - Mr. Fogt moved to reappoint Connie Patterson as Clerk of Council, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

4. Review Council Rules of Procedure - Will address at January 28th Council Meeting.

5. Appoint Council Committee – Council members were asked to contact Mr. Gore expressing interest in serving on certain committees. Appointments will be made at the January 28th Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on December 17, 2009 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mayor Schmenk commended Council on the public meeting held last evening (January 13th.) She feels it went very well. She applauded Council for holding it and for the manner in which it was conducted.

Ms. Froment reported on the Comp Plan and Parks Plan. Both plans were distributed earlier to Council to give them time to review them. Resolutions for feedback and/or adoption of both plans will be on the January 28th Council agenda. Ms. Della Rucker from Jacobs, who was the consultant for the Comp Plan, will do a brief presentation and answer questions at the January 28th Council meeting. Also, Mr. John Cunningham, who served on the Comp Plan Committee and is Chairman of the Planning Commission, will be at the meeting to answer questions on their behalf.

Administration has received some communication from landlords on the utility billing process with some suggestions on how to improve it. It's been a while since staff has taken a comprehensive look at the utility billing process, so they be will revisiting it.

Ms. Froment reported on the snow removal plan. Staff worked on a plan for a comprehensive approach to snow removal. There will be some impact from the budget reductions. First and foremost was safety of our employees and our citizens. That is the number one priority. Streets have been grouped into five priority levels. Highest priority is main thoroughfares, such as Rt. 33, Rt. 4, Rt. 31, Rt. 38, hospital areas and school zone areas. Priority Level 2 is main traffic routes in and out of residential areas, like Emmaus Road and Mill Creek Drive. Manning priority levels have also been created. Staff manning levels will respond depending on how severe the snow is. The first are the people who have always done that, the street crew. The second priority manning level includes bringing in people from other departments, Water and Wastewater Departments, who have CDL's and can assist in the snow plowing and also from Building and Grounds. Another level created is Management who has been trained to help with snow removal should the need arise. Some Council members have offered to assist as well. It doesn't necessarily mean that those people will be driving and plowing snow all the time, but to accompany the drivers who have been plowing snow for 16 hours. That will help to ensure safety. Through the end of February there will be two different staff levels, 7:30 to 3:30 shift and 5:30 to 7:20 shift. Approximately six days a week, City will have almost 24 hour coverage. On days

that it's not snowing, crews will be filling potholes, checking street lights and doing work that can be done at night and just maintaining vehicles.

Mr. Gore thanked the crews for stepping up to do what's necessary in order to get the work done and also thanked Staff for keeping Council informed. Mr. Gore suggested posting the priority levels on the City's website.

Ms. Froment requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and dismissal of a public employee.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: Ms. Patterson reported that LA CASCADA LLC, dba LA CASCADA CRAZY BURRITO has applied for D1, D2 & D3 liquor permits. D1 & D2 are for beer and wine and certain prepackaged mixed drinks for on-premises consumption and in sealed containers for carry out until 1:00 a.m. D3 is for spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption only until 1:00 a.m. Police Chief had no objection. Council had no objections.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Mr. Eric Phillips noted that the Cinema has closed. Currently in discussions with the cinema owner to see if anything can be done.

In regards to the Incubator that was set up, a "Jelly" was held. A Jelly is where people come in and jell together. 18 people showed and discussed how to start businesses.

Also currently working with Columbus State Small Business Development Center, as well as Tech Columbus, to start up some small business seminars that will be held at the Incubator. Currently working with a business that will locate in one of those offices.

Young Professionals Network event is scheduled for January 26th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Elquist Winery, which is located between Marysville and Plain City.

The Chamber Annual Dinner will be held on March 6th at the Armory Training and Community Center. Council members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Phillips reported the Chamber had a great meeting with a site selection consulting firm, who is working with the Ohio Department of Development. They are working on certifying the Metro Equity site. A lot of work is required to certify that site. It will be one of 15/20 sites that will be certified in the state of

Ohio. Goal is to have that site certified by mid year. Mr. Fogt asked if the required work would be physical work or paperwork. Mr. Phillips said there will be cost involved. The state has added an archeological study to make certain there is no significant historical archeological remains on that site. Property owners will be asked to pay for the additional work that needs to be completed. There is a list of things that will need to be certified by a consulting engineer, but property owners will be asked to pay for that. Mr. Fogt asked if some of that work was possibly done when they wanted to put an intermodal yard in there. Some geological teams went in there. Just wants to be sure we're not doing double work that isn't needed. Mr. Phillips will check.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Mr. Rolly Rausch, Mr. John Howard and Mr. Max Amrine were in attendance on behalf of the American Legion. Mr. Rausch addressed Council and thanked them for past years contributions for the Fourth of July fireworks and requested a contribution for the 2010 Fourth of July fireworks. Total budget to put on the fireworks display is \$8,300. County Commissioners have contributed \$2,500. Asked the City for \$2,500, which is the amount that has been contributed in the past, and the remaining \$3,300 will be raised from the business community. Mr. Gore said that money had been budgeted and approved for that contribution. He added that we appreciate, as a community, everything the American Legion does.

Ms. Andrea Weaver addressed Council. She is running for the office of County Auditor. Ms. Weaver was born and raised in Mercer County. Graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor degree in Accounting. Received an MBA in Finance from St. Francis University in Ft. Wayne, IN. Since then, she has worked in all kinds of business, non-profit, government. She was elected County Recorder in 1996 in Mercer County. Served almost a full term. Got offered a job in the private sector. Married and moved to Union County and has been Mary Snider's Real Estate Administrator for a little over a year and has worked in Ms. Snider's office for three years. Ms. Weaver noted Mary Snider is retiring and she is planning on filling her very capable shoes and asked for everyone's support. The County Auditor wears as many or more hats than any other County office by statute in Ohio's government. That office is responsible for everything from selling dog tags to assessing home values, collecting taxes and distributing those to entities that need that money to fund their budget. You can find out more about Ms. Weaver on her website.

Ms. Kathy Young addressed Council regarding her water bill. She is a local citizen and a landlord in Marysville. She has a tenant that left her with a \$183

water bill. Her tenant bailed on her to buy a house. She doesn't feel it's her responsibility to be liened for their water bill when they have a house that can be liened. According to City Code, it doesn't say whose taxes will be liened. Mr. Gore said he and other Council members received Ms. Young's email and he personally feels her issue makes a lot of sense and it will be discussed when reviewing the billing process. Ms. Young said the application process needs to be reviewed as well.

Ms. Groat said her particular concern with Ms. Young's letter was the fictitious person. Is there any way to tract that person. Ms. Young said the person in question was never a tenant; she does not know this person. The City just put the water in her name. She believes it was a relative of her tenant. All a person has to do is call the Utility Department for water hookup. Anybody can be on the other end of the phone.

Mr. Gore said there have been other experiences and discussions that started back in October. That is one of the key areas that Staff and Council will be looking at in their review of the process. It's time we relook at the way we do business. All of these concerns will be a part of this discussion.

Ms. Young offered to give input to this discussion.

Mr. Taylor was excused at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

"A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS" was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Gore and City Planner DeLong attended the Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening of the U.S. Census office in

Springfield, Ohio on January 7th.

Mr. DeLong addressed Council. By law (Article 1 – Section 2 of the US Constitution), every 10 years an accurate enumeration of the US population must be completed.

Census data is very critical to every community in the Country including Marysville. The Census determines the allocation of over \$300 billion dollars in

federal funds that can be used for such things as: Schools, Emergency Services, Public works projects, and Housing programs

An example of the impact census has had on the State of Ohio, in FY ending June 30, 2007; Ohio Departments of Job and Family Services, Education, Health, Aging and the Board of Regents received more than \$13 billion dollars in federal resources from census based formula awards (information provided by the State Office of Budget and Management).

Census data is also used to determine representation in the federal and state legislatures. Undercounting results in under-representation!

In March, Census forms will be mailed to every household. These forms have 10 questions, that should take 10 minutes to answer and the data from those questions will have a 10 year impact on our future.

The City of Marysville is taking a proactive approach with Census 2010 and is a partner with the Union County Complete Count Committee (Mayor is co-chair along with County Commissioner Charles Hall)

The goal of the Complete Count Committee is to raise public awareness of the 2010 Census and to work on making sure every resident in Union County is counted.

The Complete Count Committee had a kick-off back in late Sept and we have been working closely with the our regional Census manager and will continue to do so on getting the word out on Census 2010. We are doing this through media outlets, websites, speaking engagements, promotions, etc. In the coming weeks the Complete Count Committee campaign will be ramping up its initiatives as Census Day is approaching.

The Next Complete County Committee meeting will be on Wednesday January 27, 2010 at 4:15 p.m. at the County Services Building, 450 London Avenue.

One last note:

Don't be afraid to be counted. Census forms are completely confidential cannot be shared with anyone, including other governmental agencies. Census workers are sworn under oath to protect your answers – they are subject to a \$250,000 fine and/or a five-year prison term for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

Mr. Fogt noted that Ward Council Members are official committee members. At-Large Council Members are welcome.

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Ms. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Ms. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES

Resolution 1-10 passed.

The resolution "AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT" was presented for first reading, title only. The Law Director has ruled this resolution is financial in nature and will require three readings. Mr. DeLong explained this legislation. This Resolution authorizes the execution of the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the Ohio Department of Development.

Our current agreement is due for renewal and this will authorize the mayor to sign a new agreement that will expire on December 31, 2012.

The Revolving Loan Fund Agreement is required since we have been awarded CDBG/HOME funds, which funds our CHIP housing program in which MORPC administers for the City.

The Revolving Loan Fund is an account in which we can deposit any and all Housing Program Income derived from the CDBG/HOME funds upon repayment of loans that have been issued to property owners who participate in our housing programs.

Any and all money placed in the Revolving Loan Fund must be used in carrying out the same activities in which the city has committed too in our housing program agreements with the State, which include Home Repair, Home Rehabilitation and Down Payment Assistance.

If any of the Council members would like to learn more about our housing programs administered by MORPC, please let Mr. DeLong know and he'll be happy to set up a meeting with MORPC or can provide you with literature detailing the overall program.

Mr. Fogt asked if the City handles the money or MORPC. Mr. DeLong said the money will go into an account that the City will maintain. The State does not like communities holding on to this money; they want you to put the money back into the Program and that is what has been done. There is no money in the existing Loan Fund that was established, but we have to keep this program in place as long as we keep getting this federal money. Mr. Fogt asked if we had money loaned out that will be coming back in. Mr. DeLong said not necessarily. This is basically if people are repaying loans. People who are in a contract for the CDBG's CHIP Program must stay in that home so many years. If you sell your home prior to that time, there are penalty costs, etc. That money comes back to the City and is put in this Revolving Loan Fund and the money is used again for another project.

The resolution "TO AUTHORIZE AN INSURANCE CLAIM PAYMENT UNDER THE MORAL OBLIGATION CLAUSE IN THE CITY'S INSURANCE POLICY" was presented for first reading, title only. This resolution is financial in nature and will require three readings. Mayor Schmenk explained that a property owner alleged that maintenance work that the City had done allegedly caused a sewer back up and caused damage to their property. Facts are unclear on this, but it was pretty clear that litigation was a distinct possibility, so Administration does recommend this as the most efficient and economical way to resolve the situation. Payment will come from the insurance company, but does need Council's authorization to proceed. City will obtain a full release from the property owner so there will not be further action.

Mr. Gore said past experience tells him that sometimes the City gets forced by the insurance company to take action. He asked if this is influenced by the insurance company. Mayor Schmenk said not at all. This is Administration looking at the situation and actually making the recommendation to the insurance company.

ORDINANCES

The ordinance "TO ACCEPT DEDICATION OF PARK LAND IN THE WOODS AT MILL VALLEY NORTH" was presented for third reading, title only. Ms. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Ms. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Ms. Groat YES

Ordinance 1-10 passed.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING AND IMPROVING CITY STREETS, WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE" was presented for second reading, public hearing. Mr. Fogt moved to waive the reading in full; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

The ordinance "TO AMEND CHAPTER 1100 - SUBDIVISION AND ZONING FEES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Froment explained that this legislation was submitted to Planning Commission and was tabled until their February meeting because Mr. Cunningham was not able to attend the January Planning Commission meeting to explain the background and intent of this legislation. Ms. Froment has some concerns about delaying this legislation for much longer. She wants to get it in the process. She talked to Chairman Cunningham and he gave the okay to put it on Council agenda. Planning Commission will meet and discuss the legislation prior to the third reading and if amendments are needed, they can be made before voting on the legislation. Ms. Froment said this legislation has been amended to incorporate the suggestion made by Ms. Groat at the last Council meeting. Ms. Froment explained that these fees are recovery costs. As the Code reads today, no matter what the cost of your development is, City charges 8%. That is okay in many of the developments in Marysville because they typically don't exceed a \$1M development. But the City is in the process with the Job Ready Site, with Jerome Village and Halls Corner and with some of those other ones we've talked to, they're talking about multi-million dollars sites. It was brought to the City's attention by developers that, compared to other communities, it seemed like they were paying higher fees. Fees are permitted under law to be a cost recovery system; you can't just charge somebody because you want to charge them a fee; it's supposed to recoup Administrative costs aside from it. Staff went back with Finance and Engineering and researched the last three years of developments and based on the costs that the City believes they put out and the charges that they charge, and asked, are we in line? If its a million dollars or less, we typically were, but when we got above a million dollars, there is not that linear equation for as the money goes up, you have more work. It starts to drop off at one point. Just because it's \$2M, you don't do an extra 8% of a million, \$80,000 worth of work; you stop at a certain point. City then benchmarked against the County and other cities and government entities and

found the City to be abnormal because they're not used to having such large amounts; we've never envisioned what happens when you have a \$5M project, that you're actually collecting more money than you should be collecting. Staff worked with what they found in other entities and what they thought made sense from their own analysis to create a tiered affect, that the first million would be 8%, the second million drops off to 4% and above that would be 2%, knowing that we'd still go back and collect more, but don't believe we'd actually need additional money. That's what this legislation is proposed to do. Staff does have some concerns with the Job Ready Site coming to completion with Jerome Village on the horizon and Halls Corner potentially on the horizon. City didn't want to get to a point where we were actually collecting more money and being challenged in court potentially because we were charging without actually having those administrative costs behind it.

Mayor Schmenk added that the City's system of charging that 8% fee was something before she even took office, that some developers, out of Marysville based contractors who did work in Marysville, were telling her that that was not fair when benchmarked against some other cities. This is Staff's recommendation. The system is designed to serve two purposes, to recoup our costs, but also to be competitive so we can attract new development, which we need.

The ordinance "AMEND CHAPTER 937 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE" was presented for first reading, title only. City Engineer Klingman explained that this legislation developed out of the Ohio EPA permit that the City obtained back in June. This permit is for the small municipal separate storm sewer system that Marysville operates. Under this new permit, there are several requirements that we have to do to come in compliance with this permit. The amendment to this chapter is to come in line with the requirements of this permit. Amendments have been reviewed by Public Service Committee.

The ordinance "ESTABLISH CHAPTER 938, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE" was presented for first reading, title only. This chapter was required to be in compliance with the same Ohio EPA permit as discussed above. This is to cover situations where people are disturbing earth in the city to eliminate the erosion to not let that dirt and other sediment get into the storm sewer system and to put mechanisms in place to enforce those rules.

The ordinance "ESTABLISH CHAPTER 939, ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE" was presented for first reading, title only. This Chapter was required to be in compliance with the Ohio EPA permit. This deals with any sort of discharge that's put into the system that is not permitted by our permit. It can be anything from sanitary flows to chemicals; just about anything we wouldn't want in our storm sewer system. It gives the City the ability to regulate and control and monitor those to make sure this doesn't happen to our storm sewer system.

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$965,886 FOR THE GRANT PROJECT ENTITLED JOB READINESS SITE GRANT PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION. Mr. Morehart explained that this appropriation ordinance, along with the following two, represent projects that the City was working on late in 2009. They were not completed and they were not included in the 2010 appropriation budget. This ordinance and the next two will provide the necessary appropriation in order to continue those projects and get them completed and pay the bills in accordance with the appropriation. Ms. Froment added that although they were not included in the budget, this does not represent additional appropriations from the General Revenue Fund. These are items that were appropriated last year and just rolling forward. Ms. Froment asked Council if they would consider waiving third reading after the Public Hearing at the next meeting. City has bid the final piece of that project, the water line, and is waiting to award, pending this appropriation being approved. City can't award the contract until there is an appropriation.

The ordinance "TO APPROPRIATE \$12,626 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFER INTO THE CDBG FORMULA GRANT FUND, TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$12,626 TO THE CDBG FORMULA GRANT FUND, TO ESTABLISH ANTICIPATED GRANT RESOURCES OF \$44,600 IN THE CDBG FORMULA GRANT FUND, TO APPROPRIATE \$57,226 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED CDBG FORMULA GRANT FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2008 CDBG FORMULA GRANT, AND TO MODIFY THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS. Mr. Morehart explained that this is the 2008 CDBG Program, which the City worked on last year. It wasn't completed by the end of the year. The money is already there.

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ESTIMATED GRANT RECEIPTS OF \$720,000 IN THE CHERRY STREET/NINTH STREET WATERLINE PROJECT

FUND (FUND 55), APPROPRIATING \$190,000 OF UNENCUMBERED WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUNDS (FUND 51) FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERS TO THE CHERRY STREET/NINTH STREET WATERLINE PROJECT FUND, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$190,000 FROM THE WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE CHERRY STREET/NINTH STREET WATERLINE PROJECT FUND, AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$910,000 FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) GRANT PROJECT ENTITLED CHERRY STREET/NINTH STREET WATERLINE PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION" was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Morehart explained that this is tied to the grant from the OPWC. Appropriations are needed to complete the grant in 2010, which is not part of the operating budget.

Mr. Fogt commented that this project is a little shorter than originally planned. Ms. Froment said at the suggestion of the Public Service Committee, City Engineer Klingman worked with her staff and the Public Service Director and took a fresh look at the project in light of the fact that it did extend to an area that is not currently in need of service and don't see in the future there being an immediate need for service. Staff was concerned that the grant may be written in a way that they could not reduce the line, but Ms. Klingman worked with OPWC and was able to reduce the length of the line, therefore, reducing the amount of the project, and because this is a loan and not a grant, it means the City doesn't have to pay back as much. Staff appreciates the Public Service Committee's input and guidance on that, because in the end, it did make a lot of sense.

As a member of the Public Service Committee, Ms. Groat said that it was Mr. Fogt and Mr. Reams who had pursued this issue, and encouraged the City Engineer and others and got that particular point carried. The City Engineer was extremely accommodating.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. PARKS & RECREATION REPRESENTATIVE. – No report.

Mr. Gore said Council held their first Public Discussion last evening relating to the Commuter Credit. He made it very clear that there is not a proposal on the table to Council for any adjustment to the legislation that was passed in December that will be on the ballot. The purpose of the public discussions is that we, as individuals,

have heard from people that have had comments requesting consideration for a commuter credit. Council chose to go to the public and have the public discussion on this issue. Mr. Gore thought it was a good meeting. He appreciated both sides and the fact the interaction between everyone was good.

The second Public Discussion on Commuter Credit will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Creekview Intermediate School. He encouraged those individuals who live and work in Marysville, as well as others who live in Marysville and work outside of Marysville, to come and hear both sides and let Council know how you feel about the commuter credit.

Planning Commission would like to hold a joint meeting with Council. Clerk will work with Planning Commission to get a couple of dates.

Council voted unanimously to move the November and December Council meeting dates to the first and third Thursday of the month so meetings would not conflict with the holidays. Those meeting dates are November 4 and 18 and December 2 and 16.

Ms. Groat welcomed Ms. Richardson and Mr. Berbee to City Council.

Ms. Richardson said, for the citizens of Ward 1, she is starting an email contact list. Anyone interested in receiving updates on what's happening in the City, she'd like to hear from them. Feel free to email your email address to Richardsonservinyou@earthlink.net. She hopes this will improve the communication flow. Mr. Gore reminded everyone that Ms. Richardson's City email address is on the City's website.

Ms. Richardson announced that Ashton Meadows, across from Quail Hollow and the high school initiated a Neighborhood Watch. There will be a planning meeting in the Municipal Courtroom at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 16th, for anyone wishing to participate in the Neighborhood Watch.

Ms. Richardson encouraged anyone interested in the Public Discussion meeting, especially from Ward 1, to come out to Creekview Intermediate School on January 20th at 7:00 p.m. Council wants to hear from folks.

As part of new Council orientation, Mr. Berbee toured the Public Service Center and the Water Plant. He previously toured the Wastewater Treatment Facility. "It

really brings it home.” He encouraged others to take a tour if they ever get a chance. He thanked the folks who were kind enough to give him the tour.

Mr. Gore thanked Council for the confidence they have placed in him as President for another year.

Ms. Groat moved to go into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and dismissal of a public employee, seconded by Mr. Berbee and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES Ms. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Ms. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES

Adjourned Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session at 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.