

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chase Grawe.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nevin Taylor, Tracy Richardson, Alan Seymour, Mark Reams, Henk Berbee. Deb Groat and JR Rausch were excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Justin Nahvi, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Chief Golden, Chief Riley, Public Service Director Michael Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Recreation & Event Manager Amanda Morris, Zoning Administrator Ron Todd, Urban Forester Andy Evans, and Interim Clerk Rebecca Dible.

REPORTERS PRESENT: Will Channel- Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Chase Grawe, Anthony Will, Jason Stanford, Conor Willis, Tim Schacht, Ben Vollrath, and Kathy Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on June 11, 2018 were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Emery asked Mr. Grawe, a Marysville native and a political science major at Bowling Green University, to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Grawe will be working with Mr. Emery a few times over the summer due to his interest in City Management.

Mr. Emery reported the following:

City Manager

New Positions in Police Division

At the June Finance Committee meeting, the Division of Police and Human Resources discussed a proposal for the creation of 3 Corporal positions within the Department at an annualized cost of \$22,704.48 to fill supervisory roles for all shifts. These new positions would be filled by existing Police Officers and no new positions were created by this request that was approved by the Finance Committee. From a financial perspective, the establishment of the Corporal positions will be budget neutral and will not increase the Department's operating budget as the additional wages paid to these positions will be offset by a reduction in Officer in Charge pay.

Independence Day Parade

The Independence Day Parade, will be held on Wednesday, July 4. Parade line up begins at 9:00 a.m. at American Legion Park and steps off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel East on 5th St. to Plum St., turn West on 6th St. and end at the Union County Courthouse parking lot.

Note: City offices will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Recreation & Events

Municipal Pool - Hours of Operation

Pool hours will change on Sundays starting July 1. The pool will open at noon instead of 1 pm to stay consistent with Mon-Sat pool opening time and to also provide patrons an additional hour of swimming.

Friday Nights Uptown

The next Friday Nights Uptown event - Rock the Block, will take place on July 13 from 6:00 p.m.-10 p.m. at Partners Park. Music by SWAGG; Presented by Honda Marysville.

Mr. Nahvi reported the following:

Finance Department

2017 State Audit

The 2017 audit has been completed and the City received an unqualified or clean audit for the reporting period. The City should receive the Auditor of State Award with Distinction later this year for the 2017 fiscal year. Mr. Nahvi also expressed a special thank you to those in the Finance Division for their excellent work and Mr. Emery echoed his praise.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

Public Service Department, Maintenance & Operations

Asphalt Repairs

Water crews are performing asphalt repairs this week related to work to abandon a water main on Main St. between 3rd St. and 4th St.

Parks & Recreation Commission Parks Tour

The Parks & Rec Commission Parks Tour was rained out and will be rescheduled for July.

Gas Station Demolition

The City received the Historical Society's report on the gas station located at 567 E 5th St. and they are in agreement that the structure should be demolished and has no historical significance.

Tree Removal

The City plans to remove trees along E and W 5th St that have been severely cut back due to interference with the overhead power lines. This work was listed in the DP&L Right Tree Right Place grant application which the City was awarded \$25,000 for tree plantings. There will be a total of 21 trees removed over two years. For every tree removed the City will plant two trees that will be appropriately selected to be placed underneath the overhead lines. Mr. Evans handed out a Fact Sheet for the 5th Street Tree Replacement Project. Sixty-five Trees are projected to be planted this year. Mr. Taylor acknowledged Ben Vollrath and DP&L for their partnership. Mr. Evans confirmed for Mr. Berbee that the City will be planting utility friendly trees, that the trees will be planted further away from the utility lines, and that the tree life expectancy and sidewalk heaving will be taken into consideration. Mr. Seymour asked if residents would be able to choose to have larger trees planted in the tree lawn areas. Mr. Evans explained City Ordinance would dictate the size of trees chosen. Mrs. Richardson asked if residents are being given notification of this project and Mr. Evans stated they are using postcards and door hangers.

Mill Valley Central Park - Basketball Court

The City is reviewing proposals for the installation of a basketball court at Mill Valley Central Park this summer. Mrs. Richardson asked why Mill Valley Central was selected to locate the courts over Mill Valley South. Mr. Andrako responded the courts would be located further away from residences in Mill Valley Central. The court will be built at the left side entrance to the Jim Simmon's Trail in Mill Valley Central.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Engineering Department
Construction Updates

SR 31 Widening, Phase 1- Curb work is ongoing and electrical conduit for the lighting will be installed this week. We are anticipating asphalt placement within the next couple of weeks. Work on the west side is expected to start in mid-July.

SR 38 Lowering - The detour is expected to be removed prior to the July 4th holiday.

Main St. Bridge - ODOT recently notified the City that this project has been delayed due to weather. The bridge is now expected to be completed and opened by July 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Reams asked if the recent weather caused very high storm water flows and if so, how the Water Reclamation Facility fared. Mr. Andrako stated that we had higher flows than we have seen in a long time and over 24 million gallons over the weekend.

Mr. Emery announced that Ben Vollrath, who has been with DP&L and served the City on Boards for years, has accepted another job and will be moving to Bellefontaine. Ben expressed sadness in leaving Marysville although he is also excited for this new opportunity and looks forward to continuing his partnership with Marysville.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REPORT:

Mr. Schacht reported the following:

Planning Commission – Two requests for approval for Major Subdivision (Preliminary plat) applications (Roadway) in the Cooks Point PUD Development were submitted and approved.

Design Review Board – They reviewed an application for new wall signage at 101 N Main Street (Edward Jones) in the U-C (Uptown Commercial) Zoning District. It was approved with the condition that the applicant work with city staff on sign mounting placement. They also reviewed an application for new wall signage at 275 W 5th Street (Luke Lawyers) in the U-T (Uptown Transitional) Zoning District. The application was tabled due to no representation at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Richardson reported for the Public Safety/Service Committee and stated that the first agenda item they discussed, the sale of public service items valued over \$1,000, will be read before Council this evening. The committee also discussed the donation of the Plumb Street Right-of-Way to the City, part of which is for culvert repair.

Mr. Berbee reported for the Finance Committee and stated that they decided to move forward with the three adjusted positions in the Police Department as presented. The board is also getting more consistent data and the City's finances look good and are on track.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Reams stated that due to weather the Tour of the Parks was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Mrs. Young asked if residents had a right to refuse trees being planted in the tree lawn in front of their homes. Mr. Andrako explained that although residents do not have the right to refuse, he would ask residents to come ask questions as City administration wants to work with residents to address any concerns they may have during this process.

RESOLUTIONS:

One Reading TO ENDORSE AND ADOPT THE 2018 CITY OF MARYSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson expressed her appreciation for all the work that was put into the Comprehensive Plan. Her only concern was that item 1D on page 75 was listed as an “M” priority and she believe it should be listed as an “S.” Mr. Flowers didn’t see an issue with altering this priority. Mr. Berbee also expressed his thanks to the list of distinguished people who assisted in the compilation of this plan. He also mentioned pages 70 & 71 in the plan and asked Mr. Flowers if he foresees bringing new zoning requirements in the future, making it stronger by making this a specific zoning district. Mr. Flowers stated the Planning Commission is taking a comprehensive look at zoning districts and permitted uses. He expects this project to take a year or two. Mr. Taylor clarified to residents that the 2018 Marysville Comprehensive Plan is not an exact representation of what will happen, rather it is the vision for where the City is headed. Mrs. Richardson agreed that this is the plan’s biggest asset.

Citizen Comments:

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

Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES

1st Reading A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOME IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
Title Only

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi briefly overviewed this grant program which Mr. Andrews brought before the Finance Committee earlier this year. He also explained that you can only apply for this City-wide grant program once every two years.

Council Comments:

1st Reading A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPTOWN MARYSVILLE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Title Only

Administration Comments: Mr. Flowers briefly overviewed this program that was taken before the Finance Committee earlier this month. It is focused on assisting and continuing to encourage the continued beautification of the Marysville Uptown district. Mr. Nahvi explained that administration is not requesting appropriations for either of these programs, rather they will be financed through interest income. He also expressed the hope to roll out these two grant programs in July and asking Council to consider an expedited passage of legislation at the next meeting.

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked if we have defined “permanent” and “historically significant” for the purpose of awarding the grants. Mr. Flowers explained these definitions will be addressed through the awarding Boards. Mrs. Richardson asked what the expected, corresponding funding cycle will be, to which Mr. Flowers explained that beginning in 2019 the funding cycle should become standardized. Mr. Seymour added that the 2019 schedule shows the Grant Awards will be announced March 13, 2019. Mr. Taylor clarified that there will be a process to receiving the City funding, in that the improvements must be approved. Mrs. Taylor also expressed the importance of applicants knowing the grant project prioritization order.

ORDINANCES:

1st Reading TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF PUBLIC SERVICE ITEMS VALUED OVER \$1,000.00
Title Only

Administration Comments: Mr. Reams asked what the City’s procedure is in reference to the winning bidder who failed to follow through on an item purchase last year. Mr. Andrako explained GovDeals.com’s standard process.

Council Comments:

1st Reading ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FILED BY THE CITY MANAGER THUS DESIGNATING
Title Only PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AS AN OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA AND ESTABLISHING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Administration Comments: Mrs. Morris distributed a Fact Sheet to Council and stated she will be available for any questions Council may have. Mr. Emery conveyed that administration is comfortable going through the three reading process and the goal is to have this requirement in place so that DORA can be in effect at the last Uptown Friday Night of the 2018 season in October.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor asked for the Fact Sheet to be posted on the City’s website and Mr. Aslaner agreed. Mr. Reams noted that Partner’s Park was included in the map in DORA and asked how that would work when an event is held. Mrs. Morris explained that according to House Bill 522 passed on June 20th which synchronizes with F permits. Mrs. Richardson stated she was pleased that the DORA plans incorporated on annual review by safety officials that will address potential concerns regarding underage drinking.

2nd Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND (FUND 100) AS
Public Hearing WELL AS THE STREET TREE FUND (FUND 224) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

2nd Reading TO AMEND CHAPTER 713, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS, OF THE CODIFIED
Public Hearing ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments: Mr. Todd reiterated that the hours were changed to 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays, by amendment at the last Council Meeting.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

2nd Reading TO AMEND CHAPTER 1301, RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Public Hearing OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

2nd Reading TO AMEND CHAPTER 1309, NUMBERING OF STRUCTURES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Public Hearing OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

2nd Reading TO REPEAL CHAPTER 1317, INFRASTRUCTURE EXTENSION/OVERSIZING POLICY, OF THE CODIFIED
Public Hearing ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

3rd Reading TO AMEND SECTION 931.06(A), CAPACITY FEES, INSPECTION CHARGES AND OTHER FEES, OF
Title Only THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked if the City expects to lose revenue due to the recommended meter change and Mr. Nahvi explained they do not. Mr. Hoyt stated if a larger meter is needed, the situation will be looked at on a case by case basis.

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

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES

3rd Reading Title Only TO AMEND SECTION 925.02(A), NEW WASTEWATER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

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

Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Richardson YES

3rd Reading Title Only TO AMEND SECTION 925.05(E)(2), SUMMER SEWER CREDIT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments: Mrs. Richardson stated that she feels strongly the City require deduct meters on new builds. Mr. Andrako stated that builders would push back because it increases the cost of the new builds while not everyone uses deduct meters. Mrs. Richardson believes deduct meters would protect the homeowners, be beneficial in the long run, and would encourage landscaping.

Council Comments:

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

Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Richardson NO; Mr. Seymour YES

3rd Reading Title Only AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,420,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WITH SITE AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS RELATING THERETO, (II) CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING VARIOUS STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS, AND (III) INSTALLING SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING AT INNOVATION PARK WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

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

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES

3rd Reading
Title Only

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,035,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WITH SITE AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS RELATING THERETO, (II) CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, (III) CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING VARIOUS STREET RESURFACING AND PAVING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, (IV) ACQUIRING VARIOUS FIRE, POLICE AND EMS EQUIPMENT, WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES, (V) ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING, DESIGNING, IMPROVING AND INSTALLING INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND RELATED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND (VI) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

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

Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES

3rd Reading
Title Only

TO ADOPT SECTION 351.17.01, PARKING OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 303.09, LEAVING JUNK AND OTHER VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Emery stated that Council accepted the Comprehensive Plan tonight which will be setting course for what happens in the community. Sometimes criticism is heard that the City isn't doing enough to help Uptown. He would like people to keep in mind that the last few years, the Uptown Revitalization Plan, the Uptown Zoning Districts & Boundary adjustments, the Uptown Façade Improvement Grant Program, Connected Marysville, public parking lot signs, on-street parking striping, CDBG sidewalk improvements, 7th, Oak, and Walnut Street reconstructions, Partners Park programmed events, DORA, the Main Street Bridge replacement, Union County

Land Bank Clark Station, the water line replacement, establishment of the City Urban Forester position, Design Review Code update, and the street tree fee for new developments have all been taking place. He doesn't want people to lose sight of all the good that is happening in Marysville.

Mrs. Richardson expressed that it was great to be back after being away working for the Army. She doesn't like missing meetings but is grateful for the opportunity to serve Our Nation. She stated that the Drug Free Coalition met the previous week and participated in a survey and worked on goal setting. Marijuana dispensaries have been announced. There will be no marijuana dispensaries in Union County but there are 60 within the state for this first round. Marion, Columbus and Springfield will be the closest dispensaries. Also, there is a delay in the State Medical Marijuana program from the original September 8th projected start date. The Union County Drug Free Coalition is partnering with the Union County Chamber of Commerce and other working partners to conduct training in October. The focus will be policy in the workplace related to Medical Marijuana. She also thanked the City for hosting the Open House regarding phase II improvements to Route 31.

Mr. Berbee thanked Mr. Nahvi and his team for the clean audit and appreciates that they always have information readily available when it is requested. He also agrees with Mr. Emery that it is fascinating, all of the things that are going on in the City. Examples include the tree program, the funding DP&L made available to the City, the improvements made by Joe Tracey, and these all have a ripple effect. However, we are also continuously looking to do new things. Every now and the aging swimming pool is mentioned. Even though the Sewer Plant is only 13-14 years old, it runs 24/7. Mr. Berbee stated he knows and appreciates that the City staff is aware and continues to make sure things are taken care of and stay up to date now that we have the financial resources to do so. He also had a conversation with Mr. Seymour about fiber becoming an enterprise fund. Mr. Story stated that the fiber goal is to be up and running 3 years from now. Mr. Berbee stated that he looks forward to fiber being part of the services the City makes available to businesses.

Mr. Reams stated the Bicentennial is coming up next year. He hopes the emphasis seen on making the City look better and improving the quality of life through the Street Tree Program, Bicentennial trees, and the new Grant Programs will jump start community pride, encouraging people to continue to move forward with improvements.

Mr. Seymour asked Clerk Dible if Connie Patterson Beautification Program submissions had been received. Clerk Dible responded that applications have been submitted and two more were received that day. Mr. Seymour also thanked Mr. Andrako and Mr. Hoyt for following up on a water situation they had discussed.

Mr. Taylor thanked City staff for everything they do. Mr. Taylor mentioned he saw a woman walking a dog and not only did she clean up after her dog, she noticed a water bottle someone had thrown out and placed it in the trash as well. Mr. Taylor stated that is what Marysville citizens do, they take care of their own and he thanked her for what she did. Mr. Taylor then thanked Mr. Grawe and Mrs. Richardson for their service to our Country and encouraged everyone to thank those who have served our Country, stating a thank you is worth a lot.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm