

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rausch at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rausch.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Rausch.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Justin Nahvi, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Project Manager Marc Dilsaver, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Director Eric Phillips, and Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible.

**REPORTERS PRESENT:** Will Channel- Journal Tribune

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Dana Gehman, Nick Golden, David Phillips, Felix Rodriguez, Alex Vulic, Anthony Will, Kathy Young, and Mike Spencer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from July 23, 2018 Council Meeting and the August 6, 2018 Council Work Session were approved as presented.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

*Mr. Emery reported the following:*

#### **City Manager**

##### **Filming**

Honda will be filming a video today at 5th/Main St. Filming will begin at the Fire Dept. Bays around 5pm. EMS runs through the intersection will be filmed between 6:30-8:30. Pedestrians (actors) crossing the street will be filmed 10pm to 1am and a red light running scenario w/PD will be filmed from 1am to 3am. Mr. Rausch stated the filming would be mutually beneficial, as the City will be able to keep a copy of the footage for use.

#### **NW 33 Innovation Corridor Council of Governments**

The NW 33 Innovation Corridor COG Board of Directors appointed Keith Conroy (Millcreek Township resident and Township Trustee) as the fifth COG Board member at the August 1, 2018 COG meeting.

#### **Japanese Student Exchange Program**

This year Marysville Schools will be hosting 10 exchange students and 3 chaperones from our Friendship City, Yorii, Japan, beginning Friday, August 17 through Saturday, August 25. The City will host a farewell ceremony on Friday, August 24 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Partners Park.

#### **Friday Nights Uptown**

Blues & Brews will take place Friday, August 17 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Partners Park. Music by the Hoodoo Soul Band; Presented by Coughlin Marysville. The Founder's Day Car Show will be held in conjunction with this event.

*Mr. Dilsaver reported the following:*

**Public Service Department**

**Bike Racks Installation**

Bike racks that were donated by the Mental Health Recovery Board will be installed at Hatfield Corner Park tomorrow by Streets crews.

**Lewis Park Playground**

The Lewis Park playground was installed last week and is now open.

**Engineering Department**

**Construction Updates**

**SR 31 Widening, Phase 1-** Curb placement is ongoing and paving is anticipated next week. This project remains on schedule.

**Mill Wood Blvd Extension (Cook's Pointe)** - Utility work and roadway preparation continues at the site. Curbing is estimated in early October and paving at the end of October. This project remains on schedule.

*Mr. Emery informed Council of the following:*

**Mill Valley Basketball Court Project**

In the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2 projects identified were basketball courts at Mill Valley Central and Mill Valley South. Administration, working in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Commission, determined the courts located at Mill Valley Central were more pressing and it was more conducive to begin at that location. Mr. Emery stated the Mill Valley Central court was currently under construction and concrete would be poured that week. He also reaffirmed the court location of Mill Valley South would still be taken into consideration in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. He stated the major concern had been the court at Mill Valley South would have to be placed very close to homes and they wanted to make sure residents would be comfortable with this before proceeding.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:** Mrs. Dible reported that she received a new liquor permit request for Red Shed Legendary BBQ, located at 1170 Columbus Avenue. Chief Golden had no objections. Council had no objections.

**APPOINTMENT:** Mr. Seymour moved to appoint Dana Gehman to Design Review Board as well as Planning Commission to fulfill vacant 3 year terms, ending on December 31, 2020. The appointment was affirmed by Council Majority.

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**

The Yorri, Japan Student exchange begins on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 and for the majority, if not all of the students, it would be their first time out of Japan. The Yorri students would be taken to a high school football game which would be first time they see American football. He thanked Honda for contributing \$40,000 to make this exchange possible and noted how this program allowed Marysville to shine globally.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title Only A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Phillips explained this resolution would extend the original purchase agreement with Elford to December 31, 2018 with a 90 day extension option for an additional \$50,000.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Berbee questioned Administration as to the major factor holding back movement at this point, as when the project began close to 1½ years ago, all parties had been eager to move forward. Mr. Phillips stated the fear of tariffs had increased construction costs nationwide as well as the fact that multi-tenant industrial space was a new product for Marysville, which was accounting for some of the additional time needed. Mr. Berbee responded he was still very convinced this was a good choice for the City, however because almost 7 million dollars has been invested, he would like to see a return on the investment. Mr. Seymour asked if in the next few months Mr. Phillips would give an overview of what the trend has been like in the last year for speculative sights like this in Central Ohio. Mr. Phillips said he would. Mr. Rausch stated that Mr. Spencer had uploaded the Innovation Park marketing video created with drone footage on LinkedIn. Mr. Spencer stated it had been seen by over 7,000 people at that time.

**ORDINANCES:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Public Hearing AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND (FUND 100) AS WELL AS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (FUND 226) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:** Mr. Rausch addressed social medial questions and stated he felt strongly this purchase would help fight against drugs that enter the community. He stated if the City could spend \$250,000 on a program that helped prevent drugs from entering the community, he believed it would be money well spent.

**Citizen Comments:** Union County Prosecutor Mr. Phillips stated he believed the special response vehicle was unfortunately needed to provide appropriate cover and protection for City Police and Special Response Team, therefore he wholeheartedly supported the purchase.

Mr. Taylor moved to waive third reading and the question, put stood:

Mr. Seymour YES;      Mr. Reams YES;      Mr. Berbee YES;      Mr. Taylor YES;  
Mrs. Groat YES;      Mr. Rausch YES

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

Mr. Reams YES;      Mr. Berbee YES;      Mr. Taylor YES;      Mrs. Groat YES;  
Mr. Rausch YES;      Mr. Seymour YES

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT AND  
Public Hearing IMPROVEMENT FUND (FUND 536) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:**

**Citizen Comments:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FUND  
Public Hearing (FUND 570) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:**

**Citizen Comments:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FUND  
Public Hearing (FUND 570) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:**

**Citizen Comments:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND (FUND 100) AS WELL  
Title Only AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (FUND 439) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:**

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

Mr. Berbee YES;      Mr. Taylor YES;      Mrs. Groat YES;      Mr. Rausch YES;  
Mr. Seymour YES;      Mr. Reams YES

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading      AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STREET CONSTRUCTION,  
Title Only      MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (FUND 225), THE SANITATION FUND (FUND 505) AS WELL  
AS THE STORMWATER FUND (FUND 570) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:** Mr. Berbee stated unfortunately the compensation for the Streets Supervisor did not match the work being done, however because it was a retire-to-rehire situation, he was not comfortable with the mechanism in which the salary was being addressed; Therefore he would be voting against the legislation. Mr. Taylor confirmed that Mr. Berbee would be voting against the mechanics of the legislation and not against the individual in question, which was confirmed by Mr. Berbee.

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

Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Seymour YES;
Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee NO		

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

Mr. Reams encouraged citizens to go out to Maclover Woods, stating the gravel path was almost complete and all three bridges were set. He stated he was thankful for what Doctor Maclover left for the City as it was a beautiful place to be.

Mr. Berbee stated he had an opportunity to take his granddaughter to Lewis Memorial Park and the new playground equipment was yet to be figured out by parents and grandparents. He encouraged an evaluation of a particular piece of equipment for a possible age or height restriction, as it could be challenging for the vertically disabled. He also complemented the City Staff for assisting with this particular piece of equipment as it looked wonderful and was very unlike anything else the City had.

Mr. Rausch encouraged citizens to use safety on Wednesday as it was the first day for school busses to be on the road in Marysville. He also mentioned the new path along Amrine Mill Road which increased connectivity to the pedestrian bridge at Mill Valley and made it much safer for anyone walking to the High School. He also mentioned the Yorri exchange program and encouraged people to learn about the Japanese culture if they had the opportunity, as this was a phenomenal experience for those involved. Mr. Rausch complemented the Marysville Journal Tribune for the All Ohio Balloon Fest which occurred the previous week as it has become a regional event. He noted the level of entertainers had continued to climb, as ZZ Top performed last week, brining Marysville to the forefront.

Finally, there being no objections, due to the observance of holidays, Council rescheduled the September Work Session for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, noting that all upcoming Work Sessions will begin at 6:00 pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Council Session held in November was also moved to Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Mr. Emery thanked City Council for their support regarding the armored vehicle purchase authorized that evening. He believed it would greatly increase the safety of City Law Enforcement and Firefighters and would increase safety in the community.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.