

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 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, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Director Eric Phillips and Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible.

REPORTERS PRESENT: Will Channel- Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Ericka Fiten, Matilde Pozzato, Kathy Young, Adam Johanson, Tim Schacht, Steve Dutton, Robin Myers, and Nicolas Rudhard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from August 13, 2018 were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

Municipal Pool Hours

The Municipal Pool will be open this coming weekend through Labor Day from noon – 6:00 pm.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Dog Swim

The annual Dog Swim will be held on Tuesday, September 4 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Marysville Municipal Pool. Admission is \$5.00 per dog. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Union County Humane Society.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 11, at Decker Fire Station beginning at 9:50 am. Mr. Rausch announced that Mr. Berbee will be the speaker this year at the ceremony.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

Paving Work

Street crews will be paving the path leading to MacIvor Woods from Kroger's parking lot and also prepping a section of the path at Eljer Park near the ball fields for paving.

Aldersgate Park Tree House

The work to refurbish the Aldersgate Tree House will begin next week and be complete by 10/12, weather permitting.

Reading Garden

The concrete pad for the reading garden at Partners Park will be poured in the next two weeks. Chairs are ordered and expected to arrive in September. We are looking into a Scotts Community Grant to purchase the plantings for the landscaping. We hope to have the work complete by the October FNU.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Construction Updates

SR 31 Widening - the roadway paving was completed last week and the sidewalk and path installation starts this week. This project remains on schedule and under budget.

Cook's Pointe

The storm sewer will be completed this week and the placement of roadway base is expected to start this week. This project remains on schedule and under budget.

2018 Paving Program

The roadway striping, which is the last major task for this project, will be completed this week.

Mr. Berbee asked Mr. Hoyt for an update on the RT 38 paving that ODOT was to complete. Mr. Hoyt stated the work was expected to begin next week and a section of the road would stay open for the entirety of the project, which was anticipated to be two weeks. Mr. Berbee also asked if the work out by Buerger Road was completed. Mr. Hoyt stated it was and they were going to have ODOT mill out about another 100 feet at the lip to hopefully enhance sight distance even more. Mr. Seymour stated that residents had been concerned with the humps left on 38 due to the paving project. He confirmed with Mr. Hoyt these would be remedied.

Mr. Taylor stated a citizen was concerned about the signage at 5-points, as all the signs were on one pole. The citizen made a point that if the Delaware sign was moved to another pole, it would be more consumer friendly. Mr. Andrako stated he would look into this. Mr. Taylor also stated this citizen asked if they had to put branches out the night before trash was picked up in order for the branches to be taken. Mr. Andrako stated if the branches were out before 6 a.m. the day their trash is picked up, they should be safe.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

Mrs. Dible reported that she received a D5 liquor permit transfer request from Marysville Lanes LTD & Patio to Dragons Danes LLC & Patio, at 1189 Columbus Avenue. Chief Golden had no objections. Council had no objections.

APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Reams moved to remove the "Interim" from Mrs. Dible's title, thus making the title Clerk of Council. The appointment was unanimously affirmed by Council voice vote. Mr. Taylor asked if a Liaison to Council would be appointed, to which Mr. Rausch stated there would not be at this point.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:

Mr. Reams stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission had met the previous week and the Marysville Parks 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan was approved and will soon be sent to Council for their review.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Cancelled due to lack of business.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Schacht reported that the Board reviewed the three following items:

An application for a proposed mural at 231 N Main Street (Route 33 Fitness) in the U-C (Uptown Commercial) Zoning District. This application was tabled and will be on the September agenda.

An application for signage at 210 E 4th Street (CrossFit 184) in the U-C (Uptown Commercial) Zoning District. This application was approved with the condition it was temporary and allowed until the end of 2018.

An application for a new parish life center, parish commons, and religious education classrooms at 1033 W 5th Street (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) in the B-1 (Service Business) Zoning District. This application was approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY/SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Berbee stated as of July 18th, 2018, 14,550 City income tax returns had been filed. He explained there were three major types of returns filed which the City deals with: 1) Those who live here and earn wages here, 2) Those who live elsewhere yet earn wages here, and 3) Those who live here yet earn wages elsewhere. He pointed out that although many work at Honda, they are not included in the “earn here” segment. Mr. Berbee stated as many as 5,800 residents work somewhere else. He explained that initial studies had shown that if a .25% income tax credit were given, it would cost the City \$602,000 and if a .5% income tax credit were given, it would cost the City 1.2 million. Mr. Berbee explained the struggle was that although people work other places, City Police and Firefighters are not sent home during the day because “no one is home,” conveying that City funding to secure 24-7 City safety. Because of this, he mentioned Union County had one of the lowest fee rates when it came to license tag fees. He stated it may be prudent to look at the rates and directly associate any possible increases with City infrastructure. Data was being gathered in those regards.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Mr. Steve Dutton of 310 W. 6th Street spoke to Council regarding the waterline issue he had outside his home. He explained he understood things needed dug up to get to the waterline and he has tried to be a calm, patient citizen. However, after his apron deteriorated from being exposed for two years, he was quite concerned since the repair and work was “complete,” his drive/apron was not restored to original condition when repairs began. He stated he had previously spoken with Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Dilsaver and Mr. Tracy regarding his concerns. Mr. Seymour asked if the valve was in the apron to which was responded it was. Mr. Hoyt stated it will be looked into the following morning and it would be restored to the condition it was in before the waterline work began.

Mr. Rausch stated the City enjoyed hosting the 10 Japanese exchange students who recently returned home last week. He stated they were also happy to have three foreign exchange students attend the meeting that evening and invited them to introduce themselves to Council. The three students were Nicolas Rudhard from Germany, Adam Johanson from Sweeden and Matilde Pozzato from Italy.

RESOLUTIONS:

One Reading RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD FOR THE CITIZENS OF MARYSVILLE
Only AND TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-17

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

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

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

2nd Reading A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
Public Hearing UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

ORDINANCES:

3rd Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT AND
Title Only IMPROVEMENT FUND (FUND 536) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

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

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

3rd Reading AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT
Title Only FUND (FUND 570) AND MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

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

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

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Groat 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

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

Mrs. Groat announced that the September Ward 3 Meeting (which was typically held on the first Tuesday of each month at the library) would join the General Council Work Session at the Police Department at 6:00 pm, September 4th. Any who would like to meet with Mrs. Groat personally may attend the session and she will meet with them after.

Mr. Berbee welcomed the foreign exchange students. He stated that he was originally from the Netherlands and he did an internship in New York in 1969 and fell in love with the United States. He then returned to the States in 1972 and was able to move his family over in 1982. He also gave a funny anecdote to the students regarding the pronunciation of English words, explaining how he earned his unfavorable nickname.

Mr. Taylor told the exchange students he was proud they had the courage to take a year out of their lives to travel and learn in the USA. He also encouraged them to not to be afraid of asking questions. Mr. Taylor then stated that soon, citizens would be gathering in remembrance of 9-11 and in doing some research, he found that 12% of those lost to 9-11 were not U.S. Citizens. He encouraged everyone to slow down and think about those affected.

Mr. Rausch mentioned that Mr. Phillips would be an excellent resource for the foreign exchange students, explaining that Marysville was a global economy. He specifically mentioned Marysville was the world headquarters of Scotts, Honda of America which was the largest U.S. car manufacturer, as well as home to the Swiss company Nestle Research & Development, and that about 25% of the City workforce, worked for Japanese owned businesses.

Mr. Emery had Mr. Phillips announce to Council that Karen Eylon had accepted the Tourism and Marketing Director position for the CVB and would begin on September 10th. They will bring Karen to a future Council Meeting. Mr. Emery also stated that he, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Rausch would not be at the September 10th Council Meeting, as they would be at the Midwest Japan Conference in Omaha, Nebraska at the time. Mr. Emery and Mr. Nahvi will not be at the September 24th Council Meeting as they would be at the International City Manager Conference in Baltimore, Massachusetts.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council at 7:42 pm,

Mrs. Groat moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss imminent or pending litigation and the motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor:

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to open session at 8:03 pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.