

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2018

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Justin Nahvi, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Chief Golden, Chief Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Jason Stanford, and Clerk Rebecca Dible.

REPORTERS PRESENT: Will Channel- Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Paul L., Mike L., Margaret Mullen, Grace Mullen, Barbara Brake, Bill Brake, Ken Anderton, Robert Anderton, Kathy Warye, Jim Warye, Robert Sements, Dale Kenich, R.J. Gieseck, Judy Gieseck, Gary Hay, Cheryl Hay, Scott Zwieszski, Berlin Valentine, Brandee Valentine, Don Tale, Rachel Stover, Rebecca Patterson, Donna Rausch, Tom Rausch, Anthony Will, Ann Knuen, Sam A., C. Wilburn, Carl Conley, Chery Seymour, Scott Ross, Logan Ross, Rachel Thomas, Tim Thomas, Cossie Bott, Ashton Bailey, Diane Mankins, Andrew Morano, Paula Priest, Chris Schmenk, Karen Shroyer, Nieca Nowels, Todd Johnson, and Kathy Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from August 27th, 2018 and the September 4th, 2018 Work Session were approved as presented.

CONNIE PATTERSON BEAUTIFICATION AWARD PROGRAM:

Mr. Taylor spoke in appreciation and memory of former Clerk Connie Patterson initiating the City Beautification Program years ago.

The following Nomination Awards were presented by Mr. Don Patterson, Ms. Becky Patterson, Mrs. Rachel Stover and the respective Council Ward Members:

Ward 1

Dustin & Sarah Fitch of 1185 Village Drive – **Winner** of Property Enhancement
Gary & Cheryl Hay of 1856 Deer Crossing Drive – **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained
Timothy Naegele & Kathy Minor of 1864 Woodside Drive
Daniel & Amy Burl of 700 Poppy Lane

Ward 2

Lawrence & Stephanie Ross of 759 Deer Run Drive – **Winner** of Property Enhancement
R.J. and Judith Gieseck of 1241 Woodline Drive – **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained
Ted & Gaye Webb of 738 Deer Run Drive
Stephen & Amy Stover of 691 Deer Run Drive
Carolyn Hines of 620 Wagon Wheel Lane
Elaine Huck of 807 Lakeview Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Rausch of 1060 London Avenue

Joel & Rachel Ruetty of 1429 Adena Pointe
Derek & Ylonda Malone of 503 Seapines Lane
Home Depot

Ward 3

Tim & Rachel Thomas of 1563 Rebecca Drive – **Winner** of Property Enhancement
Rick & Karen Shroyer of 823 Catalpa Place – **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained

Ward 4

Bill & Barbara Brake of 261 Wilderness Road – **Winner** of Property Enhancement
Tom Rausch of 723 W 9th Street – Tied for **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained
Mark & Nikki Dolan of 581 Palm Drive – Tied for **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained
Union Station 1820 at 109 E 5th Street – **Winner** of Property Enhancement (Business)
Presbyterian Church at 210 W 5th Street – **Winner** of Beautifully Maintained (Business)
Plumm Home at 116 E 5th Street – **Winner** of Beautiful Storefront (Business)
Gateway at Intersection of Retreat & Damascus Road – **Winner** of Beautiful Gateway
Jim & Kathy Warye of 545 Beech Drive
Tom & Rebecca Kelty of 547 Palm Drive
Raymond & Sharon Fleming – 283 Sheppard Lane
Bill & Sandy Feenstra of 633 W 5th Street
Robert & Abigail Anderton of 554 E 5th Street
Mill Creek Apartments of 749 N Maple Street
Uptown Antiques of 117 S Main Street

Special mention was given to the First Presbyterian Church, as there were a great number of individuals who participated in the effort to beautify their property. Members of the property team were instrumental as well as the great partnership was formed last year with The West Central Community Correctional Facility. Those accepting the award in representation and for their integral part played were the following: Dale Kinney, Robert Sements, Carl Conley, Christopher Wilburn, Scott Hines, Scott Zwiezinski, and Ann Knueven.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Chief Golden reported the following:

Recreation & Events

Movie in the Park

Movie in the Park will be held at Partners Park on Saturday, September 15. The featured movie, Star Wars: The Last Jedi, will start at dusk.

Covered Bridge Bluegrass Festival

The Union County Covered Bridge Bluegrass Festival will take place September 22 & 23 at the Pottersburg Covered Bridge (17141 Inskeep-Cratty Rd., North Lewisburg). Additional details are available at coveredbridgefestival.com.

Friday Nights Uptown

Rocktoberfest will take place Friday, October 5 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Partners Park. Music by The Martini Affair; presented by Bob Chapman Ford.

Chief Riley reported the following:

Fire Division

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held tomorrow (September 11) at Decker Fire Station (16300 County Home Rd.). The Ceremony begins at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Engineering Department

Construction Updates

SR 38 Paving (ODOT)

The asphalt resurfacing is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Seymour thanked Mr. Hoyt for making sure the “bumps” had been removed as per citizen concern.

SR 31 Widening, Phase 1

The final asphalt resurfacing will start on Thursday, September 13 and be completed by Saturday, September 15. Work on the electric, concrete and multi-use path continues. This project remains on schedule. Mr. Berbee asked if once the paving is complete, the driving portion of the phase would be finished. Mr. Hoyt responded that striping would remain. Mrs. Richardson asked if the barrels would be left out and Mr. Hoyt explained a construction progress meeting was coming up where he could confirm, however he expected the barrels to be left up, but pulled to the curb, to continue to encourage people to slow down as it would still be considered an active construction site.

Mr. Berbee asked if all projects would be complete other than Cooks Point once 31 was completed, to which Mr. Hoyt responded that the mast arm poles for several lights were expected to be in mid-November, but otherwise, yes.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: No Report

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No Report

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Diane Mankins, Chris Schmenk and Todd Johnson spoke regarding the Marysville Schools two ballot issues on November 6, 2018. They explained the levies are a zero increase in taxes. The first issue is “a renewal of the 6.56 mill levy making it a continuing levy.” This levy was originally passed nearly 30 years ago and generates \$3.2 million. The renewal would maintain the current level of funding necessary to operate the schools. They explained the renewal would lock in the levy, ensuring the residential taxpayers continue to receive the 10% rollback reimbursement from the state as well as maintain a lower tax rate as compared to commercial taxpayers. If the levy passes, no new money levies would be projected until 2022, which is almost 15 years since the last money levy in 2008. The second issue is the “no new millage permanent improvement (PI) levy. This impacts the school’s three buckets of revenue which are: 1) Bond Fund – pays off the debt that was used to build the schools, 2) Permanent Improvement Fund (PI) – used to buy/replace school busses, parking lots, furniture, technology, roofs, etc., and 3) General Fund – pays for day-to-day operations. They explained the Bond Fund had built up a reserve due in part to tax savings from refinancing bonds to get a better interest rate. The County Auditor will reduce the bond millage in December 2018. The ballot issue allows the district to shift a portion of the tax dollars currently being payed to the Bond Fund, into the PI fund instead, where the funds can be used to maintain the facilities. This wouldn’t be an increase in taxes,

rather it would allow the school to shift how the tax is allocated. They also explained the shift would allow a portion of TIF revenue to be deposited into the General Fund where it would serve two important purposes. The first would be the hiring of an additional school resource officer to help ensure the safety of students. The second would be that the funds would help delay a new levy request by at least one year.

Mr. Taylor stated that although Council does not endorse across the board, he did know several Council members had stated they would endorse individually as well as donate as individuals, including the Taylor household.

Scott Zwieszki invited everyone to the Blessings in a Backpack Golf Outing that will be held at the Ridge Golf & Gardens, LLC on Saturday, September 22nd. This event will sponsor both the Marysville and Fairbanks Blessings in a Backpack Programs. The \$60 entry fee gets each person 18 holes of golf, lunch and knowing it helped feed children in Marysville and Fairbanks school district who may not be able to eat all weekend.

RESOLUTIONS:

1st Reading Title Only RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUANCE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES AND TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

Administration Comments: Mr. Stanford stated this was a stronger year for most of the companies. Mrs. Richardson questioned Mr. Stanford, stating Heritage and Sumitomo did not seem to meet the job creation threshold and asked for insight. Mr. Stanford stated this would be monitored, but at this point, concerns are not raised due to the overall thresholds.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor stated he serves on the Committee that approved this legislation as Vice-Chair. Chairwoman Andrea Weaver has no reservations whatsoever.

Back for Second Reading, Public Hearing on September 24, 2018.

One Reading Only RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi explained the legislation was the annual certification of real estate revenue estimates for 2019 as determined by the County Auditor and accepted by the Budget Commission.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Richardson 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 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked if the incentive agreement had been completed, to which Mr. Stanford stated that once they had a project, the incentive agreement would then be completed.

Mr. Seymour 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

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

Mr. Taylor informed Council the City was on standby to provide hurricane relief if needed as part of a group from Ohio. Chief Riley stated thoughts and prayers were with the families affected.

Mrs. Richardson gave kudos to those involved with the Dog Swim, as she’ heard quite a bit of positive feedback from participants. She also confirmed that the 9/11 Memorial Service would take place rain or shine. Mrs. Richardson encouraged members of the community to participate and get involved when the City promotes the “Creation of the City Flag” Contest to show community pride.

Mr. Seymour informed Council that in the past, Team Marysville has been a loosely run meeting. New bylaws for the team were being created that would be voted on. Structure of the Organization and Board of Trustees would be formalized and he considered this as a positive change for Team Marysville.

Mr. Taylor referred to the 9/11 Memorial Service as a Celebration. He stated that many families were affected and many gave their life for freedom; He looks at it from the American perspective that “They may have hit us once, but we won’t be caught off guard again.” It is a celebration of American freedom and American pride, but most importantly we need to put our faith up there and it will make a difference. Just as when the events of 9/11 were occurring and a freshman ran into his classroom stating, “Mr. T, we need to pray,” Mr. Taylor stated he’d count on Him to get us through tomorrow. “God bless and goodnight.”

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.