

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 24, 2018**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout Nathan Zweizig.

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Acting City Manager & Police Chief Floyd Golden, Assistant Finance Director Sandra Hoover, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Battalion Chief Nathan Burns, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, and Clerk Rebecca Dible.

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** MaryAnn Hyland, Karen Hyland, Carla Wells, Marc Wells, Mike Agan, Jodie Agan, Rebecca Gore, Barbara Taylor, Amy Zwiezinski, Scott Zwiezinski, Anthony Will, Gary Wallace, Barbara Timmons, Bob Parrott, Tim Schacht, Holly Zweizig, Nathan Zweizig, Andy Zweizig, Jason Orcena, and Tim Kralo.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from September 10, 2018 were accepted as presented.

**COMMENDATION:**

Mayor Rausch presented a commendation to Nathan Zweizig for attainment of Eagle Scout rank. The Council congratulated him for his accomplishment. They also thanked him for his hard work in completion of his Eagle Scout project of building and placing Bat-Boxes along the Jim Simmons Trail. Nathan thanked Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission for their support.

**QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD:**

Mayor Rausch explained how the Quality of Life Award was originally initiated by the Public Affairs Committee and adopted by Council. Mr. Berbee moved to nominate Amy Zwiezinski to receive the 2018 Quality of Life Award for her involvement with Blessings in a Backpack and was the motion was passed by Council. Mr. Berbee explained that Blessings in a Backpack was completely based on donations and all money donated to the chapter of the program could only be used to purchase food for children in the community. He stated over 220 children receive food each week from this program, assisting children who may not otherwise have food at home. Mrs. Richardson asked how the community could support the program to which Mrs. Zwiezinski responded that donations were always accepted and citizens could reach out to her directly through the program's Facebook page.

*Mayor Rausch read the following:*

**Joint Statement from the Midwest U.S.-Japan / Japan-Midwest U.S. Associations' 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting on September 11, 2018:**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting of the Midwest U.S.-Japan and Japan-Midwest U.S. Associations convened in Omaha, Nebraska, from Sunday, September 9 through Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Approximately 400 representatives from the Midwest U.S. and Japan attended the meeting. Active discussions centered on the main theme "Growing Together in a Global Economy". The conference was co-chaired by U.S. Honorary Chairman W. Gordon Dobie, Partner of Winston & Strawn, and Japanese Chairman Yuzaburo Mogi, Honorary CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kikkoman Corporation.

Ted McKinney, Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Shinsuke Sugiyama, Ambassador of Japan to the United States, delivered keynote speeches. William Hagerty, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, delivered a video message to the participants.

The Midwest U.S. delegation included Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer, Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker as well as representatives from USTR, Nebraska Department of Transportation, Lindsay Corporation, Nexco-West USA, UneMed Corporation, NTT Security, Nucor Corporation, J.P. Morgan, and Preferred Popcorn.

The Japanese delegation included Shiga Governor Taizo Mikazuki, Saitama Governor Kiyoshi Ueda, Kumamoto Governor Ikuo Kabashima, Shizuoka Vice Governor Akihito Yoshibayashi, Consul General of Japan at Chicago Naoki Ito and Consul General of Japan in Detroit Mitsuhiro Wada as well as representatives from Kawasaki Heavy Industries, ANA, Teijin, Toyota, JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization), Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance, and Marubeni/Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Keizai Doyukai).

The discussion included the current U.S. trade policies and it was pointed out that constructive and open communication is important between the United States and Japan on regional and grass-root levels as well as on the national level.

Since 1967, the Annual Joint Meeting of the two associations has served as the principal forum for trade and investment discussions between the Midwest U.S. and Japan.

Panel discussions centered on the theme of "Transformations in Infrastructure" in the first session, "Innovation & Technology Solutions" in the second session, and "Success Stories in Trade & Investment" in the third session.

The panel discussion noted that deregulation has changed the environment for competition, improved convenience for consumers, and drastically expanded demand. The meeting reconfirmed that collaborations between the United States and Japan have fostered transformations in infrastructure like railways, airways and roads, and are contributing to improving safety and energy efficiency, and promoting business growth.

Companies are required to take long-term management views and foster innovation through artificial intelligence and big data. This will also lead to solving social issues. Presentations highlighted innovative approaches in fields like medical care, automobile and automobile parts.

The delegates shared success stories of how trade and investment have contributed to economic development in Japan and the Midwest U.S. Discussions also centered on the tendency towards protectionism and rules for international trade. The Japanese panelists expressed their expectations that the United States will return to the TPP.

Delegates agreed to meet in Tokyo, Japan, for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Joint Meeting scheduled for September 8-10, 2019.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Tim Craft on behalf of Dave Yost Auditor of the State presented the City of Marysville with the Award with Distinction for the 2017 audit.

*Chief Golden reported the following:*

### **Recreation & Events**

#### ***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.

*BC Burns reported the following:*

### **Fire Division**

The Upper Scioto Water Rescue Task Force, of which Marysville is the home agency, was deployed to North Carolina for 8 days. They performed water rescues and helped move people trapped by the flood waters. Although Chief Riley is unable to be here tonight, he will make a short presentation to Council during the October 8 City Council meeting.

*Mr. Andrako reported the following:*

### **Public Service Department**

#### ***Reading Garden***

The concrete pad for the reading garden at Partners Park was poured last week. P&G crews are working on assembling the chairs this week and will begin the work to install the plantings for the landscaping beds by the end of this week.

#### ***Splash Pad***

P&G crews will plan to operate the splash pad through the week of 10/1.

#### ***American Legion Park Path***

Streets crews continue work to finalize the path at American Legion Park. They will also be working on a terraced stone landscaping feature which will include the name of the park on the stones.

#### ***Brush & Leaf Pickup***

A reminder that brush pickup will end for the year next week (10/5) and leaf pickup will begin the following week (10/8).

*Mr. Hoyt reported the following:*

### **Engineering Department**

#### ***Construction Updates:***

**SR 31 Widening** - The sidewalk and path is expected to be installed this week. The roadway striping and reclamite is expected to be completed next week.

**Cook's Pointe** - Conduit installation is expected to be wrapped up this week. The concrete curb and sidewalk is expected to be completed next week. This project remains on schedule for paving to occur by early November.

Mayor Rausch also reminded citizens that Trick-or-Treat would be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:**

No Report

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:**

Mr. Reams reported that the Commission reviewed Rules of Procedure at the last meeting and several exciting events were coming up, including ice-skating at Partners Park.

**PLANNING COMMISSION / DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REPORT:**

Mr. Schacht stated Planning Commission had been canceled due to lack of business. He stated the Design Review Board approved a signage application by the Marysville 3CU Church with the conditions that the sign material be switched from acrylic material to an HDU cnc cut out letters painted Matthews PPG White. He also stated that Route 33 Fitness requested the Board to table the proposed mural until the October 11, 2018 meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/SERVICE REPORT:**

Mrs. Richardson stated the committee had reviewed quite a few infrastructure acceptances, which was an annual process for the City, and the legislation would soon be before Council. She also said they had been given a series of updates and if anyone had questions on specific projects, they could feel free to reach out to her.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Berbee thanked all Council Members for being present at the meeting, as the preliminary draft of the 2019 Budget was reviewed. He stated that overall, the Committee seemed to support most of the budgetary suggestions made by Administration. He also gave the following calendar updates:

- September 26-28<sup>th</sup> Final Budget Review with Department Heads, Finance Staff & City Manager
- October 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Improvement Plan with Department Heads, Finance Staff & City Manager
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Budget will be distributed to City Council
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Vehicle Viewing at MOC 5:45-6pm
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Council Meeting – Budget Hearing 6:30pm
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Reading at City Council Meeting at 7pm

Mr. Taylor confirmed that the Budget would also be reviewed at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session at 6pm.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Jason Orcena, Health Commissioner, spoke on the Union County Health Department's levy. He stated UCHD was devoted to helping people live longer, healthier lives. To do this they prevent and monitor the spread of disease (outbreak investigations), ensure safe food (restaurant inspections), maintain a sanitary environments to give babies the best possible start to life (newborn home visits), (farmers markets), promote healthy lifestyles reduce injuries (safety town), help older adults stay independent at home (fall prevention), and develop the community's ability to promote health (trail and park development). He explained these services were for everyone. Mr. Orcena also explained the UCHD is primarily funded through two local levies, 0.75 mill and 0.5 mill. Funding also came from service fees, contracts, and grants. Roughly 25% of funds came from competitive state/federal grants and contracts they seek and secure. That was about \$900,000. In other words, UCHD was turning each local levy dollar into about \$1.25, which was a 25% return on investment (ROI) that goes back into the community. He stated the ROI would not be possible without the stability created by local levies. UCHD is a separate entity from the county and does NOT receive any funds from the county budget. Less than 0.5% of their funds come from the state budget. He stated it was not a new levy, but a renewal of the existing 10-year levy set to expire in 2018.

Mr. Orcena stated the renewal is what funded their current services and operations. UCHD was seeking a renewal of the 0.75 mill levy with a 0.15 mill increase. They could not ask for a straight renewal of the 0.75 mill levy because of the growth of the county. While more homes have been added, UCHD does not always collect additional revenue from these homes. However demand for services has increased. Additionally, as individual property value goes up, UCHD does not always get more revenue. He stated, under current Ohio legislation, it was more cost effective for residents to ask for a renewal with an increase rather than a replacement. Mr. Orcena stated the renewal with increase would cost a homeowner of a \$100,000 home \$23.51 per year versus \$26.25 if the board asked for a replacement of the expiring levy. A renewal allowed homeowners to keep state rollbacks that go away with a replacement levy. The average operating budget of UCHD was approximately \$3.5 million. Approximately 65% of that budget was supported by local funds (levies & fees). In comparison, the state average was 75% support from local funds. He explained the UCHD worked to control costs each day as evidenced by their stable financial position. Mr. Orcena stated the UCHD cash balances over time remained stable even with many new requirements from the legislature and community driven requests. He stated UCHD was dedicated to efficiency and continually worked with partners in the local community and central Ohio to pool funds and utilize existing resources to support services and maximize efforts.

Mrs. Richardson summarized his message, and stated that it was important to communicate his message to the public.

RESOLUTIONS:

One Reading RESOLUTION TO REDEDICATE AND OFFICIALLY NAME FIRE STATION 272 THE HAROLD E.  
Only HYLAND FIRE STATION

**Administration Comments:**

**Council Comments:** Mayor Rausch explained the original Uptown Fire Station had been dedicated in memory of Harold E. Hyland in 1976. Years later, Fire Station 272 was constructed on the same site. He stated the legislation would rededicate the new structure and officially name it after the late Fire Chief Harold E. Hyland.

**Citizen Comments:**

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUANCE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVE  
Public Hearing AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES AND TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS TO THE OHIO  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

**Administration Comments:** Chief Golden stated that this would continue tax abatements for the specified companies.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Taylor stated that he served on the Union County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC), as did the County Auditor, and although a few of the companies did not meet specific employment numbers, TIRC had no reservation in recommending the approval of this legislation. Mayor Rausch stated that these companies were reviewed annually, ensuring the monitoring of evaluation criteria.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Back for Third Reading, Title Only on October 8, 2018.**

ORDINANCES:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAFETY AND WELLNESS  
Title Only EQUIPMENT AND MODIFY THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:** Chief Golden stated this legislation was in reference to the BWC Billion Back Program.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Reams explained that this information had gone before the Finance Committee in August for review. He stated they had made recommendations to Administration and the Committee was in full support of this legislation.

**Back for Second Reading, Public Hearing on October 8, 2018.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT AND  
Title Only IMPROVEMENT FUND (FUND 536) AND MODIFY THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Administration Comments:** Chief Golden explained this legislation was in regard to wastewater tap permits in Jerome Village.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Taylor stated this information had gone before the Finance Committee in September and the Committee agreed it needed to be done in the long run and had no reservations regarding this legislation.

**Back for Second Reading, Public Hearing on October 8, 2018.**

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

Mrs. Groat reminded everyone the Ward 3 Meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marysville Public Library in Meeting Room B from 6:30-8pm.

Mrs. Richardson thanked Council for supporting the legislation regarding the official naming and rededication of the fire station, as it was a big decision. She also stated that Holly Zweizig would be returning at a future date to give a thorough update on the status of medical marijuana in Ohio. Mrs. Richardson also implored those able to support the troops getting ready to mobilize, by attending the Call to Duty on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Marysville High School. She also encouraged citizens to line the streets on Coleman's Crossing as the troops officially depart the following day.

Mr. Berbee stated several months ago was a difficult time while dealing with construction of the bridge however the difficult time had also created benefits. He mentioned the newly placed pedestrian path on the south side of the high school and stated the improvements at Legion Park were something to be proud of. Mr. Berbee gave kudos to the City Staff for the improvements and jobs well done that had caused Marysville to bloom over the last six months and he was proud of the accomplishments that had taken place.

Mr. Reams stated that with Trick-or-Treat coming up and because it gets darker earlier, it would be a good time for people to take notice of any street lights that were out and report them to be fixed, as it was important they be taken care of before Halloween to promote safety.

Mr. Seymour felt it was important to note that the 585<sup>th</sup> Military Police who had been at the Armory for close to ten years was being dissolved and the soldiers would be dispersed to different areas. He also wholeheartedly welcomed the Field Artillery Unit who would take their place at the Armory.

Mr. Taylor stated that Veteran's Day was approaching and it is when special tribute was given to those who have served. He encouraged all to remember those who have served as well as their families.

Mayor Rausch stated that when he attended the redesignation ceremony for the Armory the previous day, the commander who had only been in Marysville one month was amazed with the amount of community support his people received. Mayor Rausch stated that Marysville had the first Armory in Ohio, that is why it is here, and Marysville was proud of its long history with the National Guard.

Chief Golden informed everyone the troops would depart at 1:45 on Thursday and the Police Department, Sherriff's Office, Highway Patrol, and Patriot Guard would assist with the escort to John Glenn Airport.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss the possible purchase of property. There being no further business to come before Council the executive session was adjourned to open session at 8:07 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.