

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 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 Brady Lowe.

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: 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, and Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible.

CITIZENS PRESENT: Anthony Will, Roxanne Lowe, Katie Crocco, Scott Brock, Hailey Lowe, Carl Lowe, Brady Lowe

REPORTERS PRESENT: Will Channel- Journal Tribune

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 22, 2018 Meeting and November 5, 2018 Work Session were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Dash 5K

Takes place Thanksgiving morning (November 22) at 9:00 am in Uptown Marysville.

Uptown Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting

Uptown Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting will be held on Monday, November 26 from 5-8 pm. Enjoy live reindeer, music, kids' activities, dance performances, horse drawn-carriage rides, and pictures with Santa. The Community Christmas Tree will be lit at dusk.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

Public Service Department

Christmas Tree Installation

Parks & Grounds is preparing for the installation of the Christmas tree at Partners Park. The City will utilize Del-Mar as in the past and will plan to install the tree on Monday, November 19. The dock at the Reservoir will also be removed that day.

Waterline Replacement

Water crews continue work on W 3rd St water main installation. Mr. Seymour asked Mr. Andrako to look into the amount of street parking that would be available during the installation to accommodate for winter weather.

Scottslawn Road Closure

Scottslawn Rd. closure begins tomorrow (11/14) and will be open by 11/21/18 according to the contractor working for Scotts. The closure location is at the existing railroad crossing just west of Industrial Pkwy. Mr. Berbee asked specific detour questions and Mr. Andrako stated there would be a couple of detour options for travelers. Mr. Reams confirmed Administration expected the road to be reopened prior to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend for travelers.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Engineering Department

Construction Updates:

Coleman's Crossing Traffic Signal - The traffic signal should be in operation by the end of the month. Pole delivery is expected soon.

West 5th Sanitary Sewer - The sanitary sewer is currently installed to Park Avenue. The remaining portions are expected to be installed by the end of the month. Mr. Seymour asked how this project would be completed due to the temperature being too cold to install asphalt. Mr. Hoyt stated they would use a concrete trench, as it sets quickly, and mill it off next year as part of the West 5th Street Improvements Project.

Cook's Pointe Blvd. – Project is 95% complete at this time. The roadway will be opened to the public in December, once the SR 31 Traffic Signal poles have been replaced.

COMMENDATION:

Brady Lowe, son of Carl & Roxanne Lowe, and third generation boy scout, was commended by Mayor Rausch for his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

Clerk Dible stated she received a D1 Liquor Permit Transfer request from Pizza Hut 024162 to ADT Ohio LLC, both located at 901 W 5th Street. Neither Chief Golden nor Council had objections.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Katie Crocco, representing the Marysville Realty Association, informed Council that they were partnering with the Hope Center for a Winter Gear Drive. She explained that they were accepting outerwear including coats, scarves, winter hats, boots and gloves of all sizes to provide for those in need. Donations can be dropped off at local Real Estate Business Locations and Title Companies. Ms. Crocco stated they could contact local Real Estate Agents for more information.

RESOLUTIONS:

2nd Reading RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO
Public Hearing AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE AWARD OF OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUNDING
AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson stated that this legislation would make a very significant amount of funding available to the City for the State Route 31 Phase 2 Improvements, which compelled her to support the legislation.

Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive the third reading 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.

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:
Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES.

3rd Reading RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT
Title Only OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM AND TO
AGREE TO THE OBLIGATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT COMPLETION AND
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Richardson 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; Mrs. Richardson YES.

ORDINANCES:

1st Reading Title Only TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, REPLACEMENT, AND OPERATION OF CITY WATER LINES THAT RUN THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF THE OHIO WOMEN’S REFORMATORY

Administration Comments: Mr. Hoyt presented an image depicting the easements and explained that the prior easement purchase agreement the City had with the State had expired one year ago, as they are 15 year agreements. Mr. Taylor asked why in negotiations, one easement had originally been offered to the City at \$8,000 and was then shown as \$2,000. Mr. Hoyt explained that Administration had not understood the benefit of the easement purchase at an \$8,000 price either, which was why negotiations had taken some time.

Council Comments:

Back for Second Reading, Public Hearing, on Monday, December 10th.

1st Reading Title Only TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS, MODIFYING THE 2018 BUDGET

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Back for Second Reading, Public Hearing, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading Public Hearing TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2019

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor and Mr. Berbee agreed that the Capital Budget for 2019 had been so thoroughly reviewed at the Special Council Budget Work Session in November, that it need not be placed on the agenda for the December Council Work Session.

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading Public Hearing TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading TO ADOPT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019
Public Hearing

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading TO AMEND THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDINANCE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES - 2019
Public Hearing

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE ADENA POINTE, SECTION 5 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
Public Hearing

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

2nd Reading TO AMEND SECTIONS 937.18(C) AND 937.18(D) ESTABLISHMENT OF STORM DRAINAGE
Public Hearing SERVICE CHARGES AS WELL AS SECTION 945.04(A) SERVICE CHARGES OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked if Administration had received any feedback whatsoever regarding these code changes, to which was responded, they had not.

Citizen Comments:

Back for Third Reading, Title Only, on Monday, December 10th.

3rd Reading TO AMEND SECTIONS 931.02(C) AND 931.04(B), UPDATING TABLES TO REFLECT MINIMUM
Title Only MONTHLY CHARGES BASED ON METER EQUIVALENTS

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Seymour 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; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES.

3rd Reading TO AMEND CHAPTER 1100 DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING FEES
Title Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:
Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES.

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

Mrs. Groat congratulated Councilwoman Richardson on her recent election to State Office and stated she would be missed on City Council.

Mrs. Richardson stated due to lack of agenda items, there wouldn't be a November Public Safety/Service Meeting, however Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Andrako would continue to give Public Service updates. Mrs. Richardson then thanked everyone for their support during her recent campaign for State Office and stated she was sincerely humbled by all support she received from signs, donations, and going door to door.

Mr. Berbee stated that due to the anticipation of a short agenda, the December Finance Committee Meeting had been moved to Monday, December 10th at 6:30pm.

Mr. Reams compared the 2019 budget process to the budgetary process 20 years ago. He stated the current process was much more open, organized, allowed for earlier input by Council, and had been influenced by the Finance Committee early on before the official 2019 Budget proposal. He expressed his appreciation to Administration for the way they worked with Council through the process.

Mr. Seymour stated the Veterans Day Event held the previous Sunday had been moved to the Presbyterian Church due to weather. He stated the program went well and was moved back to the Veteran's Plaza to close out the event, which was a nice touch. He thanked the Division of Police for their assistance. Mr. Seymour also echoed Mrs. Groat's kind words to Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. Taylor piggybacked on Mr. Reams comments regarding the budgetary process, stating that the current process seemed like a classic example of working smarter, not harder. He stated it was also possible due to the big trust factor Council had in Mr. Nahvi and the way things were run. Mr. Taylor congratulated Mrs. Richardson on the election. He also thanked Clerk Dible for the drafted 2019 Calendar which was distributed to Council for their input. Mr. Taylor encouraged everyone to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Rausch congratulated Mrs. Richardson and wished her well as she begins to serve at the State level and commented that Marysville had been represented at the State level by Senator Dave Burke, State Representative Dorothy Pelanda for the last 6 years and now Mrs. Richardson for the next eight years. He stated that this would create an opening on Council, and although exact dates were not known at the time, it would be advertised in the paper. Council would interview candidates and select an applicant to fill the remainder of Mrs. Richardson's term as Ward 1 Representative. Mayor Rausch also stated that on Friday he would have the honor of traveling to Detroit, Michigan to the Consulate-General of Japan, Sutomo Nakagawa's home for the 85th Birthday Celebration for His Majesty Emperor, Akihito.

Mr. Emery stated Administration had appreciated working with Mrs. Richardson over the years and appreciates her sincere passion for the Marysville community. He congratulated her on behalf of Administration and looks forward to continuing to work with her. Mr. Emery also commended Mr. Nahvi and the Finance staff for the fabulous job they did on the budget and thanked the Executive staff for their understanding and willingness to work together, give and take, to get where they needed to be. He also stated that the City's Strategic Plan went a long way toward making the budgetary process easier and streamlined, as it was a roadmap of the City's plan, created with City Council for Administration to follow. He also stated Administration was looking forward to the busy, holiday season, and would keep Council abreast of the upcoming seasonal activities and events.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.