

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 26, 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 Mayor Rausch.

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, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Director and Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible.

CITIZENS PRESENT: Tim Schacht, Anthony Will, Scott Brock, Scott Zwiezinski

REPORTERS PRESENT: Will Channel- Journal Tribune

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from November 13, 2018 were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting

Thank you to the following organizations that helped plan and coordinate tonight's Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting:

Uptown Merchant Association

Union County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Marysville Art League

Team Marysville

Marysville Public Library

City of Marysville staff

A special thank you to Del-Mar Tree Service (helped assemble the Christmas tree) and Delaware Sheds & Barns (donated the barn for Santa's Workshop).

Santa's Village at Partners Park

This year, Partners Park will once again be transformed into Santa's Village. Children can visit Santa Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday mornings 10:00 to 12:00 PM beginning November 26 thru December 20 (excluding December 1 & 8). Coloring and other activities during operating hours.

Marysville Elks Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 2 at 2 pm in Uptown Marysville.

Merry on Main – Ice Skating at Partners Park Grand Opening Celebration

To celebrate the official opening of the rink, a special community kick-off event is scheduled at 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 15. The event will feature children’s activities, carriage rides, giant inflatable snow globe, festive music, food vendors and goodies, and a special ribbon cutting lead by Santa Claus.

Ice Rink Operating Hours (December 15 – January 1): weekdays 5:00 to 8:00 pm; weekends 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Groat asked to confirm the ice skating and skate rental were free to visitors. Mr. Emery confirmed that all skating activity was free, as they hoped have this season sponsored to encourage participation and use. Eventually, he would like this to be an annual offering for which people would pay to skate.

Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day: 2:00 - 8:00 pm
Closed Christmas Day

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

None

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT:

Mr. Reams stated they held the November meeting to review updates including Bicentennial Park, however there had been no new business to discuss.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mr. Schacht reported the following:

Property Owner: Fischer Development Company Applicant: James T Watkins & Jared Lane
Location: Adena Pointe Subdivision (off Weaver Rd) Request: Approval of Final Plat for Adena Pointe Section 9, Part 1.

Jared Lane presented the application to the Commission. Mr. Lane stated there were no changes made to the final plat.

Approved 6-0

Property Owner: Fischer Development Company Applicant: James T Watkins & Jared Lane
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Berbee stated there had been two items reviewed at the November 13th meeting. The first of which was the review of year end appropriation transfers, additions and reductions. This was also on the Council agenda that evening for second reading. The second item the Committee addressed was the approval of October financials. He stated the City’s income was exceeding expectations and expenses were below expectations. Mr. Taylor then asked Mr. Nahvi if the issue of citizens receiving duplicate water bills had been resolved. Mr. Nahvi explained the issue occurred when the City switched from RevSpring to Huntington for billing. Although RevSpring had been asked to stop sending bills, they had continued to do so. Mr. Nahvi stated that he was continuing to ask the previous contractor to stop billing and had confirmed the City would not be charged for the print or postage of these duplicate bills.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

One Reading RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023
Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

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

ORDINANCES:

2nd Reading TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE USE,
Public Hearing MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, REPLACEMENT, AND OPERATION OF CITY WATER LINES
THAT RUN THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF THE OHIO WOMEN’S REFORMATORY

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for 3rd Reading, Title Only on December 10th, 2018.

2nd Reading TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND
Public Hearing REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS, MODIFYING THE 2018 BUDGET

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi stated that a few remaining adjustments included in the legislation were primarily due to sick leave buyout and longevity payouts. He planned to send the breakdown to Mrs. Dible later that week to distribute to Council.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for 3rd Reading, Title Only on December 10th, 2018.

3rd Reading TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2019
Title Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mr. Berbee reminded everyone that the budget process for 2019 had begun on July 6th, 2018. He believed the process had allowed ample time for Council to review and give opinions on the budget. He stated the Finance Committee had been involved in the early stages and the 2019 budget process went very well.

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

3rd Reading TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019
Title Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Groat 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

3rd Reading TO ADOPT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019
Title Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Richardson 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 TO AMEND THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDINANCE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES - 2019
Title Only

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Reams 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

3rd Reading TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE ADENA POINTE, SECTION 5 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
Title Only

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; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES;

3rd Reading TO AMEND SECTIONS 937.18(C) AND 937.18(D) ESTABLISHMENT OF STORM DRAINAGE
Title Only SERVICE CHARGES AS WELL AS SECTION 945.04(A) SERVICE CHARGES OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES

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:

Mr. Reams stated he was pleased and thankful to see that over the last month, many new trees have been planted on 5th Street, courtesy of the DP&L Tree Grant awarded to the City.

Mr. Seymour asked for an update on the 200 Bicentennial Trees. Mr. Andrako responded that he was unsure if the line item had been 100% funded in the 2019 budget, due to the reduction of Bicentennial Celebration funds. Mr. Seymour then stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting that took place earlier that evening was like a beautiful Norman Rockwell picture. Mr. Emery agreed and stated that visitors driving downtown during the holiday celebrations would think Marysville was a picture-perfect community. Mrs. Richardson stated the Tree Lighting ceremony had been posted on Facebook.

Mr. Taylor gave information regarding the Marysville Elks Christmas Parade set for Sunday, December 2nd, 2018. Lineup for riding floats would be at the High School beginning at 12:30pm and walking floats at the Stem School, leaving at 1:55pm. For additional information, people can call 937-642-4631. He also asked that everyone distributing candy during the parade hand out the candy curb-side. He asked everyone to refrain from throwing candy into the crowd, as there had been injuries from candy throwing in the past. Mr. Taylor also reminded everyone to keep in mind the real reason for the season.

Mrs. Groat expressed her appreciation for the Christmas Tree Lighting event held that evening, stating it was well attended by many happy citizens and was a high quality event. She also announced that the December Ward 3 Meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 4th at the Marysville Public Library in Meeting Room B from 6:30-8pm. She explained it was a comfortable and informal way to speak with her as Council Ward Representative. She also explained that other Council Members could attend as needed for citizens to voice their concerns/thoughts.

Mrs. Richardson thanked Mr. Emery and Mr. Nahvi for taking their time to review the 2019 Budget with her and echoed the sentiments that a tremendous amount of work and thought had gone into the 2019 Budget and process. She was pleased with the judicious manor in which spending had been approached, as it was tax payer dollars.

She then announced that she had given her official resignation to Mayor Rausch and Council with the effective date of December 31, 2018, due to her election to State Representative.

Mrs. Richardson stated that the origination of the City Strategic Plan had begun a few years back and it has come a long way. She expressed her excitement that the plan was in place as it explained the City vision and was a road map giving direction. She believed the next review of the plan would be in 2020 and she realized that as things progress, items would need tweaked, but it was good work. She stated she was sad she wouldn't be a part of that review process; however she was confident it would be great. Mrs. Richardson also gave kudos to Human Resources Director Brian Dostanko as he did an excellent job navigating all through the strategic planning process and in putting it all together.

Mayor Rausch echoed previous comments by Council Members, agreeing how smoothly both the Strategic Planning and the 2019 Budget Processes had been. He stated how well things had gone since the transition to the new form of government. He stated that Hilliard and other cities had been reaching out for information and asking about Marysville's transition process as they were evaluating their forms of government.

Mayor Rausch then said how wonderful it was that events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting that took place earlier that evening utilized the pavilion across from City Hall. The City had found that the pavilion was used for about 200 events per year and it had been a wonderful asset to the community.

Reminders of the following dates were given:

Council Work Session, December 3rd at 6pm

Chamber Christmas Party, December 5th from 5-7pm at Chapman Ford

City Council Meeting, December 10th at 7pm

Employee Holiday Lunch, December 14th from 11-12:30pm

City Council Meeting, December 17th at 7pm

He also stated that as Mrs. Richardson has officially given her resignation as Ward 1 Council Representative, effective December 31, 2018, the position opening was officially being announced that evening. The position would be advertised and interested parties should submit a letter of intent with resume to the Clerk of Council. These would be accepted through December 31, 2018. Council planned to review the applicants' information and conduct interviews at the January 7th, 2019 Work Session. They would then adjourn to executive session to make a final decision, enabling the new Council Member be in place at the January 14th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Mr. Emery touched on what Mayor Rausch had spoken of regarding the City's form of Government. He stated that Hilliard had recently changed their form of government as well and a city near Cincinnati had reached out asking questions about Marysville's form of government. He stated word had gotten out how smoothly the transition had gone for the City. Mr. Emery was pleased that people were contacting Marysville as the city for advice on form of government due to how well the City had transitioned.

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