

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Rausch.

The invocation was given by Mayor Rausch.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: *City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Justin Nahvi, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Deputy Chief Robert Spain, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Services Manager Jason Stanford, Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible, Scott Zwiezinski, Scott Brock, Nieca Nowels, and Jennifer Brock.*

REORGANIZATION:

1. Elect Mayor / President of Council

Mr. Seymour nominated Mr. Rausch. As no other nominations were made, Mr. Taylor moved to close the nominations; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Unanimous voice vote for Mr. Rausch as Mayor / President of Council.

2. Elect Vice Mayor / Vice President of Council

Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Berbee. As no other nominations were made, Mrs. Groat moved to close the nominations; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Unanimous voice vote for Mr. Berbee as Vice Mayor / Vice President of Council

3. Appoint Clerk of Council – Mr. Taylor moved to reappoint Rebecca Dible as Clerk of Council; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

4. Council Committee Appointments will take place at the January 28, 2019 Council Meeting.

5. Review of the Rules of Council will take place at the February 4, 2019 Work Session. Mr. Taylor stated he would like to see Council Meetings that fall on a holiday automatically scheduled for the following day (Tuesday), as a standard practice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Work Session were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

Merry on Main – Ice Skating

Merry on Main Ice Skating received great reviews and attendance. Over the two and half week span, we had a total of 5,516 skaters. The rink has already been secured for December 14, 2019 through January 5th, 2020.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Thank You received from North Carolina Legislature for assistance with disaster recovery from Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

Public Service Department

Snow & Ice Event

Street crews responded to snow and ice event over the weekend using a total of 212 operator hours and 179 tons of salt. This brings the total for the season to 335 operator hours and 299 tons of salt. Mr. Berbee inquired as to the number of vehicles used during the snow event and how the vehicles were holding up due to use. Mr. Andrako stated he was unsure of the specific number of vehicles used during the event itself, but would get an updated count of vehicles used for all snow events. Mr. Emery explained how *Streets Superintendent Joe Tracey* stays in continuous contact with the City Manager, Public Service Director, and Mayor during snow events, giving updates. Mr. Andrako explained any Councilman wishing to be added to the update list would be welcome. Mr. Taylor asked if a training would be held for CDL drivers who had volunteered to help during snow events. Mr. Andrako stated he would reach out to Mr. Tracey to see if a training was warranted, as fortunately, they did not have a shortage of City employees offering to assist.

Mr. Berbee inquired regarding the Street Sweeper, as he heard it was not usable. Mr. Andrako explained that the Street Sweeper was not repairable. They agreed that it was fortunate this equipment loss occurred during the winter months.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Engineering Department

Cook's Pointe Boulevard

It is our understanding that the SR 31 and Mill Wood Boulevard signal will be activated this week. Cook's Pointe Boulevard will be opened once this signal is fully completed.

Mr. Reams asked for an update on the W 5th Street project and Mr. Hoyt explained the contractors were trying to make sure they met the City's test requirements, as they were experiencing difficulties with chimney seal clamps. Mr. Reams stated barrels had been placed on the sidewalk which could make it difficult for pedestrians to safely pass by. Mr. Hoyt assured Mr. Reams he would ask the barrels be removed from the sidewalk.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Reams moved to appoint Lauren Markert as the student representative on the Parks & Recreation Commission; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: None

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. Stanford expressed both his and Eric Phillips thanks to Council for support received in 2018 and their excitement for what was in store for the upcoming year. Mr. Emery also gave kudos to Mr. Phillips stating he had been appointed by the governor of Ohio to be on a Committee associated with DriveOhio.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

1st Reading AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED
Title Only \$1,800,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
 ACQUIRING, DESIGNING, IMPROVING AND CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS PUBLIC
 SERVICE RELATED PROJECTS; AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH
 PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mr. Nahvi explained that this had been presented and discussed at the January 7, 2019 Council Work Session.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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

Back for second reading, public hearing on January 28, 2019.

1st Reading TO ACCEPT LIMITED WARRANTY DEEDS TO SERVE AS RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG
Title Only BERMUDA WAY

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mr. Hoyt explained this had been presented and approved at the Public Safety/Service Committee Meeting in September 2018. He stated inspections had been done, ensuring City standards were met prior acceptance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Reams inquired as to the gravel base and curbs. Mr. Hoyt explained that testing had occurred on various levels, however as this was originally a private build in 2009 to quase-public standards, some items were assumed to be appropriate. Mr. Reams also confirmed that Ryan Homes would resurface the street.

Back for second reading, public hearing on January 28, 2019.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER, COUNCILMEN, AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Groat stated that as she and her husband recently ran errands, she was in awe of the fact that Marysville had so many amenities all within minutes of her home, listing churches, car dealerships, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, worksites, fine dining restaurants, fast-food restaurants, a hospital, library, physicians, parks, athletic facilities, and the list went on. She stated that although she would like to see Marysville gain a College and large clothing store, she would challenge anyone to find a similar sized city with as many amenities as Marysville.

Mr. Berbee stated he was glad to hear Mr. Phillips had direct access to the governor and that along with Dorothy Pelanda who had run for Secretary of State and Tracy Richardson as State Representative, Marysville had eyes and ears at the state level. He also thanked fellow Councilmen for the opportunity to serve as Vice-Mayor/Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Seymour informed all that he would not be in attendance at the January 28, 2019 Council meeting.

Mr. Taylor thanked Uptown business owners and homeowners who were shoveling their sidewalks and also asked all to continue or begin to do so, in order for pedestrians and children to walk safely Uptown. He also applauded all candidates who applied to serve as the Ward 1 Council Representative and stated how impressed he was to learn of so many excellent citizens willing to serve the community.

Mayor Rausch encouraged citizens to shovel their walks, especially near school zones and mentioned a school bus stop at the intersection of Acacia Drive & Carmel Drive which unfortunately seems consistently neglected for snow removal. He also thanked Council and expressed that he was humbled to be selected to lead the group for one more year. Mayor Rausch also acknowledged how fortunate Ward 1 was to have such excellent candidates willing to serve as Ward 1 Council Representative.

Mr. Emery echoed congratulations to all who were appointed that evening and expressed his and Administration's appreciation in working with City Council and for their support. He also announced the State of the City would be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Scotts, which was appropriate as 2019 was Scotts' 150th year celebration. He stated that the State of the City was already scheduled to be at Memorial Hospital in 2020 and mentioned the value of the excellent working relationships the City had with local businesses.

Mrs. Groat moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official, was seconded by Mr. Taylor, and the question put, stood:

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

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:29 p.m.

Following the discussion regarding the consideration of the appointment of a public official, the executive session was adjourned to open session at 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Taylor stated that in over twenty years, he had never seen two candidates apply for a Council opening (referencing Scott Zwiezinski and Scott Brock) with whom he would be so comfortable working. They had proven that both candidates truly deserved to be on Council. Mr. Taylor stated that Council's job had been very difficult and as a whole they had to decide who would currently serve as the Ward 1 Representative for the remainder of the unfulfilled term.

Mr. Taylor moved to appoint Scott Brock as the Council Representative for Ward 1 for the remainder of Tracy Richardson's unfulfilled term, and the question put, stood:

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.