

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**JANUARY 23, 2014**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Rausch, Mr. Fogt, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Groat, Mr. Reams, Mr. Berbee **EXCUSED:** Mrs. Richardson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Gore, Director of Administration Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Fire Chief Jay Riley, IT Director Aaron Story, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Asst. City Engineer Rob Priestas, HR Director Brian Dostanko, Law Director Tim Aslaner, City Planner Greg DeLong, Exec. Admin. Assistant Anna Krutowskis, Asst. Finance Director Nancy Myers, Clerk Connie Patterson

**REPORTERS PRESENT:** Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune, Amy Rogan-ThisWeek

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Eric Phillips, Ray Lewis (Republic Services), Martin Pratt, Ben Vollrath, Steve Stolte

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on January 9, 2014 were approved as written.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mayor Gore introduced Mr. Ray Lewis from Republic Services. He gave a brief update on the new trash collection services. He noted the horrendous weather thus far put trash collection behind a little. Of the 1300 toter leases out there, close to 850 have been removed. He noted that last year Marysville averaged about 14.2 tons of recycling every week, and since we've gone to this toter system in a single stream, recycling is up to 24.7 tons per week for the first two weeks in January. A lot of people switched out from the 95 gallon toters down to the 65 gallon toters. Their count currently shows there are 60 residents still waiting for a 65 gallon recycle toter. Those are on order and should be arriving in about a week and a half.

Mr. Taylor asked if residents had to have both 95 gallon toters or can they have a big recycle toter and the smaller trash toter. Mr. Lewis said they can have two different sizes.

Mr. Lewis explained the new automated system. An arm will come out from the truck and grab the toter and empty it into the truck. Two trucks are on order and should arrive in March.

Mr. Fogt asked for those people who are waiting to switch totes, should they leave them out until Republic switches them out. Mr. Lewis said he hoped that people would be using them, then as Republic gets the new totes in, residents should leave them out on their regular service day and they will be swapped out.

Mr. Berbee said he has seen people in his neighborhood have the tote plus one bag setting on the ground next to the tote. He asked how that would work. Mr. Lewis said the driver will hop out and grab the bag. If people continue with 20 extra bags, there will need to be discussions. Mr. Berbee said if people don't fill up a tote every week, should they continue to set it out every week. Mr. Lewis said that could be an every other week service.

Mr. Ryan Horns asked if the pick-up days differ from the original map that was distributed. Mr. Lewis said no, but with weather delays, it has thrown off the scheduled days.

Mayor Gore asked for an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss pending litigation and purchase of public property.

Mayor Gore gave the State of the City Address, printed below in its entirety.

***2013 State of the City Address***

By Mayor John Gore

January 23, 2014

**Introduction & Administration Overview**

Good evening. It is an honor and a privilege to be with you this evening and present the 2013 State of the City Address. I would like to begin by acknowledging members of City Council. Council President Nevin Taylor, Vice President J.R. Rausch, Henk Berbee, Dan Fogt, Deb Groat, Mark Reams and Tracy Richardson. Council, I cannot thank you enough for the support that you continue to provide; each of you plays an important part in the operations of the City. Clerk of Council Connie Patterson, thank you for your professionalism and all that you do for Council and the residents of Marysville. I would also like to acknowledge our City Law Director Tim Aslaner. We look forward to working with Tim in 2014 as he transitions into a full-time position. Also, thank you to all the City's Boards and Commissions members. I would like to acknowledge our City Administrator, Terry Emery. Terry- thank you for all of your hard work and all that you do. It has been a pleasure working with you over the past 2 years.

I would also like to thank each one of our Executive Staff members. Would you please stand as I say your name? Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jenny Chavarria, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Human Resource Director Brian Dostanko, IT Director Aaron Story, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt and Public Information/Executive Administrative Assistant Anna Krutowskis.

I would like to acknowledge our former Public Service Director John (Mitch) Mitchell and former City Engineer Valerie Klingman for their service to the City and the role they played in the achievements for 2013.

In 2013, the Administration focused on Uptown development, revitalization and infrastructure improvements which included the construction and opening of two new city facilities. The Police and Municipal Court facility and our new City Hall. We made extensive improvements to the public parking lot located at 6<sup>th</sup> and Plum Street. Also, the Town Run Restoration project has been substantially completed with a projected ribbon-cutting in the Spring of 2014. Project design began in August 2013 on the planning of the Uptown Partner's Park. Amenities in the park will include a community pavilion, recreational splash pad, Japanese garden, restrooms and a gazebo. We are thankful to our partner's in this project: Memorial Hospital of Union County, Honda Marysville, Richwood Bank and Union Rural Electric and we will continue to pursue new partners.

A personal highlight for me this past year was the opportunity to travel to Japan. As a result of my visit, a delegation from Yorii-Machi, Japan visited Marysville to sign a friendship declaration and establish a strong foundation for a Sister-City relationship. I would like to thank the community and City Council for supporting this venture.

I have yet to mention our entire City staff. Their commitment and dedication to carrying out our services has been outstanding and I wish to thank them for all that they do.

I'm happy to report that the State of our City is strong and stable. I will now report on each of the Departments activities during the past year.

### **Finance Department**

I will begin this evening by reporting on our City's finances. Led by Director Chavarria, the 2013 General Fund Revenues totaled \$17,131,695.00 which is \$829,800.00 more than 2012. This is attributed to an increase in income tax receipts. Income Tax Revenues continue to be the major source of revenue at 81% for the General Fund.

Income Tax Revenue totaled \$14,094,212.00 for 2013, which is \$783,436.00 more than anticipated and \$1,044,402.00 more than 2012.

The City of Marysville was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) its third consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2012. This Certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City and its Administration.

Legislation that is being closely monitored by the Administration is House Bill 5. This legislation aims to standardize local income tax. Not only does this bill trample on municipalities home rule but it also greatly reduces revenue and includes “unfunded mandates.” Municipal income tax loss is estimated at a minimum of \$500,000 per year for the City. This is in addition to the \$500,000 in State funding that was recently cut. I don’t believe that we can afford to lose \$1 million dollars.

In 2013, an aggressive approach was taken to identify non-filers and collect on outstanding income tax balances. A special thank you to Assistant Finance Director Nancy Myers for taking the lead on this difficult task.

### **Economic Development**

Union County Economic Development Director, Eric Phillips and his team have reported a total of 93 Single Family Residential permits and 10 Commercial/Industrial permits. New business development in Marysville included a total of 23 businesses. Creative Foundations, Culvers, Dickman Supply, Edible Arrangements and Kay Jewelers are among the 23.

In 2013, the following major business developments began:

- Memorial Hospital of Union County began construction on a new urgent care/medical office building at City Gate.
- Meijer began construction of a 192,000 sq. ft. store at Coleman’s Crossing.
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital began construction of its new “Close to Home Center” at City Gate.

There were also several major business announcements in 2013:

- Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. announced several projects; the construction of a Heritage Center, the Hybrid Accord Manufacturing Center and the Performance Manufacturing Center for the Acura NSX. Combined, these projects represent an investment of nearly \$124 million and the creation of approximately 116 new jobs.
- Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems announced plans to consolidate operations at a new 355,000 sq. ft. facility to be built on Industrial Parkway.

- Moriroku announced plans to construct a new 41,000 sq. ft. facility to house its Headquarters, Research and Development, Sales, Purchasing and Quality Assurance operations.
- The Kroger Company announced plans to construct a new Kroger Marketplace in Marysville.

It's also important to note that there were a total of 13 business relocations/expansions in Marysville.

Team Marysville, an association of Marysville officials, business owners, and residents established in 2012, continued to work toward improving the Uptown District. During the past year, the group created a new logo, marketing materials and recruitment packages; conducted two Town Hall meetings, developed a quarterly newsletter and conducted two small business workshops. The organization also began researching the creation of a Special Improvement District that, if established, will fund various infrastructure needs of the Uptown District.

After much anticipation, Fiesta Grande opened at a new location of 109 North Main Street. It was also announced that Whit's Frozen Custard is planning to open its first Uptown Marysville location in the spring.

The past year also brought ownership changes to two popular Uptown restaurants: The Old Town Inn and Doc Henderson's Restaurant. It was announced in the fall that local business owner Joe Duke had purchased Old Town Inn and would make renovations to the building prior to reopening the business in 2014. In addition, Marysville businessman Bruce Daniels, purchased Doc Henderson's Restaurant and also announced plans to reopen in early 2014.

18 Retention & Expansion visits were conducted at companies located within Marysville. The purpose of these visits is to help maintain and establish strong relationships with our local businesses. Additionally, members of Team Marysville visited businesses located in the Uptown District.

### **Division of Police**

The Marysville Division of Police, led by Police Chief Floyd Golden, had a very busy 2013. The division received 15,677 Calls For Service (CFS); over 3,000 more than they received in 2012. Calls For Service can range anywhere from a report of a reckless driver to a felony crime. A total of 1,884 Incident Reports were generated as a result of the calls.

In 2013, increased safety at our schools was and will continue to be a focal point of the Police Divisions operations. As a result, the ALICE program was implemented and school security

assessments were performed. All of this was in collaboration with local school systems and the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The City of Marysville was named one of the safest communities in Ohio by SafeWise, a home security system company. Marysville is ranked the 29<sup>th</sup> safest community and is one of only six communities in the Columbus Region to be in the top 50! We would like to thank and congratulate all residents and businesses that call Marysville home.

Throughout 2013, PD personnel completed numerous trainings. Crisis Intervention, Search and Seizure, Alcohol Detection & Apprehension are among the training courses that were attended.

Marysville High School Resource Officer, Phil Doyle and DARE officer, Josh Dillahunt were trained as ALICE instructors. The training allows them to teach defensive alternatives to active shooter situations and other school or workplace violence.

A major highlight for officers was the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Police and Court facility held on April 15, 2013. Police and Municipal Court personnel now have a safe, secure and professional facility to conduct business. The new facility also provides ample space for PD to host and conduct various trainings. An estimated 40 tours of the police facility were provided to the community this past year.

### **Division of Fire**

Our Fire Division, led by Fire Chief Jay Riley, responded to 2,939 calls for service in 2013; 2,183 EMS calls and 756 were fire calls.

Training is an essential part of the Fire Divisions operational readiness. During 2013, fire personnel participated in 1,671 hours of EMS training and 10,692 hours of fire training. Members also participated in many educational outreach opportunities which included classes at the Ohio Fire Academy, the National Fire Academy and several conferences.

Fire prevention/investigative/code enforcement activity remained active throughout the year. The Fire Prevention Bureau completed ninety-nine percent of all life safety inspections in required occupancies. They visited and inspected 701 business occupancies, many with follow-up inspections to address code violations. They also successfully conducted fire investigations of suspect fires, working hand-in-hand with law enforcement.

In October, the City entered into a contract to provide all EMS transport services to residents at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW). It is estimated that this will add an additional 300 plus runs per year.

The Fire Division continues to partner with community groups such as Union County Senior Services and Marysville Kiwanis to make smoke detectors available for all senior residents of Union County. During 2013, 115 smoke detectors were provided to local seniors free of charge.

Other community-focused programs and events included the Keeping Kids Safe Project, Juvenile Fire Setters Program and a County public health standards assessment as well as routine outreach education sessions.

In 2013, the fire division continued to be involved in community events. This was evident through the fire departments participation in Friday Night's Uptown, the Union County Fair and the All-Ohio Balloon Fest. Firefighters also hosted many station tours, provided fire safety education demonstrations and participated in neighborhood parties and events. The fire division and IAFF Local 3032 partnered to hold a pumpkin drop and open house the day after Halloween. The event raised nearly \$2,100 for Muscular Dystrophy, and was a huge success with nearly 300 people attending. In December, the Marysville Fire Division was again a drop-off point for toys for the Union County Care Train.

In June, nine (9) new full-time firefighters were hired in order to staff two fire stations.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, fire personnel moved into the newly remodeled City Hall/Fire Station 272. It's really nice to have the presence of our firefighters Uptown again.

### **Information Technology (IT)**

The City's Information Technology (IT) Department is directed by Aaron Story. Aaron and his team had a very busy year with building projects, network upgrades and the daily user requests coming from multiple City facilities.

The Council of Governments was very active in 2013. Phases two, three and four of the COG's original Local Governments Incentive Fund (LGIF) loan to connect via fiber optic cabling to the cities new Police and Court facility, fiber loop into Bunsold Middle School and the new City Hall phases are now complete.

Now that these stages are complete the COG's fiber network now supports all downtown city buildings, as well as connects to the Union County Offices and Marysville City Schools.

In December 2012, The Ohio Department of Development also awarded the COG an \$81,000.00 Local Governments Incentive Fund (LGIF) grant for the study of a combine data center plus an industry study for the possible expansion of the COG's existing fiber network.

The City's IT department was once again very involved with the new Police & Court and City Hall facilities in 2013. The focus was to continue the baseline network feature into the new facilities as was installed into the Decker Fire Station in 2012. The infrastructure includes: Fiber Optics communications, digital phones, wireless internet, and audio visual presentations in multiple conference, training and community rooms, security systems and video surveillance.

An additional facility that was also brought online is the City's Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) formerly known as the Public Service Center. The MOC now follows the same communications connection as the other City facilities.

### **Public Service Department**

In October 2013, Public Service Director John Mitchell retired and the City hired Mike Andrako as the new Public Service Director. Mike is responsible for the oversight of Streets, Stormwater, Sanitation, Parks & Grounds, Recreation & Events, Wastewater, Water and Engineering. Let me begin with an overview of our Streets Division.

Superintendent Joe Tracy is responsible for the City's Streets, Stormwater & Sanitation Division. In 2013, Joe and his crews used 23,500 lbs. of sealant as part of routine crack sealing work. Sealing was performed on various streets in the Mill Valley and Green Pastures subdivisions, focusing on streets that haven't been paved since 2005. High traffic roadways were also crack sealed in 2013.

Street crews also performed various concrete work:

- 3,402 square feet of sidewalk at 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Plum St. was removed and replaced.
- A 1,500 square foot bus pad was installed in front of Mill Valley Elementary.
- 160 feet of curb was removed and replaced at various locations.
- 7 ADA ramps were removed and replaced.

Throughout 2013 City crews were dispatched 40 times resulting in 1,006 man hours for snow and ice control. A total of 1,972 tons of salt, 43,200 gallons of brine and 689 gallons of calcium were applied to City roadways. I would like to note that our crews do an excellent job of clearing snow and ice from our streets during the winter months and their work is greatly appreciated.

A new traffic signal was constructed at State Route 4 and County Home Rd. and battery backup systems were installed on seven traffic signals throughout the City to provide temporary emergency power during power outages.

Both, the Streets and Sanitation Divisions benefitted from the City's relationship with the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW). Residents from ORW logged 9,456 hours in assisting the Streets Division with various tasks. They also assisted the Sanitation Division in the collection of yard waste, brush and leaves and also helped restore 10 park benches in the fall. We are grateful for the collaboration we have with ORW.

Superintendent Lane Stillings oversees our **Parks & Grounds Division**. Lane and his team are not only responsible for maintenance and operations associated with our parks and grounds but also many other duties. For 2013 some of these include:

- Benches were installed in the Green Pastures Area parks.
- The gazebo in Aldersgate Park was stripped and painted. The lattice associated with the structure was replaced and landscaping was installed around the gazebo.
- A play structure was purchased for Legion Park intended to replace the existing structure. Work to install the structure will take place Spring 2014.
- Parks & Grounds crews planted 15 trees along W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 30 trees in the parks and green spaces in the Green Pastures subdivision and 7 trees as part of the Greenbank Park Memorial Tree Program.
- City Landscaper, Chad Morse, helped design and plant trees and perennials for the landscaping islands in the redesigned W. 6<sup>th</sup> St./Plum St. parking lot.

The Police and Court facility was added to the Division's responsibilities for mowing, bed maintenance, irrigation, fertilization and weed control. The Division also began mowing many of the right of way areas that had previously been mowed by the Streets Division.

We continue to encourage our community to use our parks system and facilities. In 2013 there was an increase in reservations of our park shelters, the amphitheater, the municipal pool, Jim Simmons Trail and the Sand Volleyball courts.

At Oakdale Cemetery, 62 burials and 23 cremations were prepared last year and 66 lots were purchased.

A total of 55 headstone foundations were installed by Parks & Grounds crews and through a collaborative effort between the Engineering, Streets and Parks & Grounds Divisions, roadway base and storm sewer infrastructure was installed to support the addition of two new sections of the Cemetery.

Our **Recreation & Events Division** is led by Amanda Morris.

Our Municipal Pool was a hit this past summer with nearly 200 people visiting the pool daily. We had 80 youth compete on the Stingrays Swim Team and a total of 68 groups that visited the pool.

A few upgrades were made at the pool to create a more updated and aesthetically pleasing appearance. These upgrades include painting the pool restrooms and front office, replacement of

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30 chaise lounges and the purchase of an Inter-Fab i-Lift system to provide a second option for those in need. We would like to thank the Marysville Art League for donating over 30 hours of their time planning, designing and painting at our Municipal Pool.

Over 2,500 youth participated in activities within our City's park system. These activities included baseball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, t-ball and disc golf.

Co-Rec Sand Volleyball had 38 teams (approx. 325 players) participate in two 8-week sessions and Co-Rec 3-on-3 Basketball held its first session with 8 teams (approx. 40 players) participating.

Union County Grand Prix Series held 10 of 14 races within the City at various parks, trails and streets. Races involved a total of 1,642 participants who ran over 6,200 miles and donated more than \$40,000 to charities within our community.

We held two Concert in the Parks as well as the Annual Day in the Park this past summer at the Sean Doebert Amphitheater.

Friday Nights Uptown completed its fourth season. Friday Nights Uptown continues to grow in attendance and get better every year! The four events consisted of The Rib Fest, Wine & Jazz Fest, Chalk the Block and The Founders Day & Car Show.

The last event for 2013 was the Annual Christmas Walk & Community Tree Lighting, held December 2<sup>nd</sup> throughout Uptown Marysville. The City and County partnered once again to flip the switch on the community Christmas tree featuring over 4,000 lights. Mayor Shimada of our friendship-city Yorii, held the honor of flipping this year's switch to light the tree.

The **Division of Wastewater** under Superintendent Rick Varner, operated in 2013 with zero violations of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit discharge requirements.

In April, the Ohio EPA performed a Compliance Inspection at the water reclamation facility. The treatment facility was evaluated for all aspects of operation. Records on discharge reports, laboratory data, equipment Operation & Maintenance records, along with general inspection of the facility is performed. The City received an excellent report on the compliance inspection.

They also continued to evaluate increased efficiency areas of the Water Reclamation Facility. Electrical energy use, heating and ventilation areas, and chemical use are regularly evaluated to provide for the most cost effective methods.

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Wastewater crews responded to 30 emergency complaints. 27 of these complaints were the responsibility of the homeowner to correct and 3 were due to City sanitary issues which were resolved. Crews also replaced or rebuilt 26 air relief valves, made 6 complete lateral repairs and completed 3,685 work orders.

The **Division of Water**, managed by Superintendent Scott Sheppard inspected several contracted water main installation projects throughout the City and County in 2013. These projects include:

- miscellaneous sections in the Jerome Village subdivision to include Hyland Croy Roadway
- Scott Farms
- Meijer's
- Woodbine
- Mill Valley

Last year a total of 715,951,000 gallons of treated water was pumped from the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) into the distribution system. On average 52% of that total was surface water provided by the Upground Reservoir and the remaining 48% was well water.

Water Distribution crews focused on four water main replacement/abandonment projects in 2013. These projects eliminated old problematic cast iron lines by either taking them out of service or replacing them altogether. These old cast iron lines have deteriorated over time and have a history of breaking at any given time interrupting service to our water customers. The replacement projects included: Catalpa, Pinehurst St., Pinehurst Ct. and Van Kirk Dr.

### **Engineering Department**

In October of 2013, Jeremy Hoyt was appointed City Engineer.

2013 was a busy year for engineering with Police & Court and City Hall under construction and Partner's Park project beginning the design phase.

As our City continues to grow, our Planning & Zoning efforts remain a critical component as we lay the groundwork for our future. Our Planning efforts include representation on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Design Review Board, Planning Commission and the Exterior Property Maintenance Commission for the City. As a result of these boards and commissions, City staff reviewed 101 requests and completed 14 zoning code amendments in 2013.

A total of 295 Zoning Permits were issued.  
City Capital Improvement projects completed include:

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- City Pavement Maintenance Program - This project included the pavement milling and asphalt resurfacing of:
  - 11th Street (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded)
  - Sherwood Avenue west of Hickory
  - Hickory Drive south of Kenny Lane
  - Catalpa Court from the cul-de-sac to the first curve
  - West Fifth Street from Raymond Road to the Police and Court entrance drive
  - Cherry Street between 4th Street and the Railroad Tracks
  - Aldersgate Park basketball court
  - City Hall Parking Lot at 6th and Plum Streets
  - Lewis Park Northern Parking Lot
  - Sidewalk rehabilitation on East 5th Street from Chestnut to Five Points (CDBG funded)
  
- Industrial Parkway Utility Relocation
  
- Milford Avenue Culvert Replacement
  
- SR 4 Bridge Deck Replacement
  
- Town Run Stream Restoration
  
- US 33 Ramp Improvements
  
- US 33 Resurfacing

### **Human Resources**

In 2013, our Human Resources Department continued to enforce sound performance and policy standards, focus on the safety and health of our workforce and manage our wage and benefit programs with the utmost efficiency.

Human Resources Director Brian Dostanko, went through collective bargaining with both the Police and Fire unions in 2013. His ability to effectively accomplish this in-house saved the city upwards to \$40,000 in contracted costs and resulted in two solid 3-year agreements. This was a true team effort that included Director Dostanko, Chief Golden, Chief Riley, Finance Director Chavarria, Administrator Emery and myself.

In 2013, we hired 107 employees, a 36% increase from the norm. These hires ranged from an extensive executive search for a new Public Service Director, the challenging task of bringing in nine new Firefighters, to the hiring of 61 seasonal employees.

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HR also created the City's first incentive-based wellness program known as Well Points. The program blended together principles found through a collaboration sharing of Memorial Hospital and Honda's programs. We had 50 participating employees meeting a variety of wellness challenges to obtain points, utilize a wellness scorecard and workout logs, to reach a specific level. Thirty employees met the challenge and were rewarded a modest decrease in premiums, while also improving their health.

We continued in our second year of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation \$15,000 Wellness Grant. We went from 28 employees in 2012 to 49 in 2013 who voluntarily signed-up for this 3-year long program. The 49 employees received a grant funded health risk assessment and a series of educational seminars to help improve their health. This, again, was a collaborative effort with Memorial Hospital. The seminars were high-lighted by an 8-week "Eat Right for Life" series that is working to change the culture of our workforce towards healthy habits and a healthy lifestyle.

### **Final Thoughts**

As stated earlier in this address, our City is strong and stable and this is due to the support of a great community, City Council and all City employees. Overall, Marysville had a very productive and successful 2013. We will continue to manage our resources in a fiscally responsible manner and look at ways to improve our services to the community. Thank you again, City Council members and all City staff for your hard work and commitment. I would also like to recognize Union County officials, especially County Commissioners Gary Lee, Charles Hall and Steve Stolte for your continued support and partnership. Thank you to Union County Economic Development Director, Eric Phillips for all of the joint ventures with the City and County. Thank you Superintendent Diane Mankins; the relationship we have with our school system is extremely important. I believe that our strong Marysville school district contributes to a vibrant, growing community and as we continue to develop, it is pertinent that we preserve the high quality education and services that they provide. A special thank you to my wife Cathy and our family for all of the support you have provided me. But above all, I would like to thank the residents of the City of Marysville for their ongoing support and contributions to our community which makes Marysville a very desirable place to live, work and play. Thank you!

Mr. Taylor asked if city income taxes are set up to file online. Ms. Nancy Myers said the online income tax will not be effective until January 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in the Tax Department and online forms will be available next week.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:** No report.

**REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION:** Planning Commission Chairman Martin Pratt said there was no meeting in January.

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Design Review Board met. Memorial Hospital was in front of the Board. They are renovating offices and adding windows to the back, which were approved.

Partners Park was discussed. The Board was happy to see what's going forward.

Led by Harold Lewis Center and others in Marysville, Honda of Marysville, there is a plan to build four sculptures at the corner of Charles Lane and Coleman's Crossing to support the children of Marysville. They have a ways to go as far as fundraising, but wanted initial approval for the project. "It is an exciting opportunity for that corner."

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:** Mr. Martin Pratt noted that this Saturday Marysville Show Choir is having their annual show choir. This is probably one of the top rated competitions in the month of January. A lot of the top schools will be in attendance. The show starts at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m then evening hours begin at 7:00 p.m.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The resolution "TO ACCEPT THE FACT-FINDER'S REPORT REGARDING CITY OF MARYSVILLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" was presented as first reading, title only.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the emergency and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES  
Mrs. Groat YES

Emergency passed.

Mr. Fogt moved to waive second reading, public hearing and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES  
Mr. Reams YES

Motion passed.

Mr. Berbee moved to waive third reading, title only and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES  
Mr. Berbee YES

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Motion passed.

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

Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES  
Mr. Rausch YES

Resolution 2-14 passed.

## **ORDINANCES**

The ordinance "TO ADD SECTION 1129.27, LIMITATIONS ON REFILEING OF APPLICATIONS OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat NO Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES  
Mr. Fogt YES

Ordinance 1-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO REZONE PARCELS 2900110280000, 2900110290000, 2900100190000 AND 2900100200000 FROM B-1 (SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO B-R (BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES  
Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 2-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO REZONE PARCELS 2900100100000, 2900100120000, 2900100130000, 2900100140000, 2900100080010, 2900100080000, 2900080980000, 2900081060000, 2900081020000 AND 2900081040000 FROM B-1 (SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT)" was presented for third reading,

public hearing. Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES  
Mrs. Groat YES

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Ordinance 3-14 passed.

“ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 1501.04, FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, OF THE MARYSVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Aslaner explained that in our Fire Code, we adopt the State of Ohio Fire Code. The State of Ohio Fire Code provides for the appellate process. Section 1501.04 creates a local Fire Code Board of Appeals and technically they don’t have any jurisdiction. Repealing this section of the code streamlines the process.

The ordinance “TO AMEND MARYSVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A SEWER DISTRICT UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 727.44 TO BE KNOWN AS THE ADENA POINTE SEWER DISTRICT” was presented for first reading, title only.

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:** Mr. Rausch reported there was no meeting in January. He noted that Chairperson Jillian Froment is relocating to Columbus, so will no longer serve on the Commission. He publicly thanked her for her responsible leadership while serving on the Commission.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Rausch attended a Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Regional Policy Roundtable this morning. Senator Bacon, a Republican from District 3, spoke on supporting SJR6 and HJR9 that will reauthorize the Ohio Public Works Commission Bond funding for local government infrastructure and capital improvement projects. \$1.35B in bonds for the state of Ohio. That will be on the ballot in May.

Update on HB5, Municipal Income Tax Uniformity. Mayor Gore is going to attend a work session next week. That bill passed the House and is now in the Senate. Senator Bacon said that the senators have not heard much from the local municipalities, so it’s time for everyone to get vocal again to make sure they do understand where we stand on that issue.

Red light cameras were discussed (Marysville does not have any), but it looks like legislation will be presented to keep them.

Mr. Fogt complimented the road crews for clearing the snow.

Mr. Fogt commented that he hadn't seen any water main breaks in Marysville. When he travels other cities, he sees breaks all over the place. Administration said there has

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been only one. Mayor Gore feels since a lot of the old lines have been replaced; it may have helped to not have to deal with those issues.

Mr. Berbee reported that Finance Committee met last Thursday. There was an unexpected increase in income. A settlement was reached with Medicare/Medicaid which meant additional income. In addition to that, we were very frugal and did not spend all of the money that was in the budget. It was a very positive year.

Mr. Berbee thanked Council for their input for financial objective recommendations. There is a consensus among Council that the number one priority is debt reduction. Most of the extra income will go to paying off this building. There are ten priorities, some of which are duplication. They are being examined by Administration and will be presented to the Finance Committee, then presented to Council sometime in March.

Mr. Reams asked about the fire on W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Riley said it's still under investigation.

Mrs. Groat reported that Public Affairs will meet on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers B.

Mrs. Groat said that her Ward 3 meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Marysville Public Library.

Mr. Taylor encouraged homeowners and business owners to please keep their sidewalks clean for the safety of the residents.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

## **Public Service Department**

### **Snow and Ice Update**

Season Totals (11/12/13-1/23/14) - total cost \$154,830

- Man Hours: 1,964 hrs. (\$58,920)

- Tons of Salt: 1,969 tn. (\$95,910)

2013 Totals (11/12/13-12/31/13) - total cost \$76,593

- Man Hours: 996 hrs. (\$29,880)

- Tons of Salt: 959 tn. (\$46,713)

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2014 Totals (1/01/14-1/23/14) - total cost \$78,237

- Man Hours: 968 hrs. (\$29,040)

- Tons of Salt: 1,010 tn. (\$49,197)

**Note that man hours were priced at \$30/hour. We did not breakdown regular time and overtime pay so this is an approximate cost.**

Cost of salt is \$48.71/tn.

**We have approx. 1400 tn. of salt currently stored in our barn. We have 500 tn. on order and another 800 tn. budgeted for 2014.**

### **Division of Fire**

Last Thursday, the Fire Division responded to a house fire on W. 5th Street with the woman inside the house trapped behind smoke and fire, unable to escape. **Firefighters** were able to locate, rescue and transport her to Memorial Hospital of Union County. She was later transported to Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, where she is still a patient. We are very proud of the heroism and teamwork shown in her rescue.

### **Administration**

NerdWallet, an online financial advice website, recently named Marysville as the best City in Ohio for job seekers. The link to the article will be available on our city website.

Mr. Rausch moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and purchase of public property, seconded by Mr. Fogt and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES  
Mr. Reams YES

Motion passed.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Regular Session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.