

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2014

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director of Administration Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Deputy Chief Bo Spain, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Economic Development Director Eric Phillips, Clerk Anna Krutowskis.

**REPORTERS PRESENT:** Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune, Mary Posani-ThisWeek News

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Donald Boerger and Dale Debelak

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the meeting on September 25, 2014 were approved.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

President Taylor announced that during the months of November and December, City Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Administrator Emery reported the following:

#### **Division of Fire**

Firefighters raised \$6,101.00 during the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign held on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and Jerry's Kids.

Sutphen is performing the recall work on our ladder truck, Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have it back in service by the end of the next week.

#### **Maintenance & Operations**

Tomorrow, Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for brush pick up. Brush pickup will resume in December, 2014. This will allow for City trucks to be converted so that leaf collection services can be provided.

The City will host NSX NITE (as part of the 2014 NSXPO) on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This public event features owners of the Acura NSX Sports Car and will be similar to the Honda Homecoming Parade held in the past. A parade of the cars will begin on the west side of the City and proceed eastbound on 5th St. ending at Court St. where the cars will be parked and displayed on W. 6th and S. Court streets. Street closures will be similar to a Friday Nights Uptown event. The event will feature over 75 NSX cars, live music from "The Groove" and food vendors (this is an alcohol event).

An 8th Grade Science class from Bunsold Middle School is in the process of constructing a new bioretention garden on the south side of the Bunsold School Building. The class has been involved in the design and construction of the garden which has also had participation from Union Soil and Water Conservation District, MEVSD, retired teacher and principal Noel Underwood and the City's Parks & Grounds Staff. Suzi Clarridge, the Science teacher who is organizing the project, wrote a letter thanking the City for their involvement in the project and complementing Brodie Rockenbaugh and Kaylee Port for their helpfulness and knowledge in the subject of bioretention and rain gardens.

### **Engineering**

The unveiling of the garden stone (gifted to us by our Friendship City, Yorii-Machi, Japan) occurred at our Maintenance and Operations Center this morning.

The 3.5 ton garden stone will be delivered to and placed at the Partners Park site tomorrow morning. Therefore, Sixth Street will be closed between Main and Plum Street tomorrow morning until early afternoon.

The final location and orientation of the garden stone will be confirmed in the afternoon after coordination with Nick Esthus (former Marysville resident and expert in Japanese Gardens).

### **Administration**

Scarysville (Uptown Trick-or-Treat) will be held Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Mr. Berbee asked if there will be a Pumpkin Drop held this year, due to the ladder truck being out of service. Chief Riley said it will not be held this year due to the Fire Division not knowing when the ladder truck would be serviced.

Mrs. Richardson asked if Scarysville is the same as Trunk-or-Treat. Clerk Krutowskis responded that they are two separate events; Trunk-or-Treat is held by a local church and Scarysville is trick-or-treating at the Uptown businesses.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:** None

**REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** Mr. Phillips mentioned that over 150 visitors attended Biz Fest at the Marysville Entrepreneurial Center. The North Union Robotics Team and the Marysville Mobile Fab Lab was at the Biz Fest. Both show the value of having a technical degree. The average manufacturing age in Ohio for a job is 55 years old (we are going to lose a lot of these manufacturing employees), meaning we need to work on getting people educated in technical degrees. Dr. Harrison, President of Columbus State attended Biz Fest and talked about the partnership they have with Marysville Schools and how excited they are to be in our community. His goal is to make certain that 60% of Ohioans have a college education.

Derrick Brown has started a new company called "Accepted." It's used in performing arts for students to apply to colleges and attach a video as part of their application to the school and be "accepted" to the school.

Mrs. Richardson extended her gratitude for the MEC being well received today. Kudos to them and their energy.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:** Mr. Debalak of 1491 Village Drive, Marysville, Ohio, said that he performed his own surveys on the high speed rail. He believes that money spent on the rail would be misapplied and could be spent on other local purposes. “The fact that you are spending money, means that you can’t do any other frivolous projects.”

Mr. Debalak said that Lorain County also has a Fab Lab and it has been a great source for training in manufacturing. Anything you can do to improve the talents of students in schools is a great project.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

The ordinance "TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #6-06, “AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE TO PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO IRS SECTION 414(H) (2)” AND TO IMPLEMENT THE STATUTORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION" was presented for third reading, title only.

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

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

The ordinance “TO REPEAL RESOLUTION #13-13 AND TO ESTABLISH PENSION PICK-UP RATES FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE FIRE DIVISION” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

This will be back for third reading, title only on October 23, 2014.

The ordinance “TO REPEAL RESOLUTION #15-13 AND TO ESTABLISH PENSION PICK-UP RATES FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE POLICE DIVISION” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

This will be back for third reading, title only on October 23, 2014.

The ordinance “TO AMEND CHAPTER 351, PARKING GENERALLY, TO ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES PARKED IN NO PARKING ZONES OR OTHERWISE PARKED IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 351” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Emery stated that the current code is unclear regarding our ability to tow vehicles in certain circumstances. Upon review, we felt that making these changes will make it clearer.

Mr. Aslaner said there are only a few circumstances in the code where towing is authorized and one of the problems is if we have a temporary no parking zone and there is a water main break or an event and people violate the signage, there is no codified authority to tow.

This will be back for second reading, public hearing on October 23, 2014.

The ordinance “TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO SELL THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT CHARLES LANE AND BEING A .388 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND NUMBERED 2900044130000 IN THE UNION COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Emery stated this is property located next to McDonalds. There was interest on their part to expand their drive-thru. The property was appraised. It came back appraised at no value and it served very little purpose to the City. We brought forth a request to City Council to have an auction, which we did. The only bidder present at the auction was from McDonalds.

Mr. Berbee said he remembers this topic being brought forth to Finance Committee several years ago and the owner wanted half of the property to have easement to the back of the property. Will this completely get rid of the property for the City of Marysville? Mr. Aslaner stated yes it will. This is a sale; we are not giving anyone an easement.

Mr. Fogt asked if this will hinder access to the buildings located behind the property. Mr. Emery stated no, they will still have access.

Mrs. Richardson stated that when reading the legislation, she found it surprising that the property was appraised as “valueless.” It came as a surprise to me that any piece of property could be valueless. Mr. Aslaner said it was appraised as valueless because it’s an unbuildable lot and there are so many easements and waterlines. The buyer will be using it for a very limited purpose.

This will be back for second reading, public hearing on October 23, 2014.

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:** None.

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

Mr. Berbee announced that Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Reams announced that Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and have been working on issues regarding keeping sidewalks clear of obstruction (vehicles) and snow. Mr. Reams said that last winter the issue came to a head and so this year we will do a better job of notifying property owners when they need to remove snow.

Mrs. Richardson commented that she noticed a public announcement was sent out earlier today on blocking of public sidewalks. Clerk Krutowskis stated that a press release was sent out to the local media and the information was posted to the city’s website.

Mrs. Groat announced that Public Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Richardson said that October is “Medicine Abuse Awareness Month.” Did you know that some teens abuse over the counter cough medicines containing the ingredient dxm? Some teens abuse these products to get high, others to induce sleep. This is sometimes referred to as Skittling, Dexing, Robotripping and Triple C’s. There are over 100 medications on the market containing DXM and often are located in homes.

Teens that abuse medications with DXM often take up to 25 times the recommended dose. Combined with other drugs or alcohol, the effects can be deadly. Help keep your teen safe:

- Talk to your teen about medicine safety and side effects.
- Safeguard your medications.
- Look for possible signs of abuse such as empty bottles, boxes or pill blister packs.

Mrs. Richardson said, the Memorial Tree Program is a wonderful program that allowed me to purchase a tree and dedicate it in memory of my mom. The tree was planted by the Parks Team here in Marysville and I worked closely with Mr. Brodie Rockenbaugh who was knowledgeable and extremely helpful. A truly terrific program...my entire family is grateful to the City for the opportunity and positive experience.

Please be safe on October 30<sup>th</sup> while trick-or-treating.

Mr. Fogt said that a Habitat for Humanity house is currently being built on London Avenue. There is still projects that need done, especially outdoor projects if anyone is interested in helping out. Mr. Reams stated they will be doing outside work on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to help.

Mr. Fogt stated that a Neighborhood Watch meeting was held with an estimated thirty citizens that attended. We appreciate the support.

The Lion’s Club will have a pancake breakfast at Applebees on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please stop out and support the Lion’s Club; they do a lot of great things throughout the year.

Please pray for our military personnel, pray for those in harm’s way. Now a days that includes the people who sanitize airplanes after each flight and nurses at hospitals. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Rausch said there are very few cities that he sees when traveling, that have as much positive, vibrant people, activities and businesses as Marysville. Once Partners Park is complete, that will drive even more activity Uptown. It’s exciting to see people sitting out in front of Whit’s, Farmhouse, or going into Fiesta Grande. We have a new wine bar that will be opening. We need to remember that Economic Development is extremely important in Union County, Marysville and we need to put our money where our mouth is.

Mr. Reams mentioned that the Public Safety Committee is also working on improving the system of reporting street light outages. The Police Division is currently doing work on reporting outages. We are also keeping track of our contractor and how quickly they are getting them

turned around. If residents have any light outages to report or if they have ideas on how to make the process better, please let us know.

Mr. Taylor announced that Council will hold a Public Hearing on the 2015 Appropriation Budget and Ordinance on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

A work session for the 2015 Budget will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The second work session (if needed) will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The viewing of City vehicles will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at our Maintenance and Operations Center, 455 N. Maple Street. These are vehicles that we are considering taking out of service.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.