

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8, 2015

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Gore, City Administrator Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Chief Jay Riley, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Assistant Finance Director Nancy Myers, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Clerk Kristina Jones.

REPORTERS PRESENT: Taylor Evans- Journal Tribune, Sean Lehoist- ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: Janell Alexander, Chris Richardson, Donald Boerger

Reorganization:

1. Elect President- Mrs. Groat nominated Mr. Taylor. There being no further nominations, motion was made to close nominations. Affirmative voice vote was unanimous for Mr. Taylor as President.
2. Elect Vice-President: - Mr. Fogt nominated J.R. Rausch. There being no further nominations, motion was made to close nominations. Affirmative voice vote was unanimous for Mr. Rausch as Vice-President.
3. Appoint Clerk of Council-. Mr. Rausch made a motion to reappoint Kristina Jones as Clerk of Council, and an affirmative voice vote was unanimous.
4. Review of Council Rules of Procedure- President Taylor referred this to the Public Affairs Committee.
5. Appoint Council Committees: Mr. Taylor stated he will announce prior to the end of the meeting.
6. Set November and December meeting dates as follows:
November 5 and 19 and December 3 and 17. Motion was made to confirm the dates. Affirmative roll call vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on December 18, 2014 were approved as submitted.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Taylor recommended Council reappoint Carl Zani to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Council approved his recommendations by voice vote.

Mayor Gore recommended Richard Michalak be appointed to Planning Commission and Cathy Oetker be appointed to Design Review Board. Council approved his recommendations by voice vote.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Maintenance & Operations

Christmas trees are being collected. Trees to be disposed of should be left at the curb with all lights and ornaments removed. Crews are continuously working routes looking for trees and they will be collecting them weekly, if not more frequently.

Engineering

The City hosted a ribbon cutting for the US 33 Pedestrian Bridge on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. The bridge is now open and will be maintained (clearing snow and ice) by City crews along with the adjacent trail system during the winter as needed. Mayor Gore commended the fact sheet that was developed for the Pedestrian Bridge.

Administration

City Administrator Terry Emery and Public Service Director Mike Andrako will be on WQTT1270 AM radio station tomorrow morning from 9:00-9:30 am for the "Marysville Matters." Topic of discussion will be 2015 City Projects.

City office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The 2015 State of the City Address will be presented during the City Council meeting held on January 22, 2015.

Mayor Gore said there was a citizen who suggested that Marysville change its name to Meyersville just for Monday. Mayor Gore asked Council to entertain a voice vote acknowledging our support for Ohio State University. With our football coach being Urban Meyer and since Urbana is going to be Urban and Marysville is close to Meyersville, it would be a show of support to the State of Ohio because this is a pretty big deal. Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to entertain a motion for Marysville's name to be changed for one day to support the Buckeyes, Mr. Rausch moved the motion. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Aslaner if it was applicable. Mr. Aslaner said it was ok, it was just a commemorative change.

Affirmative voice vote was unanimous to commemoratively change Marysville name to Meyersville for Monday, January 12, 2015.

Mayor Gore also recommended Rick Shortell for the Port Authority. Council approved Mayor Gore's recommendation.

Mayor Gore said we have received feedback on how much better the sidewalks are. He said the ORW workers are back with us and they are helping to remove the snow. Businesses whose snow we have to remove will be sent a letter letting them know their responsibilities.

Mr. Taylor said he had a resident stop him. We need to look where we have icy spots in the uptown. There was a person in a wheelchair who was having problems getting from the sidewalk down to the street. We need to make sure those are clear, because apparently this person lives close to uptown and had an issue with safety and had to travel on the street. Mr. Andrako asked if there was a specific location. Mr. Taylor said no, it was just the uptown area.

Mr. Reams asked about the Pedestrian Bridge and the straightening of it. Mr. Hoyt said the bridge is structurally sound. It is called camber. It is supposed to support positive drainage and support structural strength. It is a theoretical calculation and when they had the concrete it is supposed to suck down and be straight, so the theoretical calculation did not check out. We are working with the contractor. We met with them on Tuesday to determine if there is any solution but since it is mainly aesthetics we will have to weigh any solution they give us to see if it will do more harm than good. Mr. Hoyt said he will give an update once they hear something.

Mr. Reams asked for the status of the property on Route 4 across from Bunsold Middle School. Mr. Aslaner said he has spoken with Dean Cook, who is representing the owner of the property. The holdup is that they are trying to get an estimate on the value of the steel. Mr. Aslaner said there should be movement on it this month and hopefully completed by mid-February.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: None.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Phillips passed out a handout with the final master plan for the Trail and Greenway project that was made possible by the City, the County, Joseph and Janet Mitchell, Millcreek Township, Jerome Township, Marysville Union County Port Authority, Union County Convention and Visitors Bureau, NRI-Jerome Village, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and the Union County Health Department. \$32,000.00 was raised both in the public and private sector to cover these expense. Mr. Phillips said one of the ideas that has been incorporated is to require a developer to install a bike trail in front (or if there is one planned in the area.) Sumitomo and Maurko developments have a bike trail in front of them. Mr. Phillips said he will be coming back in the next few months for Council to adopt this as we move forward. This plan actually sets us up for grant funding.

Mrs. Richardson asked how long will it take to complete this project and what is the cost? Mr. Phillips said you are looking at years, even decades.

Mr. Phillips said one mile of developed bike way is around \$300,000.00, which would include purchase and construction. This amount would vary based on the area. Mr. Phillips said when we do road projects we can include them in the projects.

Mr. Fogt asked about eminent domain with this project? Mr. Phillips said some of these are easements, but there has been no mention of eminent domain. He said this would involve working with people to make this happen.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Ms. Chavarria stated this is the same resolution we pass every first meeting in January.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Ms. Chavarria stated this is also another resolution that is passed at the first meeting in January. Mrs. Richardson asked whether we expect anything to be sold this year, are we looking at quite a bit? Ms. Chavarria said yes, we sold quite a bit last year around October/November and we expect the same thing this year. We can put anything on the site, such as computers, any type of equipment. Mr. Taylor added any out dated/unused equipment that we do not need to be storing.

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

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

ORDINANCES: None.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: No update.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Richardson wished everyone a very happy New Year and looks forward to a fantastic 2015. She said she wanted to mention to the Council that she did not throw her name in or pursue any of the positions this year for president or vice-president, but she does however want everyone to know that when you need her, she will do it and is prepared to do it.

Mrs. Richardson said she wanted to talk about some positive information regarding the Drug Free Coalition. She said each meeting she has talked about some challenges we have faced as a community. Today, she wants to share some interesting facts that might uplift you about our population. Last spring, the youth risk behavior survey was conducted in all three school districts. Over 1,000 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Marysville students were surveyed and of those 83% reported not drinking alcohol within the last 30 days; 91% reported not using marijuana in the past 30 days; 94% of the students report not misusing prescription drugs in the past 30 days; and 99% of the students reported not using heroin within the last year. Let's continue to spread the message. A majority of our students are making great choices. Please keep talking.

Mr. Rausch said that the Ad Hoc Transition Committee met today prior to tonight's meeting. They have set the retreat for March 7, 2015 starting either at 8:00am or 9:00am to be held at Decker Fire Station for most of the day. Mrs. Jones will be sending out an email to everyone with the details. The committee would also like some feedback from everyone as well.

Mr. Berbee gave his condolences to the Pelanda family on the passing of Kay Liggett. He attended the Holiday Potluck at the City on December 19th. There he spoke with Mr. Sheppard about the waterlines. Mr. Sheppard told Mr. Berbee when he first started water main breaks were common, now after spending funds to replace them there have only been a handful in 2014.

Mr. Berbee said that the next Finance Committee meeting will be on January 15, 2015 at 4:00pm . They will be discussing the options for the fire truck that the Administration and Fire Chief are bringing to the committee, and Andy Brossart will be coming to the Finance Committee to discuss the City's options for changing the water notes into bonds.

Mr. Reams reported the Public Safety Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00pm

Mr. Taylor announced the Council Committees.

Finance Committee

Henk Berbee – Chairman
J.R. Rausch
Mark Reams

Responsibilities

Finance/Audit Committee
Review and accept monthly finance
report per voice vote

Public Safety Committee

Dan Fogt - Chairman
Deb Groat
Tracy Richardson

Police & Fire

Public Service Committee

Tracy Richardson - Chairman
Mark Reams
Dan Fogt

Streets & Sanitation, Engineering,
Division of Wastewater, Parks &
Recreation, Division of Water,
Buildings & Grounds

Public Affairs Committee

Deborah Groat – Chairwoman
Henk Berbee
Nevin Taylor

Board & Commissions,
Committees, Personnel,
Recognition, Resolutions
Council Rules of Procedure

Ad Hoc Transition Committee

J.R. Rausch- Chairman
Henk Berbee
Tracy Richardson

Misc. Committees – 2015

Parks & Recreation- Council Representative: J.R. Rausch. (Term expires: 12/31/15)

Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board: Nevin Taylor, Mark Reams

Ohio Reformatory for Women Committee: Dan Fogt

CIC Representative: J.R. Rausch (Term expires 12/31/17)

Marysville School District Facilities Planning Committee: Tracy Richardson

Team Marysville: Tracy Richardson

Cemetery Advisory Board: Deborah Groat (Term expires 12/31/2016)

Enterprise Zone Negotiating Team: Henk Berbee

Tax Incentive Review Council: Nevin Taylor

Utility Rate Working Group- Council Representative- Mark Reams

Mr. Taylor said thank you for your vote of support as the upcoming President. It is his understanding that we will be learning a lot of things that will change for 2016 and asks for your patience and guidance. We are going to have to make some decisions for some new ground.

Mayor Gore said he wanted to follow up on something that Mr. Berbee said. We are continuing to play catch-up in this community. The infrastructure is some of our needs and long term goals is going to pay off. In this case, you have to spend money to save money and that is what we are doing by replacing the water lines.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.