

**Public Service Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Tracy Richardson, Mark Reams, Dan Fogt,

Others Present: Terry Emery, Mike Andrako, Jeremy Hoyt, Citizen Henk Berbee, Taylor Evans with the Journal Tribune

REORGANIZATION

a. *Elect Chairman:* Nomination for Tracy Richardson by Mark Reams, Unanimous voice vote in approval of nomination. Mrs. Richardson thanked the group for their vote of confidence in her and she looks forward to a productive 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on October 20, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted. Mr. Fogt requested that the minutes be distributed to the group in a more timely manner. He said he realized the group has not met since October but in general he would like to see the minutes completed closer to the original meeting date. Mrs. Richardson said that she would get with Mrs. Jones to accomplish the request.

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Water Treatment Plant design: Mr. Andrako handed out a draft copy of the design for the new Water Treatment Facility (see attached). He explained that we needed to move forward with plans but that there isn't an exact date to begin construction. Mr. Emery added that permitting and design of the plant will be complete by the end of this year. He said that will depend upon capacity of our current facility and EPA compliance. Mr. Andrako said that the new plant would use the Reverse Osmosis process in lieu of the use of chemicals (the process used in our current facility). Mr. Andrako also stated that the reverse osmosis system does not require a deep injection pipe to dispose of waste products, as was discussed previously with a different process." Mrs. Richardson asked if any neighboring cities use Reverse Osmosis. Mr. Hoyt indicated that Delaware plant uses Reverse Osmosis. Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Andrako said they will continue taking "field trips" to gather unbiased opinions. Mr. Andrako and Mr. Hoyt said yes. Mr. Fogt mentioned a concern about the cost of using the Reverse Osmosis Process. Mr. Hoyt indicated that it would be more expensive upfront but that over time there would be savings because there is no need to purchase chemicals with Reverse Osmosis.

Mr. Fogt inquired about the use of pipes already in use from the reservoir to the current facility and he was told by Mr. Hoyt that they would be reused in the new design to get water from the existing well at the current water treatment plant to the future water

treatment plant site on Raymond Rd. Mr. Fogt also inquired about the impact on water rates with the new plant. Mr. Hoyt explained that the initial studies indicated there would be no rate increases for 10 years but that it was always subject to change. Also, Mr. Hoyt said the City of Marysville is pursuing some funding from Army Corps of Engineers. Mrs. Richardson asked how the new plans compared to the original plans for the new plant and was told that the plans before the committee were the first plans ever provided to the staff.

Plans/Direction for Reservoir Improvements/Park: The staff handed to the committee proposed improvements to the Reservoir, also known as the Reservoir Recreation Project (see attached). Mr. Emery explained that the project is 100% funded and will not cost the city anything. Mr. Hoyt said he had a meeting today regarding the project and that legislation to approve an appropriation for initial funds will be coming before the Council in February. The preliminary plans include 10 parking spaces for cars and 16 for boats and trailers. These numbers were provided by ODNR as the normal for projects this size. Mrs. Richardson expressed a concern that 10 spaces for cars may be too few. Mr. Emery agreed that the staff was looking at that very issue and that we may ready the area for additional spaces in conjunction with the project, but that any additional parking spaces would be at the City's expense. Mr. Hoyt explained that the original concept for the parking lot provided by the City had many more spaces, but comments from ODNR stated that they would only support funding to replace the 10 existing vehicle parking spaces and that any additional spaces are to accommodate trailer parking. Mr. Reams asked about a dock. He didn't recall a dock in the original plans brought before Council. There will be a small dock adjacent to the boat ramp. The new plans will include portable restrooms and construction should begin in the spring of 2016 with completion expected in 4 months (by the end of the summer of 2016).

Mr. Reams asked when the reservoir would be stocked and Mr. Emery explained that the stocking has begun with additional stocking planned for this summer and into the future. Mr. Reams also stated that the turn from the access road to/from the dock into the parking spaces looked like it would be very sharp. Mrs. Richardson discussed the need for a policy and procedures regarding the use of the parking spaces, dock and other items associated with the reservoir. Mr. Emery explained that the City has already begun addressing the need for this and that it includes members from Police, Fire, Service and other related departments.

General Updates from Public Service Department: Mrs. Richardson asked the staff for general updates and Mr. Emery explained that he wanted to focus upon a very important topic to the public. The staff handed out copies of the 4th and 5th St. Waterline Replacement plans. Mr. Hoyt explained that the plans are broken into 3 phases, Phase A is W. 5th Street from Damascus/Raymond to Emmaus Rd; Phase B is W. 4th Street from Grove Street to N. Court Street and Phase C is Walnut Street from E. 4th Street to E. 5th Street and E. 5th Street from S. Walnut through 5 points to Frontage Road and Dunham Street. The phases were designed to minimize inconvenience to the community instead of doing the work all at once. The expected completion of all 3 phases is within months. Two way traffic will be maintained throughout construction except for the portion that

passes through 5-points which will be constructed at night and may involve detours. 1,655 feet of 16" ductile iron pipe, 8,375 feet of 12" ductile iron pipe, 400 feet of 8" ductile iron pipe, 25 new fire hydrants, 152 service taps replacing existing services with copper to the curb stop and pavement replacement.

Mr. Fogt asked if activities/events were being considered in the planning. Mr. Emery suggested that the staff may want to look at doing the 5 points phase first because of the Balloon Festival. Mr. Hoyt explained that the CSX permit is necessary to begin work on that side of town because of the rail crossing so that the permit could determine when the City starts. He also said that the City will need an EPA permit. Mr. Andrako mentioned that the City could also specify in the plans and bid documents that work cannot occur and all lanes are to be open on specific dates if there are concerns regarding delays for certain events. Contract awards after bidding should be complete by mid-March and the first phase of the 4th and 5th Street Waterline Replacement Project should begin by April with a completion in September or October.

Mrs. Richardson mentioned the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the corner of 5th and Raymond. Mr. Reams asked the direction of repair on 4th street and was told the waterline will be installed in the eastbound lane. He then asked if curb repair could be included in the plans. The response was that Mr. Tracey, Streets Superintendent, has funding for curbs in the Streets annual budget but that perhaps the projects could be looked at simultaneously. Mrs. Richardson asked about detours. Mr. Andrako said the only detours anticipated may be at the 5 points intersection which would be constructed at night to reduce delays to the public. Two lane, two way traffic should be maintained for the rest of the project. Mr. Hoyt mentioned that some on-street parking spaces may not be available during construction to allow the contractor to maintain two lanes. Mr. Emery added that as it gets closer to certain projects, information will be reported out. Mrs. Richardson asked if businesses and homeowners were going to be notified. Mr. Hoyt said someone will be going door-to-door.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS: Mr. Henk Berbee brought a letter and a request from the Superintendent of the Board of Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Berbee was formerly a board member of the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities and he came to speak at the meeting as a citizen. Please see the attached letter provided to the committee. Mr. Berbee explained that Ms. Brown would like the City to look at the use of the word "handicapped" in signs and to replace outdated signage with new modernized signs that are not as offensive. He also requested review of our building permit, code requirements for new businesses to make sure we are friendly for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Berbee provided copies of section 3351.04 and 351.05 Traffic Code and said the review may require more than a word change. He asked that the committee consider the request.

Mr. Andrako explained that the City complies with the "Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices". He explained that we are in compliance with the state and that it might be best if Ms. Brown would start with getting with the State first. He added that the City uses the symbol that is well recognized and doesn't cause confusion. He also explained

that the word “handicapped” does not exist on any signs but that private parking lots may display the word “handicapped” on their signs which could be causing some confusion.

Mr. Reams concurred that the City should continue to follow the State guidelines. There was also a brief discussion on the difference in posted fees for a violation/abuse of parking for people with disabilities. The Ohio Revised Code and our City code need to be uniform.

COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Fogt cautioned the committee with regard to committing to the High Speed Rail. He cited examples of other cities in California and Ohio who have begun such rail projects and have found themselves in extreme debt or failure of the endeavor. Prices of the tickets in one time have deterred users and rendered the project useless and costly to the local population. In the case of California, which broke ground January 6, 2015 for their project, the current construction cost estimate is nearly triple the earlier estimate, the ticket price estimate is 60% higher, the estimated travel time is 30% longer, and the estimated ridership is 33% of the original estimate. The train was supposed to get cars off of the highway and reduce carbon emissions, but a panel of experts now says any carbon savings will be nominal.

Mr. Fogt is also concerned that 12 extra trains per day through Marysville will cause vehicle traffic problems.

Mrs. Richardson remarked that there are some large projects being managed by the Public Services Department in the coming months and thanked the members of the staff present at the meeting for their hard work.

She asked when the priority paving list was completed. Mr. Andrako said that the list is reviewed and updated by the end of February. Mr. Emery added that this year Milford Ave was being repaved for \$325K with 50% matching funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission. He added that the Finance Committee would possibly be looking at allocating additional paving funding for 2015.

Mrs. Richardson also made a recommendation to the Public Services Committee that the team generate a list of Capital Improvement Projects that would “enable us to prioritize and budget for important infrastructure enhancements to the city including roadways, street lights and street improvements”. Mrs. Richardson stated the list would not include equipment but rather necessary infrastructure improvements that.” we can plan for and make happen”. She suggested that the Council as a whole could possibly use/discuss the list at the upcoming retreat.

Mr. Emery explained that the staff has generated a 5 year capital plan which includes projects as prioritized by each department. Mrs. Richardson asked that the entire committee receive a copy of the plan as a starting point to review.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 6:25pm