

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 23, 2015

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, Director of Administration Terry Emery, Assistant Finance Director Nancy Myers, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Battalion Chief Mark Ropp, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Zoning Administrator Derek Hutchinson, Project Manager Marc Dilsaver, and Clerk Kristina Jones

REPORTERS PRESENT: Taylor Evans-Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Eric Harbert, Brian Harbert, Jason Stanford, Tim Schacht, Nancy Daniels, Janell Alexander, Derek Vickers, Ben Vollrath, Season Wall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on April 9, 2015 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Finance Department

Bond Signing Information: On Wednesday, Ms. Chavarria and I signed notes for the refinancing of the sewer rate bond at a much-reduced rate. It is a 38-year commitment (The City will have the ability to refinance this bond again in the future) and by locking in that rate, the City will save nearly 3 million dollars.

Maintenance & Operations

The Dunham Water Tower was scheduled to be sandblasted and painted this year, but due to the City having antennas on the tower, it will be necessary to temporarily relocate the antennas before it is painted. This work was scheduled as part of our normal maintenance and was not required to be completed by the EPA. The painting has been rescheduled for 2016.

Construction on the Partners Park Arch entryway and the Scott's Community Commons monument signs are under construction and will be completed by the May 29 Grand Opening event.

Ameriscapes (landscaping contractor hired by the City) is now mowing the Cemetery. The mowing and trimming work will take place every Monday throughout the season or as needed.

Sod will be placed in the tree lawn and island areas at Partners Park next week. The installation and maintenance of these areas will be the responsibility of the City.

Green & Clean Week

This afternoon we held the 3rd Annual Stream Cleanup along Mill Creek near Swartzkopf Park. Eight volunteers and six City staff members participated. The stream cleanup efforts help improve the aesthetics, habitat and water quality of the stream while preventing debris from moving downstream within our watershed (which could cause large jams that greatly affect the overall drainage of the City and the surrounding community).

The City will hold a Document Shredding & E-cycle event on Saturday, April 25 from 9 am-1 pm at Marysville Police & Court facility, 1250 W. 5th Street. This is for document shredding and electronics (no televisions).

Engineering

ODOT SR 4 /US 36 Paving Project: The project sell date (i.e. bid opening) is in mid-July. Currently, ODOT is projecting a completion date by the end of August 2016. Their assumption (until they get a contractor on board) is that the SR 4 / Collins Avenue turn lane will be completed next spring /summer (2016). ODOT will notify us once the actual schedule is complete.

Raymond Road Railroad Crossing: After meeting with CSX and PUCO officials this week, they have decided to fund the safety improvements (i.e. the installation of a gate with arms). They estimate that this work will be completed next summer (2016).

If you will recall, the Industrial Parkway Railroad Crossing received similar funding for safety improvements. The Industrial Parkway Railroad Crossing project cost is approximately \$210,000 (with the City share being zero) and will be completed by early Fall (2015).

Administration

Municipal Pool passes are available on the City's website, www.marysvilleohio.org and at the customer service counter at City Hall. Opening day is Saturday, May 23. Two hundred fifty-five (255) season passes have been sold to date. Last year we sold two hundred fifty (250) season passes in all.

Session I of the Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League starts Wednesday, May 20. Registration deadline for session I is tomorrow (Friday, April 24). Nineteen (19) teams have signed up to date. Registrations are available on the City's website.

The City's 3 on 3 Basketball League starts June 9. Registrations are due by Tuesday, May 19 and are available on the City's website.

Information and updates on the Northwest 270/33 Interchange Project are available on the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) website, under District 6. There is also an option on ODOT's website to join their mailing list to receive news on this project. In addition, as the city receives ODOT's weekly traffic advisories, they are posted on our website and Facebook page.

Mr. Berbee asked how many people made use of the help filing their tax returns. He said it looked like they had a quick turnaround time. Mayor Gore said Mrs. Myers told him it went as smooth as it could be expected. Mrs. Myers said she does not have the numbers yet on how many people were actually served, but she said there was not a huge line waiting.

Mr. Reams asked if the SR 4/US36 paving project was now going to be completed in 2016. Mr. Andrako said it is part of their 2016 fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2015. He said Milford Center added additional work to the project and they realistically did not feel like they could finish it in the fall, it would most likely spread out into the spring/summer of 2016.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there are lights at the sand volleyball courts, where someone could play after 10pm. Mr. Andrako said Eljer Park closes at dusk. If it is a lighted park then it will have times that they are open and closed posted.

Mr. Reams said if we are having trouble getting the grass to grow in the green space have we thought about laying sod down. Mayor Gore said he has spoken to Scotts, but that is not an option.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: No report.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Schacht with Design Review Board said on our April 8th meeting, we had four agenda items. The first was for Farmers Insurance at 117 North Main Street regarding signage, which was passed. He said we heard an exterior and landscape plan for the Union County Maintenance Building located at 445 North Maple Street. The third was for the Union County Veteran Service and Board of Elections located at 835 E. Fifth Street behind the Dairy Queen. Lastly we heard an exterior plan and landscape plan for Jerry Hyun at 409 Allenby Drive, which was passed all in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Season Wall with Republic Services updated the status of the refuse and recycling efforts in the City of Marysville. She said between 2013 and 2014 there was a 40% increase in recycling in Marysville. The feedback from the Union County Recyclers, which is where the recycling goes has been very positive. In 2013, the recycling numbers increased as the garbage numbers went down. She said there are three guys assigned to the City during the week (Monday through Friday), with the bulk pick up on Monday. She said they have

been really impressed with the progress in Marysville, and glad to be a part of it. Mr. Taylor asked a few questions. First, he had a phone call from a resident who one was told he had to take his toter to the road and put it out past the cars parked on the street. Another said she could not leave it on the curb, and there is a gentleman in the audience that was told the trash guy wanted it out so he could grab it. Mr. Taylor said his concern is that he is hearing three different sets of directions. Mr. Taylor asked Ms. Wall what her suggestions would be for these residents. She said safety is their first concern. She would like to get the addresses of those residents, so she can go look at the property and see if it will need to be set where the driver will have to get out and pull it up to the truck. Mr. Taylor said there were a couple senior citizens who have asked for the smaller tote, have we received them yet. Mr. Andrako said if you could get him the names and addresses, he will make sure that they have it tomorrow. Mrs. Richardson said it would not hurt to remind people that the bulk pick up is on Mondays, and that they do need to call and make arrangements to have it picked up. Ms. Wall said one thing that they could do a better job of is the maintenance of new residents to Marysville. She said the education effort that they did with the initial deployment of carts and how to recycle guidelines, Republic could do a better job of getting that information to new residents. Mrs. Richardson suggested that it might be helpful to let realtors know, so when the property is sold the new residents or relocated residents will have the information. Ms. Walls said that was a great idea, and they would certainly start doing that. Mayor Gore added the information on bulk pick-up is in the utility bills, and has been for the last four to five months.

Mayor Gore presented a commendation to Coach Andrews, with Marysville Wrestling team, and two wrestlers, Taleb Rahmans and Alex Sepeda who placed first and second, respectively, in the State tournament.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution “TO AMEND RULE 19 OF THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

This item was tabled at the March 26, 2015 meeting for the Public Affairs Committee to review. Mr. Taylor extended the time for the legislation (which had previously been tabled) to be heard to May 14, 2015, to give the Public Affairs Committee time to meet. The Public Affairs Committee meeting is April 27, 2015 at 4pm.

A Resolution “TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 7901 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY, PLAIN CITY, OHIO WHICH IS TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mayor Gore explained to Council this item has already been discussed. Mr. Aslaner said this is the property on Industrial Parkway to be used for the installation of a lift station. He said they hope to close on the property tomorrow.

Council Comments: None.

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

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

Mr. Rausch moved to waive second reading and the question put, stood:

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

Citizen Comments: None.

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive third reading and the question put, stood:

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

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

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

“A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2015 AS HISTORICAL PRESERVATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO” was presented for one reading only and read in its entirety by Mrs. Richardson.

Administration Comments: Jason Stanford with the Union County Chamber of Commerce spoke. He said established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Historic Preservation Month is co-sponsored by local preservation groups, State historical societies, business and civic organizations across the country to coordinate and support efforts to identify and celebrate America’s historic resources.

Held every May, National Historic Preservation Month features many events and press activities to promote historic places for instilling community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. Thousands of people participate annually in celebrations, including right here in Ohio.

He said Team Marysville, which is an association of Marysville officials, business/property owners, and residents established in 2012 to improve the overall economic conditions and aesthetics of the Uptown District, recognizes the value of our historically-significant structures and cultural sites and encourages the City of Marysville to join the celebration by declaring May as Historic Preservation Month in Marysville.

Copies of the Resolution before you will be sent to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (Ohio History Connection) and Heritage Ohio as a token gesture of our community's recognition of the national observance.

Mayor Gore said even though we have had some disagreements in the past about what is considered historic and what should be designated as historic. He said it is really important to preserve our history and how important the past is to our community. That is why when approached Mrs. Richardson and I agreed to sponsor this resolution.

Council Comments:

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

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

ORDINANCES:

An ordinance "SETTING COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL" was presented for third reading, title only.

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

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

An ordinance "ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL-ELECTED MAYOR" was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor said that Public Affairs will be looking at this on Monday, April 27th. If anyone has any suggestions for the amounts please send them to him in writing.

Citizen Comments: None.

An ordinance “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015 PAVING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL BUDGET” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mayor Gore said Mr. Andrako and his team identified additional streets that need paving, and brought it before the Finance Committee. He said they received Finance Committee’s approval.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor said kudos and wise investment.

Mr. Berbee moved to amend the legislation by adding an Emergency Clause, and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams NO;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES

Mr. Reams moved to waive third reading and the question put, stood:

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

This will be back for second reading, public hearing at the May 14, 2015 meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Rausch said we are currently working on the five year Capital budget, and making progress with putting the replacement of playground equipment on a schedule. He said we will have a five year Capital budget in place by the June meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gore said the community does not know what great employees we have, they might recognize some for doing great things. He said evidence by the Public Service Director and his staff trying to figure out a better way to improve the City; the Finance Director always working on how to save money and the tax department working diligently to collect the taxes; the Engineering Department looking for grant money all the time; and with the Police and Fire Departments there are none around that compare to what we have. He said our guys are not always treated fairly but always handle it professionally. Mayor Gore thanked Council for everything that they do and also would like the staff to know that we appreciate everything they do.

Mrs. Richardson said let's talk about our influence on our youth, ironically what she would like to talk about is the Mayor. This past Saturday, Mayor Gore had the opportunity to talk to the youth-to-youth leadership academy. It was the first time for the event. There were 15 students in attendance from all three school districts, from middle school and high school. The group talked about using a peer led leadership to promote a drug free message in their schools. Mayor Gore had lunch with them and offered them an opportunity to talk about their roll in influencing local decisions within the community. He encouraged them to get feedback to get feedback from their peers and to get involved with their community. She thanked Mayor Gore for coming out to meet with the students. She said we all have the ability to have a positive influence on our youth. Please keep talking.

Mrs. Richardson reminded everyone that take-back day is this Saturday, April 25th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Union County Sheriff's Office, Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Richwood Police Department.

Mrs. Richardson reported to Council what was discussed at the Public Service meeting on April 20th. She said the committee reviewed the City's paving plan and commended the staff for their diligence in identifying the most compelling streets within the City to pave this year. They assigned a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) to every street within the City, and then they prioritized the selection based on that criteria for paving this year. She knows it was a lot of work and she thanked them.

Mrs. Richardson said kudos to the staff, you can now cross the street from Partners Park, and thank you to the Public Service team for installing the light sign. She heard we mentioned the ODOT website for the 270/33 interchange, we talked about it at the Public Service meeting too. She went to the website, and found it to be great. She thanked everyone for the support of the resolution making May the National Historic Preservation month. She does think it is appropriate to value the past, while looking to the future.

Mrs. Groat said the April 27, 2015 Public Affairs meeting has been moved to 4:00pm. May 5th is the Ward 3 meeting in the Marysville Public Library Meeting room B, from 6:00-8:30pm. May 6th at 3:45pm the Cemetery Advisory Committee is going to tour the Oakdale Cemetery. It is open to the public, but please contact Mr. Andrako's office to let him know you're coming.

Mr. Rausch said on April 27th, we are going to Gahanna to observe their work sessions. Mr. Emery said he will get their agenda out to everyone. He had a chance to go to Honda this morning for the business impact breakfast, it was a joint Union County/Logan County Chamber of Commerce event. He said he spent the afternoon at the MORPC legislative round table. The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission has been in existence for a couple of years, they have a ten year life. He said instead of having a State Constitutional Convention, the alternative is having a Modernization Commission. They have ten different committees looking at different things in the Constitution. He said one thing that will be coming to the voters is reapportionment

on how the lines are drawn for the legislative districts at the State level. They are discussing term limits and possibly moving them from eight years to twelve years.

Mr. Berbee said we had Finance Committee last week, and out of that meeting came the request for additional funds for the paving plan. He said we had voted on the reduction on the credit card fees, which is now showing a reduction of about 70% of the fees that we have to pay.

Mr. Taylor said a lot of times you do not get to see what the Mayor does when he is out doing things. Yesterday, he was at Navin School to participate in the Government in the classroom program. Mayor Gore spoke to the second graders, and Mr. Taylor spoke to the third graders about the government in our community.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.