

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2015

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J.R. Rausch, Alan Seymour Tracy Richardson, Nevin Taylor, Deb Groat, Mark Reams, and Henk Berbee.

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mayor John Gore, City Administrator Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Deputy Chief Spain, Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Law Director Tim Aslaner, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, and Clerk Kristina Jones

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Sheriff Patton, Deputy Crabtree, Deputy Chief Spain, Shawanna Jordan, Lt. Harris, Gary Simpson, Keitha Simpson, George Freeman, Tim Schacht, Michelle Anderson, Michelle Woods, Kylie Woods, Tammy Cooper, Janell Alexander, Charles Hall, Steve Stolte,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the meeting on August 13, 2015 were approved.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Mayor Gore presented a proclamation to Gary & Keitha Simpson with the food Pantry designating September as “Feed Ohio Month” in Marysville. He also presented a proclamation to Michelle Anderson designating September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Gore introduced each family that was in attendance that had been affected by Childhood Cancer.

Mayor Gore asked for an executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans or business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance. The executive session is necessary to protect the interest of the applicant. No action will be taken. Mr. Taylor said we will vote on this at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

### **Maintenance & Operations**

Work has begun on the new Hatfield Corner Park. The concrete plaza and adjacent sidewalk is scheduled to be poured this week. Landscaping which mimics a dry riverbed will be installed and large cut stones for seating are included in the work for the park, which should be complete in the fall.

The new play structure will be installed at Mill Valley Park South the week of September 7, with the rubber surfacing being installed the following week.

## **Engineering**

### **4th and 5th Street Waterline**

- This week the contractor has been working on the waterline installation along Chestnut Street and the asphalt trench repair on West 4th Street.
- The waterline installation on Delaware Avenue (east of 5 Points) and the jack and bore underneath the railroad tracks is expected to occur next week.

We have replaced the curb (and sections of drives as needed to install the curb) along the south side of West 4th Street. from Grove St. to Court St. Asphalt base is currently being placed in the trench, which replaces the stone that was installed after the waterline went in. Next week, the contractor will mill about an 8-foot wide section on 4th St. (measured from the face of the new curb). It is our understanding that the 8' section will be paved next week, weather dependent.

Next year, we will plan to replace curb along the north side of W 4th St. and pave the rest of the street. Mayor Gore stated this mean Carol on W 4<sup>th</sup> Street will get a new curb next year.

### **2015 Pavement Maintenance Program**

- All work on Meadows Drive was completed prior to the beginning of school to ensure that no school traffic delays resulted as a part of this project.
- As well, the drainage culvert replacement project on Amrine-Mill Road was completed prior to the beginning of school.
- This week, the contractor has been installing the remainder of the concrete work included within this contract.
- The City-wide asphalt planing and milling on the remaining streets is expected to occur next week.

## **Events & Recreation**

The final Music on Main event of the season takes place tonight from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Entertainment by Jim Volk. Concessions by Schmidt's.

The Municipal Pool is closed during the week. The pool is open from noon-8:00 p.m. on Saturday's and Sundays through Sunday, August 30, the last operational pool day for the summer.

The Fifth Annual Dog Swim is Monday, August 31, at the Municipal Pool from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per dog; all proceeds go to the Union County Humane Society.

The Tour of Ohio Bike Race takes place Thursday, September 3 at 5:00 p.m. The race course will use West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, South Court Street and Ash Street. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., there will be no on street parking (“no parking” signs will be posted Wednesday) for the entire course and the affected streets will be closed to thru traffic until approximately 8:30 p.m. Based on police officer discretion, there will be brief times between races when local residential traffic is permitted.

### **Administration**

City offices are closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

The 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held Friday, September 11, at 9:50 a.m. at Decker Fire Station.

Trick-or-Treat in Marysville will take place on Halloween, Saturday, October 31 from 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Gore announced the he, Mr. Rausch and Mr. Hall will be going to Japan September 5 to September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Richardson asked Mr. Andrako, when he thought the play structure would be complete at Mill Valley South Park. Mr. Andrako said the hopes for it to be open around September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Shawna Jordan with the Union County Health Department, Chief Golden, Deputy Chief Spain, Sheriff’s Patton, Captain Frisch and Lt. Harris kicked off the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign. Mayor Gore commented on how well the departments in Union County work together. Mayor Gore demonstrated the texting while driving simulator. Dep. Crabtree explained that the Sheriff’s Office purchased a driving simulator. He said texting and driving is the number one killer for teens. The simulator does impaired driving and text driving. Dep. Crabtree said we are trying to get this into the school to show how dangerous texting and driving.

### **REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:**

**REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Tim Schacht spoke on behalf of Design review Board. He said the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting there was one item on the agenda which was an application for Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: It was for property located at 1255 Columbus Ave in the SD-1 (Special District One) zoning district, which is the Bob Chapman property, they will be getting a new showroom and service area. The application was approved.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:** Mr. George Freeman spoke to Council regarding the enforcement of rules at Oakdale Cemetery. He planted a tree in 1989 near his plots. He is now being told that the tree needs removed now that the rules are being enforced. Mrs. Groat invited Mr. Freeman to come to the Cemetery Advisory meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. She said they have agreed that the tree will be moved but a date has not been agreed upon. Mayor Gore stated that in Mr. Freeman's conversations with Mr. Andrako, there is an offer to move the tree for him and put it in another part of the cemetery, which would put it in compliance.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCES:**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 733 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, 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;  
Mr. Seymour YES;      Mrs. Richardson YES;      Mr. Taylor YES

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL BUDGET, was presented for third reading, title only.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO GRANT TO THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AN EASEMENT, was presented for third reading, title only.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO GRANT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AN EASEMENT, was presented for second reading, public hearing.

**Council Comments:**

**Citizen Comments:**

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

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE CITY OWNED 55.988 ACRE CONSERVATION PARCEL, was presented for first reading, title only.

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Hoyt said what is being proposed is the red and blue parts are the easement we already have. Kroger asked us to abandon those easements in the red and blue area. After talking with the Public Service Committee, they agreed they were ok with abandoning the red area to get the yellow area. They would like to keep the blue area in place in case we would like to build a walking area from the conservation area to the water. Mr. Hoyt said after discussing what the Public Service Committee would like with Kroger, they came back with the language that is in front of you tonight. Mrs. Richardson said the Public Service Committee reviewed the easement, and they recommended that we retain the part of the easement that goes along the water. She said Mrs. Groat is also brings you really close to the preserve. She said if we want to in the future the easement still belongs to the City, so we could put a path there for a walk from the reserve up.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Taylor asked if the integrity of Dr. MacIvor's wishes for the land are being honored. Mr. Hoyt said yes, 100%.

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 10, 2015.**

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:** Mr. Rausch said the five year capital improvement plan went before the Finance Committee. Mrs. Richardson asked if the Council is going to see the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Rausch said it will be part of the budgeting process. In the Finance Committee meeting minutes it should be an attachment, if it is not then would Mrs. Jones please send it out to all of the Council Members.

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Mrs. Richardson said she did mention in the last Council meeting that there will be a town hall meeting, we are trying to encourage the community to get out and learn more about this issue it will be on the November ballot. She said the Drug Free Coalition asked her to share a couple myths about Marijuana with the public.

1. Marijuana is not addictive. Marijuana is both addictive and harmful to the human brain especially when use as an adolescent. One in every six 16 year olds and one in every eleven adults that try marijuana will become addicted to it. The majority of adolescents that receive treatment for substance abuse at Mary Haven currently being treated is because of their marijuana use.
2. Smoking marijuana does not make you dumb. Adolescents who smoke marijuana regularly are six times more likely than nonsmokers to drop out of school and over three times less likely to enter college. Using marijuana regularly before the age of 18 resulted in an average IQ of six to eight points lower at the age of 38 versus those who did not use marijuana before age 18.
3. No one has overdosed from using marijuana. Marijuana may not produce direct overdoses but we cannot say it can't hurt you. Emergency room admissions in states where we have legalized use now are continuing to rise. Marijuana infused products pose a significant risk for youth.
4. Everyone is already using marijuana. Marijuana is only used by 8% of Americans currently. Alcohol is used by 52% of Americans and tobacco is used by 27% of Americans. She said she was just on a college campus, where they were a 100% free of tobacco products.

Mrs. Richardson encouraged everyone to attend the town hall meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. It will give you good information regarding what will be on the ballot in November.

Mrs. Richardson reminded people we are in the school season and watch for children.

Mr. Berbee expressed his desire to prepare a New Councilmember packet for any new council member to complete. Mr. Taylor said he has already spoken with Mayor Gore and Mr. Emery and they will provide their comments to the packet. He would like to have it completed by October 1, 2015.

Mrs. Groat announced that the Ward 3 meeting would be September 1, 2015 at the Marysville Public Library from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Mr. Taylor praised the company that were working on the streets and how great of job they do to consider the citizens and cleaning up after the work.

Mayor Gore agreed that next time we have a project we need to remember this company. He explained that he took on the new role as the Director of Senior Services. He said Mr. Berbee will be volunteering to help anyone with their Medicare on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He thanked Mr. Berbee for everything he does as council and for the communities.

Commissioner Charles Hall said two weeks ago he had a meeting here in town that brought in people from all over the state. He received several comments of people that drove through the downtown of how beautiful the town looked from people that do not know Marysville.

Mr. Rausch moved to adjourn to executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans or business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance, Mrs. Richardson seconded and the question put, stood:

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:50 p.m. Council adjourned from executive session at 8:32pm. Council returned from executive session and adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.