

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 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, Henk Berbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, City Administrator Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Deputy Chief Brooks, 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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Barb Taylor, Skyler Rohrs, Jeff Rohrs, Jason Stanford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on September 10, 2015 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Division of Fire:

The Fire Division had a large presence at the ski lodge fire at Mad River Mountain that occurred the evening of Wednesday, September 16. The fire division sent Engine 272, Tanker 271, Ladder 271, as well as Chief Riley to assist Logan County agencies.

Marysville firefighters will hold their annual Fill the Boot campaign on Wednesday, September 30 to help support the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Firefighters will be collecting donations at the intersections of 5th and Main Street and 5th and Damascus from 12:30 to 6:00 pm. All proceeds will go to MDA. Last year, Marysville firefighters raised \$6,100.00.

Division of Police:

The U. S. Department of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has approved a Marysville Division of Police grant request under the 2015 COPS Hiring Program. This grant will partially fund the salary of one officer over a three-year period up to approximately \$125,000. This will allow a current officer to be primarily assigned to Community Oriented Policing, and to allow that officer's present position to be back-filled by a new officer hire.

A Community Oriented Police Officer is a liaison between the police division and the community. The officer establishes solid relationships with the community in order to bring their concerns to the attention of the police division.

Newly assigned Marysville High School Resource Officer (SRO), Joe Petzinger, completed A.L.I.C.E instructor training last week.

Maintenance & Operations:

Hatfield Corner Park

Much of the work for Hatfield Corner Park is complete. Remaining items include installing sod, wrought iron fencing repurposed from the Cemetery and stone benches in the concrete plaza area. The benches will be installed during the first week of November.

Mill Valley South Play Structure

The play structure at Mill Valley South has been installed and is open for use. Fencing will stay up around sections of the perimeter to keep people off the newly planted grass areas.

Salt Update

Cargill was the successful bidder in Union County for the annual State Bid Salt Contract. Their bid was \$72.61/Ton, which is up \$1.02/Ton from last year (\$71.59/Ton). The City is projected to purchase 1,400 Tons at a total cost of 101,654.00.

Brush/Leaf Collection

The final collection of brush and tree limbs for this year will take place October 5-9. Leaf collection is anticipated to start Monday October 12. During normal operating weather conditions, leaf collection crews will make a citywide cleanup on a weekly basis. Brush and tree limb collection will resume in January 2016.

Engineering:

4th and 5th Street Waterline

- Waterline installation work on Delaware Avenue (east of 5 Points) is ongoing and should be completed next week. Work to install services for properties along the new waterline will continue and trenches will be paved once this work is complete.
- Final paving for all remaining trenches is scheduled to be performed the week of October 19.
- One more night of work will be required to perform the tie in for Cherry St. and to remove abandon valves.
- Substantial completion is expected by the end of October.

2015 Pavement Maintenance Program

All paving work (including Milford Avenue) is complete.

Reservoir Site Improvements

- The survey and subsurface investigation phase of the project is currently ongoing.
- The project remains on schedule for late Spring 2016 construction.

Seventh Street Roadway Reconstruction

- We were able to obtain a Change Order from our 2015 Paving Contractor (Strawser) in order to get this project under budget.
- The roadway will be reconstructed and widened to include on street parking on both sides, curb and sidewalk.

US36/SR4 Paving (ODOT)

- After discussing with ODOT, they still plan to begin work next year and are unsure why there are barrels at the Collins Rd. intersection.
- The City has obtained counts from the Collins Rd/US36 intersection and will work with ODOT to request that it be added to the widening project.

CSX/PUCO Railroad Crossing Gate Installation Updates

- The crossing gate installation at Industrial Parkway/Columbus Avenue is now planned for mid-December 2015 (was September) construction.
- The Raymond Road crossing gate installation is planned for June 2016 construction.

SR 4 Turn Lane (M/I Homes)

- Widening work is ongoing to create a southbound left turn lane from SR 4 onto Scott Farms Blvd.
- The Planning Commission approval of the development was contingent upon the installation of the turn lane prior to the completion of the subdivision.

Administration:

Political Signs

I want to remind citizens that Section 1143.10 of our code states that the City prefers political signs not be posted no more than 10 days from the 1st day of absentee voting (Saturday, 9/26). I would like to thank the candidates who have followed/respected this code.

Scarysville, Saturday October 31, 10:00 a.m. - noon in Uptown Marysville. Marysville firefighters will be handing out candy from station 272.

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

The Great Pumpkin Drop will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 1:00- 5:00 p.m. at the Decker 271 Fire Station (16300 County Home Rd.). Pumpkins will be available at the event for purchase or visitors can bring their own. The event will also include tours of the fire station, bounce houses, fall treats and a chance to win dinner with the firefighters. Donations made at the event will benefit Marysville Blessings in a Backpack.

Mayor Gore read a proclamation opposing Issue 3. Mr. Rausch moved to add City Council to Mayor Gore's proclamation opposing Issue 3 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

Mayor Gore appointed Jesse Mosser to Design Review Board with approval from Council.

Mayor Gore asked for an executive session to discuss confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for negotiations with other political subdivisions representing economic development assistance with no action being taken.

Mrs. Groat moved to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting, Mr. Rausch seconded.

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

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution Approving the Assignment of Enterprise Zone Agreement #178-13-01 to Realty Income Corporation and to Report such Assignment to the Ohio Development Services Agency, was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Administration Comments: Mr. Stanford explained to Council that this is merely a cleanup putting the correct owners name on the property.

Council Comments:

Back for third reading, title only on October 8, 2015.

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Taylor stated this is a bookkeeping item that has to be done every year.

Council Comments:

Mr. Rausch 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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Cooperate and Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Replace the SR 31 Bridge over Mill Creek, was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Taylor mentioned a citizen contacted him because there is cement falling off of the 31 bridge over 33. Mr. Andrako said ODOT did come in and remove all the loose concrete off of the bridge that is why the top looks chewed. He will report it to ODOT tomorrow.

Mr. Hoyt said in front of you is the standard ODOT agreement for any work within the City. He said they presented this before the Public Service Committee. This commits the City to zero dollars and allows ODOT to do work within the City limits.

Council comments: Mr. Berbee asked if the road will be completely closed or will they maintain traffic. Mr. Hoyt said the road will be completely closed, but we will be working to put up detour signs through the City.

Back for second reading, Public hearing on October 8, 2015.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Cooperate and Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Replace the Bridge Deck and Widen the Scottslawn Bridge, was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Hoyt said this is similar language to the 31 bridge. He said they will be able to maintain one way traffic on the bridge. He said this is a 2016 project and it is zero cost to the City.

Council comments:

Back for second reading, Public hearing on October 8, 2015.

ORDINANCES:

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 third reading, title only.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor explained to Council that we have been asked to add an emergency clause to the legislation.

Mrs. Groat moved to grant the emergency clause 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

Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive second reading 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

Mr. Rausch 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; Mr. Seymour YES

To Amend Section 951.02(d) (2) and 951.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville, Thereby Disallowing Pets (With the Exception of Service Animals) at Partners Park, was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor referred this legislation to the Public Affairs Committee to discuss.

Citizen Comments:

Back for third reading, title only on October 8, 2015.

To Amend Chapter 515, Prohibiting Tobacco Use on City-Owned Property, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville, Ohio, was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Gore said last week we issued a couple tickets for smoking in the park.

Back for third reading, title only on October 8, 2015.

To Add Section 142, Municipal Income Tax, to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville, was presented for first reading, title only.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for third reading, title only on October 8, 2015.

To Authorize the Sale of a Crane Truck#334, Stump Grinder, Medic Ambulance and 1998 One Ton Dump Truck (Dodge), was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Reams 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; Mr. Seymour YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;

To Amend Chapter 941 Cemetery of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville, was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Andrako gave a brief outline of all the changes that were suggested in the amendment.

Council Comments: Mrs. Groat wanted to express extreme appreciation for Mr. Rockenbaugh and Mrs. Steepe and all their help with the cemetery. She said this is the first time the Cemetery Advisory board has worked the way it is supposed to.

Back for second reading, public hearing on October 8, 2015.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Seymour asked how we are maintaining the grass between the curb and the sidewalk at Partner's park. He would like to see the same method used to maintain the grass at Hatfield Park. Mr. Andrako said it will be sodded. Mayor Gore said the park is exceeding the expectation that we had for it.

Mr. Rausch said at the October 8th Council meeting Mayor Gore, Eric Phillips, Charles Hall and I will give an update on our Japan trip. He said it was a phenomenal experience and it was a great time spent with Honda.

Mr. Rausch said regarding the political signs, he feels that if you are going to be in a role of leadership then you should follow the rules. He also commended everyone running for office who has abided by the rules. He said it is unfortunate that there are no repercussions for those who do not follow the rule.

Mrs. Richardson said did you know that there is no breathalyzer to detect THC. These are things that we will need to start thinking about. Please keep talking.

Mrs. Richardson said the Pope spoke to our US Congress today, I'd like to share with our Council some of what I heard:

*The Pope comes to the U.S. not to promote a particular religion but to promote peace and hope.

*He told the Congress we are a Nation built on the principals of religious freedom.

*Reminds us that we are a Nation built upon strong values and that we are a role model for the world. We are a land of dreams.

*Promotes the family as the very essence of our society.

*Encourages us all to renew a spirit of fraternity and cooperation to accomplish good.

*He says that as individuals, we should be the voice of fraternity and love to bring out the best in every person

*He stated that "we should live as one to build as one the greatest common good"

She wanted to speak about these thoughts and ideals tonight because she sees many of them being lived right here in our community. She said "We truly are a special place. It is a privilege to live and serve surrounded by caring, hardworking and family oriented people and I am sincerely proud to call Marysville my home."

Mrs. Groat said Public Affairs will meet on September 28, 2015 at 6pm in the Conference Room at City Hall. She also reported that the Ward 3 meeting will be October 6, 2015 at the Marysville Public Library meeting room B from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Mr. Berbee reported the Finance Committee reviewed the budget ahead of time. He said it looks like we may have to work in the budget a 20% increase in health insurance because of Obama Care.

Mr. Taylor asked Skyler Rohrs to introduce himself to the Council and explain why he was attending the meeting. Mr. Rohrs stated he was there to complete a communications project.

Mayor Gore spoke about how people from all religions are talking about the feeling that they get when they see the Pope. He said it has been about 7 years, when he saw Pope Benedict. He said there is a feeling that comes over you that is unbelievable.

Mayor Gore reminded Council that Mrs. Morris will be starting Monday and the baskets will be switched out.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:07 p.m. Council adjourned executive session at 9:03pm and there being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.