

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2016

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Hutchinson, Chief Golden, Battalion Chief Jim Strayton, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Law Director Tim Aslaner, IT Director Aaron Story, and Clerk Kristina Jones

REPORTERS PRESENT: Taylor Evans-Journal Tribune, Jennifer Noblit- ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: Gary Lee, Jamie Greene, Dennis Schulze, Dave Gulden, Janell Alexander, Steve Stolte, Eric Richter, Bill Maggard, Chanin McElroy, Greg Nelson, Andy Brossart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meetings on January 28, 2016 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: The Administrative team reported the following:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

City offices are closed Monday, February 15, in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

CSX has advised us that the Scottslawn Rd. closure (at the railroad crossing) will be in place until late afternoon tomorrow (Friday, February 11).

Mrs. Hutchinson reported the following:

Income Tax Assistance

The City of Marysville's Finance staff are available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm to provide City Income Tax assistance. In addition, special after-hours, assistance will be available on Saturday, April 9, 2016 (9 am- 12 pm) Wednesday, April 13, 2016 (5:00-7:00 pm) and Thursday, April 14, 2016 (5:00-7:00 pm).

Assistance is available at the Customer Service Counter located in City Hall. For further Income Tax information or assistance, customers may call the Income Tax Division at (937) 645-7350 or visit the Income Tax office at City Hall.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

W 4th St Storm Installation

The first section of the West 4th Street storm installation project has been completed. We plan to monitor the installation through heavy rainfalls to see if additional storm will be necessary before extending the work further west.

Snow and Ice Events

The City responded to snow and ice events on 2/9 and 2/10 using a total of 29 tons of salt and 50 operator hours. Totals for the season are 373 tons of salt and 503 operator hours.

Tree ID Hike, Millcreek Park

Brodie Rockenbaugh led the winter tree identification session with assistance from Chad Morse on February 6, in Millcreek Park and the Jim Simmons Trail. The event was a success hosting 25 participants. This was the first of many City educational programs scheduled for this year.

Howl at the Moon

Join Brodie Rockenbaugh for Howl at the Moon on Saturday, February 20, at 6:30 pm, for a brisk 3-mile hike from Bark Park to the prairie along the Jim Simmons trail. For more information call 937.645-7335 or email brockenbaugh@marysvilleohio.org

Mayor Rausch moved to appoint Greg Sehnert to the Port Authority with the confirmation from Council. His term will be from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.

Mr. Emery asked for a brief executive session to discuss pending litigation.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Phillips gave Council a brief history on how the Crossroad Plan started. Mr. Gulden said the idea is for the LUC members to come together. He said it is about a 1,000 acres of undeveloped critical area in the southern part of the County. Mr. Greene gave the attached presentation to Council regarding the progress with the Crossroads Plan. He said it is rare for this many entities to come together to work on an agreement. He said we are at a point where we have developed eight different priorities.

Mr. Berbee asked what the time line was for the project, within the next five years? Mr. Greene said no they are looking at within the next couple months we would be in a position to bringing it forward to the different groups who funded the plan to adopt the recommendations. Mr. Taylor asked if there was not a reason that they were not bring all the entities together and present the plan in an open format or do you think that the individual meetings will be more successful? Mr. Greene said bringing all the elected officials together is an interesting idea. He likes the idea that the recommendations could be brought together. He said they have done that before in Dayton, where two sets of elected officials convened at the same time and passed recommendations. Mrs. Richardson said the collaborative effort extends to the City.

Commissioner Gary Lee said that Mr. Greene has done a great job for all of us, worked a lot of hours to get to where we are today. He said this has been a 14 year project for him.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Mr. Maggard and Ms. McElroy gave Council a presentation on Meridian Senior Living and explained that they were excited to hopefully add the City of Marysville to their portfolio. Ms. McElroy explained that they managed Carriage Court for six years. Mr. Maggard told Council that these are single story buildings and not a big fancy high rise. They are the owner and manager, they do not build these buildings and then flip them over to another business.

Mr. Berbee asked what size they were looking at building. Mr. Maggard said seventy units, fifty units of assisted living and twenty units of memory care. Mr. Taylor asked how many acres they were ideally looking at for the project. Mr. Maggard said the ideal acreage would be in the range between four and five acres. Mr. Taylor asked how long we are looking at before occupancy, two years? Mr. Maggard answered we would like to break ground in the early fall and then it would take twelve months before occupancy. Mr. Reams asked about Meridian managing Carriage Court and when those dates were. Ms. McElroy answered that the Carriage Court has not been in the portfolio for a year and half now.

RESOLUTIONS

2nd Reading AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR BOND
Public Hearing ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE IN THE ESTIMATED
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000, TO BE ISSUED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING (I) ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, WATER,
SANITARY SEWER, LIGHTING, AND OTHER RELATED UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS,
AND GRADING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MILLWOOD/COUNTY HOME
CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT; AND (II) OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THERETO, TO REIMBURSE THE CITY'S GENERAL
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, OR BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR MONEYS
PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Mrs. Hutchinson was available to answer any questions that Council may have.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Back for third reading, title only on February 25, 2016.

ORDINANCES

2nd Reading AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2016 PAVING
Public Hearing MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET

Mr. Andrako was available to answer any questions that Council may have.

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked Mr. Andrako if there would be any changes to the proposed street handout that they had already received. Mr. Andrako answered no, and he will be distributing a fact sheet to Council regarding the project.

Citizen Comments:

Back for third reading, title only on February 25, 2016.

1st Reading Title Only TO APPROVE THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO ZONE PARCEL 2800170331000 LOCATED ON WATKINS ROAD TO TRAFFIC ORIENTED COMMERCIAL (TOC)(ANNEXATION)

Administration Comments: Mr. Aslaner explained this is the same property that we passed the assignment of services at the prior meeting. He also explained the annexation is scheduled to be passed by the Union County Commissioners on February 23rd. Mr. Schulze introduced himself as representing the owners of the property. He explained that they did not think there would be a problem with the annexation and that it is already zoned TOC in the county. He does not know what the property will be used for exactly. He asked Mr. Aslaner to comment on the use. Mr. Aslaner said he has heard a possible hotel of some kind. Mr. Nelson was there to answer any questions on the property because he is co-owners of the property with Mr. Schulze client.

Council Comments:

Back for second reading, public hearing on February 25, 2016. A scheduled public hearing for Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code

1st Reading Title Only AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2015 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council Comments: Mrs. Jones explained this is the second half of the resolutions and ordinances that were passed last year and this is the annual ordinance to update the code on the website. Mr. Rausch explained that we are now doing this semi-annually.

Mr. Taylor moved to pass the emergency clause and the question put, stood:

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

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive 2nd reading 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

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive 3rd 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

Mr. Taylor 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

1st Reading AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO
Title Only EXCEED \$75,000,000 OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REVENUE
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO, UNDER
SECTION 3, ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ADVANCE REFUNDING (I) A PORTION OF ITS \$85,885,000 WASTEWATER
TREATMENT SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006, DATED SEPTEMBER 27,
2006, AND (II) A PORTION OF ITS \$31,555,000 WASTEWATER TREATMENT
SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007, DATED JUNE 6, 2007; AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE TO SECURE
SUCH BONDS; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Administration Comments: Mr. Brossart spoke to Council regarding the refund of the wastewater bonds. He said the interest rates range from 5 to 4 percent on the current bonds. He added that interest rates are currently at an all-time low. He said it will be a significant savings. Mr. Rausch said the rates are lower than we when we talked last week.

Council Comments:

Mr. Taylor moved to pass the emergency clause 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

Mr. Berbee moved to waive third reading 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

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Brossart, if we would push this through tonight would you be able to get the rates locked in sooner. Mr. Brossart explained that they are still looking at least a month before they are ready to sign the documents, so another reading will be fine. Mrs. Richardson asked if Mr. Brossart expects our credit rating to change. He said there is still a large amount of debt, however, the fact that the City is saving money and building up the working fund balances in the utilities, will be some key credit drivers.

Back for second reading, public hearing on February 25, 2016.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Reams reported that the Parks & Rec. will meet on Feb. 16th at 7pm.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Groat announced Public Affairs for February 22, 2016. March 24th is Holy Thursday and questioned if we should meet during that Thursday. Mrs. Groat asked Mrs. Jones to advertise the meeting as a special council meeting so that all members of Council can attend to help solidify the rules.

Mrs. Richardson suggested meeting a different day other than the 24th, which is Holy Thursday. Mr. Rausch said we could go to a different time. Mrs. Groat suggested a different time such as 5:30pm.

Mrs. Richardson talked about youth and drugs. The parents of Bunsold students received a letter stating there were students that were in possession of drug paraphernalia, which is 11 to 13 year olds. She said after reviewing our local police beat there were several citations for possession of drugs and paraphernalia. She said theft of prescription pain killers is another frequent write up. Yesterday, the Marysville Journal Tribune reported a traffic stop where balloons were confiscated and they suspect they contain heroin. She doesn't say this to create fear but to create action. Our community does not have a severe problem, but our goal is to be proactive so we can keep the problem from growing. Please keep talking about drug, it something very important, talk to your children about the importance of not using drugs.

Mrs. Richardson gave a Public Safety Committee update. She explained they heard an excellent presentation by Chief Golden on the need for a Community Oriented Services Bureau. That would be led by a community services sergeant. She said they also discussed the hiring of a community oriented policing officer. The goal of the bureau would be proactive problem solving throughout the community. She believes that a Community Oriented Policing Officer would be proactive on the fight against drugs. She said that the committee unanimously

endorsed the plan, but would ask finance committee to review the cost involved with the recommendation. She said in the future this might be a topic that they would want to discuss in a work session setting. Mrs. Richardson thanked Chief Golden and the police department for everything they do to protect the City.

Mrs. Richardson reported that TeamMarysville met this week, and "with the support of all City Leaders, to keep the momentum of success moving forward.

*Bruce Daniels reported that Leon's Garage will be open for dinner starting tonight. The hours of operation are 4-10pm Tuesdays-Saturdays with plans to be open for lunch in the near future. Work to reopen the theater is now ramping up too.

*Tiffany Woods reported that Richwood Bank is moving forward with their plans to construct a new branch at the Corner of Walnut and E. 5th

*Donald Boerger encouraged all to participate in the "All you need is love campaign" tomorrow at 2pm in front of Whit's Frozen Custard to draw attention to historic buildings by decorating them for the holiday. He also discussed plans for a historical plaque program.

*Our own Chad Flowers reported that the City is seeking consultants to draft an update to our Uptown Revitalization Plan. You will learn more about that this weekend."

Mr. Berbee said he enjoyed the walk in the park Saturday with Mr. Rockenbaugh, and added that he now knows how to identify a sycamore tree, which is one of the oldest trees. When they were walking in the parks, if Mr. Rockenbaugh or Mr. Morse would see a piece of paper or bag on the ground they automatically picked it up because they are so proud of the parks. He would like to make sure that this continues.

Mr. Berbee announced that Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 5pm either in the Conference Room or Council Chambers.

Mr. Reams explained he was unable to do the tree walk but he had noticed on the trail between Main Street and McCarthy Park a tree he had never noticed before, a magnolia tree. When he went back he noticed when they did the trail work the dirt was piled on the tree and its roots were exposed. He contacted Mr. Rockenbaugh, who had never noticed the tree either. Mr. Rockenbaugh informed Mr. Reams that it was a female sumac tree. He said it is good to have Mr. Rockenbaugh's resources on staff.

Mr. Seymour agreed with Mr. Emery's comments on how well the emergency crews did with the train derailment and working together. Mr. Emery added that Chief Golden was raving about our street personnel and their effectiveness to have the signs up and detour in place shortly after the incident happened.

Mr. Rausch said on Sunday, he had the opportunity to present the first proclamation as Mayor to the Four Chaplains Ceremony which was held at the First Congregational Church of Christ. He said in attendance were Joe and Teeny Williams, Mr. Williams was the 77 year old that was beaten up in the park. He said he knew Mr. Williams would be in attendance and took a couple of t-shirts with him. Mr. Rausch said Mr. Williams did get up at the end of the service and say I did not get a key to the City but I did get a t-shirt. Mr. Williams wanted to let everyone know he is doing much better and thanked everyone for their concern.

Mr. Rausch said at everyone's seat you have a packet that Mr. Dostanko put together for you. If you have a chance please review it prior to us getting together.

Mrs. Richardson moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Taylor 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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:14p.m. Being no further business to come before Council, the executive session was adjourned at 8:26pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.