

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2014

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, Director of Administration Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Battalion Chief Mark Ropp, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Water Superintendent Scott Sheppard, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Clerk Connie Patterson

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune, Amy Rogan-ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: MaryAnn Strouse, Clarence Vipperman, Donna Trudeau, Cole Stiffler, Steve Stolte, Mayor Nibert, Eric Phillips

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on March 27, 2014 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mayor Gore and Mayor Nibert presented a Commendation to Eagle Scout Cole Stiffler.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Income Tax Assistance

Finance Department staff is available Monday- Friday, 8 am to 5:00 pm to provide City Income Tax assistance. Special after-hours, dates and times will be provided on

- Saturday, April 12, 2014 (9am-12pm)
- Monday, April 14, 2014 (5pm-7pm)
- Tuesday, April 15, 2014 (5pm-7pm)

Assistance will be offered at the Customer Service Counter located in City Hall.

Division of Police

We are proud to announce that Detective Sergeant Terry Basinger has been selected by the Marysville Council Knights of Columbus as the "2014 Blue Coat of the Year" award winner at the local level. The Blue Coat of the Year award honors local first responders for the service they provide to their communities while going above and beyond their normal work duties.

Sergeant Basinger was selected as the 2014 Blue Coat of the Year for a number of recent achievements to include: the development and implementation of a computerized property control process, the creation of an Investigations Newsletter as a means of sharing information between detectives, command staff and road patrol officers, and the development of an Officer's Resource Guide Booklet which provides on-scene officers with a comprehensive list of necessary details, items and information. Sergeant Basinger also led the investigation of seven arson fires that occurred in 2013 that led to the arrest and indictment of the suspect in the series of arsons.

Public Service

Park restrooms are now open for the season.

The City has been focusing efforts on patching potholes that have developed after the season's snow and ice clearing efforts. Please call the City Service Dept. 645-7350 ext #4 to report potholes that are in need of repair.

Events & Recreation

Green and Clean Week is April 20th-27th. The week includes tree planting, an opportunity to Adopt-a-Park, volunteer litter collection efforts and a stream cleanup along Mill Creek near Swartzkopf Park. Those interested in participating in the stream cleanup efforts can contact City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, 645-7358 or at jhoyt@marysvilleohio.org by April 17th. Other details regarding Green and Clean Week activities can be found on the City's website, www.marysvilleohio.org or by contacting Amanda Morris, 645-7363 or at amorris@marysvilleohio.org.

Basketball and Volleyball league applications are available on the City's website. Registration deadline is April 25.

- 2014 League nights are:
 - o Tuesday: 3 on 3 Basketball and Water Volleyball
 - o Wednesday and Thursday: Sand Volleyball (currently have 14 teams signed up)

Pool passes are now available for purchase on our website and at City Hall.

Administration

Police Chief Floyd Golden and Deputy Chief Bo Spain will be on WQTT 1270 AM radio station tomorrow morning from 9:00-9:30 am for "Marysville Municipal Matters." Topics of discussion will be Pedestrian Safety, Bicycle Safety and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Marysville Among Most Affordable Places in Ohio

Marysville was recently ranked the 13th most affordable place in Ohio. Marysville's ranking details and the rankings of other Ohio cities can be found at www.movoto.com

Union County - One of Ohio's Healthiest Counties

Union County was named 9th in health outcomes and 6th in health factors in the State of Ohio. Union County was one of only three counties in Central Ohio that ranked in the top 15. Details about these rankings and the rankings of other Ohio counties can be found at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

Additionally, Columbus Business First announced the healthiest employers based on its research. Scotts Miracle-Gro Company ranked as the healthiest largest employer in Central Ohio. Memorial Hospital of Union County ranked as the 10th healthiest largest employer.

City offices will be closed Friday, April 18th, in observance of Good Friday.

Mr. Taylor asked if small business owners are allowed to come over to City Hall and receive help with their income taxes. Ms. Chavarria said yes. Income tax assistance is available to everyone.

Mayor Gore asked Council's consideration to add a Resolution on the consent calendar regarding support of State Issue 1.

Mr. Rausch moved to add the resolution to the consent calendar and the question put, stood:

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

Motion passed.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: No report.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Mr. Phillips handed out a Marysville Uptown Update and a Union County Visitors Guide.

Mr. Phillips reported that the Economic Development Strategy was adopted by the County Commissioners and will soon be coming to Council.

A tour of Heritage Cooperative in Kenton will take place on Tuesday, April 15th.

Mr. Phillips encouraged Council to vote for making the reservoir a recreational reservoir. It will bring people to the community and they will in turn spend money in our community.

Mayor Gore announced that today Mr. Phillips assumed the position of Chairman of the MORPC Board of Directors. It is the first time someone in Union County has held that position. He serves on the Board with representatives from 14 counties in the Central Ohio area. Mayor Gore said, "Contrary to what some people may think, we are very fortunate to have the Economic Development Director that we have in Union County. Look around you, what's going on. That didn't just come knocking on our door and say we want to be here. People are dealing with our Economic Development office, dealing with the Commissioners, dealing with the City and Eric is very strong and very highly respected plus being elected as the Chair of MORPC. I'm proud that you are kind of an employee of the City of Marysville." Mayor Gore congratulated Mr. Phillips and thanked him for not only his service to Union County, but his service to central Ohio."

Mr. Berbee said estimates are probably north of \$100M investments currently being made in Marysville. He asked Mr. Phillips if that is a reasonable assumption. Mr. Phillips didn't have the exact number, but will get it and report back.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: No comments.

RESOLUTIONS

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WATERWAYS SAFETY FUND" was presented for third reading, title only.

Mayor Gore said there has been a lot of misinformation and comments from different people, from Council in particular. Staff will address concerns that Council has. "We hire these people to do a job, to be a Water Superintendent, to be a Police Chief, etc. and they are the ones that will be dealing with these issues."

Water Superintendent Scott Sheppard reiterated that he is wholeheartedly on board with this project. The benefits certainly outweigh the risks. He looked at southern California in particular. They are stricken with no water but yet the reservoirs they have in southern California they choose to allow recreational boating there. This is something that is great for the community and the County itself.

Battalion Chief Mark Ropp said the Fire Division endorses the reservoir boating access project. He reiterated to Council and the citizens of Marysville that the Fire Department

is professionally staff, equipped and trained to respond to emergencies that may occur at the reservoir on a 24-hour a day basis. That involves accidents, injuries, chemical spills, etc.

Police Chief Floyd Golden said back when the reservoir was first completed, Council passed a resolution giving the Police Department powers to provide law enforcement service for the reservoir area. That area has been added to the police beat locations along with all the other parks to give them the ability to observe and evaluate and keep track of any incidents that may occur. They have full police authority there. They also share that authority with the Union County Sheriff's Office. There is a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff's Office. Chief Golden does not see that this reservoir will have an adverse affect on the Police Department any more than any other park in the City.

Public Service Director Mike Andrako said there has been a concern about how the reservoir is going to be maintained and if the Public Service Department is going to be able to keep up with the additional trash generated by the boaters. He said he has no concerns with any additional trash. It's already open to the public, so this is actually just adding boats to that. He looks at this as an amenity to the park system. He feels this is a fantastic opportunity to provide something like this to Union County, with very little to no cost to the city.

Mayor Gore said, "One of our goals over the last three years is that we've adopted the saying that Marysville is a great place to live, work and play. We continue to build homes where people can live; we're the third lowest employment rate in the state of Ohio; we have jobs. We need to continue to expand recreation and when we can expand recreation without a taxpayer investment, I think we have to take advantage of that."

Mr. Reams said the City has rules in place for our existing reservoir, no dogs, no boating, no swimming. Swimming is not permitted, not so much as people drowning as much as it is reducing the amount of people affected from bacteria since treatment is never 100%. One of the things you want to do is minimize human contact with water.

Mr. Reams said a reservoir in Altuna, PA does not allow gas powered boats or fishing. It's water supply only. There are several lakes that don't allow boats or don't allow gas powered boats. He wasn't able to get the answer as to why.

Findlay, Ohio has two reservoirs, one a similar size to ours and one much larger. They could not tell Mr. Reams why reservoir number 1 doesn't allow gas powered boats; they just knew that it was significantly smaller than reservoir 2 and it's their main reservoir that they draw the water from for drinking water.

He looked at the list of other reservoirs in Ohio, greater than five acres, what type of reservoir they are, above ground or in ground, etc. and what they are used for. He noted Lima has multiple lakes from 150 acres to 600 acres, and they were a benchmark

that City of Marysville used when we built our reservoir. Lima allows only electric motors. Their main concern is to keep oil and gas out of their drinking water supply. Also, it keeps the larger boats out of the water that may be transporting zebra muscles from other locations. Gas powered boats are ones you see up at Lake Erie and the big lakes where they have zebra muscle problems. The electric powered boats are not.

Mr. Reams explained that zebra muscles attach to hard surfaces, rocks, other native muscles and boats, so they are transported on a boat to other lakes. Small ones are about the size of a period on a piece of paper. They live for ten days outside of water and what happens when they invade your water supply is they clog pumps, intakes and infrastructure. The Great Lakes have had a problem. The cost of these zebra muscles is \$360,000 a year in zebra muscle control for the municipalities and the industries that use that Great Lakes water, not including the nuclear power plants. Small municipalities that have their water supply and deal with zebra muscles average \$20,000 a year in control efforts.

Mr. Reams said Lima has a good compromise. They allow boating; they allow fishing and electric motors only. We are talking about a boat ramp and a parking lot; that's what we're getting out of this. There is not a restroom or additional recreation facilities; it's only the basics to support the boats and the trailers. He would support electric motors only, but not gasoline powered motors.

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

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

Resolution 8-14 passed.

The resolution "TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 222 S. MAIN STREET, WHICH IS TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE" was presented for third reading, title only. Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Resolution 9-14 passed.
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The resolution "AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A WATER MASTER TANKER FOR THE FIRE DIVISION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" was presented for second reading, public hearing. Mrs. Richardson proposed a language change for clarification purposes, which does not change the substance of the Resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Marysville's 2014 Budget, specifically the Capital Improvement Plan, provides for the purchase of a water tanker to be used by the Fire Division, and

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

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

Motion passed.

Mrs. Groat moved to waive third reading, title only and the question put, stood:

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

Motion passed.

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 Mr. Fogt YES

Resolution 10-14 passed.

The resolution "TO AMEND COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE" was presented for One Reading Only. This legislation was referred back to Public Affairs Committee for further review at an earlier meeting.

*** There may be exceptions where a citizen's comments may be heard at 3rd Reading. Citizens and Council Members wishing to speak at 3rd Reading are required to contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting, and may only be heard with the consent of the presiding officer. "Council members, without prior consent and at the*

discretion of the presiding officer, may respond to the comments made by citizens and/or Council members.” **

Mrs. Groat explained the purpose of the change was to allow the President, at his discretion at 3rd reading, to grant permission for one person to speak. There very well may be comments or questions generated from that speaking. This will allow the President the ability to govern following conversation appropriately.

Mrs. Richardson asked for clarification that the intent of the proposed change is to allow the conversation by Council in a moderate way; it's not to keep Council from commenting. Mr. Taylor said the change will actually open up the right for Council to speak after another Council member's comments.

Mr. Reams said there is nothing in the Rules of Procedure that says Council may not speak at 3rd Reading. Mr. Reams said the reason for having three readings is so that Council can discuss and debate these items in public. If we stop it at second reading, why even have a third reading. Mr. Taylor said no. It doesn't stop it there; it says at third reading, if someone is asked, this opens up the floor for everyone to have that right to speak where they don't have that now.

Mr. Reams asked Clerk Patterson to contact other communities to see how they handle Council speaking at various readings.

Mr. Reams moved to table the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Motion failed.

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

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

Resolution 11-14 passed.

The resolution "IN SUPPORT OF ARBOR DAY AWARENESS WEEK – APRIL 21, 2014" was presented for One Reading Only. Mr. Berbee explained that for the last couple years, civic organizations such as the Lyons Club and the Kiwanis, donated

trees to be planted in Lewis Park. At last count, 529 trees were destroyed by the
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Emerald Ash Borer in the City of Marysville. The Marysville Public Library has a new director and where he came from, Kentucky, they had a program where they educated the public and handed out starter trees. Mr. Berbee brought with him a sample tree, a 3' white pine which is 3 years old. The idea is to create an alliance called the "Marysville Arbor Rescue Restoration Alliance" project whereby Scotts Miracle-Gro and Dutch Mill Greenhouse will be donating 100 white pines and 100 pin oaks. With the help from ORW crew and the City crews, trees will be handed out to the general public on April 21st.

Mr. Reams commented that this is a great idea and asked if this alliance is something that will continue for years. Mr. Berbee said this is the first time for this, but hopes this will continue in one form or another. The library is very interested in this program as well. Mr. Reams commented that a lot of street trees were ash trees, so he suggested for future years, looking at a different tree that could be used as a replacement for street trees.

Mr. Berbee said the trees will not be specifically used for city property, but everything that you add will definitely add to the beauty of Marysville.

Mr. Fogt asked if donations are being asked from other civic clubs, financial or other. Mr. Berbee said there is no request for donations from other organizations; it's just a continuation of something that we have already been involved with over the past years.

Mrs. Richardson said we need trees and encouraged residents to take advantage of Arbor Day Awareness Week.

Mayor Gore thanked Mr. Berbee and Mr. Fogt and their civic organizations for their involvement.

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

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

Resolution 12-14 passed.

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES ON ALL BRIDGES WITHIN THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO" was presented for One Reading Only. City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt explained that ODOT volunteered to take over our bridge inspection program. We currently hire an

outside firm to do the inspections, so by utilizing ODOT, will save the city \$12,000/\$15,000 over a three-year period.

Mrs. Groat asked why the state is offering to do a job that we are currently contracting out. Mr. Hoyt said it sounds like they are mandated to do it for more consistency. Marysville was always doing it but other municipalities were not.

Mr. Rausch understood that they are only evaluating the bridges that they actually have the responsibility for any repairs that would be needed, anything that's on a state highway. Mr. Hoyt will check and get back to Mr. Rausch.

Mrs. Richardson asked if the residents can get a heads-up when the repairs are going to be done. Mr. Hoyt said ODOT will just be doing some load testing on the bridges, which they've been doing for the last 4/5 years. They will post signs for lane restrictions, etc.

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

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

Resolution 13-14 passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR LEGISLATION

“RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING STATE ISSUE 1, THE RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM” was presented for One Reading Only. County Commissioner Steve Stolte explained that State Issue 1 represents the third renewal of the State Capital Improvement Bond Program. That program was initially before the voters in 1987 and has been renewed two times since then. This provides for the issuance of approximately \$1.9B in capital improvement bonds over its ten-year life, and proceeds from those bonds are then made available through the State Capital Improvement Program to local governments, cities, villages, townships and counties for their use on infrastructure, bridges, roads, sanitary sewers, water lines, wastewater plants, water treatment plants and storm sewers. It's been a tremendously valuable program to local governments. Local governments in every county have benefited. Marysville itself has received in excess of \$3M through the State Capital Improvement Program. In Union County, there has been approximately \$26M worth of improvements that have happened and half of that has come through the State Capital

Improvement Program. He urged Council to pass this resolution in support of State Issue 1.

Mr. Berbee confirmed that this is no new tax and asked if it's supported by gasoline tax. Mr. Stolte said these bonds are paid off through the State's General Revenue Fund. The cost of the repayment is in the state budget every year. Those are 20-year bonds, and the first ones were sold in 1987, the first ones were retired in 2007, so they are just recycling at this point; they are almost to the level now in the state budget every year that continues to fund these. As long as that line item is in the state budget, this program can continue without any increased taxes to anyone.

Mayor Gore said the city has received \$2.1M since 2008.

Mr. Hoyt added some of the more recent projects we've had since 2008 include the work on Milford/Maple Street, as well as the Milford Avenue culvert replacement, State Route 4 and County Home Road, the Fifth Street Streetscape and Amrine Mill Culvert replacement.

Mr. Rausch said that Mr. Stolte came to CIC to make the presentation and CIC felt so strongly that they changed the language that they not only supported it, but endorsed it as well.

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

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

Resolution 14-14 passed.

ORDINANCES

The ordinance "TO AMEND CHAPTER 105, PUBLIC MEETINGS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE" was presented for third reading, title only. Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 12-14 passed.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$24,530,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF (1) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION, REHABILITATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM; AND (II) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGNING AND ENGINEERING OF THE SOUTHWEST TRUNK SEWER AND JOB READY SITE LOCATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTER" was presented for third reading, title only. Mrs. Groat 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. Fogt YES

Ordinance 13-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1141.04, PAVING, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mrs. Groat 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. Fogt YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 14-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.03(c), DEFINITIONS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. 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. Fogt YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 15-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.09(a)(3), TEMPORARY SIGNAGE, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 17-14 passed.
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The ordinance "TO ADD SECTION 1143.09(b)(11), EDUCATIONAL/PUBLIC SERVICE LIGHT POLE BANNER, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" 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. Fogt YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES

Ordinance 16-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO ADD SECTION 1143.09(b)(12), GRAND OPENING SIGN, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 18-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO ADD SECTION 1143.09(b)(13), COMING SOON SIGN, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. 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 Mr. Fogt YES

Ordinance 19-14 passed.

The ordinance "ACCEPTING A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF UNION AND CITY OF MARYSVILLE, PARCEL NOS, 2900220019320 (1121 Valley Drive, Lot 3834), 2900220019330 (1113 Valley Drive, Lot 3835), and 2900220019340 (1105 Valley Drive, Lot 3836)" was presented for first reading, title only. Mayor Gore said Dominion is donating these lots for the pedestrian bridge project.

The ordinance "ACCEPTING A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF UNION AND CITY OF MARYSVILLE, PARCEL NOS. 2900220022000 (SOUTH OF CINNAMON DRIVE "F" MILL ROAD) AND

2900220011000 (“G” 17300 MILL ROAD) IN MILL VALLEY PHASE 1” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Hoyt said there are currently two retention basins.

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Because of the pump station, the Homeowners Association is donating it because the city currently does all the maintenance anyway.

Mr. Reams said in the past the city has made the decision not to accept those properties, so what’s the change. Not necessarily those particular ones, but for stormwater detention areas it’s been a practice to not accept them. Mr. Hoyt will do some more research and report back.

The ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 937.18, ESTABLISHMENT OF STORM DRAINAGE SERVICE CHARGES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Emery explained that an audit for stormwater showed the airport was underbilled. Per our code, they should have been billed a lot more because the current language does not exclude airport runways and taxiways. Research was done with central Ohio airports and it was found that other airports exclude runways and taxiways. By excluding runways and taxiways, we are able to bring down their bills to a more reasonable level. Under our previous language, their bills ran \$900/month and by excluding runways and taxiways, it reduced the bills to about \$350.00. Mr. Emery requested an emergency so staff can get the problem fixed quickly as they are currently being billed the \$900.

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

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

Motion passed.

The ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 931.05, DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION OF SERVICE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Emery said this changes some language from a disconnection to a disconnection processing fee. Mr. Aslaner said the fee was being applied inconsistently because it didn’t post until the actual disconnection and there was all this time and effort put in on behalf of clerks. This will uniformly and consistently apply this fee.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: No report.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Taylor presented Holly Underwood as the Funeral Director representative to the Cemetery Advisory Board, term to expire March 31, 2018. Mr. Rausch moved to confirm the appointment; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Taylor presented Pete Griffin for Design Review Board, term to expire July 31, 2018. Mr. Fogt moved to confirm the reappointment; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Taylor reminded Council members to notify the Clerk well in advance of summer vacations.

Mr. Berbee reported that Finance Committee will meet on April 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Berbee announced that on Tuesday, April 22nd, 6:00 p.m. at the Union County Senior Building on State Route 4, there will be a Medicare 101 class. There is no charge for this class.

Mr. Reams reported that paving has begun on Millcreek Park. He suggested a couple of ideas that addresses connectivity of the trails and parking. The idea was to extend the trail further along Mill Creek towards the other parking lot by the horseshoe pits and then you get the people who want to take their kids for a walk on the trail, they don't have to park in the same parking lot as all the people who want to play baseball, etc.

Mrs. Groat has received complaints twice in the last month about unleashed dogs and people not cleaning up after their dogs. We are not being very good neighbors by allowing this to happen. That neighborliness is part of who we are. Dogs are to be leashed by Section 5.01 in the Code and dogs soiling private property are at least a concern about soil and filth being allowed to accumulate on private property. Section 521.12 of the Code is about littering.

Mrs. Richardson echoed what Mrs. Groat mentioned.

Mrs. Richardson commented on procedure. She would have liked to comment on the issue that Mr. Reams brought up this evening. She respects the research that Mr. Reams has done. She requested that Administration bring back the cooperative agreement to Council.

Mrs. Richardson thanked Chief Golden on behalf of the Mill Valley Neighborhood Watch for his safety presentation this past Tuesday during their "Spring into Safety" event. Also expressed appreciation to Pete Emmons and the Neighborhood Watch team for sponsoring and planning the evening.

Thanks to Dominion Homes for the gift of real estate allowing us to access the Pedestrian Bridge

"Last meeting I talked with you about Prescription Drug Abuse. Tonight, let's talk about Heroin Abuse:

*Heroin can be smoked, injected or snorted

*It comes in a number of forms including: *black tar and white heroin*

*Some of the street names include: *Horse, Smack, Black Tar, Chiva, and Negra*

*It has no legitimate medical use

Our MJT featured an article about Heroin this week and here are some things I would like to paraphrase from the article:

1. In 2007 there were an estimated 373K heroin users, in 2012 the estimation was 669k and the largest increases were in the age group 18-25 years of age.
2. First time users doubled in a 6 year period ending in 2012 from 90k to 156k
3. The turn to heroin is attributed to cost and crackdown on prescription drug abuse. A gram of prescription opiates sells for 1,000 dollars while a gram of heroin sells for 100 dollars

In Butler County Ohio, heroin overdose calls to EMS are so commonplace that the EMS Coordinator likens answering calls for heroin overdose to coming in and eating breakfast.

The same county has seen children forced into foster care and shoplifting rings formed to raise money for fixes.

In sum, the problem is growing and small idyllic communities including our own are certainly not free from the challenges faced by the influence of heroin.

Heroin kills. It is highly addictive and it destroys lives.

Please keep talking...to your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors and your friends. We want our community drug free!"

Mr. Fogt said he too has received complaints about people walking dogs and not cleaning up after them. He hopes that gets resolved easily.

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He has also received several complaints about a resident running a vehicle repair business out of his garage and he's renting that house. He's been talking with Administration and if we can't get anything resolved, he'll bring legislation forward to take care of it.

There is also a problem with chickens at a residence. The lady did get rid of her rooster, but she has doubled her flock of chickens.

There is a rumor that one of the neighbors has rabbits. Maybe two or three rabbits are okay, but it's to the point where this is a residential community where it's sort of an island and everybody's backyards abut up to each other and 6-8 people can see these chickens and rabbits from their back porch. If the land is zoned agricultural in the city, then that's fine, but if it's zoned residential, there should not be chickens running around on the property. If we don't have proper legislation on the books, there will be some coming to Council.

Mr. Taylor said the animal solution is Section 5.5.01.

Mr. Rausch mentioned distracted driving. He's seen a ton of people texting and driving. Doesn't know if it's because of the nice weather or what. It is illegal. Please quit texting and driving. For anyone wanting to join Dom Tiberi in his fight against distracted driving, go to his website.

Mr. Rausch congratulated Margo Geer. She is completing her senior year at Arizona where she is now a two-time defending champion in the 100 meter freestyle. She is a phenomenal kid. Her goal is to stay in Arizona for a fifth year, train and get ready for the 2016 Olympics. Congratulations Margo! She is everything that you would want your kid to be. It's great to see a good kid compete and win at that level.

Mayor Gore said he just happened to see a replay of Margo Geer winning that 100 meter freestyle. She beat Missy Franklin, who was the gold medalist in the Olympics.

Mayor Gore said that Mr. Berbee is a Certified Medicare Advisor and through his training, he is one of only three or four in Union County that is certified about Medicare. He commended Mr. Berbee for that.

Mayor Gore thanked council for their support on Issue 1. It does a lot for our community.

Mayor Gore also thanked Council for their support on the reservoir. There is an operational agreement once everything is signed that Council will see.

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Mayor Gore noted an article in tonight's Journal Tribune. He clarified a couple of things that were misrepresented on rail discussions. Mr. Phillips reached out to the Tribune reporter at the Mayor's request. It was an informational meeting and they're in the early, early stages. The article tonight stated that Mr. Phillips said, "The public didn't need to know." Mayor Gore has worked with Mr. Phillips for at least 12 years and he's never heard Mr. Phillips say, "The public doesn't need to know." So, whatever the reporter chose to take whatever Mr. Phillips said and twist those words, I will put my reputation on it that Mr. Phillips did not say those words." He may have said it's early on in the process; we're still learning about the process. There are a number of things that have to be done. It's not that you're trying to hide anything; you have to gather information before you can share it. You have to know what you're taking about instead of going off half cocked on things.

Mayor Gore feels it would be huge for business to have a rail go from Columbus to Chicago with a stop in Marysville. We are continuing to grow. We're no longer just a little blob on the map. Union County is no longer just an agricultural community. Union County is part of central Ohio. Marysville is part of central Ohio. That is evidenced by the interest from the central Ohio community media on what's going on in Marysville.

Mayor Gore added that there are a couple of folks in the community that feel like they have to continue to take shots at our Economic Development Director, and "I just want to be real clear to you, as far as I'm concerned in our vote, he's here to stay and he's done an outstanding job in our community, so I just wished they'd let up a little bit."

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.