

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 22, 2014

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. Berbee **EXCUSED:** Mr. Fogt, Mr. Reams

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Police Chief Floyd Golden, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Clerk Connie Patterson

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Kathy Werkmeister, Scott Failor, Ben Vollrath

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on May 8, 2014 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mayor Gore showed a video on “Homes for Our Troops.” He met with the organization. U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (retired) Jason Gibson and his wife Kara are living in Wright Patterson Air Force Base housing. He has chosen Union County because his grandparents live in Union County. The house will be built on Clark Dawson Road. Groundbreaking will be held on June 7th. The Mayor committed the City’s support and promote within the community. A lot of the work will be done by volunteers.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Division of Police

As part of the Click It or Ticket Campaign, law enforcement from the Marysville Police Department, the Union County Sheriff’s Office, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol conducted a seatbelt check Tuesday, May 20th at the Marysville High School.

Law enforcement observed a total of 651 drivers and passengers, with an overall seat belt usage rate of 93.7%.

DARE Graduation

The DARE Graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 27th at Creekview Intermediate at 9:30 am.

Division of Fire

As part of the 7th Annual OhioHealth Grant LifeLink EMS Conference, Marysville Fire was awarded for successfully resuscitating a patient that went into cardiac arrest on US 33 on April

15, 2013. Marysville Fire responded to by-stander CPR in progress, continued the resuscitation and transported him to Dublin Methodist on April 15, 2013 where he was resuscitated and transferred to Riverside Methodist Hospital. The patient has made a complete recovery and was at the award ceremony. Battalion Chief Mark Ropp and Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Rengert accepted the award on behalf of the crew at the ceremony.

I would like to commend and thank our Fire and Police personnel for their quick response and hard work during the four-alarm fire that occurred at the Windsor High Rise apartments on Sunday, May 11th. I would also like to thank the following agencies for their response and assistance: Allen Twp., Pleasant Valley Fire District, Northern Union County Fire District, Leesburg Twp., Liberty Twp., Washington Twp., Concord Twp., Scioto Twp., Norwich Twp., Liberty Twp., Perry Twp., City of Worthington, City of Delaware, Union County EMA, Delaware County EMA, Union County Sheriff's Office, The American Red Cross and the Union County Health Department.

Public Service Department

The ADA Curb Ramps and walk are being installed at the East Fifth St. and Vine St. crossing, topsoil/seeding to follow.

Oakdale Cemetery is being prepared (trimming, mowing, and bed maintenance) for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Events & Recreation

Our Municipal Pool passed inspection today. The pool opens this Saturday, May 24th at 12:00 pm. The pool will be closed May 27-29th but will reopen on Friday, May 30th and resume its normal business hours.

Marysville 8th grade students will be utilizing the pool next Thursday, May 29th, for the annual last day of school celebration.

The first Friday Nights Uptown, "Uptown BBQ" and the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event had a great turnout last Friday. We were pleasantly surprised in the attendance considering the weather. The next Friday Nights Uptown event, "Wine and Jazz Fest" takes place on Friday, June 13th from 6-10 pm.

Engineering

The library access and City parking lot will be closed starting on Tuesday, May 27th through the duration of the Partner's Park project.

The US 33 Pedestrian Bridge project will begin construction Monday, June 2nd. The bridge is expected to be complete by early Fall.

Administration

Council President Nevin Taylor will be on WQTT 1270 AM radio station tomorrow morning from 9:00-9:30 am for “Marysville Municipal Matters.”

City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day.

Memorial Day Parade

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26th. A wreath presentation will take place at 9am on the North Main Street Bridge. The parade steps off at 9:30 am at the intersection of East 5th and Plum Street, traveling West on 5th Street and ending at Oakdale Cemetery where a Memorial Service will be held beginning at 10:00 am.

Any organization interested in participating in the parade should contact the VFW at 937-644-1080.

Homes for Our Troops Groundbreaking Ceremony

Homes for Our Troops will hold a ground breaking ceremony on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 11:00 am for U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (retired) Jason Gibson and his wife Kara. The event will be held at 17185 Clark Dawson Road, Marysville, Ohio.

SSG Gibson and his wife will be escorted by the Ohio Patriot Motorcycle Guard to the ground breaking site. The procession will begin at approximately 10:30 am from the Union County Sheriff's Office. The public is encouraged to be present along the procession route to welcome SSG Gibson and his wife to our community and are also invited to attend the ground breaking ceremony.

For additional information contact Ken Bonnell at (937) 644-2674 or email bonnells.suffolks@gmail.com

5th Annual Beautification Program

The City's Beautification Program recognizes residents and businesses in the City who contribute to the beauty of Marysville by taking pride in their landscaping and/or exterior renovation improvements.

Anyone can nominate a property. The property must be located within the corporation limits of the City of Marysville. Properties will be judged in four categories, property enhancement, beautifully maintained, gateway and storefront-window display/outside facade.

[Application/nomination](#) forms must be received by Monday, July 14, 2014. For additional information please view the [program flyer](#) located on our website or contact [Clerk of Council](#) Connie Patterson at (937) 645-7356.

Farmers Market

The Union County Farmers Markets will be held each Saturday through October 18th. The Farmers Markets are open from 8 am- 1pm in the City parking lot located at Plum & Sixth Street.

Aldersgate Park

This afternoon, a 2nd grade class from Edgewood Elementary took the time to remove litter at Aldersgate Park. Chief Riley and his firefighters helped the students clean up the park which the kids really enjoyed. Afterwards, Superintendent Diane Mankins, Chief Riley and I each spoke to the students and thanked them for their efforts in helping keep our community clean.

Mrs. Richardson gave feedback to Chief Golden with regard to the “Click It and Ticket Stops” at the High School. The message was loud and clear and effective for the students.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there are two tornado sirens in Mill Valley. Chief Riley responded yes.

Mr. Berbee said he appreciated the Memorial Service for the Fallen Officers. This was the 10th year and a very nice ceremony. He hopes this event continues.

Mr. Taylor reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade is a non-candy throwing parade.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: No report.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Chairman Scott Failor reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting in May.

Design Review Board met and discussed minor revisions to Partners Park. Those were passed unanimously.

At 925 Delaware Avenue, they are renovating a car wash and turning it into a Meineke Car Center. That was approved unanimously.

Heritage Cooperative construction plans were reviewed for a new grain and fertilizer facility, as well as an office building and scales. That was approved unanimously.

Mayor Gore thanked Mr. Failor for stepping up to serve as Chairman of the Planning Commission.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: No comments.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR APPOINTED DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR \$350,000 OF FY2014 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION” was presented for third reading, title only. Ms. Werkmeister reported the following:

“Marysville City Council Meeting
Second Public Hearing
May 22, 2014

Kathy Werkmeister

Good evening members of City Council.

I am Kathy Werkmeister, (of MORPC) here for the second public hearing of the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). The first public hearing was held here on April 24th. As we mentioned at that time, the city’s CHIP grant application is due to Ohio Development Services on June 6th.

As stated in the public hearing notice, the City of Marysville intends to make application to the Ohio Development Services Agency and is eligible to apply for \$350,000 of CDBG, HOME and Ohio Housing Trust Fund funding under the CHIP Program (CHIP), provided the application is approved by the state and meets applicable program requirements.

The city of Marysville held a Housing Advisory Committee Meeting (HAC) on May 2nd at 1:30pm to discuss the city’s housing needs and how they may be addressed through the CHIP program. We looked at the gaps in housing faced by low- and moderate-income households, what CHIP activities could help fill these gaps and how the CHIP program can continue to coordinate with other community agencies such as the Community Action Organization of Delaware, Madison and Union Counties and the Salvation Army. The CHIP program has partnered with both agencies for several years.

Based on citizen input, local official's assessment and the Housing Advisory Committee recommendations of the City of Marysville's needs, the City is proposing to undertake the following CHIP activities for FY 2014:

- a) Private Owner Rehabilitation – \$92,000 – HOME/CDBG funds - 2 units at \$46,000 each.
- b) Home Repair –\$105,000 - CDBG/OHTF funds – 8 units at \$12,000 each.
- c) Tenant Based Rental Assistance – \$43,000 – HOME funds
- d) Rental Rehabilitation - \$46,000 – HOME/CDBG funds 1 unit at \$46,000.
- e) New Construction-Habitat - \$22,000 – HOME funds -1 unit at \$22,000. And,

\$42,000 is available for grant administration (max of 12% of grant amount) for the two year grant.

Each category includes soft costs (implementation and delivery costs).

Each assistance program has income and residency requirements. These programs are designed to meet national Objective #1: to primarily benefit low-and moderate-income persons.

As I mentioned in April, we educate every CHIP applicant about fair housing including their rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act and The Ohio Fair Housing Act. I brought some fair housing flyers with me this evening. Please take one with you.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. I would be glad to take any questions.”

Mr. Rausch asked if the Habitat for Humanity House being built on Rt. 38 is from last year's funding. Ms. Werkmeister said that has nothing to do with the CHIP program.

Mrs. Groat asked if files are rotated over a period of years, for someone who would want to apply for this funding, would they have to be evaluated and then receive money two to three years down the road. Ms. Werkmeister said a wait-list is kept, so anyone interested in being added to the wait-list should contact the City, however, they would not start looking at applications and income until the application is approved by the state.

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

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

Resolution 16-14 passed.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR APPOINTED DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE TO THE STATE OF OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 OF FY2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS” was presented for third reading, title only. Mr. DeLong reported the following:

“CDBG Community Development Allocation Program
FY 2014
City Council Presentation
May 22, 2014

This presentation is the second of two required presentations that must be completed prior to the Community Development Allocation Program application submittal deadline of June 20, 2014.

The first presentation given on April 24, 2014 was a broad-based overview of CDBG programming which including the Community Development Allocation and CHIP programs.

The presentation tonight will be project specific on how the funding received through the Community Development Allocation Program will be used.

On March 24, 2014 the City received notice from Ohio’s Development Services Agency that we will receive \$75,000 in CDBG Allocation Program funds.

This grant is now competitive and the State will award funding based on past performance, experience administering grants, capacity and the completeness of the application.

This grant does not require the City to provide matching funds.

The Allocation Program funds can be used to fund up to three (3) projects. The City must also allocate funds for a Fair Housing Program and Administration, but these are not counted as projects.

City staff is proposing to use the FY 2014 Allocation funds to do the following project:

- Resurface the entire length of Windsor Drive, which is approximately 1,300 linear feet.

This street was selected because:

- It serves residents identified in a low-moderate income area per the 2000 Census.
- The street qualified through the City's pavement rating program as a street that needs to be addressed.

The projects will meet all Federal and City procurement and bidding procedures along with Prevailing Wage regulations, which will be monitored by the City Engineering and Finance Departments.

Funds for the FY 2014 Allocation Program are expected to be available in the Spring of 2015 and the projects are anticipated to commence and be completed by no later than late fall of 2015."

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

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

Resolution 17-14 passed.

ORDINANCES

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND CONVERTING THE FORMER CITY HALL SITE INTO A MUNICIPAL PARK, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS" was presented for third reading, title only. Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 24-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1105.04, SKETCH PLAN REQUIRED, 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. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 25-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1105.06, APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 26-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1105.08, PRELIMINARY PLAT CONTENTS, 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. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES

Ordinance 27-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1105.14, APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT, 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:

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

Ordinance 28-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1105.17, FINAL PLAT CONTENTS, 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. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 29-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1125.02, CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION FOR ZONING PERMIT, 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. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 30-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1129.10, APPEALS, 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. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES

Ordinance 31-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1129.13, APPLICATION AND STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES, 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. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES

Ordinance 32-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1129.21, CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, 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:

Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 33-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1131.04, CONTENTS OF APPLICATION, 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. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 34-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1136.07, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REQUIRED, 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. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 35-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1136.10, PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS BEFORE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, 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. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES

Ordinance 36-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1144.05, EXTERIOR PLAN REQUIRED BY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICTS, 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. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES

Ordinance 37-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1144.06, EXTERIOR PLAN APPLICATION/FEE, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

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

Ordinance 38-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1145.11, PUD SKETCH PLAN, 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. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 39-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1145.15, DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRED, 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. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES

Ordinance 40-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1150.05, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS-SMALL WIND ENERGY PROJECTS, 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. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES

Ordinance 41-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1150.08, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS-SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, 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. Rausch YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Berbee YES

Ordinance 42-14 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 4 (PAY POLICIES) AND SECTION 5 (BENEFITS POLICIES) OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE POLICIES MANUAL" was presented for first reading, title only. Mayor Gore said Executive Staff reviewed this manual and this is an update of that manual.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET" was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Chavarria noted that several months ago, Finance Committee discussed goals for the upcoming year and if there was additional revenue available, what it could be utilized for. These are some of those goals, i.e. additional funds, \$251,000 for street paving, money earmarked for the purchase and demolition of the house across the street and also the building of the parking lot. She noted \$440,000 in City and Development Improvements is for the construction of the road on Industrial Parkway for Sumitomo and Moriuko. It is being paid off by a grant, but part of that grant is that we record it as a revenue and expense on the city's books. The next piece of legislation is to create that City Development Grant Fund.

Mrs. Richardson noted the grant is for \$340,000 but the amount we're appropriating is \$440,000. Why the difference?

Mr. Hoyt said the grant doesn't cover all of the expenses, so since the contract has to be in our name, we will be reimbursed that additional \$100,000 from the developer.

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ENTITLED CITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND" was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Chavarria explained that this fund is a cleaner approach to tracking dollars.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: The Commission met to discuss the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Andrako will get cost estimates to the Commission at the June meeting.

Mrs. Richardson asked if playground equipment for Mill Valley South is on the Plan. Mr. Rausch responded that it's on the plan for 2015.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Berbee asked for Chief Golden's comments on the Dom Tiberi message to high school students. Chief Golden said it was very well received. When Mr. Tiberi started to speak about his daughter's death, there was complete silence in the room.

Mrs. Groat said there will be no Ward 3 meeting in June.

Mr. Rausch commented on the Health Improvement Plan that Mr. Orcena talked about at a Council meeting. There is some really good work in the Plan and “hopes that we as a community take it to heart.” The first priority area is “Youth Health” and they have actual objectives that are quantifiable, reduce the percentage of youth that abuse alcohol by 5% by 2016, reduce the percentage of youth that abuse prescription drugs by 2%, reduce the percentage of youth that are planning their suicide by 4%, reduce the percentage of youth that use tobacco by 4% and increase the percentage of youth that exercise regularly by 5%. The Union County Health Department can’t do this alone; this takes a community working at it.

Mrs. Richardson reminded everyone that the City has an ordinance which limits the height of grass to 9”. She asked that everyone do their part in keeping their grass cut within the limits.

Mrs. Richardson noted Community Care Day and quoted, “You’ve never really lived until you have done something for someone that can never repay you.” That is the true spirit of Community Care Day. She congratulated United Way for another terrific day.

Talk about drugs and alcohol: Mrs. Richardson noted teen depression. The 2012 Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted amongst students at Marysville, North Union and Fairbanks Local Schools indicated that 41% of Union County youth in 7th, 9th and 11th grade reported moderate to high risk of experiencing depression. Even more concerning, 18.4% of those surveyed reported having had thoughts of suicide.

Tips for parents regarding how to understand the emotional and physical changes that their teens are going through. Talk and listen to your teen about their feelings and what’s stressful to them. Don’t judge them. Remember, your teen’s feelings are very real to them. Share your observations and concerns as a way to open the door to further conversation. Lead by example to show your child how to relieve stress without using alcohol or drugs. Seek professional help if their depression seems to be getting worse. Be aware if there is a history of depression in your family or addiction.

Congratulations to the class of 2014. Be safe this graduation weekend.

Mrs. Richardson said if you have driven Rt. 31N toward Kenton from 33 anytime between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., there is a significant increase in congestion in traffic. It’s becoming a real quality of life issue in that part of town. You will also note a traffic increase between 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She encouraged staff as they move into the budgeting cycle, to think about infrastructure needs. We have to think of a way of mitigating this traffic.

Mayor Gore said staff has a had a number of conversations with ODOT about alleviating some of that traffic. At this point, they are not cooperating.

Mr. Taylor said Red, White and Blue. This weekend, recognize those who have served, those who have lost and those that are currently serving. "Freedom wouldn't be what freedom is if it hadn't been for them."

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.