

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 23, 2015

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT Mayor John Gore, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Chief Floyd Golden, 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: Barbara Taylor, Ben Vollrath, Tim Schacht, Janell Alexander, Donald Boerger, Alex Armitage, Eric Phillips

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on July 9, 2015, July 10, 2015, July 16, 2015 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Gore asked Council to confirm the appointment of Alex Armitage and Janell Alexander to Planning Commission. Mr. Taylor asked Council to reappoint Chris Runyon to Design Review Board. Council confirmed all three appointments.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Maintenance & Operations

The right lane of eastbound US 33 and the entrance ramps from W. 5th St. and SR 31 entering eastbound US 33, will be closed beginning at 11:00 p.m. Friday, July 24 and be completed by noon Saturday, July 25 (weather permitting) for ODOT bridge work.

Mosquito spraying is now being performed weekly in the parks and along the Jim Simmons Trail due to the wet weather we have received this year.

The Marysville Bark Park (located at 455 North Maple Street) ribbon cutting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. After the ribbon cutting, the park will be open to the public.

Engineering

City was notified that we will receive \$1,645,875 (95 percent of the construction cost) for the upcoming SR 31 Widening project as part of the ODOT Small Cities Grant program.

This project will include road widening, curbing, storm sewer installation, striping, signage, street lighting, sidewalk and a shared use path from just south of Mill Road to just north of Mill Wood Boulevard. The roadway improvements are expected to take place in 2018.

Events & Recreation

The Music on Main, Summer Series is every Thursday (excluding the weeks of Friday Nights Uptown) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Partners Park. Tonight's entertainment is TJC. Concessions by the Buckeye Pig Rig. The full summer schedule is available on the city's website, Facebook page and on the events rack card available at City Hall.

Explore a Truck takes place Friday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Mill Valley Park Central. A fun day for the community to explore fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, a wheel loader and more! New to this year's event- MedFlight of Ohio.

Marysville firefighters, police officers and public service department personnel will be available to answer questions. Free hotdogs and water while supplies last.

Concert in the Park is Sunday, August 2 at American Legion Park starting at 5:00 p.m. Music by Red Idle Rejects.

The Founders Day and Car Show (last Friday Nights Uptown of the season), takes place Friday, August 7 from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Music by The Groove.

Administration

To honor the victims of the tragedy in Chattanooga, Tennessee, United States of America flags are flying at half-staff until sunset Saturday, July 25.

Mayor Gore and Chief Golden judged the Gorgeous Grandma's competition at Heartland. The winner will serve as the Queen of the senior breakfast.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: We received a request for a new liquor permit for Daniels W B & L LLC, dba Hinkley's Garage located at 326 W. Fifth Street, Marysville, Ohio. The request is for a D1, D2 and D3 permit. D1 is for beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00am. D2 is for wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1:00am. D3 is for spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1:00am. Chief Golden and Council had no objections.

The nominations for this year's Connie Patterson Beautification Program are complete with a record number of 30 applications have been submitted. The Exterior Property Maintenance

Commission members will be judging the properties between July 20th and August 3rd with awards being handed out at the September 10th City Council meeting.

Clerk Jones announced that she will be serving on the Education Committee for the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Schacht reported the following:

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness in the Historic Design Review District- to demolish a garage located at 110 South Court Street, which was approved.

Sign Variance Request- to permit four canopy vs. two canopy signs permitted for property located 318 E. Fifth Street, Marysville, Ohio, which was approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness- for renovations of existing structure to be used as a restaurant/bar located at 326 E. Fifth Street, which was approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness- for a new roof on the Armory Building located at 124 E. 4th Street, which was approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness- for a wall sign located at 100 N. Main Street, which was approved.

Application for Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan- to construct a new test lab for Honda Lock located at 591 Allenby Drive, which was approved.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

RESOLUTIONS:

A “RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UNION COUNTY TRAIL AND GREENWAY MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING THE PLAN FOR MARYSVILLE AS PART OF THE MARYSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN” was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Phillips said the Parks & Rec Commission did unanimously approve to adopt this plan and send it to Council.

Council Comments:

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

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

A 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 FY 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson asked Ms. Chavarria to explain why it states FY2015? Ms. Chavarria said their calendar year runs from July 31st to July 31st. Mr. Taylor said their calendar year is not a normal calendar year.

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

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

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

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

Citizen Comments:

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

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

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

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 733 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Chief Riley said they would like to remove this section to eliminate a barrier for business and home owners. He said we have duplicated permits processes for alarm installers. They would have to get a permit through the State Fire Marshalls and through the City. He said it does not serve a purpose for us and it is not making any money.

He said the second part of the ordinance has both personal and business users supplying a permit to us, but we have no way to enforce it because we do not have jurisdiction to go into peoples' homes.

He said the intent of the original ordinance was to address false alarms. Our calls for false alarms have gone down, and we are now able to handle it on a case by case basis.

Mayor Gore said Mr. Taylor and Mr. Reams was on Council when the former Fire Chief came in with a long list of false alarms that we were getting called out on.

Council Comments:

Back for second reading, public hearing on August 13, 2015.

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

Administration Comments: Ms. Chavarria said this is our normal clean up in the budget. She usually has one in late summer and then in the fall.

Council Comments:

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

Administration Comments: Mr. Hoyt said about a month ago the Engineer Department came to the City requesting an easement on the Fladt Road Water Tower property. Mr. Stauch is working on realigning it to square it up with Industrial property a little bit better. Mr. Stauch said Mr. Hoyt is right we have our own crews that will be starting on Fladt Road in about a month with safety improvements and road widening.

Council Comments: Mr. Rausch said it is great timing with the Heritage center going in.

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PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Rausch said they discussed and approved the Trail and Greenway Master Plan.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gore mentioned that that City would be putting up temporary no pet signs for the August Uptown Friday Night event. Mayor Gore explained his concern for safety with the dogs being at the events.

Mrs. Richardson said let's talk about signatures needed to legalize marijuana. At the last council meeting, she mentioned a group promoting the legalization of marijuana had submitted approximately 690,000 signatures to the Ohio Secretary of State's office for certification. Recently, the Drug Free Coalition provided her with an update on the topic. On Monday, John Husted Office reported that ResponsibleOhio's petition fell short of the numbers of signatures needed to qualify for the November ballot by over 29,000. ResponsibleOhio has until July 30, 2015 to get those remaining signatures, which then must be validated. Of the 690,000 signatures that were reviewed over 42% of them were verified by local council boards and elections. The political action committee plans to challenge those numbers and that count. They assert that it included more than 40,000 signatures. ResponsibleOhio met the County requirements and collected signatures to at least 5% of the number of votes cast in 2014 gubernatorial election in 73 counties in Ohio. They met that requirement but they did not meet the requirement to put all the signatures on the ballots in November.

Please keep talking.

She wanted to remind everyone that they are invited to join in Mill Valley's safety walk, America's night out against crime. It is August 4, 2015 at Creekview Intermediate at 8:30p.m. Thank you to all the staff for your help with this event. Chief Golden will be talking about the walk on the radio on July 30th.

She said big kudos go out to the City staff, for working hard to get the funding for the Route 31 and thank you Mayor Gore, Mr. Andrako, and Mr. Hoyt.

She mentioned the Wedding Singer will be performed this weekend.

Mrs. Groat offered a huge congratulations to Clerk Jones, most of what she does it behind the scenes and very self-effacing. This is a huge honor, she is recognized by her peers to obtain this leadership position. This is the second time in three months that she has went to continuing education. That puts Marysville on the map with the other clerks from Ohio. Thank you Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Groat said Public Affairs Committee will meet July 27, 2015 at 6pm, in Council Chambers and Tuesday, August 4, 2015 Ward 3 meeting in meeting room B at the Marysville Public Library from 6:30pm.

Mr. Reams mentioned the Humane Society has an event going on at Berbee Greenhouse.

Mr. Berbee said last week, we had an extended Finance Committee meeting. The normal meeting was done in 45 minutes but we had the Senior/Seasoned Citizens group come in and requested funding. In addition, to the request for funding we were presented with the new HB5 Chapter 142. We will need to keep in place the current municipal income tax code for at least 5-7 more years. We also send copies to Mark Leibold and Bob Buckley to review the HB 5 Chapter 142.

Mr. Rausch congratulated his daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Ryan Plymale, on the birth of their child, Nathan Douglas. He said she was due Saturday, but Dr. said they would induce her Wednesday. Friday morning they received a call at 5:45am, he said as they were racing up Route 31, he realized how tall his grass was and thought Ms. Evans was going to go by and take a picture and Mr. Andrako is going to come out and mow and then sue him. He said and here is why I live in Marysville, when he got home Sunday night the neighbors knew our grandchild was born and had mowed our yard for us. He thanked his neighbors Dan and Lori Cripe.

On Wednesday, Mr. Rausch gave a presentation to MORPC. He thanked Mrs. Krutowskis for preparing the power point presentation for him. He said there was a few people that did not realize how much commercial activity we had going on. It generated quite a few conversations, he ended up staying 30-45 minutes after the presentation to talk.

Mr. Rausch mentioned it is Fair week, please be careful out by the fairgrounds. Little kids get very excited about getting over there and they run across the street.

Mayor Gore mentioned the fair parade is Sunday meeting at 4:30pm at the County Building. It starts at 5:00pm heading towards the fairgrounds.

Mr. Taylor said tonight it is his honor to give a new representative for the Ohio Reformatory for Women representing our council. This position goes into two parts. Mr. Fogt use to hold this position and served as Chairman for the Public Safety Committee. His recommendation to the Public Safety committee is that Mrs. Richardson become the Chairman and the representative to ORW.

Mr. Seymour will become the third member to the Public Safety Committee and the Public Service Committee.

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Mr. Taylor explained why Mr. Armitage was not voted in as the new council member after the first set of interviews. This is because we need a majority of elected, which is 4. The vote was 3-2.

If anyone is interested in running for office, you need to have your forms and signatures turned in by 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.