

CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 2010

The October 18, 2010 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Gary Veith, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Paul Wagner, Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, and Gary Veith.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Cheryl Strohm; Jenny Mills; Nicole Gault; Ruthy Milum; Chuck Brinker; Amber Bradner; Tiffany Goins; Jody Burks; Kurt Sassmannshausen, Brewer-Garrett Company; John Hawkins; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 11, 2010 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Representatives from Angeline School and Industries addressed City Council concerning Project Stir. Ms. Cheryl Strohm, project advisor, indicated that the group is seeking input from City Council on the need for public transportation. Ms. Jenny Mills read a statement to the members of City Council concerning the project. City Council members expressed their appreciation to the representatives and noted that the matter needs to be referred to the Safety Committee for their consideration. Mayor Washburn and Mr. Spiegel volunteered to attend an upcoming meeting with Angeline representatives to further discuss this issue.

Mr. Kurt Sassmannshausen, Brewer-Garrett, addressed City Council and made a presentation regarding the possibility of conducting an energy audit for the City. It was noted that Brewer-Garrett Company could provide a preliminary study of cost savings methods including: lighting, wastewater blower, wastewater dryer, water meter upgrade, solar, and HVAC. The projected savings for the City is \$448,681.00. All work would be covered under a performance contracting guarantee, being that Brewer-Garrett Company would guarantee all costs of savings.

It was noted that there is nothing to report at this time on the status of the Ohio Department of Transportation's State Route 199 Repaving Project.

Mr. Veith reported on a recommendation made by the Service Committee during their meeting held prior to this meeting concerning increases in water and sewer rates. The Service Committee has recommended that water rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers be increased from \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons and bulk water rates be increased from \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$16.00 per 1,000 gallons. It was noted that these increases are necessary to make the first payment on the new Water Treatment Plant due the end of December 2011. The Service Committee has also recommended that sewage rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers be increase from \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons and bulk sewage rates be increased from \$30.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$32.00 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Veith indicated that an Ordinance addressing these increases will be presented at the November 1, 2010 City Council meeting with these rates to take effect on January 1, 2011.

Mayor Washburn reported that Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the Halloween parade will take place on Thursday, October 28, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the costume judging to be held afterwards at the fire station.

Mayor Washburn indicated that a town hall meeting will be set up after upcoming issues have been finalized and accurate reports on these issues can be provided to the public.

A draft brochure of the Upper Sandusky parks was presented, as sponsored by the Wyandot County Visitors and Convention Bureau, for input from City Council. The brochure is being paid for from transient guest tax funds that were previously held by the City and then released to the Visitors Bureau.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Gary Veith, President