

CITY COUNCIL

November 21, 2011

The November 21, 2011 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 member present were Scot Swinehart, Gary Veith, Paul Wagner, Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, Chad Smith, and Don Spiegel.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Jim Geary; Bob Steiert; Jon Hawkins; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 9, 2011 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 Public Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 14, 2011 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Jon Hawkins expressed his appreciation to everyone who supported him in his election campaign for City Council.

Mr. Jim Geary thanked the members of City Council who will be leaving at the end of this year for their service to the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, to place Ordinance No. 76-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROCEED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 76-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to place Ordinance No. 77-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 953 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 77-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Veith, to place Ordinance No. 78-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEMOLITION PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 78-12 for the first time by title only.

City Council members reviewed information concerning the World War II monument being proposed for Bicentennial Park. It was noted that the Park Board has reviewed the information and voted to have The Wyandot County Vietnam Traveling Wall Foundation proceed with their plans for the WWII monument to be placed in Bicentennial Park. It was noted that any expense to the City in relation to this monument will be minimal and could include grass seed.

A motion was made by Mr. Veith, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, to concur with the Park Board's decision to have The Wyandot County Vietnam Traveling Wall Foundation proceed with their plans for the WWII monument to be placed in Bicentennial Park. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A letter from newly elected City Council member Mr. Bill Thornton was shared indicating that he feels City Council members should not be given a pay increase in 2012. It was noted that Ordinance No. 144-11 was adopted in 2007 to increase the annual salary for the members of City Council from \$3,000.00 per year to \$5,000.00 per year to take effect January 2, 2010; and the current City Council voted in 2009 and 2010 to postpone the effective date of this Ordinance for the succeeding years with the current effective date of the Ordinance being January 2, 2012. City Council members agreed to take no action to postpone the effective date of the Ordinance and take the salary increase beginning January 2, 2012.

Mayor Washburn reported that he will be competing against the City of Marion's Mayor Schertzer in a Peanut Push in Marion on Saturday, December 3, 2010 as part of a radio station's fund raising event.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Gary Veith, President