

CITY COUNCIL

September 6, 2011

The September 6, 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 members present were Paul Wagner, Gary Veith, Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart.

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

The minutes of the August 15, 2011 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 15, 2011 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 15, 2011 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 1, 2011 Board of Zoning Appeals hearings, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, to place Ordinance No. 70-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 42-12, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 70-12 for the second time by title only.

Mr. Veith provided an update on the status of the new water plant that is still under construction.

Mr. Veith requested the Planning Commission consider establishing regulations concerning derelict properties within the City.

Mr. Veith indicated that he has been approached by individuals concerning the yellow clothing donation boxes located in various locations within the City. It was noted that two of the boxes located within the City right-of-way will be removed.

Mr. Spiegel inquired as to recent layoffs at the Wyandot County Job and Family Service Office. It was noted that six individuals were laid off and these are the first layoffs in the County since 1986. It was further noted that the City does not contribute to the payroll for those positions but the taxpayers of Upper Sandusky do.

Mr. Veith reported that the Service Committee has recommended City Council proceed with an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Northeast Quadrant Water Line Improvements Project including refurbishing the one million gallon water tower. The grant would provide \$500,000.00 in funding. Deadline for the application is October 7, 2011. It was decided that a Resolution will be drafted.

Mayor Washburn reported that Governor Kasich along with other State officials are pushing for the State to start collecting City income taxes. Cities throughout the State are encouraging all cities to write letters to State legislators expressing their opposition to this matter.

It was noted that the materials for the energy grant are currently being bid.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Gary Veith, President