

CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2012

The May 7, 2012 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, 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 Rick Roberts, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, Evie Hall-Case, and Kyle McColly.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Dave Westbrook, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Mary Snyder; Andy Sterling, USDA Rural Development; Greg Knestrick, Peterman Associates; Charlie Dodge, Peterman Associates; John Frederick; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

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The minutes of the April 16, 2012 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 16, 2012 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 18, 2012 Charter Review Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Mary Snyder, candidate for Wyandot County Prosecutor, addressed City Council indicating that there are unacceptable resolutions to many cases which have come before the current Wyandot County Prosecutor and she cited a few of these cases. Mrs. Snyder stated that she has attended most of the Township meetings, and she would appreciate the City's support in her run for Wyandot County Prosecutor.

Mr. Charlie Dodge, Peterman Associates, addressed City Council concerning the Northeast Quadrant Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Dodge explained that funding for the project is available through the USDA Rural Development and the current interest rate is 2.75% over forty (40) years. The project would consist of waterline installation/replacement with an estimated total project cost of \$3.8 million and a water meter replacement program for the entire City with an estimated total project cost of \$1.6 million. Mr. Dodge explained the application process and noted that the five year planning loan through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) will roll into the USDA Rural Development final loan/grant. Mr. Andy Sterling, USDA Rural Development, explained the loan process for the project.

Mayor Washburn reported that Mr. John Walker has submitted his resignation as a member of the Tree Commission and Mr. Jim Wheeler has expressed an interest in serving on the Tree Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to approve the appointment of Mr. Jim Wheeler to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Walker on the Tree Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to place Ordinance No. 94-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF SPRING STREET AND ONE ALLEY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", 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. 94-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Resolution No. 95-12 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY'S MEMBERSHIP IN BUCKEYE OHIO RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (BORMA) FOR THE FURNISHING AND ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS, APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON BORMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ACCEPTING BORMA'S REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND BY-LAWS.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 95-12 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Roberts voiced his support of the City's recent actions of pursuing the clean up of several derelict properties.

It was noted that the National Day of Prayer observance was held on the courthouse lawn last week and the event was well attended.

An inquiry was made as to the status of O'Reilly's Auto Parts to be constructed east of the Drug Mart plaza on East Wyandot Avenue. Mayor Washburn noted that all of the necessary permits have been obtained by O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

Mr. Roberts presented a concern received from the owner of the Party Pak regarding parking on East Johnson Street, adjacent to the business, being primarily utilized by local governmental agency employees and leaving no parking for customers. It was noted that this information should be presented to the Safety Committee.

An inquiry was made as to how early residents can set their garbage out at the curb before their scheduled garbage pick-up. The appropriate regulations will be obtained and provided to the members of City Council.

Mayor Washburn reported that he met with the Mayor of Findlay today and he also toured TH Plastics located in Findlay.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President