

CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 2013

The May 21, 2013 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 Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart. Bill Thornton, Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, and Rick Roberts were absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Tyler Morris, Border Energy; Tom Payne, Border Energy; Linda Hall, Poggemeyer Design Group; Tom Shumaker; Layne Binkley; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 13, 2013 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 14, 2013 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Tyler Morris and Mr. Tom Payne, Border Energy, addressed City Council and indicated that they offer electric and natural gas aggregation programs. It was noted that their current price for electricity is 12% below the AEP market price and this price is good through December 14, 2014. There is a termination fee charge of \$50.00 for participants. It was explained that there are two programs available with one being an opt out program that requires approval by the voters through the general election ballot, and the other being a residential enrollment program that does not require a ballot initiative. Mr. Morris and Mr. Payne were invited to attend the next Service Committee meeting to discuss electric and gas service for City owned facilities.

Mayor Washburn introduced Miss Layne Binkley, a student at Ohio University and Political Science major, who is working for the City this summer at the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Linda Hall, Poggemeyer Design Group, addressed City Council to explain changes in financing for the City's upcoming water system improvements. Mrs. Hall indicated that funding for the improvements from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) increased from 42% to 50% at 0% financing, and funding from the Ohio EPA decreased from 58% to 50% at 2% financing.

It was reported that Mr. John Hull, Hull and Associates, attended the Service Committee meeting held yesterday and presented information on the plans to address the erosion of the river bank along Indian Mill Drive. It was noted that the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA need to finalize the necessary permits prior to proceeding with the project.

Mr. Scot Swinehart presented concerns about fishing at the reservoir including fishing for handicapped individuals.

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President