

CITY COUNCIL

April 21, 2014

The April 21, 2014 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, 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, Tom Shumaker, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, and Bob Blocksom.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Pam Stone, United Way; Bob Nichols; Holly Johnson; Marci Huston; Ann Denman; Mark Ratliff; Dale Rowe; Nick Vaughn; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were reviewed.

Ms. Pam Stone, United Way, addressed City Council seeking a letter of support to implement a 2-1-1 phone service for Wyandot County. Ms. Stone indicated that the 2-1-1 calls would be routed to a live operator in Cleveland and the service would be available twenty-four (24) hours per day seven (7) days per week and would offer local information on a broad range of services including: rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, child care, after-school programs, elderly care, financial literacy, and job training programs. Ms. Stone stated that a \$50,000.00 grant has been awarded for this service in Wyandot County that will include the implementation plus three (3) years of service and some marketing of the program. Mr. Roberts indicated that City Council will consider the matter and make their decision at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Mr. Roberts noted that a consensus of City Council members will be needed to fill the vacant City Council seat and he proposed that interested candidates address City Council during this meeting and at the May 5, 2014 City Council meeting and a vote be taken at the May 5 meeting. City Council members should let potential candidates know about the May 5 meeting.

Mr. Bob Nichols, President of the Wyandot Arts Council, addressed City Council and indicated that the mission of the Wyandot Arts Council is to support local artists. Ms. Holly Johnson, Vice President of the Wyandot Arts Council, distributed Art Hop invitations to the members of City Council. Art Hop is held the first Friday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ann Denman, Mr. Mark Ratliff, and Mr. Dale Rowe each addressed City Council expressing their interest in the vacant City Council seat.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Ordinance No. 160-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A LIMITED MANUFACTURING (LM) DISTRICT TO A RESIDENTIAL 2 (R2) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO THREE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF KROGER DRIVE OF GAMBER THIRD SUBDIVISION.", 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. 160-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 160-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 160-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 161-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, CREATING NON-CRIMINAL PARKING INFRACTIONS FOR THE CITY AND ESTABLISHING A PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU FOR THE CITY AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading, as amended, by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 161-12 for the second time, as amended, by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Thornton, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 161-12, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 161-12 was duly adopted, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 162-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 351.03, 351.04, 351.05, 351.06, 351.07, 351.08, 351.09, 351.10, 351.11, 351.12, 351.13, 351.14, 351.15, 351.16, 351.17, 351.18, 351.19, 351.20, 353.06, 353.07, and 353.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading, as amended, by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Law Director read Ordinance No. 162-12 for the second time, as amended, by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 162-12, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 162-12 was duly adopted, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to place Ordinance No. 163-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HOLLAND LOADER-BACKHOE THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM, 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. 163-12 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Spiegel provided an update on the Northeast Quadrant Water Line Improvements Project as presented by Mr. Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, at the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening, indicating that there are approximately forty-two (42) connections that need to be made as part of the project and this work should be completed by the end of this week and the contractor will be contacted to see if the landscaping can be addressed soon.

Mayor Washburn reported that the work as part of the Indian Mill Slope Stabilization Project was completed today and the street is expected to be opened at the end of the week.

Mr. Roberts reported that a meeting was held today at Guardian Industries to address flooding concerns at the rear of the property owned by Guardian Industries as it appears there is problem with the tile located under the railroad tracks that is causing the flooding issues. Mr. Roberts noted that water is leaching under the tracks making the ground unstable.

Mayor Washburn reported that complaints have been received of a smell in town coming from a local business. It was noted that the EPA has been notified and the matter will be investigated.

Mayor Washburn also reported on the establishment of the The James W. Geary and Linda L. Geary Endowment Fund for Upper Sandusky Parks and Urban Forestry and explained that the fund will be overseen by the Wyandot Community Foundation and the City may apply for available annual distributions, according the Foundation's spending guidelines, for the purposes of developing, preserving, supporting, promoting, and enhancing the parks and urban forestry program of the City of Upper Sandusky.

Mayor Washburn further reported that the City has planted two trees in Bicentennial Park in honor of Mr. Kenneth McMillan's retirement from the City as the Zoning Inspector and in

memory of Mr. James Geary who served on the City's Park Board and prior to his service on the Park Board he served on the Tree Commission.

The City's Arbor Day program will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Stepping Stones Park.

Spring clean-up will take place next week for residential sanitation customers.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Rick Roberts, President