

CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2014

The January 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, Bill Thornton, Bob Blocksom, and Kyle McColly. Scot Swinehart was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Lauren Falcone, Poggemeyer Design Group; Brian Robertson, MBDS, LLC; Jane Robertson; Jaelynn Pierce; Greg Moon, Wyandot County Office of Economic Development Director; Alyson Kinley; Alissa Paolella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 2, 2014 Organizational City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 special City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 19, 2013 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Lauren Falcone, Poggemeyer Design Group, addressed City Council and outlined the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement with MBDS, LLC, as addressed in Ordinance No. 153-12. Mr. Greg Moon, Wyandot County Office of Economic Development Director, expressed his support of the project on behalf of his office.

Mrs. Alyson Kinley addressed City Council and indicated that she was in attendance as part of a course requirement to obtain her Master's Degree.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to place Ordinance No. 153-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH MBDS, LLC, 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. 153-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings of different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 153-12 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. 153-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Thornton, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 153-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 153-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to place Ordinance No. 154-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mr. Shumaker	-	No
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Thornton	-	Yes
Mr. Blocksom	-	No
Mr. McColly	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 154-12 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Spiegel provided an update on the status of the Northeast Quadrant Waterline Improvements Project, as reported by Mr. John Searfoss in the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening, all mains have been installed and one hundred thirty-five (135) services are completed with two hundred seven (207) remaining to be completed. The project is experiencing delays due to the cold weather.

It was noted that the President of City Council appoints a member of Council and a member of the electorate to the Income Tax Board of Review. Mr. Roberts indicated that he would like to appoint Mr. Tom Shumaker as the member of Council to serve on the Income Tax Board of Review, and the appointment of the member of the electorate will be made at a later date.

A motion was Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Shumaker to the Income Tax Board of Review. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was noted that Mrs. Tammy Clifford's term on the Civil Service Commission expires on March 1, 2014 and Mr. Roberts indicated that she is willing to accept a reappointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to reappoint Mrs. Tammy Clifford to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Roberts reported that a steering committee is being formed to research the most economical solution and availability of funding to either repair or build a new municipal swimming pool due to the age of the existing pool and needed updates. Representatives from City Council, the Park Board, and the community will serve on the committee. Mr. Roberts inquired as to if any members of City Council are interested in serving. Mr. Shumaker volunteered to serve on the committee.

It was noted that the 2013 annual report from Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, was received.

Financial disclosure statements from the Ohio Ethics Commission were distributed to the City Council members and the deadline for filing this information is April 15, 2014.

Information from the Ohio Department of Agriculture was distributed to the City Council members concerning a needed Gypsy Moth treatment in the City's area.

Mayor Washburn reported that he and Miss Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union, attended and observed the Water Rescue Training held this evening at the Fire Department.

Mayor Washburn also reported that he and Mr. Spiegel attended an economic development meeting last week at Vaughn Industries.

Mayor Washburn inquired as to if the City would be interested in joining the Wyandot County Economic Development organization, and indicated that someone has volunteered to pay the membership fee for the City for this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the City to join the Wyandot County Economic Development organization for 2014. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the meeting carried.

At this time Mayor Washburn presented his State of the City address for 2013.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Rick Roberts, President