

CITY COUNCIL

September 2, 2014

The September 2, 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 Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, Bob Blocksom, Roxie Karg, Rick Roberts, and Tom Shumaker.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Alissa Paoletta, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 21, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 21, 2014 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Resolution No. 175-12 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A STATE OF OHIO NATUREWORKS GRANT, 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 Resolution No. 175-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 176-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 116-12 AND AMENDING SECTION 131.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO ADDRESSING THE CRITERIA FOR AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT TO THE UPPER SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT.", 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. 176-12 for the first time by title only.

Fall clean-up within the City will be held September 22 thru September 26, 2014.

Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with the Elks walk-thru.

The Fire Department's annual open house will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Roberts reported that the municipal swimming pool opened for two weekends after school started this year and positive feedback has been received as a result.

It was noted that the new drop off/pick up plan at Union School is working great. Mr. Blocksom suggested the Safety Committee consider extending the one-way westbound designation on West Walker Street from Hazel Street to Warpole Street.

Mayor Washburn reported that the waterline boring under the railroad as part of the Eighth Street Waterline Replacement Project may require an Ordinance by City Council in order to proceed with the project, therefore a special City Council meeting may be required.

Mayor Washburn also reported that Mr. Dave Westbrook, Zoning Inspector, has received a complaint concerning temporary plastic yellow signs that are located in front of some businesses in the City. The zoning regulations limit the placement of these signs for seven consecutive days or thirty total days in a calendar year. A notice will be placed in the newspaper, in the water bills, and letters will be sent to the property owners and occupants. Mr. Blocksom suggested that the City may have to take a look at changing the regulations on these signs as some businesses cannot afford a permanent sign. Considerable discussion was held concerning this matter and input was provided by Mr. Mark Ellis and it was determined that the existing regulations should be maintained.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President