

## CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2017

The March 20, 2017 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, President Pro-Tem. 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 Bob Blocksom, Roxie Karg, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Bill Thornton, and Kenneth Wessler. Don Spiegel was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Rae Wessler, Income Tax Commissioner; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 13, 2017 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Rae Wessler, Income Tax Commissioner, addressed City Council at the request of the Mayor regarding the State proposing to collect business taxes for local governments and then distribute these taxes back to the local governments and charge a 1% fee for this service. It was noted that two years ago the State made major changes to local governments' income tax codes, and the State has continued to discuss additional changes in effort to make these changes uniform across the State. Mrs. Wessler indicated that Income Tax Commissioners across the State are asking their local elected officials to contact the State Representatives and express their opposition to the collection of business tax by the State.

Mr. Mark Droll, City Auditor, reviewed the Recapitulations for December, January, and February with the members of City Council.

Mayor Washburn reported that the final bill was recently received from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the SR 53 (Spring St/Sandusky Ave) Resurfacing Project which was signed by the City on December 18, 2013 and completed in 2014. Mr. Droll indicated that the City has already received and paid the final bill for the Marseilles Ave/Eighth St Resurfacing Project, that was done in cooperation with ODOT, that was agreed upon and completed after the SR 53 Resurfacing Project. Mr. Droll also noted that the final bill has not been received yet for the SR 53/SR 67 Resurfacing Project, that was done in cooperation with ODOT, which signed by the City in 2015 and completed in 2016. It was noted that these expenses will be paid out of the City's Street & Alley Improvements budget, which will decrease the amount of street work that will be done this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 254-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING ONE ALLEY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 254-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Mays, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 254-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 254-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Ms. Karg, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Resolution No. 256-12 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WYANDOT COUNTY FOR 2017 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 256-12 for the first time by title only.

Ms. Karg noted that Spring Clean-Up for residential sanitation customers is scheduled to be held April 24, 2017 thru April 28, 2017.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President Pro-Tem