

## CITY COUNCIL

October 1, 2018

The October 1, 2018 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 Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, Bill Thornton, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Aaron Korte.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis Law Director; Dave Westbrook, Zoning Inspector; Ben Buckland, Attorney; Bill Aubry, Wyandot County Board of Health; Todd Dilley, HHWP; Josh Anderson, HHWP; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 18, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Bill Aubry, Wyandot County Board of Health Member, addressed City Council indicating that he would appreciate the public's consideration of support of a replacement levy for the Wyandot County Public Health.

Mr. Todd Dilley and Mr. Josh Anderson, HHWP, addressed City Council concerning the possible expansion of HATS, Hancock Area Transportation Service, to Wyandot County. This is a general public transportation service and 50/50 grant funding for a total of \$300,000.00 is available to existing public transportation agencies like HATS through the Ohio Department of Transportation. It was noted that, if awarded, the grant would be utilized to purchase four vehicles and hire eight to ten drivers for this service that could potentially operate from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday with minimal fees charged for this service. It was also noted that Wyandot Memorial Hospital is willing to commit \$80,000.00 in seed money towards this project. The grant application is due October 12, 2018 and Mr. Dilley and Mr. Anderson are seeking letters of commitment for 2019. Mayor Washburn recommended the City commit \$15,000.00 towards this project and indicated that Mr. Mark Droll, City Auditor, is comfortable with these funds being budgeted for this purpose in 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to budget \$15,000.00 in 2019 towards the general public transportation service commitment, with this being conditional upon the grant approval. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Spiegel indicated that the Sanitation Department did a nice job during Fall Clean-Up last week.

Mr. Roberts reported that the Safety Committee, at their meeting held earlier this evening, received and accepted a notice of retirement from Fire Chief Lynn Yeater effective December 30, 2018.

Mayor Washburn noted that the annual car show held in the downtown area on Saturday, September 22, 2018 was a success. Mr. Washburn indicated that a large water leak in the area where the car show was to be held was discovered the night before and City employees did a good job repairing this leak which took eleven (11) hours to complete. Mayor Washburn expressed appreciation to Mrs. Elaine Thompson, Cheer 2U restaurant, for providing pizzas to the City employees who were involved with this repair.

City Council members reviewed the Income Tax Collections and Transient Guest Tax Collections quarterly reports as of September 30, 2018.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Don Spiegel, President