

CITY COUNCIL

August 6, 2018

The August 6, 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 Bill Thornton, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, and Don Spiegel.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Ken Bather; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 19, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Ken Bather addressed City Council in regards to the salary increase for the Mayor's position. Mr. Bather indicated that at the July 16, 2018 City Council meeting he was disturbed by some of the thoughts and comments made by City Council members during the discussion of the pay increase. It was explained to Mr. Bather that information was gathered from other communities for a comparison of salaries paid to their Mayor's and this information was reviewed and discussed by the members of City Council and several different pay increase options were discussed during that meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to place Ordinance No. 41-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY WITH THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 2, 2020.", 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. 41-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Resolution No. 42-13 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.", 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. 42-13 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Spiegel submitted his resignation as a member of the Tree Commission. It was noted that Mr. Walker also serves on the Tree Commission, and he will be City Council's representative on the Tree Commission. Mayor Washburn recommended Mr. Tim Griffin be approved to fill Mr. Spiegel's seat on the Tree Commission. A Voice Vote was taken and all City Council members voted Yes.

Mayor Washburn presented information obtained from the Ohio Department of Transportation after attending a meeting which included local officials. ODOT conducted a traffic study of the US 23/US 30 corridor in Wyandot County, with a recommendation for complete removal of access to County Highway 50 and County Highway 121. The immediate plan is to close the medians at those intersections and the long-term solution is to permanently remove access to the highway at these locations.

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce Steak Fry will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

It was also noted that the City's Street and Alley Paving Project is in progress and the Street Department is currently working on South Warpole Street between West Wyandot Avenue and West Spring Street.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President