

CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2019

The February 4, 2019 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 Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, Bill Thornton, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, and Marc Mays.

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

The minutes of the January 22, 2019 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 22, 2019 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Droll addressed City Council and explained the purpose of Ordinance No. 52-13 to provide stop loss insurance coverage for the City's insurance benefits for eligible City employees for 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 52-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, TO PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019, 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. 52-13 for the first time by title only.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 52-13 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. 52-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 52-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 52-13 was duly adopted.

It was noted that a portion of Waterworks Park is currently under water. Mayor Washburn indicated that a survey of the property, for the possible sale of a portion of the land, will be done when the conditions are clear and safe.

It was noted that Mr. Aaron Putnam, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, reported at the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening that Shook Construction plans to begin digging the headworks for the new Water Reclamation Facility on Monday, February 18, 2019. Mayor Washburn indicated that safety equipment is required for all visitors and this equipment can be obtained at the contractor's work trailer. Mayor Washburn also noted that Mr. Dave Gibson will be photographing the construction of this facility.

It was noted that Police Chief Dan Ross reported at the Safety Committee meeting held earlier this evening that the SUVs which were purchased for the Police Department in 2018 were beneficial during the snowy weather experienced recently.

Mayor Washburn reported that the Water Department dealt with a waterline break on Hicks Street during the recent sub-zero temperatures.

Mayor Washburn presented his State of the City for 2018 to the members of City Council.

It was noted that the Upper Sandusky High School competition cheerleaders have qualified for State competition.

It was also noted that Fisher Montgomery qualified for State competition in elementary wrestling.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Don Spiegel, President