

CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2009

The December 7, 2009 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Bud Miller, President Pro-Tem. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of the United States of America. City Council members present were Paul Wagner, Evie Hall-Case, Mike Kuenzli, Bud Miller, Chad Smith, and Scot Swinehart. Gary Veith was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Jean Hollanshead, City Auditor; Rae Wessler, Income Tax Commissioner; Tom Creger, Wyandot County Visitors and Convention Bureau; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; Don Spiegel; Jay Clinger; Ann Clinger; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 16, 2009 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 24, 2009 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 1, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Tom Creger presented the Wyandot County Visitors and Convention Bureau's 2010 budget and list of accomplishments. Mr. Creger indicated that the Bureau is preparing a parks brochure for the City of Upper Sandusky with bed tax funds released by the City to the Wyandot County Visitors and Convention Bureau as approved by City Council on March 17, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Ordinance No. 7-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3-12 WHICH WAS AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14 OF THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010, 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. 7-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to place Ordinance No. 8-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY 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. 8-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Ordinance No. 9-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.", 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. 9-12 for the first time by title only.

City Council members reviewed possible ordinances to reduce or eliminate the income tax credit to residents who live in Upper Sandusky and work in other municipalities and pay municipal income taxes to those municipalities. Mrs. Rae Wessler, Income Tax Commissioner, explained that those residents are currently given an income tax credit by the City and are not required to pay local income tax. Mrs. Wessler stated that revenue would be generated by reducing or eliminating the tax credit and requiring these residents to also pay local income tax. In 2008 approximately \$197,000.00 was given in income tax

credits to residents living within the City and working in other municipalities. City Council members discussed both alternatives. An Ordinance will be presented at the December 21, 2009 City Council meeting to eliminate the income tax credit.

Mayor Washburn expressed appreciation to Mr. Miller and Mr. Kuenzli for their years of service to the City as members of City Council.

Mayor Washburn presented a sign up list to ring the Salvation Army bell at Wal-Mart on Sunday, December 13, 2009 for those interested in volunteering.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Bud Miller, President Pro-Tem