

## CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2009

The March 16, 2009 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Gary Veith, 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 Bud Miller, Chad Smith, Scot Swinehart, Gary Veith, Paul Wagner, Evie Hall-Case, and Mike Kuenzli.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Jon McElhatten, Advertiser Tribune; Dan McElhatten; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 2, 2009 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 3, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 9, 2009 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 10, 2009 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 12, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to place Ordinance No. 212-11 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 204-11 (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, 2009 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY), AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 212-11 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Veith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 212-11. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 212-11 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Ordinance No. 214-11 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.12 DISCHARGING FIREARMS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES.", 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. 214-11 for the first time by title only.

It was noted that a thank you letter was received from the Wyandot County Historical Society for the \$1,000.00 donation to the Wyandot County Museum, as approved by City Council at the March 2, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Veith and Mr. Kuenzli indicated that City Council will be invited to tour the City's service facilities, along with the Service Committee who annually tours these facilities.

Mayor Washburn reported that in the Tree Commission meeting held this morning the decision was made, at the recommendation of Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forester, to remove the historic Liberty American Elm tree located in the tree lawn at 438 South Seventh Street due to the amount of structural and branch decay in the crown. A quote of \$2,300.00 submitted by Oberlanders Tree and Landscape was approved for this project.

Mayor Washburn commended Police Chief David Olds, Lieutenant Mike Gullifer, Lieutenant Allen Foust, Officer Lynn Dunbar, Officer Dean Derr, and Officer Tyler Howell for their involvement and subsequent arrest of Brandon Heffelfinger after he recently robbed Subway Restaurant, 444 West Wyandot Avenue.

Mayor Washburn also reported on a letter received from Mr. Jonathon Miller, Wyandot County Prosecuting Attorney, commending Police Chief David Olds, Officer Seth Gillig, Officer Lynn Dunbar, Officer Dean Derr, Lieutenant Allen Foust, and Officer Tyler Howell for their initiative and hard work in the arrest and conviction of John Hollinger and William Miller in the theft of catalytic converters.

Mayor Washburn expressed his appreciation to City workers and volunteer firemen who recently on a Sunday evening bagged sand and delivered it to the Village of Carey Fire Department to assist with flooding problems. The Carey Fire Department has thanked the City of Upper Sandusky for their assistance.

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

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Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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Gary Veith, President