

CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2011

The February 21, 2011 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 Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Gary Veith, and Paul Wagner.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Kenneth McMillan, Zoning Inspector; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Dave Westbrook, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Bill Thornton; John Hawkins; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the February 7, 2011 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the February 7, 2011 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 7, 2011 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 10, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. John Hawkins read a statement he prepared concerning discussion held at the February 7, 2011 City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Ordinance No. 46-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 41-12 (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, 2011 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. 46-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Veith, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Hall-Case	-	No
Mr. McColly	-	Yes
Mr. Smith	-	Yes
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Swinehart	-	Yes
Mr. Veith	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Ordinance No. 46-12 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. 46-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 46-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 46-12 was duly adopted.

Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, presented City Council members with information pertaining to the pick-up of full-time City employees PERS for their consideration in incorporating any changes for employees who may retire and request to be rehired. City Council members agreed to not make any changes concerning the PERS pick up for retire/rehire employees.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to place Ordinance No. 47-12 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH A CITY EMPLOYEE COULD RETIRE AND SEEK RE-EMPLOYMENT BY THE CITY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Hall-Case	-	No
Mr. McColly	-	Yes
Mr. Smith	-	Yes
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Swinehart	-	Yes
Mr. Veith	-	Yes
Mr. Wagner	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote.

Discussion was held concerning the sidewalks adjacent to the Certified Oil property located at the southwest corner of West Wyandot Avenue and Eighth Street. Mr. Kenneth McMillan, Zoning Inspector, noted that the City does have criteria for sidewalks and he will be contacting the property owner about this situation.

Discussion was again held concerning enacting an Ordinance requiring property owners to clean up their properties. Mr. Ellis will research the matter further to determine what guidelines other cities may have set. Mr. Ellis stated that problems arise with this issue in determining objective standards.

Mayor Washburn reported that Mr. Jim Schuster, Park Board Chairman, has indicated that he will be resigning from the Park Board after serving on that board for fifteen years. A written notice of his resignation will be presented at a future City Council meeting.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Gary Veith, President