

CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2013

The December 16, 2013 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 Evie Hall-Case, Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart. Bill Thornton was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor; Angie Gerdeman, Hull and Associates; Tom Shumaker; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

At this time Ms. Angie Gerdeman, Hull and Associates, addressed City Council and provided an update on the Indian Mill Road Slope Stabilization Project. Construction for the project will include a retaining wall at the upper portion that will stabilize the road, removal of sediment located in the river, placement of large stone for additional shoreline protection, use of gabion baskets to provide extra support with the baskets to contain clean concrete hard fill provided by the City that will help reduce overall costs, and placement of rip rap further up on the slope. Ms. Gerdeman indicated that Hull and Associates are attempting to maintain the City's budget for this project. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$190,000.00 including a 15% contingency, but not including engineering and permit fees. The City has been awarded a \$265,000.00 grant for this project. Hull and Associates plan to rebid the project in January, with construction to begin in late February or early March. The construction period for the portion of the project in the river will depend on the level of the water in the river, as this needs to be done when the river is low. Additional wash outs along the river bank were discussed and Ms. Gerdeman indicated that this is a possibility but the permits obtained are only for this project area. It was noted that the Service Committee has recommended to City Council to proceed with the Indian Mill Road Slope Stabilization Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, to accept the recommendation from the Service Committee and proceed with plans for the Indian Mill Road Slope Stabilization Project. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Smith reported that almost all of the main line borings are completed as part of the Northeast Quadrant Waterline Improvements Project, and seventy-seven (77) service taps are completed out of three hundred forty-seven (347) to be done. Mr. Smith indicated that the contractor will be working on Monday, Thursday, and Friday during the week of Christmas but no service line work will be done.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mrs. Hall-Case, to place Ordinance No. 150-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 114-12, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, 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. 150-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, 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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Ordinance No. 150-12 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. 150-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 150-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 150-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to place Ordinance No. 151-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, WYANDOT COUNTY, OHIO, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, 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. 151-12 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, presented a draft ordinance for City Council's consideration for the creation of a committee consisting of City Council members to provide oversight of the position of Clerk of Council. The ordinance will be voted on at an upcoming City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to delegate the President of City Council to approve sick leave, overtime, and vacation for the Clerk of Council at this time. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mayor Washburn reported on the availability of a ten (10) year gap financing loan through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for the creation of a regional detention pond as part of the Commerce Way Road Project. At the most, \$104,000.00 will be needed for gap financing and the income from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) that is in place will pay for this loan. Mayor Washburn indicated that Bridgestone APM Company has committed to the creation of twenty-five (25) jobs. It was noted that the Service Committee has recommended to City Council to authorize the Mayor to apply for a gap financing loan through the OWDA.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to accept the recommendation of the Service Committee and authorize the Mayor to apply for a gap financing loan through the OWDA. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

City Council members agreed to hold their organizational meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Hall-Case and Mr. Smith for their years of service to the City as members of City Council.

Mayor Washburn presented Mayor's Awards to Mrs. Hall-Case and Mr. Smith for their service on City Council.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President