

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE, INDIANA 47305

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:15 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

ORD. 7-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. (FIRE DEPT – EMS).

No public comment.

A motion is made by Ivy and seconded by Ingram to Adjourn the Public Hearing.

An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Ivy.

INVOCATION: Given by Reverend Mona Dale, Pastor of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Councilman Robinson explains before he was elected he was coming to these meetings for years. His favorite part of the city council meetings is recognizing those citizens who go above and beyond in service to their community. Since being elected, he has found that this was actually the hardest decision he has had to make so far, choosing between literally the hundreds of people, in his district alone, who do great things for our community. The City of Muncie is very fortunate to have the amount of people who do great things. The catalyst for many of the great things happening in Muncie are the hard-working neighborhood associations throughout the community. Neighborhood associations are on the frontlines of community development and collectively, add up to some of the most impactful economic development in which a community can have. If you aren't part of a neighborhood association, he encourages you to become a part and get involved with your neighborhood associations. If your neighborhood doesn't have one, get with your neighbors and create a neighborhood association. Robinson can certainly and would be more than happy to connect you to a person that can help. This month's citizen recognition goes to someone that is not only involved with their neighborhood association but is the acting president. The Anthony-Northside Neighborhood Association (also known simply as ANNA) is the neighborhood surrounding Oakwood east to Wheeling Ave. and west to the Ball State football stadium. By now, we have all seen the construction taking place on Wheeling and inside that construction zone at the corner of Wheeling and Cowing are stone pillars marking the Wheeling entrance to the ANNA neighborhood. These stone monuments have marked the entrance to ANNA for more than 90 years and up until tonight's citizen of the month recipient and the neighborhood association got

involved, there were no plans to save those stone monuments. Those stone columns demarcate land originally owned by one of Muncie’s most prominent local families, the Anthony’s, who greatly contributed to the development and the expansion of the city. In 1928, Harriet B. Anthony sold this portion of the family’s land for just \$1.00 for development of high class subdivision north of downtown hoping to grow the city’s footprint north. Those stone pillars are one of the last standing structures noting the Anthony family’s existence in Muncie. Through literally hundreds of hours, the Anthony-Northside Neighborhood Associations worked with the Ball State College of Architecture and Planning, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Delaware Metropolitan Planning Commissions Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee to secure 80% funding from the Federal Highway Administration and 20% from Mayor Ridenour’s administration to save these important landmarks. Robinson is happy to say that just a few weeks ago, those monuments were deconstructed, loaded on a truck and taken to a city storage facility to wait for relocation. That is a lot of work just to save a piece of Muncie history and an important part of that neighborhood. The person that stepped up and lead those efforts is this month’s recipient of the City Council Citizen Recognition Award and ANNA’s President, Aaron Neff.

Mr. Neff joins Councilman Robinson at the podium and thanks everyone stating that there are so many people they are thankful to and that if he tried to list them all, it would definitely take more than three minutes. Robinson adds that he feels bad because he told Mr. Neff that he wanted him to come and answer some questions, not that he was getting this award so it was a surprise. Mr. Neff explains that Robinson summarized it all so well. The Anthony family moved here 200 years ago and made a lot of contributions to Muncie, like many other families in other neighborhoods throughout the city. They wanted to save this part of their particular neighborhood and it was a rollercoaster journey. Robinson steps in to help explain that this was what he meant with neighborhood associations. What might seem insignificant to so many is really important to others. Robinson has been going to the ANNA meetings for a little over a year and can say that it is such an active neighborhood association. They are so involved in making their neighborhood a great neighborhood a great place to live for everyone.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aaron Clark	X	
Richard Ivy	X	
Troy Ingram	X	
Ralph Smith	X	
Jeff Robinson	X	
Ray Dudley	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Jerry Dishman	X	
Anitra Davis	X	

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Robinson to Approve the Minutes from the February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting as well as the Minutes from the February 13, 2020 Special Meeting.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS: Jase Crehan, 300 N. High Street, Public Access Communications Director for the City of Muncie explains he has been fairly active since January. He works a lot with public relations and internal and external communication methods and explains that he tried to help foster into departmental communications as opposed as being compartmentalized and worked to add efficiency in those realms. Some of the things done in regards to public relations lately are continuing the "Dream with Dan" events to create "Dream with Dan 2.0," holding two of those events in the past two months. These are essentially new events that are open to the whole community as well as live-streamed. The administration has tried to schedule multiple neighborhoods and multiple venues, that way they can get all across Muncie. The dates for those have been planned for the entire year, accordingly. Some of the work with news has included at least five on-camera interviews with Fox59, CBS4, WTHR and news link, as well as at least three radio interviews with the Mayor, two from WLBC and one from WCRD. Continuing the work, there have been at least six press releases that include first-day appointments, the MSD case, warming stations and county and city meetings. As far as social media, they have had over 32 posts in the past two months, 21 streams (that range from everything in regards to what to do on valentine's day, community appearances, upcoming agendas, upcoming events, council meetings, BOW meetings and things along that nature). He has also helped to schedule and foster countless interviews with the media and worked to create schedules for community events that not only the Mayor attends but also department heads attend, as well. There have been at least 22 community events in the past two months. That includes neighborhood association meetings (they have attended about five), a Boy Scouts luncheon and tours, working with Human Rights on MLK recognition events, the police and redevelopment commission attended discussion of raising politics at Ball State University and Walk a Mile. A few long terms goals, which he thinks are pertinent for the council to know and discuss in regards to Ch. 60 are some changes underway there as it is a bit of a methodical process, which is a good thing. They want to make sure that those changes are done properly and it has taken some time to learn the new technology, software and talk with tech support. He has worked in departmentally quite a bit with the IT department as well as some others to ensure that the city is calling a lot of the entities that are scheduled there, such as churches that have worship times to make sure that is all accurate. Over time, you will see new formatting, updated meetings and new material (hopefully) pop up on that. Actually, Mr. Crehan has a meeting with the Communications department at Ball State later this month and he is hoping that can open up some avenues for collaborations there. In addition, he is hoping for changes

on the city website over time, as well. He is currently working with IT on that along some of the other city departments to determine what their needs are and to access some abilities from various tech companies to determine the direction there. Otherwise, this week in terms of short goals, State of the City is coming up this Saturday at the Idea Conference. There is still room to register for the State of the City although the Idea Conference is full. He encourages everybody to go online and register as there is still plenty of time to do so. Other than that, he is happy to answer any questions as best as he can.

Councilman Ingram asks if there has been any broadcasting on the public access channel. Crehan answers there is no direct live-streaming to it. What happens is they either get video formats submitted via dropbox or hard disk, DVD, and then they work to upload those at a later date. Ingram states he has had a lot of people ask why that has not been updated. Crehan states there has been some delay, in which, he does apologize for. They are trying to learn new technologies and discover what their role is going be in this. He is working closely with IT, as well as their tech support, to make sure they can update that as soon as possible. There should be some new meetings posted on there soon.

Councilman Smith notices on the budget that he does not see any operating costs and asks where his administrative support, office supplies, etc. come from. Crehan states other than his salary on the report, he does not believe that there is a budget for Public Access. Smith asks how he would then operate. Crehan states as best as he can from a desk in the Mayor's office. Luckily, the Mayor has loaned him enough office supplies that he can get by on. Smith would like to know what Crehans needs are, if he could provide an estimate. Crehan states he does not currently feel comfortable discussing that because he would like to get into the nitty gritty at little bit more over time and determine what specifically will be needed over that time. Smith understands and states there is no deadline.

Gretchen Cheeseman, Director of the Office of Community Development, explains their office does a lot of things but what they mostly do is administer two federal HUD grants, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Grant (Home Program). In 2019, the CDBG grant was funded by HUD at \$1.239 million and the Home grant was funded at about \$479,000. Muncie is an entitlement city which means that these grants are funded every year by a formula that determines how much money they get. That is based on how much Congress appropriates to HUD every year. They don't have to apply for it, they just get it but it is based on the congressional appropriation each year. The CDBG can be used for essentially two things, elimination of slum and blight (which is mostly demolitions) and to benefit low and moderate-income people, so there are several ways to spend that money. The Home Program focuses on housing-related programs and it also must benefit low to moderate-income people. Right now, the office is in their 2019 program year and taking applications for the 2020 projects. Those were submitted on February 10th. There is a Citizen Committee that has been appointed by the Mayor that is meeting tomorrow to review the applications that they received from public service agencies. They can spend up to 1% of their CDBG for public services. The remainder of the awards will be decided by the Mayor with input

from the Community Development staff. In April, they will have a resolution on the Agenda to approve their Annual Action Plan and their Five-Year Consolidated Plan and that will also serve as a Public Hearing for both of those plans. Prior to that, sometime during the week of March 23rd, there will be a public meeting where people will present the plan and people can come and ask questions about it. She will make sure the entire council gets an e-mail notice for that. Other grants that are administered through the CD office include a Lead Abatement Grant that was received from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, which is also HUD funded, for \$528,000. It is to abate lead in forty older homes or apartment units and they are working with ICAP, PathStone Corp. and the Delaware County Health Department on those projects. If you know anyone that has children under six that live in an older home that would like to have their home tested for lead and potentially abated, please have them call the CD office. They also administer the Blight Elimination Program, which is also from IHEDA. By the time it is all said and done, which will be on October 31st of this year, they will have spent \$4,347,000 demolishing 259 houses in the City of Muncie. Some of you may have read in the paper that the accounts in Community Development have not been maintained in an accurate manner and it is going to take several months for them to trace and correct the errors that have been made over the past couple of years, since Kevin Nemyer left Community Development to be the City Controller (things then went downhill). In order to address that problem, which didn't just happen at this administration change but she has seen it happen when other administrations changed, the department has an Assistant Director and when that position was first created, probably 15 people worked in the department and now, besides her, there are only three. That position manages the money as being the Financial Manager. That position was vacated by the person who held it in the previous administration and Cheeseman decided that she would not fill it as an Assistant Director position but she would fill it as a Planner (all the employees in the office have a job description of Planner). It is a full-time, permanent city employee so it won't roll every time the administration changes. It should be a professional in there that knows what they are doing that can continue that financial work and planning for the department even when the administrations are changing in hopes to avoiding the current predicament they are in now. The Planner in the Home Program has taken over the finance position, being involved with helping figuring out all the problems that consist. The BEP (Blight Elimination Program) Coordinator has taken the position of the Home Program Planner. The receptionist was part-time but left for a full-time job someplace else and they have since hired a special projects person to come in (part-time) and help sort out and trace their problems with their money. That individual was the previous Assistant Director and when she came on, had to do the same thing so she knows how to do it. They have four full-time employees, including herself, and recently attended a three-day training in Indianapolis for the Home Program as their goal is to get everybody in the department cross-trained to do everybody's different jobs. That way, if somebody has to step away, other people in the office will be able to take over and at least fill-in when someone is gone.

Councilwoman Davis refers to the Budget Performance Report and wonders if their office has one to provide. Cheeseman states their fiscal year and funding sources are different than the Citys so they do not get the exact same kind of reports.

Trent Conway, City Controller, states since the Community Development Office is under the Federal Government, all their budgets are set by them. That is what they have to go off of. They can provide those documents to the council; however, they are broken out by year. That means they would have to give them ten different years, as that is what they are working off of currently.

Councilman Ivy asks if the census has an effect on the dollars received from Washington D.C. Cheeseman states yes because a part of the formula that determines the Block Grant is based on the population along with a lot of other things like the number of vacant houses, the number of unemployed people and number of lower-income people. Ivy clarifies that the census is definitely a factor in that. Cheeseman confirms, it is definitely a factor.

Davis refers back to their budget and asks about primarily running in the negative until they receive their dollars and asks if that is how that works. Cheeseman states they should never run in the negative because the way their program works is, they get an invoice, have it approved by the BOW, draw the money down from HUD and the city pays the invoice and by the time the invoice is paid, the HUD money comes in and they can then distribute that into their city accounts. They really should never be in the red. Davis asks if there are times when there is a gap. Cheeseman states there could be, maybe, a gap of a few days. However, they have five or six accounts in the red right now. No one thinks there is any money missing. It is just not taken from the right place and put in the right place between the time it is drawn down from HUD and moved into the city accounts.

Trent Conway, City Controller, 717 W. Cromer Ave, Muncie, explains the Controller's office handles all the finances so any money coming in and any money going out. He started on the first of this year and met some of his staff. Besides himself, the office consists of five individuals, two of which have over 20 years with the City, one of which has 45 years and was actually recognized for it during the January meeting. He is trying to soak up all the knowledge from her that he can. The staff has tremendously helped him in his transition into this position. One of the things they are working on in his department is going paperless. There is a lot of paper that flows through the office so there are a few ways they are trying to do this, one is eliminate excessive printing. SBOA requires that if the office enters an invoice and puts it to another department, they have to inform that department that they did so and that has been done previously by printing out the invoice and physically handing it to them or in their mailbox. He has talked with SBOA and there are different ways that they can do that. Every department has access to the system and can look up invoices and their budget for additional information. Another way in trying to make that transition is set up an e-mail where people can send the office invoices electronically, rather than mailing them. Additionally, the office will be working with the bank to set up ACH payments so rather than sending out a check, they can do an electronic fund transfer every week. So, the vendor would then get paid quicker and the

check doesn't potentially get lost in the mail. They would also save on postage, paper, ink, etc. The office is also trying to upload as many documents into their system as possible so that they have a good record keeping system to that. They are also working on consolidating the accounts that they can. Some areas that they can do that in is utilities, phone bills, internet bills and utility bills, as the city gets 50-100 utilities bills and that is probably a low estimate. Therefore, they are working with the utility companies to see if they can consolidate those and just get one bill per month. Essentially, they are going to try and go paperless in that aspect, as well and receive those bills electronically. Another thing Conway is working on with the IT department is looking at their ERP system and if there are any modules that they own that they are not currently taking advantage of and if there are any efficiencies that can be gained by using those modules. There are other functions in the system that they are learning about, referring to the override function. If a department enters an invoice and there are not enough budgeted dollars to cover that invoice, they are going to get a hard stop saying hey, someone in the Controller's office must override this because there is not enough in the budget to cover it. Prior to this year, anyone in the Controller's office could do that but Conway amended that to be just him. He will be notified if there are any of those exceptions so that he can take action, if needed, to make sure that they are follow SBOA guidelines and not overspending in those accounts. One of the most challenging things for him is the fact that they are running off the 2019 budget. That has caused some issues. Any raises that were given last year are not reflected in this budget so there is definitely going to be some adjustments that have to be made in personnel expenses as well as any benefits and taxes that relate to those. The council will be seeing ordinances and resolutions coming from him to try to fix all that. In closing, he refers to his budget statement and would be happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

Councilman Ingram has a question that is basically out of curiosity and refers to the line item of Subscriptions & Dues with an amount of \$500. Conway states they have not spent anything in that line item yet. Ingram asks what exactly that money would be going toward. Conway answers any subscriptions so if there is a newsletter or anything that costs money. It would be of anything of that nature.

Councilwoman Davis asks the role of the Investment Clerk. Conway states right now, she does all of their error deposits and reconciles all of their bank accounts. Davis confirms that is not the Accounts Payable Clerk, in which Conway states no, that is not.

Councilman Smith asks if there are enough people in that office to do what needs to be done. Conway states he is still trying to figure that out, to be honest. Smith clarifies the Controller has a huge responsibility. Smith has been involved with manpower and personnel and knows it is a huge responsibility to do what they do and he does not know if there are enough people. Smith then asks how they (council) can help Conway in the Controller's office. Conway jokes to write him a check. But no, obviously, he is very cognitive of the financial position the city is in and is not going to rush the making of any of those decisions and any decisions he makes, the Mayor and he will discuss at length. Smith appreciates Conway's conservative approach.

Councilman Ivy adds that if Conway has any needs, personnel-wise, he hopes if not reflective in this year, if he will reflect them on next year's budget proposal. Conway states he would like to, yes.

Councilwoman Davis adds that Conway has been very thorough. Every email that he has sent has been detailed and very thorough. She thanks him.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Polk states the Beech Grove Cemetery Board of Directors has one appointment this evening and declares nominations open.

A motion is made by Smith and seconded by Dudley to re-appoint David Taylor.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Clark to appoint Allen Wisely.

Polk declares nominations closed and that they will vote on this the same way as in the past.

David Taylor states after 28 years sitting up there where the council is currently sitting, he left office in 2007 and took the appointment to the Beech Grove Cemetery Board. He has been on that board since 2007 and he jokes that he wants to stay because of the pay. He has enjoyed it and they have a good group of people that are fellow board members that are not there for the money but are there to make Beech Grove a better place for the city. He appreciates the time and thanks the council.

Allen Wisely, 1105 W. University Ave, states he currently serves as a Voter Registration Clerk at the Delaware County Clerk's office. He has worked in the Clerk's office since March of 2019 in various election-related capacities and has spoken with a lot of the council members over the last year. In 2016, he graduated from Ball State University with two Bachelor's degrees in History and Political Science. He has also completed 27 hours of Master's course in American History at Ball State University. He first became really acquainted with Beech Grove Cemetery when he was an undergrad at Ball State. There was an immersive learning project done with one of their History professors that taught a class where they took a group of History students and created an app and also a book. This way, people could go and take walking tours of the cemetery and learn about all the different historic figures that are buried in that cemetery because, of course, the entire history of Muncie is reflected in that cemetery. So, he has gone through that tour before, several years ago and states it is very interesting and very informative. He would be honored to serve on this board and help preserve that portion of Muncie's history. He thanks them and would appreciate their vote.

Councilman Ingram states he just found out about this appointment last night. He spoke with the Council Secretary earlier and claims it was not the Agenda. He asks if there is a reason they need to make this appointment this evening. Polk states the statute states their appointments have to be done in March for this specific board. Each year, there are five board members that the council appoints one a year for five years, each one in March. Councilman Clark states they do have a rolling list that all of the council members are aware of and they can check to make sure that is maintained and that it is their duty to make these nominations. Ingram claims it was not on the Agenda (Appointments to Boards and Commissions was on the Agenda, just not that specific appointment). Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 5 votes for David Taylor (Dishman, Davis, Robinson, Dudley and Smith) and 3 for Allen Wisely (Polk, Ivy and Clark) and 1 abstain (Ingram). MOTION CARRIED.
David Taylor is re-appointed to the Beech Grove Cemetery Board.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 6-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CASH.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ivy to Introduce.

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains that before he goes into detail on this he would like to say that though he appreciates Councilwoman Davis saying he is “thorough,” there is a typo in this ordinance. In the top, when the balance of Fund #770 is called out, that balance number should be \$2,821,511.12. He would ask that the council please amend that. Conway put this ordinance in because, as he was learning about the funds, he came across Fund #770 which is labeled Insurance Trust Fund and Fund #621 which is Health Insurance Surplus. He looked through the previous four-year history from 2016 to current and found that these funds were pretty redundant in being used for the same purpose. Fund #621 is where they put all the health insurance premiums. The City of Muncie has a self-funded health insurance so all the employee premiums and the premiums that the city pays for the employees were going into that account and then that is where any health insurance claims are paid out of. There are times when the City is reimbursed for health insurance claims if they meet their stop loss or if there is an overpayment for any reason. Conway found out that those reimbursements were being put into Fund #770 but he would prefer that those reimbursements go back to the fund and reimburse the fund that they were originally paid out of. This ordinance would move the cash balances to #621 and they would not use #770 anymore. Conway would also like to reimburse these other funds for the health insurance frontload and wellness that has been paid to employees for this year. The balance in #621, after this transfer, will be roughly \$4.3 million. The City spent \$9 million in health insurance claims in 2019 so that is roughly six months of surplus in that fund, which is a healthy amount.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Davis to Amend the amount to read \$2,821,511.12. An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Ivy to Introduce as Amended. Questions called.

Audie Barber, Muncie, Indiana, is concerned about that six months’ worth of health insurance surplus. You get eight or ten people, lord forbid, have issues with their heart or something and he does not know if six months would be enough time. He feels cutting this surplus by \$1.9 million is quite a bit of a cut and if it comes to it, he assumes they would just have to appropriate the money back to it. He feels cutting that health fund is a lot and he would like to see (maybe) a year worth of surplus kept in there instead of six months. Again, that is a big cut and lord forbid the Coronavirus come around to Muncie. That could be another issue too. Conway, City Controller, would like to point out that they are actually putting \$1.9 million in to the health insurance surplus. The amount that is going to the other funds is roughly \$800,000. Barber asks that Conway is taking \$2.8 million out of the #770 Fund. Conway

confirms. Barber asks if that #770 Fund is the health fund now. Polk asks Barber if he has a question for the council, not the Controller. Barber confirms that he is asking Conway the question because he is the one that has the answer. Barber continues and asks Polk, if it is the #770 account that the \$2.821 million is in and asks if that is the insurance fund at this time. Polk confirms and asks for the Controller to explain. Conway states there are two funds that have cash for health insurance in it, #621 is the Health Insurance Surplus which is what is being used currently. That is where all the premiums are going and that is where all the health insurance claims are coming out of. #770 is a fund that has been having any health insurance reimbursement placed into so it has just been building cash for the last four years. Conway would like to get that to the right place and (pretty much) decommission Fund #770.

Kristopher Bibrey would like to find out if Polk is upset for some reason as he seems a little agitated. Polk states no, not at all. Bibrey explains that they (general public and audience members in attendance) have been pretty good with this election period since the current council started serving but the last few times has seemed as if Polk has had a little bit of an attitude. Robinson calls point of order and Polk follows. Bibrey ends by stating point of order, decorum. Questions called.

An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 7-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. (FIRE DEPT – EMS).

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Smith to Introduce.

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains at the prior council meeting, they had voted to move the money from Fund #114 to Fund #104 so now they are ready to appropriate monies for EMS expenses and that is what this is doing. He hopes to create a separate department for these expenses so they can track revenues and expenses together, through that.

Councilman Ingram is looking at the Other Services & Charges line item of \$490,000 and asks what all that entails. Conway states that is Heartland and that would pay the Director of EMS and then the medical person (he can't remember the professional title) that tells them what they are supposed to do medically. Ingram states that is actually where his question comes in, the EMS Director is paid out of EDIT funds, at this point. Conway confirms. Ingram asks why she is being included in this budget. Conway answers because it is an EMS-related expense. Ingram asks if there is plan on moving her salary off of EDIT funds. Conway states that is the plan, yes. Ingram also noticed the line item of Equipment Maintenance of \$120,000 and asks if that includes the payments for the newly bought ambulances. Conway states the payments for the ambulances is under Equipment Lease & Rental Payments and that is \$74,000. The \$120,000 that Ingram referred to is Other Supplies so things like medical supplies, oxygen and anything else needed.

Andrew Popp, Muncie, Indiana, asks what the actual amount being introduced for appropriation. Polk answers \$1,851,328.82. Popp refers to a potential revenue income review being done for what EMS could potentially bring in this year, prior to the pending change occurring in April and asks if that number is available. Ingram states it is his understanding there aren't any numbers out of the red zone. Popp is asking about excluding the red zone, if there a rough guess. Ingram asks for clarification. Popp states he is asking the revenue income projected for fire-based EMS, prior to the April 6th changes. Ingram states as far as he knows, they have been bringing in between \$100,000 and \$130,000 a month. Popp understands this is

just for introduction but asks that for next month, if they could potentially include an inclusive of the red zone for what the potential income would be for the fiscal year of 2020. He asks that since that is something that is planned on happening with the new changes as far as with Delaware County leaving, the expansion of what the City may or may not need with fire-based EMS, Heartland, etc.

Rachel Clark, Muncie Fire EMS Chief, states that she can absolutely reach out to the billing company and get them to project all of that and come present it. If there is anything else that they would like specifically, absolutely reach out to her and she can do her best to get anything that is needed so the council members can have a little more information. They are all king of jockey with this to truly get a definitive answer and it is going to take a little bit but she will absolutely provide anything that is needed. Councilman Ivy asks if they can have a hard stop on those projections, as of February 29th and then project from there. Clark confirms that she can end it on last day of February and have them get the exact numbers for that and then move forward. So far, they have been very dead on for the things projected so whatever they come up with will probably be pretty close. Questions called. An all-in-favor vote showed 8 yeas and 1 nay (Smith). INTRODUCED.

ORD. 8-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE TO TRANSFER FUNDS (GENERAL FUND – POLICE/FIRE MERIT COMMISSION).

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ingram to Introduce.

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains that in the February council meeting, the council approved to separate the Fire and Police Merit Commissions. What this ordinance is going to do is transfer 50% of those funds from that to the Fire, so, the Police will have 50% and the Fire will have 50%. Questions called.

An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 9-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING SECTION 32.33 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ingram to Introduce.

Councilman Robinson refers to the people who are not aware of what this ordinance is. It is to move the time of this City Council meeting from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM and he just wanted to make everyone aware of that and maybe that will entertain some questions. Ivy jokingly adds that is otherwise known as the “Dudley Rule,” since it was his motion at the end of the February meeting.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Dudley to Amend to replace 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. (Compromising a meet in the middle, that way if there are any Special Meetings, they would be at 6:30 PM/6:45 PM and the Regular meeting would follow at 7:00 PM. Polk adds that some people do not get off work and it would impede them from being here if the meeting was earlier, including some of the fellow council members he personally has spoken to.)

A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 nay (Smith). AMENDED.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Ivy to Introduce as Amended.

A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 nay (Smith). INTRODUCED AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 8-20 A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2019 CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAPS FOR THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ingram to Adopt.

Marta Moody, Executive Director for the Delaware Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission, states this is a resolution that is filed at the beginning of each year, as required by the zoning ordinance. Basically, it is a way to do a cross check to make sure that the official zone maps reflect the changes that were adopted by this body in the previous year. This resolution was accompanied with the listing and also excerpts from the digital zone maps showing the properties that have been rezoned. It is like a (inaudible) function to do a cross check to make sure that everything is done the way it is supposed to be.

President Polk asks that these four were all approved last year. Moody confirms. Polk refers to a few of them being 8-1 but most were voted 9-0. Moody confirms. Polk states this is a yearly thing they do at this time to approve everything and shore up everything done last year. Moody explains that it is basically confirming that yes, these are the correct changes to the official zone maps. One thing she might mention, it is a lot easier to do this now than 10 years ago when they had paper maps and now, it is all digital. If anyone wants to see how their property is zoned or how a property is zoned, they can go to the Beacon website or the county's website, dmmpc.org. You can basically pull up GIS at your fingertips, click on the zoning layer and see how the property is zoned. Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Smith explains that he and his wife Christie, have been away for about three weeks dealing with the passing of her mother. He wants to thank everyone that sent prayers and warm thoughts. It meant a lot while they were in Oklahoma so he thanks everyone for that.

Audie Barber, Muncie, Indiana, states back on September 9, 2019, the former council re-zoned a partial of land from Residential to Business Variety for a "fish farm." Barber claims everyone thought he was really crazy about this fish farm idea. It has been brought to his attention that it is going to become an ordinance introduced next month for somebody that is wanting chickens in the city now. This may be something the council ponders on and if they can remember back in September when this ordinance came up to allow these fish farms here, he said if it is opened up to fish farms, it will be opened up to chickens, as well. You can go back and look at that meeting. Now, we are doing the chicken thing and the next thing you know, you'll be wanting to do pigs. Barber thinks the council needs to put a stop to this before it gets any further out of hand and he would hope that if any ordinance does come up that they do their homework on it because if they allow chickens, they already allowed fish, now they are going to allow pigs and cows and everything else. Then guess what? We are going to be a farm and not

at city limits anymore. It is just something to think about. The people in the audience laughed at him not even six months ago but guess what? Reality is here and it is going to be introduced next month.

Rick Yencer, 3100 N. 500 W. Muncie, raises this issue tonight with moral Monday, the group that camps out here in front of City Hall that is concerned about poverty, racism and war. He brought this up to Councilman Robinson and Councilwoman Davis about needing some significant changes in the bus service. There needs to be an express route on McGalliard and the people also want Sunday service. From a historical standpoint for most of you, this bus service created forty years ago hasn't significantly changed outside of just a neighborhood service. They have given free rides to kids who really don't need it because they have yellow buses or Ball State. People in poverty, along with other charity groups, say one of the biggest issues is still they can not get around. He would hop in six months when the council considers the budget for public transportation, they don't consider what they want to spend \$10 million on, new buses, sidewalks and a solar roof. People need rides in this community and the council has six months to do something.

Ai Hurwitz, Muncie, Indiana, is a person highly interested in data and research formed by credible experts. The CDC recently confirmed (at least) a third case of unknown origin in the United States of the current Coronavirus as well as known outbreaks in several major U.S. cities. Given the (up to) two-week period where a person is contagious and shows no symptoms is very different than many other well-known viruses. The CDC's admission that this will nearly certainly become a very sizeable pandemic in the United States seems quite accurate. I say this not to suggest any sort of un-due panic, but simply that too many cities and municipalities on things like this scramble to respond to crisis when it is too late to do the most good for the most people. I am curious of what the city is doing, whether on their own or in partnership with the County Health department, Ball State, the hospital and other health organizations to create plans on a number of different facets and segments to best repair for this medical emergency for the residents of Muncie.

Kristopher Bilbrey states the council has been doing a good job. He apologizes about earlier but to several people, it did seem like Polk was a little flustered. All in all, they are doing a fantastic job. If they could just try to keep their cool, the public will do the same and everything will be great.

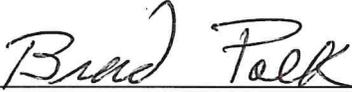
Yvonne Thompson, Director of the Muncie Human Rights Commission, wanted to bring to the council's awareness that March is Disability Awareness Month and she wanted to make sure to remind everyone to not only be aware but to remember that people with disabilities are voters too. She hopes and prays that the council is listening to the people with disabilities out in their particular districts and are trying to obtain ideas on how to help and make sure that particular group of people are listened to, also. Ivy appreciates that and he, personally through working

for Lifestream Services Inc., reached out to the Delaware County Clerk's office and they will be coming out to speak to the care managers who see all the Lifestream clients (over 35,000 people) to give them more information on voting and registering to vote. Thompson comments that is very good news. Ivy adds that will be taking place in the next week or so.

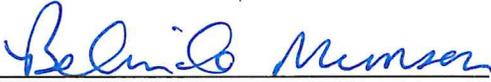
Forest Bowers wants to remind everyone that they need to register the census. It is very important that we all register, everyone that is eligible. It means almost \$4,000 per person for the state of Indiana. That is going to affect the responsibilities of the council members for the citizens of the Muncie. It is the public's responsibility to help the council by registering.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dudley and seconded by Robinson to Adjourn. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.



Brad Polk, President of
the Muncie Common Council



Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of
the Muncie Common Council