

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

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Robinson.

INVOCATION: A brief moment of silence.

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 Robinson and seconded by Ingram to Approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Robinson states he does have a report from the Land and Traffic Committee but wishes to wait and make the statement while discussing ord. 16-20.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

Steve Selvey, Muncie Building Commissioner, passes out his year-to-date budget to the Council. He states this is his first time being up here in front of them and it is quite humbling. He thinks the budget is in pretty good order, there are not any typical discrepancies and they are in good shape to finish the year out without causing any consternation for the Controller, Mayor or the Council. Referring to the second page of the provided budget, Auto Repairs, they are pushing it but hopefully the river doesn't rise along with upkeep of a couple oil changes here and there, they will be able to keep that line item within reason. The

Department did have a couple issues with vehicles that were not operable and they needed to get them running to maximize their ability to perform their functions. As most know, their function is primarily outside of the office so reliable transportation is somewhat important in what they do. Selvey asks if there are any particular questions or comments any of the council members would like to make pertaining to the budget.



Budget Performance Report

Date Range 01/01/20 - 06/30/20
Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/Rec'd
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND									
EXPENSE									
Department 10 - BUILDING COMMISSIONER									
111022	BUILDING COMMISSIONER	48,695.00	2,885.80	51,580.80	3,820.80	.00	26,745.60	24,835.20	52
111023	SECRETARY 1	30,617.00	1,227.80	31,844.80	2,376.88	.00	15,589.42	16,255.38	49
111028	CLERK/TYPYST	30,000.00	(10,000.00)	20,000.00	2,353.60	.00	15,298.40	4,701.60	76
111029	SECRETARY II	30,870.00	621.20	31,491.20	.00	.00	11,873.56	19,617.64	38
111036	HVAC/PLUMBING INSPECTOR	41,893.00	.00	41,893.00	3,108.80	.00	11,658.00	30,235.00	28
111037	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	39,679.00	1,567.40	41,246.40	3,172.80	.00	20,623.20	20,623.20	50
111038	ZONING/STRUCTURAL INSPECTOR	82,676.00	440.80	83,116.80	6,393.60	.00	41,553.54	41,563.26	50
111096	PART TIME	34,184.00	(4,772.80)	29,411.20	2,499.76	.00	8,074.98	21,336.22	27
111080	UNSAFE BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT	40,474.00	(474.00)	40,000.00	2,894.40	.00	18,795.51	21,204.49	47
111086	CODE ENFORCEMENT WEED CONTROL	35,150.00	438.50	35,588.50	2,737.60	.00	16,973.12	18,615.68	48
111099	PROPERTY PRESERVATION FOREMAN	30,000.00	586.59	30,586.59	2,353.60	.00	15,298.40	15,298.40	50
111011	FICA EXPENSE	27,834.00	(255.27)	27,578.73	1,923.88	.00	12,230.19	14,849.54	45
111015	MEDICARE EXPENSE	6,510.00	(138.84)	6,371.16	449.94	.00	2,860.30	3,472.86	45
111017	PERF EXPENSE	50,280.00	(5,878.24)	44,401.76	3,271.75	.00	21,773.77	23,850.39	48
111025	HEALTH INSURANCE	142,320.00	.00	142,320.00	.00	.00	19,273.14	123,046.86	14
111026	LIFE INSURANCE	850.00	.00	850.00	61.50	.00	373.10	476.90	44
111065	UNEMPLOYMENT	6,111.00	4,029.00	10,140.00	1,560.00	.00	5,460.00	4,680.00	54
111085	TRAINING, FEES AND TRAVEL	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	421.55	1,578.45	21
111011	OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,000.00	232.29	.00	4,760.56	3,239.44	60
111036	CLOTHING	2,650.00	22.97	2,672.97	.00	.00	1,548.63	1,124.34	58
111021	GAS & OIL	11,000.00	(3,000.00)	8,000.00	132.65	.00	999.23	7,000.77	12
111011	POSTAGE	2,150.00	(150.00)	2,000.00	104.25	.00	348.55	1,651.45	17
111031	TELEPHONE	7,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	997.25	.00	5,640.65	8,859.35	39
111011	OTHER INSURANCE	21,000.00	(1,000.00)	20,000.00	.00	.00	4,960.21	15,039.79	25
111011	ELECTRIC	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	187.33	.00	1,017.77	1,482.23	41
111021	NATURAL GAS	600.00	.00	600.00	11.00	.00	108.48	491.52	18
111031	WATER	175.00	.00	175.00	11.33	.00	70.88	104.12	41

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Budget Performance Report

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Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/Rec'd
136021	AUTO REPAIRS	5,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	1,513.99	.00	6,513.16	986.84	87
139071	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	25,000.00	.00	25,000.00	139.00	.00	1,661.65	23,338.35	7
139196	SECURING PROPERTIES	30,000.00	(5,000.00)	25,000.00	96.42	.00	3,831.93	21,168.07	15
144194	MOWING EQUIPMENT	12,500.00	.00	12,500.00	.00	.00	4,892.53	7,607.47	39
Department 10 - BUILDING COMMISSIONER Totals		\$809,218.00	(\$9,653.18)	\$799,564.82	\$42,404.42	\$0.00	\$301,230.01	\$498,334.81	38%
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$809,218.00	(\$9,653.18)	\$799,564.82	\$42,404.42	\$0.00	\$301,230.01	\$498,334.81	38%

Councilman Smith just wants to say thank you to the Building Commissioners office for all the hard work they put in on the demolition project of the Red Roof Inn, located in south Muncie at 29th and Madison Streets. The community appreciates it and speaking or all the constituents in the south side of Muncie, Smith thanks him for that. Selvey responds it is

not necessary and he prefers the work speak for itself but adds that it is all of you and all of us. Selvey appreciates Smiths comments and acknowledges him being an advocate for that. Its about the ability for everyone to work together to be able to improve our community. Again, it is all of us, through a team effort, not just Selvey. He acknowledges his wonderful staff and states he couldn't be any happier with where they are at as a group but again, it was a team effort. Community Development was very integral in that, as well. It took all of them, including the Council and Selvey thanks them again.

Councilman Robinson states he is aware of the Department doing some rolling enforcement throughout the neighborhoods and would like to know more about it. Selvey states they are trying and it is a work in progress but they are working citywide on some rather simple code enforcement and things. They have taken a different tact and again, the group has been integral in their commitment to this and they are trying to work with the public providing some informational notifications. He would say they are doing this in lieu of going out and hitting people with ordinance violations. The Department is giving the people the information and trying to engage the public. A lot of people don't understand the 796 pages that make up the City of Muncie Code and he understands that. He explains they are trying to work with the public in that regard and be more productive in engaging with them. He doesn't have the information but it wouldn't surprise him if he didn't spend a couple hours on the phone. He thinks it is going to be sufficient long-term. It is a new approach and hopefully, a little bit softer and maybe more effective from an outreach standpoint of informing people. Several of you (referring to the Council) have called expressing concerns and Selvey just feels it is a better approach and is worth trying. All in all, he thinks it is a novel idea. In response, Robinson refers to their conversations and states he appreciates his approach to work with the homeowners before starting to institute fines and things like that because at the end of the day, the fines are one thing but what they really want to do is clean up the community. Selvey states first and foremost, and he says this with all humility, we are not perfect but we try to be. He thinks this form of engagement really (as intensive as it is on the labor side) is going to pay great dividends to our community going forward. It is a better approach to have that back and forth with people and to try to explain why they are engaging them in the first place. Selvey appreciates it and looks forward to continuing to engage the Council (and vice versa). We will work together. Council members use the term "constituents" and Selvey says in earnest, he works for 68,000 people and that is the Community-At-Large. He thinks their department gets it and they are working in the right direction.

Councilman Dishman asks who is responsible for upkeep of the grass in between the sidewalk and a city street. Selvey responds his opinion and believes the zoning supports him, that you get into this easement issue but it is the homeowners responsibility. Dishman states there has always been a problem over there at the corner of Madison and Wysor Streets. Holding his hand out, he explains that sometimes, the grass gets thigh-high. But, that is something he sees all over town and just wanted to know who was responsible. Selvey states it is the citizens responsibility to maintain that portion of the property. Again, it is all about engagement. Selvey states he will not call Dishman at 10:00 AM due to his late work schedule

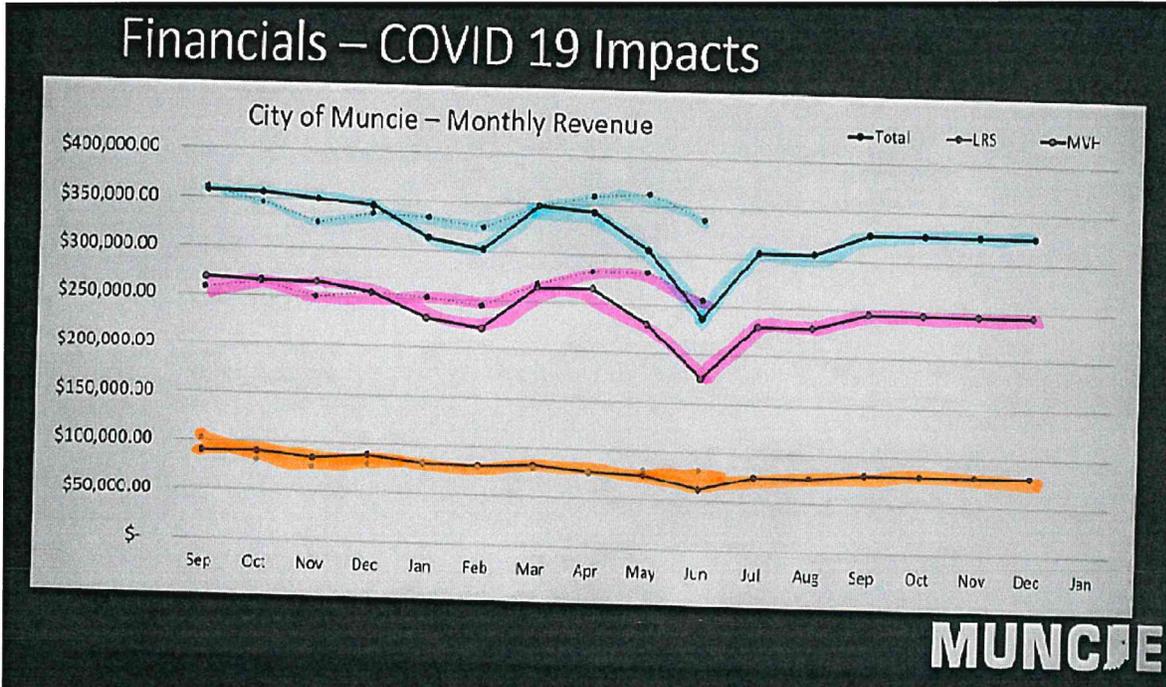
but requests that he call him to let him see if they can try to have a conversation with those people. Selvey adds that he is aware of numerous locations. Dishman adds it is all over town and Selvey agrees. Dishman says it has occurred with previous administrations and he always had a problem with that area. Selvey states that mowing is a very tough job and Todd Moore does a wonderful job with the resources they have. It is truly a tough, thankless job and they do try their best. They are always going to be behind the 8-ball. Dishman really appreciates everything that Selvey and his staff are doing. He saw where they went in and tagged a place and got the owner fired up. There is not any reason the grass should be knee-high. Selvey agrees. Dishman adds that it was monsoon season one time and there were certain places in town where you couldn't even see the house because the grass was so high. Dishman adds that he drives all over Muncie and this isn't just in his District. Selvey states as he should. He, personally, is done with this river nonsense. If a pebble goes in on the south side of town, it will ripple over to the north side or vice versa, east or west. We are all in this together. Dishman closes in stating his District is a little out of control. Selvey suggests having a conversation via e-mail or however Dishman wishes to do so.

Councilman Ingram asks if there is a way that someone who has a concern about a property can report it. Do they have to call? Or is there a system like Mr. Stephens-Hotopp has with the Street Department where you can go online and report potholes. If not, is there thought of doing such? Selvey responds they have EGov. However, he doesn't have an issue with getting a phone call and is aware of the Council being very active within their Districts. Send it in a carrier pigeon for all he cares but they will get it addressed. They want to engage and work with the public to get them where they need to be. Ingram is aware of Mr. Stephens-Hotopp putting in a very great system for reporting potholes and wasn't sure if there was a way to institute that as well for some of the properties or distasteful broken-down cars in people yards, etc. Selvey states sure and adds that it is wise. If it makes the process smoother and clearer, he is all for it and will look into it.

STREET DEPARTMENT:

Brian Stephens-Hotopp, City Engineer, passes out the Street Department year-to-date budget and gets ready to present a slideshow presentation. He wanted to give an overview of the Department, as well as some sort of run-down of their finances. They have 22 staff in their Department and a lot of roads and sidewalks infrastructure that they try to maintain and keep up on. Some of the things they have done so far consist of: Department Inventory (which is a pretty extensive task with all the vehicles and shops they run), the bidding and purchasing of 3 new salt trucks, a pavement marking contract for 2020 through 2021, road maintenance agreement (which is essentially putting into place preventative maintenance measures with a contractor so they can do a crack seal and micro seal, etc.), GIS mapping and the pothole reporting program that has been available for the community to report issues, ramping up the seasonal staff to help with doing some of those potholes repairs and covering other employee summer vacations throughout the summer, the bidding of the 2020 paving projects (which was just received last week), entering into several interlocal agreements to help

leverage funds when doing a culvert project or paving project (there's been several other types of projects where they tried to partner with other people) and having a department of 22 people, there is many senses where they try and reach out or assist other departments that are or may be needing other help (ex. out at the reservoir or with mowing, etc.) The next slide (see below) is looking at some of the financial impacts of COVID-19.



Unlike most of the departments in the city, the Street Department is entirely funded through Motor Vehicle Highway, Wheel Tax and Local Road and Streets. It is not property tax that is going to help the Street Department. The impact of COVID-19 has been fairly quick, as far as people stopped driving and stopped buying gasoline and the Street Department started seeing smaller checks in the mail. When people stopped driving in March with the stay-at-home orders, their check in May went down. You can kind of see the dashed line is the 2019 numbers and then the solid numbers are what has been received thus far. Up to June are actual numbers and July and August have been anticipated having a lower amount than what is expected. Looking at September through the end of the year, projected is something that is slightly less that what is expected but with a more of a return to normal. They are wanting to anticipate any financial reduction in the revenue so they could make decisions appropriately and not get into a situation where there is overspending of the budget or decreasing revenue throughout the year. Moving on to the next slide, Stephens-Hotopp presents the first page of

the budget report.

Fund 220: Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Budget Performance Report
 Date Range 01/01/20 - 06/30/20
 Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Account

Majority of Department Funding (72%)

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget YTD Transactions	% Used/ Pct/
REVENUE									
Department: 00 - REVENUE									
322033	RIGHT OF WAY/STREET CUT PERMITS	23,000.00	0.00	23,000.00	533.00	0.00	15,965.00	4,035.00	60
335016	STATE MM DISTRIBUTIONS	2,048,904.00	0.00	2,048,904.00	175,752.37	0.00	1,348,560.41	1,500,343.39	48
335019	WHEEL TAX DISTRIBUTION	1,100,000.00	0.00	1,100,000.00	96,553.03	0.00	558,554.22	541,495.68	51
341017	MISCELLANEOUS	6,900.00	0.00	6,900.00	105.89	0.00	2,127.91	3,872.69	35
361018	REIMBURSEMENTS	20,900.00	0.00	20,900.00	0.00	0.00	18,751.18	1,247.82	94
392012	INTERFUND TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Department 00 - REVENUE Totals		\$4,524,504.00	0.00	\$4,524,504.00	\$172,911.19	\$0.00	\$2,012,662.32	\$2,012,662.32	50%
REVENUE TOTALS		\$4,524,504.00	0.00	\$4,524,504.00	\$172,911.19	\$0.00	\$2,012,662.32	\$2,012,662.32	50%
EXPENSE									
Department: 25 - STREET DEPARTMENT									
411023	SECRETARY I	14,070.00	645.33	14,715.33	2,570.41	0.00	17,357.62	17,357.71	50
411029	SECRETARY II	30,869.00	622.20	31,491.20	2,422.40	0.00	15,696.40	15,794.80	50
411046	PART TIME	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
411057	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR B	34,478.00	0.00	34,478.00	4,431.10	0.00	10,150.56	9,849.44	9
411067	MECHANIC A	118,755.00	1,529.83	120,284.83	2,769.60	0.00	17,816.61	18,178.19	50
411068	STREET SUPERINTENDENT	52,729.00	3,133.00	55,862.00	9,376.01	0.00	60,592.42	61,295.39	50
411078	SURVEYOR	60,220.00	1,556.33	61,776.33	0.00	0.00	7,560.48	0.00	100
411081	TRUCK DRIVER CDL	81,785.00	0.00	81,785.00	6,291.26	0.00	40,630.38	41,156.00	50
411091	SIGNAL ELECTRICIANS	383,713.00	24,487.00	408,200.00	29,785.73	0.00	294,320.27	203,879.43	50
411160	OVERTIME	90,300.00	4,218.00	94,518.00	6,089.72	0.00	39,566.56	41,033.44	49
411011	FICA EXPENSE	59,299.00	8,715.80	68,014.80	3,103.80	0.00	29,571.49	50,428.52	44
411015	MEDICARE EXPENSE	11,764.00	2,236.81	13,999.81	4,135.51	0.00	6,360.18	7,422.63	46
411017	FEED EXPENSE	50,862.00	5,060.77	55,922.77	6,699.21	0.00	47,433.71	48,269.66	50
411025	HEALTH INSURANCE	347,129.00	0.00	347,129.00	815.00	0.00	34,341.90	326,787.10	11
411026	LIFE INSURANCE	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	115.35	0.00	811.83	1,768.20	32
411038	TOOL ALLOWANCE	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	565.92	0.00	7,138.27	4,941.53	59
411045	UNEMPLOYMENT	7,500.00	(2,000.00)	5,500.00	793.52	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	100
411045	TRAINING, FEES AND TRAVEL	6,600.00	(1,921.47)	4,678.53	0.00	0.00	793.52	4,706.48	14
411011	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	43.01	1,038.33	1
411023	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	0.00	1,535.12	1,535.12	0.00	0.00	1,312.17	222.95	85
411021	GAS & OIL	125,000.00	295.05	125,295.05	4,993.32	0.00	27,791.05	77,504.00	26
411023	TIRES	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	392.74	0.00	3,739.83	16,260.17	19
411023	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	150,000.00	85.89	150,085.89	8,513.66	0.00	71,213.38	78,762.51	48
411046	ROAD SALT	200,000.00	1,909.60	201,909.60	19,333.38	0.00	121,638.02	32,412.40	20
411047	PAINT & SIGN MATERIAL	85,000.00	488.23	85,488.23	4,464.31	0.00	13,014.90	80,271.53	60
411048	SIGNAL EQUIPMENT	19,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	1,566.83	0.00	6,193.43	92,984.50	6
411073	OTHER SUPPLIES	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,919.34	0.00	3,484.62	6,515.98	35

Annotations:
 - "Increase in permitting fee enforcement" points to the Right of Way/Street Cut Permits line item.
 - "MVH decrease: COVID" points to the State MM Distributions line item.
 - "Revenue at 50% for YTD (through June 30)" points to the REVENUE TOTALS line item.
 - "Unfilled position" points to the Street Superintendent line item.

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Looking at the sources of revenue, the Motor Vehicle Highway is their primary source of revenue that accounts for nearly 72% of the Department. It can be seen off to the right, they are right at 48% for 6 months of the year, so that is just slightly below what is expected but not too far off. The line above it is right-of-way permits so they have been a lot more active in enforcing and collecting right-of-way fees from people applying for permits (which has helped offset some of their under-performing Motor Vehicle Highway funds). The one item Stephens-Hotopp wanted to point out was the Street Superintendent fund that has been amended because that position is not being filled right now. That is money that is being reallocated within the budget. The items that are highlighted in yellow are items that he would like to bring attention to as far as lines that could be potentially underspent. Because the department will be most hit this year with COVID-19, they are wanting to make sure they are identifying opportunities where they can spend less money than what was budgeted. (That is the Part-Time line item and the Road Salt line item.) They have extended the amount to what they expect the cost of road salt, this year and so far, are \$80,000 less than what was budgeted. On the following page, there are several items and 3 categories they would expect to underspend if needed, the Patching and Paving, which is a \$250,000 line, the Other Services and Charges and Capital Equipment (which is paying for the fleet – leasing agreements for trucks and major equipment). Something to point out is essentially all of the 2020 projects are being paid out of the Wheel Tax line. That \$1.1 million-line item is where payment of any of the work going on this year from the Street Department is coming from. It can be seen that they are about 48% for year-to-date. There are 2 funds that Stephens-Hotopp oversees that consist of the 2020 Motor Vehicle Highway, budgeted to spend \$171,000 more than what was expected in

revenue. Year-to-date, they have actually had that \$432,000 at the very bottom of the page in year-to-date transactions which represents \$432,000 more coming in than is what is going out. On the next slide, if refers to the other fund, Local Road and Streets. This Fund #221 started off the year with negative \$1.9 million so this is really where they have been trying to eliminate any spending for this year and to also try to reallocate any reimbursements back to this fund. There is really not much to discuss on this one, as far as what's been happening, except for the effort of paying it down and not spending money out of it. At the very bottom of the page, it shows a \$1.358 million number on the year-to-date transactions that represents bringing in a net of \$1.35 million. Finally, referring to the last slide which is a Cross Fund Report and he wishes to zoom into 2 items he would like to highlight.

Financials

City of Muncie

Cross Fund Report

From Date: 1/1/2020 - To Date: 6/30/2020

Summary Listing, Report By Fund - Account

Paying Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Total Deblts	Total Credits	Ending Balance
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$534,368.06	\$2,025,459.47	\$1,593,436.63	\$966,390.90
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	(\$1,937,869.66)	\$1,040,388.59	\$114,131.83	(\$1,011,612.90)
	(\$1,403,501.60)	\$3,065,848.06	\$1,707,568.46	(\$45,222.00)

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The beginning balance in the Motor Vehicle Highway was a little over \$530,000 and ending balance, right now, is \$966,000. Local Road and Street started off with negative \$1.9 million and is now at negative \$1.0 million. As a total Department, they started with negative \$1.4 million and as of right now, are only negative \$45,000. That is a significant improvement as far as trying to get things in order. There is a huge amount of need in our community but he also wants to make sure they are being good stewards of the money they are getting and doing it appropriately.

Next Steps

- **Award and move forward with 2020 paving projects (7th, Main, 13th, Utica, Garnet, High, Charles, Graceland, and Monroe)**
 - Incorporating ~\$75,000 in sidewalk replacements from CD
 - Incorporating Monroe Street sanitary replacement
- **Creating an Ordinance for Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) that would require goals for MBE, WBE, VBE in construction contracts**
- **Developing of Capital Improvement Plan – 5+ year plan**
- **Planning for \$1 Million in sidewalk improvements in 2021 (in conjunction with DMMPC and MITS)**

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The next slide consists of the next steps for the Street Department and these are things Stephens-Hotopp is currently working on. The first one is moving forward with the 2020 paving projects. To give a little bit of insight on that, the project locations are listed on the screen (see above). This has been an excellent opportunity that they have been able to figure out, as far as getting \$700,000 in grant money from INDOT and using \$75,000 from Community Development that just hadn't been spent in several of the past years. The Street Department is actually not having to bring a whole lot of money to the table to make this happen. That has really helped them out in preparing for the future. They have been able to add an additional \$25,000 in sidewalk repairs that Community Development has that are specified for some of the specific properties they are trying to address. Stephens-Hotopp explains they have also incorporated Monroe Street sanitary replacement as a part of that, as well. When Monroe Street gets finished, it won't be getting ripped out again in say 3 or 4 years. The next item is something he is working on with Yvonne Thompson, Human Rights. Several other communities have this and they are trying to work on creating an ordinance for Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) that would essentially try and incentivize or provide some type of requirement for minority-owned, women-owned or veteran-owned businesses when awarding construction contracts. That is something that they are working with their counsel on preparing and the attorneys are drafting an ordinance for the Council to review at some point in the future. There is a Capital Improvement Plan that he believes many have seen the presentation or some type of draft of. This is kind of a 5+ year plan of identifying the roads with the greatest need and budgeting for that in trying to make a plan to move forward. The last item is referring to \$1 million in sidewalks that they are trying to build from now until summer of next year. That is in partnership with Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission as well as MITS.

Councilwoman Davis refers to discussing in the meeting about asphalt sidewalks and wants an explanation of what we are doing that and how effective they will be compared to concrete. Stephens-Hotopp states when looking at trails and pathways, a lot of times they look into asphalt and it is surely a better cost issue. Sometimes when there is a curb and sidewalk right next to each other, it makes sense for that to be concrete but if there are areas where there is the space to have an isolated asphalt walk, they are able to install a lot more sidewalk/trail/pavement than if concrete were being used. It is truly trying to extend the amount of infrastructure they are able to put in the ground and how much they can interconnect to some of the communities.

Councilman Dishman asks if there is a certain grade of asphalt that the City requires. Stephens-Hotopp explains he can not speak for what has been done in the past. Several of the things they have been working on as a Department have been training people up. Some of those examples include training people with GIS software or training people to do better inspections. They have been more proactive of asserting themselves into utility projects and understanding that they need to be a part the inspection. The same would be true for their own paving projects and being more involved with inspections of those. As far as the projects that he, personally, has overseen that they are bidding out, it is requiring an INDOT specification. It is basically requiring the same thing that the state or the county would. Dishman states the reason he was asking was because the street in front of Muncie Central High School was a newly paved street but further utility work caused it to get ruined. Stephens-Hotopp confirms the location at Wysor and Jefferson. Dishman states yes but he is specifically referring to Walnut Street. Central is a community school and should be nice and paved (just like if it were the road outside City Hall) but you have to fight potholes when driving through there. The other things Dishman has an issue with is utility companies (referring to Wysor) and ruining freshly paved streets. Wysor has been paved twice and they keep doing work over there to tear the street all up. Actually, there is a big dip in it from where they tried to patch over their work but it was done quite poorly. Dishman asks if there is something that the City can do such as meeting with the utility companies and discuss what streets are about to be paved because there is just a lot of streets out there that are freshly paved but underground works causes the pavement to be cut up. Again, Stephens-Hotopp cannot speak for what has been previously done in the past but he will say this year they sat down with each of the utility companies (power, water, gas) and reviewed each of their 2020 projects, looked at what they are doing and tried to understand where the area intersects with improvements the City has done. The Department has also started holding a much firmer hand on expectation of what is put back. For example, what happened at Jefferson and Wysor, there was a sinkhole that was created by a watermain break. He makes it clear that the utility company is not done with the improvements but what was asked of them is to essentially repave and restripe the entire intersection. Just doing a small patch job will not be accepted and the company must take it back beyond what was required making it work and look nice. The Department is asking to go from ADA ramp to ADA ramp for the entire length of the road. Those are things that he does not believe the expectation was very clear on in the past and certainly not the inspection

portion of saying “hey, yeah, we are buying it off.” Something else that the Department has done with road cut permits is enforcing a bond for all contractors. The minimum bond amount is \$5,000 but the Water Company, for example, has a \$50,000 bond because they are doing more work so the City wanted to make sure that they would come back and fix anything to the appropriate standard. There is also the sharing of information about what the City is working on so when the paving plan was completed, it got sent to all the utility companies. On High Street, for example, which will be getting done, the water company had a watermain replacement project that was scheduled for 2022 but if you drive down High Street now by Memorial, they have been out there working because they knew that the City is going to be coming in and doing paving later this year. He thinks they are trying to do as much as they can to get ahead of those types of things and then on the back end, enforcing a better product that gets installed. Dishman then asks if there is a time frame on McGalliard getting paved, right around Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Stephens-Hotopp answers there isn’t. Dishman explains people jump on him about that all the time and tells him it has something to do with the state. Stephens-Hotopp answers the bypass is considered a state road and that is a major project right there.

Councilman Smith asks if Stephens-Hotopp has met with and shown all the fellow council members the Road and Street Program. Stephens-Hotopp believes there are 2 or 3 council members that he hasn’t had the opportunity to meet with and present it. Smith continues and explains that Stephens-Hotopp has put together a Road and Street Program in which he has categorized and prioritized every street in the City of Muncie on the severity of needing re-paved or patched and identifying what type of condition it is in. They (as individual council members) get to have their input to that but that is the foundation and has not been done before. Smith tells Stephens-Hotopp great job being a part of that.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: President Polk states there are 3 board appointments that the council needs to handle this evening. There is 1 board appointment for the MITS Board and 2 for the Animal Control Board. Polk declares nominations open.

A motion is made by Davis and seconded by Dudley to nominate Julie Mason to the MITS Board. A motion is made by Clark and seconded by Ingram to nominate Carl Kiser, William Bill Goad and Zane Bishop to the MITS Board.

Julie Mason was born and raised in Muncie, Indiana and is the daughter of the late James Albert Johnson who was the first African-American City Council member and also the daughter of the late Charles and Bertha Mason, who was a Civil Rights leader here in Muncie. Her background is primarily attending Indiana University and working for the U.S. Army for the past 26 years. She retired working for the government and came back to Muncie. She thinks you can tell a lot about a city by its transportation and how it moves people around. That is one of the things she learned living in Europe, if a community doesn’t take care of their people, they move away. Yes, we have streets but if you can’t get people to their jobs and buy groceries and clothing (basic needs) then that is a problem. She hopes the Council selects her and she would do the best she possibly can, including bringing her experience in working in the U.S. Army from different locations all over the world therefore, she has seen a lot of the different types of

transportation modes. In closing, she pushes the 2020 Census and states it is really important so everyone be sure to complete it. It will be going on until October 31st so please do that because that means \$2,700 coming back to Muncie from the Federal Government every year.

William (Bill) Goad states for the last year he has been getting more involved in politics after “waking up to it” last fall when the Waelz plant almost came to Muncie. That was kind of the thing that woke him up to everything. Now, he has decided he would like to give back to the community a little bit. He doesn’t drive or own a vehicle so the MITS buses are his transportation so this is really a passion and interest for him. He appreciates the nomination and looks forward to helping the city out.

Zane Bishop, N. Jefferson, didn’t realize he was up against such high competition so no hard feelings if he is not selected. He does, however, thank the Council for their consideration and believes he is well suited for their appointment to this board. He has a background in Urban Planning, a rider of MITS himself and is connected to those on both ends of the spectrum who rely on MITS for their own way of transportation as well as those who don’t ride at all. So, he has a pretty good grasp and would be able to convey both the strengths and weaknesses of the system and would be able to respond well to issues that arise. He has studied a lot about MITS and the best practices for transportation systems across the nation. He believes he could supply recommendations of ways to improve the service within the confined reigns of the funding that exists, it is not necessarily a well-funded system but he believes there are still ways to improve it that will both serve the existing riders and will attract new riders, as well, as how to be a catalyst for development. He does not view MITS as a last resort mode of transportation and really does believe it can be used to attract and guide development. It is just a great way to avoid the high cost of automobile ownership estimating about \$7,500 on average per car you own. He thinks the system is a great way to make the city safe and clean to reduce congestion. In closing, he thanks the Council for their consideration.

Robinson jokingly asks if they can pick all 3 and just rotate since they are all such great nominations. Polk adds that Carl Kiser was not able to be here but he did send the information that he has previously been on the MITS Board (about 8 years ago) and would like to go back on the board. Polk continues to congratulate everyone that was nominated for appointment and that if they aren’t selected, keep in mind that there is another appointment next year.

A roll call vote showed 2 votes for the appointment of Carl Kiser (Polk and Ivy) and 7 votes for the appointment of Julie Mason (Dishman, Clark, Davis, Robinson, Dudley, Ingram and Smith). MOTION CARRIED. Julie Mason has been appointed to the MITS Board.

Polk moves on to the next 2 appointments to the Animal Control Board. He confirms that there are 2 appointments and 1 has to be a veterinarian and the other has to be a Muncie citizen. Polk then declares nominations open.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Clark to re-appoint Dr. Michael Brown and nominate Mary Stilts and Troy Waters to the Animal Control Board.

Mary Stilts really appreciates the nomination. She has been active in helping the Animal Shelter since they were located on Penn Street off of Memorial (when Gayle and Kenny Workman ran it). She always tried to go over there and help her and recalls Gayle had to put a few dogs down for her, which broke her heart. But, also, she has tried to be a part of the Animal Shelter and be supportive of it over all these years. She adds that she has lived in

Muncie for all of her life. The Animal Shelter has been a part of her life because when she wasn't allowed to have pets, she could go to the Animal Shelter and volunteer and love on the pets. She is also good at getting people to help. She has raised a lot of money over the years for different organizations and has gotten a lot of help in people saying they can do this or that, such as finding a box truck to go load up food. She is good at getting donations and getting the volunteers in. She recalls working pretty closely with Ashley from the Shelter and explains that she is a very dedicated employee out there. Stilts also has a lot of medical background so she can work well with the veterinarians. So, she has a lot of background and history with this department and she thinks she could really do the City, as well as that Animal Shelter, a lot of justice.

Polk confirms that the other two nominations are unable to be here tonight. Though Dr. Michael Brown communicated that he would like to be re-appointed. Ingram clarifies that 1 of the appointments has to be a veterinarian and Dr. Michael Brown was the only vet nomination.

An all-in-favor vote showed 9 votes for Dr. Michael Brown for re-appointment. MOTION CARRIED. Dr. Michael Brown has been re-appointed to the Animal Control Board.

A roll call vote showed 9 votes for the appointment of Mary Stilts. MOTION CARRIED. Mary Stilts has been appointed to the Animal Control Board. From her seat, Stilts says she is overwhelmed and assures the Council she will go an amazing job. Dudley jokingly asks her is she will still come to the Council meetings and disinfect the podium after ever speaker like she has been so generous to do ever since in-person meetings started back up at City Hall. Stilts states yes, she will still do so.

TABLED ORDINANCES:

ORD. 49-19 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS A PREREQUISITE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE.

President Polk states this ordinance is at its 6-month limit so it will Die on the Table.

Councilman Ingram, Chair of the Environmental Impact Committee, explains he has gotten with the other two members of the Committee (Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Davis) and the plan is to actually re-work this ordinance and re-file it for Introduction at a later time.

ORD. 2-20 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEPOSIT RECIPIENT ACCOUNTS FOR ORD. 44-19 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE.

President Polk confirms that for this ordinance, the 6-month deadline is actually next month in August.

ORD. 12-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS (PARKS DEPARTMENT - \$305,362).

President Polk confirms this ordinance was just Tabled back in June. Trent Conway, City Controller, asks that the Council please take this ordinance off the Table and take a vote on it tonight.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ivy to remove from the Table. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MOTION CARRIED. Ord. 12-20 is brought off the Table.

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains this is an additional appropriation ordinance for the Parks Department to purchase 2 vehicles that they very desperately need. It was Tabled last month because they felt it didn't go through the appropriate process with the bids or quotes. That has been done now and 3 quotes have been received for each of the trucks (a boom truck was quoted as well as a refuse truck). The lowest quote for each of them was for the boom truck at \$149,964 and the refuse truck was \$149,729. That is actually lower than the additional appropriation amount that was originally requested so he would like to ask Council to amend the ordinance to reflect an amount of \$299,693. Councilman Ingram thanks Conway for taking care of those discrepancies.

A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ingram to Amend Ord. 2-20 to reflect \$299,693. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED.

Carl Malone, Parks Superintendent, explains this has been a long process. He came into office in January and they were literally moving trash by totes, loading them up on a trailer and taking them out to the dump. They would then go back and get 6 more and repeat the process. Prior to his term, that is how the Department was handling it. He just wants to thank the Council for staying fast and making sure they were able to move forward. This past weekend, fireworks.... There was trash in literally every neighborhood. If they had the appropriate truck, staff could have went out during the weekend and picked up trash on Saturday or Sunday, prior to having to get it all Monday morning. The truck would be used to provide the Parks Department with opportunity to keep the parks clean and safe of injuries by twisting and turning and having to use workman's comp as an issue. He thinks everyone is going to be thankful that they finally have this vehicle in their department and that way, they can serve the community in the way that they would honestly like to. In closing, he thanks the Mayor, City Controller and the Council. Sanitation allowed the Parks department to use their boom truck so he is sure they would like their truck back but he thanks them, as well, for allowing them to use the vehicle during the time of need.

Councilman Smith states the Council appreciates the Department not purchasing the trucks before they approve the money. Now that the Council will potentially approve this, when is the plan on having these trucks? Malone answers hopefully by Wednesday, they will be out and about in the communities and going though some of the 28 parks located in the city of Muncie. There is a lot of trash that accumulates through events and such. Smith confirms this trash truck will serves those parks and asks about Prairie Creek, as well. Malone explains Prairie Creek has their own trash truck and was out just this morning with it so they use their truck for their park. Malone explains they are a team and are willing to help each other out, as needed, so, if one truck goes down, there is still another truck to move trash. Smith then asks if the trash truck will require any kind of special licensing. Malone answers it will not and the operator just needs their operators driving license. There are a few individuals within the Department that has their CDL license but for this particular truck, the operator doesn't have to have one. Malone then confirms there are two people that are currently ready to operate the vehicle, once this is passed.

Councilman Ingram just wishes to say that he spent the weekend out at Prairie Creek Reservoir and wants to thank Malone and the Mayor for keeping the program as is, referring to Ron Bonham Day with fireworks and bands. It was wonderful out there and the atmosphere was high energy. Ingram thinks the citizens of Muncie and Delaware County went out and had

an awesome time. He just wants to thank them for continuing that on even through this crisis that we are having right now. It does people well to take advantage of things like that when they can. He knows a lot of us have been staying home more than what is considered normal so again, he thanks Malone and Mayor Ridenour for that. Also, he wanted to thank Malone, personally, for all the hard work that has been going on out at Prairie Creek and the employees working to make it happen. It is really a gem of Delaware County and suggests that anybody that hasn't been out there to do so. Ingram adds that he had a couple of fellow council members out over the weekend and they had a great time. Malone would like to thank Dustin Clark for really working hard out there and handling different duties. The two of them spoke a little bit about what they wanted to be transparent on and Ron Bonham Day was one of the projects that they wanted to make sure stayed in place and after some discussion, they were able to make that happen. They had around 100 kids out this morning cleaning the park and they had a good time out there at the reservoir. Adding to that, the campground itself did a really good job of policing and there wasn't as much trash that was anticipated to be picked up so there was some free time available to tend to other duties. Malone thanks everyone.

A motion is made by Smith and seconded by Robinson to Adopt as Amended. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 15-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING ORD. 32-19 FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY JUDGE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2020.

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

Amanda Dunnuck, City Court Judge, is present to answer any questions anyone might have. Councilman Ingram asks if she could just refresh everyone on how COVID-19 has impacted the court system. Judge Dunnuck states she does not have her cheat sheet in front of her but the court would typically set anywhere from 90 to 130 cases a session with a session at 9:00 AM and a session at 1:00 PM. As it can be seen, the seats with the orange tags are where she is allowing people to sit and she can only get 50 people in the courtroom socially distanced. There is no way to run the number of cases that are filed in this court and to socially distance within the constitutional timeframe that she is supposed to have cases heard by. So, they have to add additional court days to the calendar. Ingram clarifies that basically, she is putting in a lot more hours than she once was. Judge Dunnuck responds absolutely and they are now starting to schedule every Wednesday afternoon and she doesn't really even know if that is going to be enough. Ingram asks so there is a chance that she could even be working possibly more, as well. Judge Dunnuck confirms and explains she has worked with the Controller on the budget and has a plan moving forward. City Court as always been part-time so she has always had a private practice. She can not just walk away from the practice and has to be able to shut it down and whine down her cases ethically on that end which she is in the process of doing. Her instinct is that they are going to need more time than just Wednesday afternoon to have it heard and to keep people safe. Ingram asks her to correct him if he is wrong but there were some surrounding City Courts, like Yorktown, that have shut down. Judge Dunnuck states yes, Yorktown City Court got shut down in 2015 and all of those cases came here and it doubled.

When she came in office in 2015, she added a half day to the court calendar without increasing the salary. They have done what they could as quickly as they could according to due process but COVID-19 has just kind of flipped the switch on them. Ingram asks her to again correct him if he is wrong but this money is already in the budget, just not being used, therefore, this is not appropriating more money into the budget. Judge Dunnuck states yes, that is correct. The City is coming up with zero money this year to fund what she is doing. It is already there and is already appropriated, just in different areas.

Councilman Smith confirms the Judge is adding additional days. Judge Dunnuck states yes. Smith confirms there is additional workload on the court personnel. Judge Dunnuck states yes. Smith then asks if she can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Judge Dunnuck explains she is a positive person by nature so yes, there is always light at the end of the tunnel, it is just trying to figure out how to get there. They could hold court 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and there is still going to be cases to hear. They hear more cases in City Court than an individual Circuit Court hears. Carmel City Court is actually full-time and Judge Dunnuck in Muncie City Court still hears 2,500 more cases than they do. It is quite a large caseload and they have been able to do it well, she would like to say, but believes they could do it better. That is what she is working towards. Questions called.

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

ORD. 16-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (LIVESTOCK)

Robinson wishes to give his Land and Traffic Committee report at this time. Many of the fellow council members attended the Land and Traffic Committee meetings the week before last here in the City Hall Auditorium. The Committee heard from many residents, both in-favor and against the ordinance and he believe it was constructive and informative dialog. They received a lot of information during those committee meetings but because the ordinance was not and has not been formally Introduced, they didn't feel (as a Committee) that is was appropriate to offer a recommendation to the Council. However, every council member will receive a copy of the Minutes, as it can be imagined those Minutes are very long so it is going to take the Council Secretary a while to get those prepared but access to both sets of Minutes will be available and then Ingram, Smith and himself are available if anyone has any questions about the process or anything that came out of those meetings.

As the sponsoring councilperson, Councilman Clark moves to Withdraw Ord. 16-20.
WITHDRAWN.

NEW ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 12-20 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING INDIANA CODE § 5-23 AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

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

Dan Ridneour, Mayor of Muncie, first wants to express how proud he is to work with all of the council members because he knows how involved they have been. It has just been a joy to work with that involvement. Also, he is just so proud listening to the Building Commissioner, City Engineer, and Controller and thinks the City just has a great group of people and that is just part of the team that they got to hear from tonight. The Mayor adds to that, the Parks Department and Prairie Creek and the list goes on and on. There are some really good people that are doing their absolute best to help this city move forward in a positive way. He was sitting in the audience just beaming and wanted to take the opportunity to say that. What res. 12-20 allows them to do is and refers to state statute § 5-23 which allows for some slightly different financing techniques called “build, operate, transfer.” It is not something that the City of Muncie has ever approved before. What it does is it just make sure that is one of the options. It doesn’t mean that they would do it that way, it just gives one of those as an option. At this time, if a company came and wanted to do something with using that state statute, they wouldn’t be able to. The Mayor just wanted to have it on the books so that as opportunities come up down the road, they could follow through with some of those options. He encourages the Council to approve this resolution so that could be one of the options in the future.

Councilman Ingram clarifies that basically, this would open more avenues to get more companies to come into the city to build or open. Mayor Ridneour states yes. He has some paperwork but couldn’t find when it was actually approved by the state but can say it was relatively recent that this was added. It is not something that had ever been brought forth to Council to utilize. It would give additional options so that if maybe a TIF district can’t work then maybe they can go in this other direction. Questions called.

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

RES. 13-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CONDEMNING RACISM.

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

Councilwoman Davis thinks it is important that they address racism in some kind of way. She wants people to know that racism wastes time and prevents them from moving forward. It has no place here on the Council. There are a lot of languages and barriers to contracts and economic development and things that can be covert. She just wants them to make sure that they are watching their decision making and checking with one another to make sure that they are not accidentally doing or saying things to exclude others because it can happen. She respects each member of the Council and hopes everyone else would say with her that racism needs to be condemned and there is no place for it here. The plan is to work together and recognize that there are problems and to work through them together. That was the point of the resolution.

Ari Hurwitz, Blue Grass Dr, wants to thank the Council for this resolution. He thinks it is important and hopes it is passed unanimously. He also wanted to say it is a first step in doing some real soul searching for structural change. Throughout the country, we see everything from statements to confederate statues falling and while that is all wonderful, it may be an indicator of a movement finally taking hold after 400 years of massive structural racism and bigotry in this country. Statues falling in states are not going to end any of those systemic practices. They are just as alive in Muncie and Delaware County as they are anywhere else. He knows a lot of people will be watching the Council and other local government entities to make

sure that these 3 or 4 words he thanks them for looking into are followed by pretty much consistent and continuous structural change. Questions called.
A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

RES. 14-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY PRAIRIE CREEK RESERVOIR.

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains this is a plot of property that came up right across the street from Prairie Creek. Prairie Creek or the City of Muncie owns all the land around it and it has water access. When the building came up, Dustin Clark brought it to the attention of the administration and it is definitely something needing to be looked into. They did just that and there are a few people leasing it out currently. It was a realization that the City can probably try to finance this property and have those leases pay for the building themselves. Therefore, defiantly worth looking into to purchasing. There has already been 4 council members come out and tour the building but he and Dustin Clark are present tonight to answer any questions anyone may have.

Councilman Robinson thanks them both for the tour and states he was joined by Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Ingram and Councilman Smith. Robinson thinks this is a great idea, a "slam dunk," of course only being one vote but all together, he thanks him for the tour and the outside of the box thinking when it comes to changing and improving Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Councilwoman Davis clarifies that the City did receive 2 separate bids from 2 different companies. Conway confirms that they got 2 different appraisals and have taken the average of those 2, as required by state law and it is lower than what was originally intended. Councilman Smith confirms that the average has been accepted. Conway states yes. Smith refers to Dustin Clark and thanks him, too, for the tour and asks what his vision is for this building.

Dustin Clark, Prairie Creek Reservoir, states Mayor Ridenour has allowed him to come out to Prairie Creek and work there to try to make some improvements. Anyone that has been out there knows and one of the things they run into immediately is that they are basically in a 20x20 pole steel building that houses their financial records, equipment storage, chemical storage and first-aid supplies. It also houses the public entrance, the ADA entrance, the only place to take revenue and/or have a safe, the administrator's office (Clark's office), the individuals that answer the phone and the secretary's office. That is all crammed in there. There is no sink, no running water, no flushed toilets, no furnace (therefore, no heat in the winter). That is the first thing that you have to encapsulate. This property is 2.29 acres and the building is in a horseshoe with the City owning everything around it. It would give the staff water access, as it controls environmentally sensitive water that they do not want just any random person coming up and obtaining. The facility is 9,000 square feet, the upstairs is 6,000+ square feet and just by having the upstairs, it will pay for the Department to get a free 3,000 square foot facility downstairs with its own parking and entrance. It will also allow for the expansion of an educational center, their own offices and a safe public entrance. Basically, they would be able to flush the toilets and wash their hands. It is really an amazing opposition to get this building. He is willing to answer any questions anyone may have.

Councilman Smith appreciates all the effort being put forth on this from Dustin and his team. He recalls going out to Councilman Ingram's campsite for the holiday and is unsure how many people were out there but recalls at least a couple thousand. Moving on, Smith asks what kind of educational opportunities are going to be provided.

Dustin explains that there used to be an indoor facility but due to lack of funds or maintenance, it was let go. There is currently no indoor facility to do any education so all the fishing education, Indiana voter education and DNR education has to be done offsite which makes it more difficult for anybody in the city to come get those licenses or certification so they can ultimately take out their boat or enjoy the park. All that can be brought in house at zero cost. With 3,000 square feet, staff could set up tables and chairs and they can make it adaptable. This includes a screen and sound system that they already have possession of which means staff can immediately start bringing those things back on site. It is also making it simpler for people. Smith asks, right now, where do the citizens of Muncie have to go to get that education. Dustin answers Anderson, which is the District 5 for DNR. That is where they would have to do some of that. His next guess would be Summit Lake in New Castle followed by Salamonie Reservoir, which is about an hour and 30 minutes north. This would be saving those people quite a bit of a drive because its local. The local DNR officers would be able to partake, as well, as the state parks could come in and doing their fishing tournament and education too.

Councilman Ingram refers to some of the things Dustin just mentioned and confirms those are immediate benefits of purchasing this property but along with that, it also brings some future things that could possibly help make Prairie Creek more attractive and will benefit some other people, as well. Dustin states absolutely. They can't go into everything in depth but one potential is something that has long been looked at out there is that there is no bait house/camp store. Previously, it was looked into purchasing another building and that was accomplished just before November or December of last year. That building is not financially able to accommodate that in any meaningful time frame. However, this building does allow them to do that. There are interested parties that would happily pay the City and take on all the responsibility to staff, install, maintain and take care of. All the City would have to do is collect a nice, hefty check for allowing them to do it. Of course, that is a potential, as nothing is currently signed or in place. Ingram states but that would open up the potential for a lot of things that could help improve Prairie Creek. Dustin replies there are 3 to 4 potential rental spaces upstairs. Not to mention, this facility also comes with a billboard that already has a leased contract so that is additional fundage that could come in regardless of anything else. When the ink dries, the City will already start collecting money. Ingram wants to restate also that there are 2 renters in the building currently. Dustin confirms and states those 2 tenants wish to stay and those tenants alone will pay for everything and cover their own utilities so the City doesn't have to pick up that extra cost. Ingram thanks Dustin for all the effort put forth toward this.

Councilwoman Davis, also, wants to say thank you because she doesn't frequent the reservoir that often but when she visited with other council members and Dustin showed them around, he told them about the visions and she can literally see it. It is a wonderful place for us to have here. Dustin invites everyone out.

Audie Barber states there was mention of 2 prices being in between but nobody has mentioned any numbers. Also, how much money is this going to cost to remodel for offices and such? That needs to be taken into consideration. Granted, it is a nice piece of property, he understands that, but is it going to put the City more in debt or will it make money for the City? That is all he is asking for the Council to look at.

Councilman Robinson states in the resolution filed that the Council has a copy of, the amount is not exceeding \$174,900 and asks the Controller if that is correct. Conway answers that was the original estimate and was what they thought the price was going to be. Once the appraisals came back, the average of those 2 appraisals was \$170,750 so that is the purchase price at this point. Robinson states the Controller is saving the City a couple thousand dollars here tonight.

Councilman Ingram also wants to restate for Barber that the 2 tenants that are in the building right now are basically covering the mortgage and do want to extend their contract. Dustin confirms and refers to the question of the cost of renovation. He states he is a big fan of phases and never wants to take off a bigger bite than they can chew so there are already some funds in place, plus they are able to reuse some of the equipment from where they are now. Of course, nothing is perfect but they do have the ability to basically move in at zero dollars. They do have tables and chairs in other buildings, as well as some stuff stored here downtown. At zero dollars, they can make it work immediately and have everything basically sent over by fall and on top of that, as they go to progress things, he happens to know the grant writer for the City and is sure that he could work some money out. It could be done in phases. Everything is broken down into what they can do over the next year and a half but for this year, they want to make sure they are stable and can then reallocate funds later. This year's funds to be able to move over there is essentially zero. Ingram clarifies that they don't have to amend this because it states an amount "less than." Questions called.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: President Polk wishes City Clerk, Belinda Munson a Happy 50th Birthday.

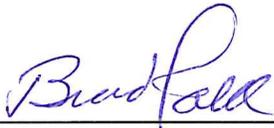
Kristopher Bilbrey states he was really impressed by Mr. Stephens-Hotopp presentation that he gave on the Street Department but was hoping that he was going to give some kind of a plan or idea of what was going on because since we have met last, he is now a member of the Muncie Sanitary District Board. Bilbrey knows that this is not the Muncie Sanitary District and Stephens-Hotopp is no longer here but the Mayor is still and knows that a lot of the Council communicates with them. It was kind of a weird board meeting last time and he is hoping that somebody can impress upon one of the 2 new members. Maybe the importance of requesting an internal investigation? It was the meeting in January that the Mayor stood here and had some very strong words for the members of the Sanitary District Board. He feels a lot of the citizens very much was behind the Mayor in what he was saying. Bilbrey is still really confused why we didn't go through Indiana Code 36-9-25-5 because he feels that could have saved a lot of taxpayer money and road repair money, had they just gone through the code. But, we are where we are at so now that we are here, it probably won't go anywhere because they still

have the votes. He thinks to preserve the record, it would be good if somebody could press upon them the importance of at least requesting that. He thinks the citizens would like to see somebody doing something with that.

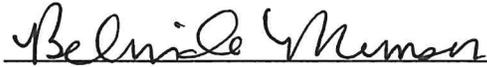
Audie Barber states he signed up just in case he needed to but he doesn't have a whole lot to say. That is probably a good thing. (This brings laughter from the audience). It is nice to see everyone and Robinson says the same. He didn't want to take their thunder or anything like that.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dudley and seconded by Ivy to Adjourn. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 1 nay (Robinson). ADJOURNED.



Brad Polk, President of
the Muncie Common Council



Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of
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