

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

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	

PUBLIC HEARING: 6:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

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

Rick Yencer, N. 500 West, states he has business here in this community. He just wanted to let those virtually watching know that these two ordinances have about \$1 million that has to be appropriated to continue fire-based EMS and paramedics. This service has been a conflict over the last year or so, but as he sees it and as he has even said before, it works out west, even in Anderson. The more it is explained how much is going to be spent and who bares the costs, whether it is wage earners or property owners, would be in the best interest of the council.

Audie Barber, Muncie, refers to the simple terms in the ordinance and the fact it is not quite broke down. He assumes it is for fire-based EMS and questions if the City is losing money, making money or breaking even. It has been quiet and on the “hush-hush” since COVID-19 came about and he would like to know the standing before the council takes a vote. He assumes that may be in the comments section here in about 45 minutes for the public to hopefully get an answer to that.

ORD. 21-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Audie Barber, Muncie, requests a copy of these ordinances so that he can see the way they are written out. President Polk advises that they are on the City of Muncie website. Robinson adds that it’s about 2 weeks prior to the meetings when they get uploaded to the website.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Clark.

INVOCATION: A Moment of Silence for Councilwoman Davis regarding the passing of her parents, Robert and Emma Davis, who were married for 50+ years.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: President Polk states that due to COVID-19 and the limited number allowed to be in attendance, the Citizen Recognition Award will be continued.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Ivy to Approve the Minutes from the Land and Traffic Committee Meetings on June 23, 2020 and June 25, 2020, the Special Meeting on June 29, 2020 and the Regular Meeting on July 6, 2020. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Julie Mason is representing the 2020 Census Bureau for the Delaware County Committee. The purpose she is serving is to make sure that we are completing the 2020 census. The support is needed from council and the citizens of Muncie to be "trusted messengers" by going out and sharing with others on how important it is to complete the census. She believes 95% of the people that she has spoke with today said that they have done it and that is really good. Statistically, Delaware County is at 61% of completions of self-reports and Muncie is at 57.1%. Yes, you may have done yours but this needs to be a personal thing and you need to go out and share with your friends, staff meetings, church, etc. and let them know that they need to complete their census. This means everybody! If responding via telephone, it just takes 5 minutes and that number is

844-330-2020. People can also go online to 2020census.gov. Ms. Mason had earlier passed out fliers that referenced what some of the funding is for. It effects our schools, roads, Medicare and other programs within our community. We are all the time talking about how we don't have enough tax dollars. This just takes 10 minutes (at the most) of time to fill-out the census and get some money back for the community. The amount comes to between \$1.5k and \$2.7k per person, per year for 10 years. If we had 100 people that didn't do their census, that's \$270,000 that is lost every year for 10 years. That ultimately results in \$2.7 million. The Parks or Street Department could definitely use that money. Again, she is asking that everyone please do the census and talk to others about doing it, as well. She understands that there are mostly people that have already completed it but there needs to be trusted messengers to get the word out to make sure that others get it done too. There are currently two big campaigns going on, one is actually tomorrow with MITS and they plan to pass out the phone number for people to call and complete their census. She will say though, if you do not do the self-response (which is online) or call the number, representatives for the Census Bureau will come to your house. She doesn't mean to scare anyone but they will start coming around August 11th, when all the surveys will be coming out. This year for 2020, a lot of things were done different, like being able to complete it online or calling the phone number. Again, she needs everyone to be trusted messengers in getting the word out for everyone to do their part and complete the census. Statistically, the nation is at 62.9%, Indiana is at 67.2%, Delaware County is at 63.1%, Muncie is at 57.1%, Yorktown is at 78.1%, Daleville is at 65.1%. These percentages need to be higher. Support the program because the money comes right back directly to us and is an excellent way to help fund our town. In closing, Ms. Mason offers some more fliers so people can take them back to their work or churches to help advertise the census.

Councilman Robinson confirms that the website that people can go to is 2020census.gov. Ms. Mason confirms and states that is correct if wanting to do it online, or they can call 844-330-2020 to respond by phone. Muncie, Indiana needs these tax dollars and the Mayor agrees.

Mayor Ridenour encourages everyone to talk about the census to as many people as you can (and uses examples like the server when you go out to eat or the people at the next table over) to really try to help and get the word out to complete it. By explaining the importance, people will see that they really should be completing it. He recalls talking to his server while out to dinner one evening and has had many people state they haven't done it yet but will be sure to do so. It is \$2.7 million over the course of 10 years for just 100 people. The challenge Muncie has had is with COVID-19. Ball State shut down before April 1st, therefore, a lot of those students went home and did not yet fill out the census. One of the areas that is really struggling with filling out the form is right around the Ball State campus. Mayor Ridenour recalls being a part of the census calls, passing out fliers and knocking on doors at the beginning of the year and reiterates it is very important.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

MUNCIE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Mayor Dan Ridenour states that currently and for the remainder of the 2020 year, he will be the Economic Development Director and that is for financial reasons. That position will not be replaced for the rest of the 2020 year. Mayor Ridenour is about to go over a few things the department has going on and states the White River Lofts project is moving along quite well and upon driving by, it can be seen that the foundation is now laid out and in place. AEP (American Electric Power) is putting in the underground utilities, as well, so everything is going well in that particular situation. Something else that can be noticed on the south side is that the asbestos work on the Red Carpet Inn was completed on July 23rd. The permit for the demolition has been accomplished and the demolition work to tear down that eyesore on the south side of town can happen any day now. The administration is very excited about that. The Mayor adds that he has talked to some people, already, about possibilities for that location but he would just like for it to be gone. In hopes of avoiding any complications, he doesn't want to get too involved with it and refers to Councilman Smith, Councilman Ingram, Councilman Ivy and Councilman Clark (3 At-Large members) being very active and involved in the process. Mayor Ridenour also thanks Steve Selvey in the Building Commissioner's office and Gretchen Cheesman with Community Development because the three of them put in the money to make this happen. The money originally wasn't there and they pulled it from other things to make sure it happens because it is important. A couple other things going on, (and the Mayor is not going to give these companies names) the council is going to see some business next month pertaining to a 3.1 existing company, planning to add an existing building. It will create 23 additional jobs and the Mayor thinks it will be something to be excited about. The plan is to ask for some tax abatements so that will be further discussed. As he has more of the exact details, he will provide them with the council. There is also plan of another addition of another Muncie business that is being put together; it is an existing company that has been around a long time. It is much smaller than what the Mayor mentioned previously but they are all important. Every single job is important to our community and every single small business is a critical piece of our community. This project will add 5 jobs. It is a company that has been around a long time and the Mayor wants to see what can be done to help that business out. It is not something that will require them to come to council and ask for money, as the Mayor plans to use monies from the EDIT funds. Once further details have been established, the Mayor will bring it to council.

There is a number of other things going on but what the Mayor really wishes to talk about this evening is a proposed housing project (as it is presented on the TV screens in the auditorium). Mayor Ridenour confirms the group of gentlemen being behind the planning

of the proposal has already brought it to the Parks Department and that he and Councilwoman Davis have been working together on this since January when it was brought forth (meaning, it wasn't the City's idea) but put their own tweaks on it. The Mayor continues to explain that they have been to the Neighborhood Associations and the Parks Board (it will be seen why they went to the Parks Board here shortly). This is not something that is going to cost the City of Muncie money.

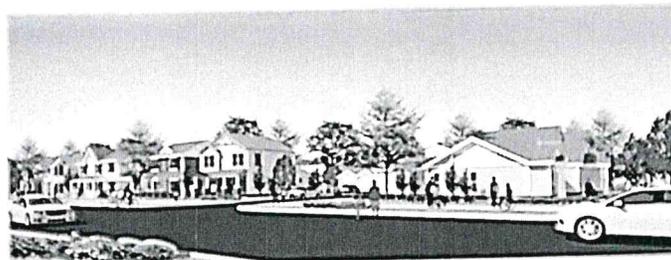
Joseph Anderson, CEO for the Muncie Housing Authority, explains he is here before the council this evening to talk about a project that they had been looking at doing in the location where the old Garfield building stands. He explains they plan to submit a tax credit application by September 18th (he believes) to do 45 homes throughout where Garfield stands, throughout some of the park and some of the property that is across the street north of the building. As the Mayor stated, the appropriate parties have been meeting since January/February to talk about this project. Mr. Anderson actually started talking with Councilwoman Davis back in November about this. The experts on this matter is really his team sitting beside him; Bruce Everetts (Program Architect from Taylor Architects), John Chow (representative with the Joliet Housing Authority), Jim Roberts (developer), his assistant J.C. and Eric Hansen (Joliet Housing Authority Attorney who is one of the few attorneys that specifically deals with Housing Authorities).

John Chow, Chief Development and Operation Officer for the Housing Authority of Joliet, Illinois, first thanks the Mayor and the council for letting them speak tonight. The agency is designated as a small to medium sized agency, very much like the Muncie Housing Authority and like most housing authorities across the country, they struggle for decades in trying to fund their assets that is beyond functionally obsolete since the lifestyle is no longer there. It is a struggle, like any other Housing Authority. About 13 years ago, the Joliet agency established a 501C3, a non-profit arm and that enabled them to reimagine (so to speak) their assets, reposition it and, more importantly, redevelop all of the assets that were outdated and out lived. Fast forward 13 years or so and here they are today with completion of over \$60 million and about 250 tax credit affordable, mixed-income, housing units that are all rent-to-own. Furthermore, Joliet has partnered with support agencies like Catholic Charity, Volunteers of America, Trinity Services and Cornerstone, to help them advance their housing mission. Mr. Chow recalls meeting Mr. Anderson through an Executive Leadership Program a little over a year ago and they started talking about how to advance their housing and how to advance in the issue of affordable housing, in particular, and here they are today. The two talked through a lot of the things that the Joliet agency has done and Mr. Anderson is very interested in bringing that here to Muncie.

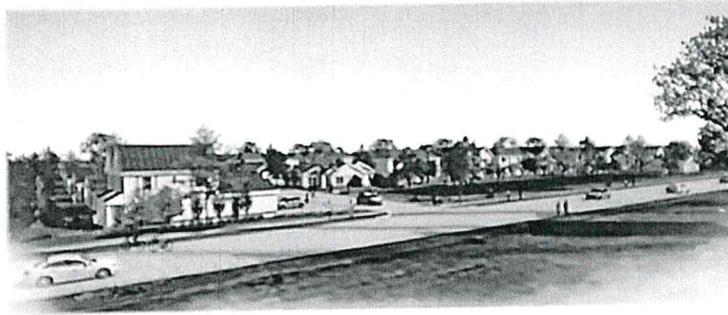
Jim Roberts, a developer of affordable housing communities and works exclusively with Housing Authorities and redeveloping their assets, moving it from public housing into affordable housing for our families and seniors. Here in Muncie, Mr. Anderson had asked them if they could assist in reimagining a community in industry for families and to do so in

a way that was respectful and integrated into the Heekin Park community. With that said, they were also asked to think long-term, in terms of providing a pathway for home ownership through their initiative. With that in mind, they began work on developing a financial plan around a development narrative that would accomplish that goal. Today, they have a baseline vision to create (in the community) a 46 single-family-home for our families to vitalize our community's infrastructure in and around our development, to add improvements to some of the immediate assets to the park and in so doing, providing a community of choice for our families; one that is sustainable from an affordability standpoint, one that encourages good stewardship from a maintenance and a home-ownership opportunity and one that allows us to have our private banking industry (once again) look at our communities in south-central and industry in a very productive and respectful manner. In this environment today, they are uniquely positioned to have as an audience the private banking community that is looking to put money back into our city neighborhoods. They are very excited and hopeful that the narrative that will be presented to that community will result in them bringing to industry a new housing community of choice. One that offers that pathway for home-ownership in a way that is affordable to our residents and one that also adds value to the surrounding infrastructure. With that success, banks will once again reconsider the communities in the south-central area for investment. Mr. Roberts, again, hopes that as a collective, they are able to expand upon this opportunity to create or to nurture other opportunities in which the bank would look favorable upon for future investments, in addition to the housing proposal.

Bruce Everetts, Taylor Architects here in Muncie and also the Program Architect for the Muncie Housing Authority, explains that he and Mr. Anderson have been working together on the old Garfield site for many years, actually, in trying to find a good use for the facility. In doing so, they have talked about lots of different options but keep coming back to the fact that the Housing Authority should be doing housing. They looked into doing apartments in that building but that idea didn't really create a good financial package. The amount of renovations needed for that building was really just too cost prohibited. Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. Everetts to the Joliet Housing Authority representatives and he saw that they were doing individual houses in the same kind of development (see below).



Water's Edge



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The housing development in Joliet resulted in the decision to tear down old housing apartments and build individual houses. It became what they called this “community of choice” where people got to choose where they wanted to live, not where they feel like they have no choice but have to live. That was an exciting concept for Mr. Everetts so he was excited when thought of that for the old Garfield school came up. Below is the entire overall view of the Heekin Park area. (The red arrow points to the old Garfield building, the yellow box represents the entire Heekin Park area.) When they started planning, they knew there were some properties the Housing Authority owned across the street from Garfield between 8th and 9th Street, as well as some vacant properties next to those (all marked by the green box). Unfortunately, the amount of land in the green box and where Garfield school sits is not quite enough to develop a project of the size that the investors really wanted, in terms of bringing in enough money to go towards the project. They wanted to be able to build more than just 10 or 20 houses. The design over the course of several months was looking at if they could further expand into the park.



It may or may not be known that the area of the park east of Garfield school, up until a few years ago, was actually owned by the Muncie Housing Authority (marked by the blue box below). That land was deeded back from the Housing Authority to the Muncie Parks Department back in 2017.



The proposed development that they have come up with at this point in time calls for 45 new individual family houses with a range of 2 and 3 bedrooms. The proposal includes the lots across the street that were earlier mentioned, lots at the old Garfield school site, some lots that expand into the park itself and a community clubhouse building to serve the residents as a daycare for the people living in the new housing development. The challenge they have had is to minimize how much park land to actually use. Obviously, the park land is very valuable and important. Mr. Everetts typically wouldn't recommend using park land as a development unless he felt that the value gained outweighed the amount of park land taken. In this case, he would think if there are people willing to invest \$12 million to \$15 million in this area and provide high quality housing that would eventually become individually owned and not just Housing Authority owned then that could also spur other development (maybe commercial and other things) into this area. (See below.)



They have worked really hard at minimalizing the park usage and are recognizing that if they use a small portion of the park that then the benefit is warranted. The section of the park to be used for the development is about 3.5 to 4 acres which equals to about 6% of the park land. They have met with the neighborhood association people and listened to their concerns about some of the overgrown trees and the playground equipment which resulted in modifying the design many times to bring the service road around some of that. There will be 2 new streets added, along with new infrastructure, sidewalks, trees, landscaping, planting and site lighting. In addition to the housing development itself, there will be some investments made to the park. Examples include renovating and resurfacing the tennis courts and some other work that could happen with the playground equipment or other areas of the park that need a little bit of help. Overall, the goal is to use as little park as possible in the development but also invest into the park and make the entire area something that Muncie could be proud of and people would choose to live in.



Councilman Dudley asks if this is part of the area where the Unity Center is supposed to go. Mr. Anderson states that is correct, it is.

Councilman Ingram asks if there has been any research in what the housing needs may be in that area and if this development is something that is needed. Mr. Anderson states the Housing Authority is doing a study at this time but there has been one done in the past. He knows for that area, there is a lot of blight housing and a lot of houses that could actually probably use some work. What they did was look at what would be the best use for their building. As it was earlier said, they are in the business of providing affordable housing so by putting those houses in that community, they hope it is to plant a seed for other things to come down the road. Ingram confirms that it will be income-based housing. Mr. Anderson states they will be tax credit so targeting working-class families. Families will have an opportunity whether it based on their income, yes. Ingram asks the percentages of people that enter into this program, end up actually purchasing the house and staying at the house throughout the whole program. Mr. Roberts explains they have initialed this program in a similar community (Joliet, Illinois) where they have 116 small family homes. It is coming up on the maturity date where they can offer the homes for sale. They have done surveys for the families to date and about 68% of those families have expressed interests and are wanting to acquire their homes when they become available. Ingram then refers to investing in some of the playground equipment in the park and some other areas, as well, and then mentions the Boys and Girls Club that sits right next to the Garfield building and it could probably really benefit from something like this. He then asks if thought was made about investing in bringing that back to life and using it to help with the daycare that's being planned to be put in. That would be awesome for the community to reopen its Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Anderson explains from his understanding, the Boys and Girls Club have their own plan that they are working on and will benefit (just as others in the community) just from housing being there. That is where they are at right now in regards to the Boys and Girls Club. Ingram then refers to the Housing Authority having a specific parcel of land before but it was then deeded back to the City. Mr. Anderson states that is correct. Ingram asks why that was done. Mr. Anderson explains that at the time, the Housing Authority was paying taxes on it and they didn't have a viable plan for it. Ingram then mentions them going to the neighborhood meetings and such and asks what kind of concerns were heard from the citizens in regards to this proposal. Mr. Anderson states, of course, the park was a concern because when the plan is shown on a piece of paper, it looks as if it is taking up quite a portion of the park so what they did was have Mr. Everetts try to make it more visual so people could see actually how much of the park was taken up. When the team met with the Industry Neighborhood Council, the Parks Department Supervisor was there along with Councilwoman Davis who voiced their concerns as well as some of the community members. Some of those concerns was that they don't want the perception of low-income housing and the team tried to lean more towards the wording of affordable

housing. When you look at the value of these homes, you are talking about 45 homes, so many of them 1 bedroom, 2 and 3 bedrooms that are valued between \$180,000 and \$220,000. These are going to be very nice structured homes. Councilwoman Davis adds to that the homes will also include garages. Mr. Anderson confirms.

Councilman Smith refers to the pricing of \$180,000 to \$220,000 and questions if that is per house. Mr. Anderson answers yes, to build. Smith then asks if the Muncie Housing Authority will own the houses through the renting process. Mr. Anderson states their arms will own it. It is not really going to be a project of the Housing Authority, but rather their non-for-profit. On the back end, that is where the Home Ownership Program will come in. He states Mr. Roberts has talked with some banks and they actually had an initial meeting with First Merchants and the team is hoping to get them involved because of the initiative that they are doing. They want to try and make it enticing for families to (as earlier mentioned) have a choice to where they want to live in the community. Smith then rhetorically asks if he was to enter into a contract with them (or their arm), for \$200,000 then what would be his monthly payment. Mr. Anderson explains it is not going to be based off of that. Once the 15 years pass and the tax credit is burnt out, they will then look at the assessments of the home and offer a percentage for families to buy those homes. They would be building up points or money over the course of those 15 years, if they chose to say in the program, where they will have those additional dollars to put down as a down payment. Smith jokingly asks if his rent would be zero dollars then. Mr. Anderson acknowledges it would not be zero. Smith states he would just like to be able to tell people how much would be expected to be paid in rent via monthly payment for a \$200,000 house. Mr. Anderson explains that is something they would have to look at after the 15 years burnout on those tax credits. He is sure that a lot would change by then but it is their go to make sure that those homes are affordable for the families that are staying in there. There are things that is going to have to be committed to being done with the family lives there. Smith brings up Ingram asking about the percentage being a 68% purchase rate after the family has been there for 'X' amount of years. Mr. Chow explains that the way they structure what type of family will be living in the homes is by putting in the tax credit application anywhere from 30% average income all the way up to 60%. It is a mixed-income, working family. As far as the rent, it will be based on their income and what they make. As far as the Joliet Housing Development goes, those houses are 13 years old and heading towards the end of the tax credit. They have established that a person earns a \$2,000 good stewardship amount so (supposedly) if you were there for 15 years, it would earn you \$30,000 towards a down payment. That makes it a lot more affordable for individuals that would never have the opportunity to own a home. On top of that, based on different programs, you can decide to sell it at 80% of market value. That makes it more enticing and more possible to own a home. Smith reiterates that it is important for the council to be able to say that the payment is going to be income-based and a person

wouldn't have an actual payment on a \$200,000 home. The entire team states no, they wouldn't.

Mr. Roberts elaborates, the whole initiative behind the affordable housing is to create what they call a "Good Stewards Program." The program starts as a rental (rent-to-own) community. The objective there is that for the families who are making incomes between \$45,000 (say) to \$10,000 is to create an opportunity for them to have access to a single-family home, today. Then the Good Stewards Program is to teach them on maintenance, to engage in financial literacy through our local banks and to make them a good candidate on the mortgage on the back end. That mortgage on the back end is targeted be at a price based at a discount against the medium to average price of homes at that time. To make it affordable to our residents, relative to the rents they have been paying over the course of years. Also, it gives them an opportunity through the "Self-Sufficiency Program" to build a relationship with the local bank through their new credit programs and cash management programs. Again, by building that relationship between the local bank and our residents and creating this discount model for acquiring homes on the back end, we are making sure that our residents have a more than a fair opportunity to afford those homes and for our banks to accept them as a customer based on their performance during their leasing cycle. What is most important is that in the industry community, we want to make sure that our families (both the homes will be single-family homes with children) have an opportunity to establish home ownership in a way that is long-term affordable and sustainable for them and to give them an asset that is high in value and low in maintenance. One thing they have not talked about was some of the finishes. Mr. Roberts refers to Councilwoman Davis mentioning the homes will have garages. He explains that is for a reason. In our communities, the number one concern that they have is security for the families going to and from their vehicles with their kids and their groceries. The team wanted to make sure that they created an environment with attached garages so families felt safe and secure. Also, within our home, we invest heavily into finishes (granite countertops, stainless steel energy-sufficient high-grade appliances, in-unit washers and dryers, solid core doors, cultural marble seals, etc.) All this is being done to establish a highest value of a product for the residents going in that could be sustained over the leasing cycle. At the end of the leasing cycle, per their financial officer, they will have over half a million dollars sitting in their reserves that once they recapture the asset from the Partnership, they will invest in the modernization of the homes (prior to sell) at no cost to the residents. Those monies were accumulated over the course of the 15 years. When those things are done in concept, our local banks will most likely be their lenders. This is really creating a new market for engagement between the residents, the banks, how we go about doing business with one another, how that relationship is built and how they can offer homes at an affordable price. The key is that when they reach year 15, the residents have already been pre-selected by the local banks to acquire the homes that they

have enjoyed over the previous 15 years (or maybe some of them less, depending on how the cycle turns). For the developer and the 15 years, there is single ownership, single management and a single point of accountability. That is important to the community and to the leadership to know that there is not a desperate group of individuals out there trying to maintain your property but a single person or entity responsible under chosen leadership. It is being done in a way that is responsible, productive and creates a quality of housing that our families choose to live.

Mayor Ridenour states as he looks up at the council, he can bet that there is not one person that is not a home owner and has them raise their hand if, in fact, they are a home owner (all 9 members raise their hand). Here is the reality, in 15 years, most the people from the current administration and current council will be long gone. If they just get 60% of people who learn the skills and are able to be homeowners at least maybe up to \$30,000 worth of equity right off the bat, they can transform lives and be happy for that. It is a new development on a side of town that has not had what it needs and this is a way to do it. The Mayor explains the reason he likes this group so much is that they have experience, they know what they are doing and he is very supportive and appreciates everyone's comments.

Councilman Robinson states he has some questions. First off, he questions how many total acres Heekin Park actually is. Mayor Ridenour answers it is in between 55 and 56 acres. Robinson then asks if this development, the organization that will be maintaining and managing this is a non-profit organization. The Mayor states that is correct. Robinson explains that park property is very, very valuable to a community and he just wanted to know what the City's return on investment is. Beyond that, he thinks it is obviously a great project and he hopes it does spur some development in that area. His only concern is that he would prefer to see scattered site development such as going into the neighborhoods to making those improvements and acknowledges Muncie does have a lot of blighted homes. It makes Robinson worry that maybe some of those people are leaving those houses in those neighborhoods and possibly leaving blight behind. He then asks about the idea of scattered site developments in the neighborhoods. Mayor Ridenour answers absolutely but will say that this is a mixed, scattered site because everything north of 9th Street is a scattered site development. The school building will be done to cover those first 2 rows and the only part that is part of the park is almost that last row of houses. We have a vacant, underutilized school building and people who need quality housing. Even in a scattered site, they are going to have to move from somewhere to that new site. If they did 50 units on individual sites scattered all throughout town, there is still people moving from one place to another. They are not remodeling their existing home so it is the same situation and the Mayor does not see it as any different. This is just one that works, they have come to the neighborhood (who asked questions but, in the end, was overwhelmingly in favor of it) and they state that they want development. It is areas that are underutilized

now and it is a great way for the City to build future equity, wealth and change of life for people for 15 years and beyond. That is what is important. We have got to stop thinking 'what is the advantage today' and start thinking 'what are we doing to set ourselves up to help people long-term.' This does it. Robinson, with all due respect, informs the Mayor he was just asking the question. Mayor Ridenour states he understands and that he is just really passionate about this and in his banking background, he had (too many times) seen where people who didn't qualify and to know that somebody could have \$30,000 (if in the program for the full 15 years) to put down makes it a lot easier for the bank to make the loans. That is one of the things he is excited about. In general, if they build 50 houses, people are going to move into those houses, whether they are together in one area or separated throughout the city. Robinson agrees and states that is going to be a much deeper, more psychological conversation at a different place. He just wanted to be very clear that he is in no way unsupportive of this development. He thinks it is great and appreciates the time that has been put in by the Housing Authority, Urban Development and the other partners that have come on board. He certainly appreciates it and just thinks he would be remiss if he didn't ask those questions to get some clarifications.

Councilwoman Davis reiterates that she didn't just jump into this. When Mr. Anderson first initially called her about this, she said no, no, no, (that that they can not take park land). She expressed that her neighbors would not accept that. There was a design put together that was way larger than this current one so they did reduce the size. She went from door to door and asked the people to participate in this as she wanted their comments, feedback and to know just overall how they felt. At first, the development was being planned as apartments and she said no, the people here do not want apartments. They want nice homes and for people to be able to buy homes and not a public housing complex (which is something some of these people are getting away from anyway). They want individual homes that are landscaped, beautified and for the neighbors to be involved in this decision making. She did not make the decision but talked with neighbors, organized the meetings, made sure they were involved in it and basically, they want it. They really do so she has to be with them in support of this. Davis also involved the Professor of Urban Planning at Ball State who came to one of the meetings and got to see some of the ideas. It was his suggestion that this could possibly promote investments in that area. It just goes to show that you never know how things are going to go or turn out but she is hoping that this is a positive. She explains that she did talk to the neighbors in the neighborhood and talked with the urban planners (people that have expertise in this) and they thought it was a good idea. She is further hoping that this will be a positive because nobody else is building over there in that area (homes) and recalls living over in there herself. She doesn't want anything that is going to be "trash" but something that is going to be nice and for people to have home ownership. In closing, she supports this development.

Councilman Dudley refers to the building of the new housing on Madison Street and the doing-away-with of the Multi Center (where a lot of kids in that area went to). From the Multi Center, it was communicated that the creation of the Unity Center was coming. At one time, it was at the Garfield School. Dudley can say, because he sat on that Board, there was a lot of kids that went to the Unity Center and it benefited the neighborhood by those kids having a place to go. Then, all of a sudden, it cost the Housing Authority too much money to maintain that building so it got put out. Now, all these kids that went there have no place to go. After some more communication, it was informed that the little strip of land there in Heekin Park was set aside for a future home for the Unity Center. In the meantime, they told them that they could have kids and have programs in the cabins, which was done for a little while but it didn't affect all the kids like it should've. Dudley recalls at one time having karate, cheerleading, dancing, an open gym and food. Now, those kids have no place to go. In general, you can put as many houses as you want to on the south end of town but if those kids don't have any place to go, its not bringing in any kind of future for anybody.

Councilman Dishman recalls being on the council when the Multi-Center merged into the school and it was actually in bad condition with the furnace being out and questions how a non-profit organization can have a nice facility. He then asks if this team will help with the building of a Multi-Center (and refers to old ones at Willard and Madison Streets and now at the Garfield school). Since the plan is to take that away, is there any plans for a Multi-Center is basically what he is asking. Mr. Anderson states at this time, no. Having been the one to write the 501C3 for the Unity Center, help negotiate their 3 deals to be able to go in there, spearhead a lot of the things they were getting to try and keep the doors open, no, there's not because the Housing Authority owned the building outright from start to finish. They tried to work with the Unity Center but at that time, there was a difference in opinion so Mr. Anderson's Board voted to do what was best for the Housing Authority. He understands putting things in place but if you don't have a foundation to start with then it is not going to last. He has tried in regards to helping the Community Center to be self-sustaining but however, if the left hand isn't working with the right hand, you're not going to get anywhere. Dishman states that is so true. In saying that, Mr. Anderson thinks long-term, there is opportunities, however, that Board has to get itself together. Dishman thinks that is something that needs to be taken upstairs (Mayor's office) and having another discussion about because that is very important. Children growing up get an education and really develop through sports and activities. Dishman, does though, supports this plan. He just hated for the Multi-Center to get taken away from them to begin with and recalls making some promises down the road to get the current one fixed because the building really is in bad shape and (he guesses) how a non-profit can afford a big expensive furnace, at least, one that would suffice for that building. Mr. Anderson states that is correct and that the boilers are so old that they could not keep it going. When

they were the only entity that was paying, that became problems for themselves. They couldn't afford to keep it open. Like earlier said, when you're in a partnership, that means you're working collectively together and for the Housing Authority, they just could not keep those doors open but did their part. He can speak first hand because he was one of the ones to help write to 501C3 for the Unity Center. Dishman refers to a friend of his that is no longer around, Mike Holly, who was involved in all sorts of work in there and asked Dishman to come help him out with replacing everything. Dishman informed him that he would try to do everything that he could and help out. He just hopes the Multi-Center doesn't get forgotten about. Mr. Anderson clarifies that the Multi-Center is different than the Unity Center but he understands what Dishman is saying. Again, when you're not working collectively together and it has been like Groundhog's Day, every day you wake up, it is the same issue since 2002 (because Mr. Anderson has been here since 2001 off and on). He can tell you the good, bad and the ugly but knows from the Housing Authority's perspective, they did their due diligence. Mr. Anderson then recalls Councilman Ivy actually being on the Board, at one time.

Councilman Clark explains when he thinks back to his time working towards a path to home ownership, there were times when it seemed daunting working with the banking world. As these rent-to-own tenants are approaching that time to buy, would they be coming alongside them for financial education. Mr. Anderson explains yes, that is a key component is making sure that the families or individuals understand what roles that they play in that. Yes, they will be alongside them every step of the way and like what was earlier said, it will probably be local bankers, as First Merchants has an initiative, it is hoped that long-term they can secure some type of relationship with them on that back end, to make sure that the families are being taken care of.

Mayor Ridenour recommends that if there are any additional questions, these gentlemen are open books and have responded to questions time and time again, as well as made favorable changes to the plan. He recommends to reach out and he will email everyone's contact information to the council that way, in case anyone has any questions, they can have a discussion.

MUNCIE FIRE DEPARTMENT: David Miller, Muncie Fire Chief, passes out the Fire Department budgets to members of the council. He just wants to update on what the department has been doing for the first 7 months of this year. There was a recruiting process that was started in March and they initially had 64 applicants. They then started the ladder climb on March 26th and March 28th. After the ladder climb, they were down to 54 recruits. They then had the written exam on May 30th at the Horizon Center, as it was provided (loaned) to the Department free of charge because plans to originally have it in the Union Hall were unsuccessful, due to COVID-19. 47 of the recruits showed up for that exam and had to score a 70% or higher to pass and 36 of them passed at that time. Those

individuals moved forward to the interview process and interviews were then scheduled for the 14th, 15th and 17th of July at City Hall. They had to score an 80% or higher on the oral interview, which left them with 24 recruiters. Those 24 will remain on the recruit list until another one is done, which is every 2 to 3 years. Of the 24 that were selected, 60% of the evaluation came from the written test and 40% was the interview so the next process they have will be background checks, physicals and to go through PERF. The Department will establish a recruit list from that, at that time. There are possibly 7 openings, right now, for the Fire Department and probably by years end, Chief Miller assumes they would have 10 to 12. Right now, 11 of those recruits are going into school for EMS training that is being provided to them. Some of the recruits already have the EMS training but others do not so 11 of them are going to EMS school that the Department is providing. With that being said, Heartland (who has been helping the Department out) received a grant for this schooling that is being provided. The only thing the Fire Department had to do was provide the facility and Heartland let the MFD employees go for free of charge. That was a good move on them for helping out the Department as they have helped out tremendously in assisting paramedics and also being so kind enough to let them have 11 of the recruits go in free of charge. With the EMS program right now, there are 55 EMT's currently on the Fire Department and 5 ambulances that are being used and are in service today. They are located at No. 1 Fire Station at Madison and Jackson Streets, No. 2 Fire Station which is at Memorial and Hackley Streets, No. 3 on Hoyt Ave., No. 5 at Tillotson Ave. and No. 6 at Martin Luther King Blvd. Those areas are where the ambulances are being run out of at this time. On April 6, the MFD took over the entire City of Muncie for EMS with prior to that, sharing it with Delaware County EMS. The call volume has, obviously, went way up from what the Department has previously had. In May, they had done 1,008 calls, 1,073 in June and 1,138 as of the 29th of July. Total runs right now, in comparison with what they used to do, comes to a total of 9,670 runs in 2019. From January 2019 to July 2019, they've done 4,925 runs. So far, from January 2020 to July 2020, they have done 7,866. Compared to what they used to do, the Department was lucky to be able to do 5,000 to 6,000 runs that consist of Fire Department and EMS combined for the year. Right now, as of July, again, they have exceeded that amount by being at 7,866. That is for this year, alone. Going back to the schooling being provided, Chief Miller explains they have partnered with Ivy Tech who is going to put on a Paramedics School for them. Part of it is going to be in Muncie and once a week, they would have to drive to Kokomo for additional instructions. The Mayor has offered to pay for those students which would be about \$8,000 per student. They will sign a contract stating that they will reimburse the City if they quit or fail the course (that way, the City is saving their \$8,000). It won't be a whole lump sum because they pay by the semester so if they fail a semester, it would only be that semester. They will also sign a contract stating that they will stay with the City of Muncie for a minimum of 3 years.

Councilman Dishman asks if the firetrucks are still being ran along with every EMS call. Chief Miller answers only on certain runs. Before, they used to run on everything but now, it just depends on the severity of the run and what is needed. Sometimes, a firetruck is needed just for personnel (sometimes 2 people isn't enough to do the lifting or other things). It just depends but no, they do not go out on every run.

Councilman Ingram refers to line item 42111 Ammo & Training and asks what that line is being used for with the Fire Department (see below). Chief Miller reiterates that the "Ammo" wording shouldn't be on there. Ingram states he was just wondering what type of ammo was needed for the Fire Department. Councilman Robinson jokingly says its for the water cannons.



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101 - GENERAL FUND							
EXPENSE							
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT							
411111	CHIEF	73,007.22	5,615.94	.00	41,621.55	31,385.67	57
411112	DEPUTY CHIEF	69,868.76	5,374.52	.00	39,703.96	30,164.80	57
411113	BATTALION CHIEF	179,400.00	13,726.60	.00	102,840.12	76,559.88	57
411116	CHIEF INSPECTOR	56,951.54	4,688.58	.00	30,835.06	26,116.48	54
411117	CAPTAINS	380,000.00	26,715.12	.00	225,101.01	154,898.99	59
411118	TECHNICIANS	279,500.00	18,081.70	.00	164,542.21	114,957.79	59
411119	TRAINING OFFICER	58,552.42	4,467.20	.00	33,504.00	25,048.42	57
411120	LIEUTENANTS	753,927.75	60,469.84	.00	435,587.08	318,340.67	58
411121	INSPECTORS	112,487.56	8,755.84	.00	63,685.41	48,802.15	57
411123	DRIVERS	1,329,404.53	92,700.68	.00	707,850.19	621,554.34	53
411124	FIREFIGHTER	1,601,435.91	122,676.06	.00	997,201.82	604,234.09	62
411137	OFFICE MANAGER	34,361.60	2,516.80	.00	21,572.85	12,788.75	63
411152	HOLIDAY PAY	160,342.37	3,170.00	.00	89,303.40	71,038.97	56
411160	OVERTIME	150,000.00	41,866.38	.00	135,527.54	14,472.46	90
413011	FICA EXPENSE	2,500.00	154.90	.00	1,331.22	1,168.78	53
413015	MEDICARE EXPENSE	89,102.00	5,065.36	.00	38,758.74	50,343.26	43
413017	PERF EXPENSE	82,090.00	62,809.40	.00	62,809.40	19,280.60	77
413025	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,225,353.00	830,419.16	.00	1,112,676.50	1,112,676.50	50
413026	LIFE INSURANCE	14,700.00	598.39	.00	4,564.52	10,135.48	31
413035	CLOTHING PAY	175,000.00	104.66	.00	74,788.80	100,211.20	43
421011	OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,500.00	226.76	.00	1,962.10	5,537.90	26
422021	GAS & OIL	80,000.00	3,053.02	.00	34,130.90	45,869.10	43
422023	TIRES	20,000.00	.00	.00	2,953.76	17,046.24	15
422111	AMMO & TRAINING	20,000.00	3,000.60	.00	8,001.64	11,998.36	40
422125	HOUSEHOLD LAUNDRY	7,500.00	99.08	.00	4,175.82	3,324.18	56
422127	PER UNION CONTRACT / MAINTENANCE	11,000.00	120.38	.00	1,734.46	9,265.54	16
422128	FIRE PREVENTION SUPPLIES	10,030.00	(157.50)	.00	5,874.61	4,155.39	59

Councilman Smith thanks Chief Miller for the Budget Performance Reports and asks about EMS. Chief Miller explains one of the reports he provided was for the EMS Department (see below). It shows what the expenses were and how much money was brought in. Smith then asks if these EMS totals are included in the overall Performance Report. Chief Miller states that is separated. Smith thanks him, as that was his only

question was to see where EMS was financially. He adds that from the time that the Department took over the entire City to now and wants to see debits and credits. Adding to that, he wants to see everything that has come in and everything that has come out, so a further breakdown of the above report. He plans to get in touch with the Chief to look into that.



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104 - CENTER TOWNSHIP REVENUE							
EXPENSE							
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT							
439071	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	316,000.00	1,227.77	.00	281,039.89	34,960.11	89
444056	EQUIPMENT	463,610.00	.00	.00	463,610.00	.00	100
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT Totals		\$779,610.00	\$1,227.77	\$0.00	\$744,649.89	\$34,960.11	96%
Department 24 - EMS DEPARTMENT							
411160	OVERTIME	1,050,000.00	92,636.47	.00	569,133.85	480,866.15	54
413015	MEDICARE EXPENSE	15,225.00	1,343.23	.00	8,252.43	6,972.57	54
413085	TRAINING, FEES AND TRAVEL	10,000.00	240.00	.00	2,795.00	7,205.00	28
421011	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	29.01	.00	29.01	1,970.99	1
422021	GAS & OIL	25,000.00	4,439.84	.00	12,020.33	12,979.67	48
422173	OTHER SUPPLIES	120,000.00	44,960.12	.00	88,082.75	31,917.25	73
431050	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	1,986.98	.00	6,372.29	8,627.71	42
437023	EQUIPMENT LEASE / RENTAL PAYMENTS	74,103.82	.00	.00	32,365.83	41,737.99	44
439071	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	490,000.00	121,461.40	.00	371,226.48	118,773.52	76
444056	EQUIPMENT	50,000.00	.00	.00	10,404.67	39,595.33	21
Department 24 - EMS DEPARTMENT Totals		\$1,851,328.82	\$267,097.05	\$0.00	\$1,100,682.64	\$750,646.18	59%
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$2,630,938.82	\$268,324.82	\$0.00	\$1,845,332.53	\$785,606.29	70%



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Fund 105 - COIT PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE)							
EXPENSE							
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT							
411123	DRIVERS	204,398.00	21,156.28	.00	158,561.92	45,836.08	78
411124	FIREFIGHTER	540,893.00	39,674.78	.00	274,693.90	266,199.10	51
411152	HOLIDAY PAY	28,500.00	440.00	.00	13,740.00	14,760.00	48
411160	OVERTIME	20,000.00	74.44	.00	4,789.64	15,210.36	24
413015	MEDICARE EXPENSE	13,377.00	821.11	.00	6,172.97	7,204.03	46
413017	PERF EXPENSE	127,347.00	10,658.10	.00	500,944.63	(373,597.63)	393
413035	CLOTHING PAY	18,900.00	.00	.00	16,909.50	1,990.50	89
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT Totals		\$953,415.00	\$72,824.71	\$0.00	\$975,812.56	(\$22,397.56)	102%
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$953,415.00	\$72,824.71	\$0.00	\$975,812.56	(\$22,397.56)	102%



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			Transactions	Encumbrances	Transactions	Transactions	Rec'd
422130	COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS	15,000.00	.00	.00	.00	15,000.00	0
422173	OTHER SUPPLIES	30,000.00	2,851.82	.00	8,639.73	21,360.27	29
431011	MEDICAL SERVICES	20,000.00	2,593.77	.00	4,568.32	15,431.68	23
432011	POSTAGE	500.00	39.90	.00	174.01	325.99	35
432031	TELEPHONE	35,000.00	3,462.48	.00	23,988.64	11,011.36	69
434011	OTHER INSURANCE	210,000.00	22,223.96	.00	183,672.55	26,327.45	87
435011	ELECTRIC	50,000.00	4,896.52	.00	27,523.50	22,476.50	55
435021	NATURAL GAS	30,000.00	630.37	.00	14,367.00	15,633.00	48
435031	WATER	15,000.00	880.20	.00	5,632.28	9,367.72	38
436011	EQUIPMENT RENTAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	141,266.75	1,212.25	.00	32,471.67	108,795.08	23
436015	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	2,500.00	.00	.00	1,253.00	1,247.00	50
439071	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	25,000.00	718.73	.00	17,889.36	7,110.64	72
439092	SUBSCRIPTIONS & DUES	250.00	.00	.00	.00	250.00	0
444011	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	15,000.00	1,066.49	.00	2,396.52	12,603.48	16
444026	IMPROVEMENTS	80,000.00	714.05	.00	4,976.10	75,023.90	6
444058	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	36,500.00	.00	.00	3,924.40	32,575.60	11
444060	FIRE SAFETY & EQUIPMENT	20,000.00	186.52	.00	3,806.52	16,193.48	19
444080	VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE	126,000.00	.00	.00	67,368.86	58,631.14	53
Department 21 - FIRE DEPARTMENT Totals		\$8,836,031.41	\$1,357,796.53	\$0.00	\$4,845,291.13	\$3,990,740.28	55%
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$8,836,031.41	\$1,357,796.53	\$0.00	\$4,845,291.13	\$3,990,740.28	55%

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 17-20 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MUNCIE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE FROM THE R-5 RESIDENCE ZONE TO THE II INTENSE INDUSTRIAL ZONE ON PREMISES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE 900 BLOCK OF WEST 1ST STREET, MUNCIE, INDIANA.

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

Brian Allardt, 7705 W. Crooked Creek Ct, Muncie, is a Commercial Real Estate Broker with Caldwell Banker, the Real Estate Group and he is here representing the buyer and the seller by helping them put together a sell of the property.

Councilman Dudley asks what the buyer is benefiting out of this property. Mr. Allardt states the buyer is looking to clean up the property and the actual property (that can be seen on the layout) has a portion of it that is zoned R-5 Residential and the portion closest to the railroad tracks is zoned II Intense Industrial. Where the loading docks are located, to pull a truck up to it the truck would actually be on the R-5 Residential land instead of the II Intense Industrial. The intent, again, is to clean up the property and potentially use it as a mulch operation.

Audie Barber reiterates that this is proposing going to a II Intense Industrial zone and questions if they need that much for a mulching place. He just doesn't want the zoning to be changed on this Intense Industrial zone because that opens it up to a lot of things within our community (one being last year's fiasco with the Waelz project). Before it is decided to

do this, he suggests the council may want to put some stipulations on that because if they are just going to cut mulch up there then he is not sure that the Intense Industrial zoning would be ideal for that.

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

ORD. 19-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 30-19 FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HEREIN FOR THE YEAR 2020.

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains that Fire Chief David Miller, EMS Chief Rachel Clark and himself have had several conversations about the EMS Department and monitoring the income and expenses of it. Quite honestly, it is not sustainable the way it is going currently. We are outsourcing paramedics to Heartland (who we are also very grateful for because without them, he doesn't know how they would've been able to start). This ordinance is to add these salaries for paramedics and the EMS Chief stems from an analysis of believing if the City had its own paramedics, it would save roughly \$400,000 in the next year. It is believed that is the route that they need to go down. Currently, Heartland supplies MFD with 2 to 3 paramedics for each shift. The City is looking at hiring 12 paramedics at the same cost currently being paid to Heartland. That would provide 4 paramedics for each shift.

Chief Miller explains with these additional positions, it would allow them to take more firemen off the truck because there are 2 firemen on those trucks now, meaning 1 paramedic and 1 fireman can be on there. This will also help with the overtime situation because that person would be out on one of the trucks and the supervisors wouldn't have to call someone in. That helps with the minimum manning situation on overtime, as well. Right now, these guys are working so much overtime, sometimes making 15 runs a day and being up from the time they get there and sometimes, only getting just 2 hours of sleep at night. Then, they just so happen to be off the next day but get called in for overtime, so, they are working that all over again. The next day is their day to work again and they come in and do the same thing. This will, too, help alleviate burnout because these guys could get burned out working these many hours, that consistently, all the time. So, this will help with this situation as well as curbing the overtime because looking at the budget, pretty much everything is in line except for that overtime line item. And, when they put 5 more vehicles in service, they usually have to give someone overtime to man those or outsourced, like what was earlier discussed, where they take employees of the City of Muncie on the trucks working 24-hour-shifts, just like the paramedics and firemen, but, they will be manning the ambulances.

Councilman Robinson refers to the discussion he had the other day with Mr. Conway, who was interested in amending this with to read "salary" instead of an "hourly" and questions if that is still the case. Conway states it is and they are actually looking into that. He believes Union President Mike Whitted pointed that out to them. These

paramedics will be on the same shifts as the Fire Department, so, will be working 24-hour-shifts. That does provide a bit of an issue putting them on the civil salary ordinance because that ordinance does state that any hours worked over 40 are considered overtime. So, they are still working with the legal counsel on figuring out exactly how the wording needs to be done and when they come back at the next council meeting, the plan is to ask for the council to amend it.

Mike Whitted, President of Muncie Firefighter's Local #1348, states they are all cautiously neutral on this right now because they support the concept. They want to save the city money. The Department doesn't have enough paramedics and actually, right now, only has one firefighter trained as a paramedic. Something needs to be done to try and save some money on this, until they can get the current firefighters trained at this level and it takes a couple years to get firefighters trained to a paramedic level. They are getting ready to start negotiations (maybe) next week as there are some details that need to be worked out with this and if they do so, they will be back in September fully supporting this. Mr. Whitted states as Mr. Conway indicated, firefighters are exempt from the federal laws on 40-hour work weeks, because they work a 24-hour shift, but EMS isn't. They work in 24-hour shifts but would still need to be paid overtime after 40 hours so there's some details to be worked out. But, it will save the City some money. Ingram thanks him for catching that.

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

FIVE-MINUTE RECESS

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

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, refers to when the budget was originally proposed for EMS, the fire-based EMS was only servicing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city. Beginning on April 15th, they started servicing the whole city and the DCEMS (sort of) left the city and started servicing the county. The City administration let it go for a few months just to see what the financials were starting to look like and this ordinance should set them up for the rest of the year. He will give a few numbers as they have been requested. The revenue that EMS has brought in this year, so far, is \$1.15 million and expenses to date have been \$1.31 million. Some of those expenses are due to start-up costs such as buying and stocking those ambulances. The purchase of an additional ambulance was done to prepare for COVID-19 so that is an additional expense. The finance department has identified over \$400,000 of expenses that they are going to seek reimbursements for through the CARES Act Grant that was provided by the state. They are keeping an eye out for things they can get reimbursed for. Again, this additional appropriation should get the department through the rest of the year. The hope is to not have to use it all but they have to, at least, appropriate it just in case they do.

Councilman Smith confirms that the money is already there. Mr. Conway answers yes. Smith then asks out of the \$1.31 for expenses, how much was used for start-up costs.

Mr. Conway is aware that Chief Clark was working on that so he will have to obtain that information and bring it next month. Smith confirms.

President Polk does have a question about the Other Services and Charges and asks what that entails. Mr. Conway states that is mostly Heartland. A contract was in place when fire-based EMS was responding to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city and when they moved to the whole city, a new contract was written up that was for a larger amount. Polk then asks about the Lease payments and Rent payments and what those entail. Conway explains that is for one of the new ambulances that they purchased. Polk confirms that is the Lease and Conway states yes. They had budgeted in the original ambulances that was purchased. Councilman Ingram confirms it was the 4 original that were purchased. Conway confirms. Ingram asks how many were later purchased. Conway answers 2. Ingram confirms there are 6, all together. Conway clarifies with Chief Miller and yes, 6 ambulances total. Polk refers to his question about the Rent. Conway explains that is just the name of the account. Polk questions this amount being for 4 ambulances. Conway reiterates that amount is for a brand new one. Polk confirms it is the new one that was earlier mentioned. Conway states yes. Polk asks if that is from now until the end of the year or does it include the few months it was running. Conway explains the way that the lease payments are, its just annual. Polk then confirms it is the annual payment for 2020. Conway states yes.

Mike Whitted, President of Muncie Firefighter's Local #1348, mentions the question that was asked earlier about how EMS is doing and that nothing has come about it since COVID-19. He just wants to say that the firefighters of Muncie are doing an outstanding job. This task was sort of dropped on them in the past year but they've accepted it and again, have done a tremendous job (along with taking over the rest of the city). The reason the council has not heard a great bunch about it is because they are doing such an amazing job. They are providing an outstanding service to the citizens of Muncie and it is going to get better. It started out with EMTs running it and now, they've got some of the EMT's trained up to ALS (Advanced Life Support) and then when they get paramedics, they will be providing their services to the City of Muncie. In general, they are doing well and it is going to get better. The costs should start coming down because like any business, there was start-up costs of providing ambulances, supplies, etc. Therefore, after the first of the year, costs should be seen going down.

Councilman Smith clarifies that there are ambulances at fire stations No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 5 and No. 6. Chief Miller states that is correct. Smith then states No. 4 is the only station in District #1 (his district) so he asks when he is going to get an ambulance there. Chief Miller states he does not know but in the future on down the line, they hope to have an ambulance at every station. When that will occur, he does not know because he can't give a timeline for certain but he understands the concern. Smith states he would like to see an initial report on Advanced Life Support ambulance in every fire house. Chief Miller refers to what Mr. Whitted stated about equal protection throughout the city but right now, if they obtain these 12 civilian paramedics, they would have 4 at a time and that way, they could have 2 ALS on the north end and 2 ALS on the south end. He adds they will probably have a BLS for downtown to pick up the slack on both ends. That way, there

would be equal coverage for everybody throughout the entire city and everybody would have ALS protection. Smith replies that he would like to see a plan from the Chief where the end result/end goal be an initial response ALS response in every firehouse, especially No. 4. Polk adds that District #4 does not have coverage either (and that is his district) at station No. 7. Councilman Robinson comments the guys in District #2 (his district) will get them both taken care of. Chief Miller states that is the goal to have an ambulance at every station. Stations No. 2 and No. 5 are so close there that one would do the trick but as it was earlier said, that is the eventual goal.

Councilman Dudley requests that in the future, the Chief provide to the council an update of the conditions of the fire stations. Chief Miller responds he sure will. Some of the problems they have had with the stations arise not from the ambulances but t they have ran into that sometimes which the firetrucks being too big to fit into some fire stations. That results in making sure that certain trucks stay at certain stations because it has been such a long time since they were built. He believes the newest station is either 1985 or 1986 which is No. 7 on Wheeling. Fire station No. 1 is over 100 years old and it is hard to get some of the trucks in those bays now because back then, those trucks weren't that big.

Councilman Smith refers to the circumstances that Chief Miller came into when he took over the Department, he and his firefighters are all doing an outstanding job and he just wanted to recognize them on behalf of the council.

Audie Barber just wants to check that his numbers are right on this. \$1.31 million is what has been spent and what is projected to be spent is \$1.15 million so that leaves \$160,000 and then they are going to (hopefully) get \$400,000 back from the federal government. That leaves a profit of about \$250,000. This means this program is running in the black, not in the red. Questions called.

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

ORD. 21-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, states this is just an ordinance to true up this year's budget, again. In 2019, they did not budget for the Fire Department's PERF. He believes they budgeted for \$84,000 and it usually runs around \$900,000. In 2019, they did provide an additional appropriation to cover that and it did get paid out to the COIT fund, as they are going to do for this year, as well. Just to give some numbers as far as the COIT fund for this year, that fund started the year with \$814,000. They will bring in \$1.45 million this year but the budget for 2020 was only \$953,000. There is \$500,000 of money that is going to be received this year that isn't even appropriated. So, you may see this large number of \$900,000 and yes, that is a large number but over half of that is money being brought in this year that will be spent on PERF. Conway then refers to the drivers and the Clothing Pay and that is just to true up the budget, as well, for those line items.

President Polk asks how many Drivers this is for. Conway states he does not have the exact number and that they have so many budgeted in that line item and this is just

how much additional appropriation is needed to cover those. He will obtain that information for the next meeting.

Councilman Ivy really appreciates the work that Mr. Conway has been putting in as City Controller. All the extra hours and when he calls the council members individually and shares info or invites them up to his office to go over things (like on this). He uses the analogy that they can't get the ship to leave the port until they get it fixed, so they are still truing everything up before they can set sail. Again, Ivy appreciates all the hard work he has been putting in. Questions called.

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

ORD. 22-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE ADDING SECTION 30.14 TO THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS AND MATERIALITY THRESHOLD FOR THE CITY OF MUNCIE.

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

Dan Gibson, City Council Attorney, recalls speaking to some of the council members about this ordinance. It is something that he has worked with Councilman Ingram along with City Controller, Trent Conway on. Essentially, Indiana law requires that all variances, losses or shortages in public funds or property that are deemed "material" can be reported to the State Board of Accounts. The SBOA looks to the local body to define what is considered material for purposes of making a report to the SBOA. Obviously, small errors or mistakes are not efficient to use public dollars and time to SBOA. So, what this does is establish that policy which essentially states that all variances, losses, shortages or suspected thefts be reported to the Department Head and then that reports makes it way to the Mayor and City Controller for further investigation. If that amount is over \$1,000, then that triggers an automatic report (also) to the SBOA. Obviously, all thefts and suspected thefts would be reported to the Mayor, City Controller, SBOA and the local Prosecutor.

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

ORD. 23-20 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CASH.

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, states there is a lot of funds in the City of Muncie so this is just his effort in trying to minimize or consolidate as much of those as he can. This is a fund that is for City Court so he has talked with Judge Dunnuck and her staff, along with the Clerk's office. Indiana Code 35-38-2-1 allows for an Adult Probation Service fund in which probation fees are deposited into and used for probation services. For whatever reason, the City of Muncie had 2 funds set up for that and the money was being divided between the 2. He spoke with Judge Dunnuck and she and her staff have been trying to get this all consolidated into 1 fund. He believes they spoke to Delaware County who informed them that they, too, only use 1 fund. That is just what this ordinance would do is basically close out Fund #747 and transfer all that cash to Fund #268. We would then deposit all of those funds into Fund #268.

Councilwoman Davis asks if there are currently funds in Fund #268. Conway confirms. Davis asks if that balance is known. Conway believes it is \$200,000-something but will obtain the actual figure and have it for next month. Questions called. An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 24-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING CHAPTERS 77 AND 79 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

Nathan Sloan, Chief of the Muncie Police Department passes out some paperwork to the council members. The paperwork consists of Ch. 77 and Ch. 79 of the City of Muncie Code (which can be found here: <https://library.muncicode.com/in/muncie>). He is aware of how difficult it sometimes can be to research the code so he is providing those chapters that are in place now. This ordinance is in reference to Chapters 77 and 79 of the Muncie City Code dealing with parking enforcement. This will provide for a booting and towing aspect, if adopted. He has with him, Officers Darrin Clark and Danny Hahn, who are Muncie’s Parking Enforcement Officers. They drive in circles within the city, every day, looking for infractions and parking violations. They have identified some problems that go along with the parking enforcement in the City of Muncie Code of Ordinances. First of all, they are getting a lot of complaints about cars illegally parked in alleyways, cars that are parked backwards on the street and cars that are double-parked. They are also having a lot of problems with cars that are parked well over the allotted time or paid times in parking areas. They have also had a major problem with people parking on streets adjacent to the Ball State campus. Basically, the issue is that there is no penalty for not paying the ticket. These citations are issued and they are filed away in their glovebox or wherever they decide to put them and that is that, nothing is ever done about the ticket. For example, from January 1, 2019 to August 3, 2020 (roughly a year and a half) there was 7265 tickets issued and out of that, \$128,762 were paid and \$180,11 were unpaid, so another \$50,000 that wasn’t paid. Since the inception of the program in 2015 to current, 6,888 tickets were issued and are still unpaid for a total of \$462,694 (see table below). The last update of Ch. 77 was in 2001 and Ch. 79 was mostly just dealt with in 1968 (although, there have been a few little updates here and there). The bottom line is that there are a lot of people out there with thousands of dollars’ worth of parking tickets that haven’t been paid. The changes that are proposed are in effort to motivate compliance with local ordinances and to cure repeat violations moving forward.

Parking Ticket Monies Unpaid and Paid				
<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Unpaid Tickets</i>	<i>Amount Unpaid</i>	<i>Paid Tickets</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016	2143 Tickets	\$145,738.00	3257 Tickets	\$101,622.00
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018	2212 Tickets	\$136,843.00	3667 Tickets	\$97,580.00
January 1, 2019 – August 3, 2020	2533 Tickets	\$180,113.00	4732 Tickets	\$128,763.00
Total	6888 Tickets	\$462,694.00	11,656 Tickets	\$327,965.00

Darrin Clark, Muncie Police Department Parking Enforcement, passes out a brief overview of repeat parking violation offenders out of the 205 that they have (see table below). The vast majority of parking problems come from the Ball State area and quite frankly, as Chief Sloan stated, the people aren't held accountable or made to pay their parking tickets. On the subsequent sheets, offender "A" has a break down of their parking tickets. Everyday, the officers run into citing the same car and offense. They may write the same car 2 different tickets if they are in a 2-hour parking zone but physically there for 5 hours. They will get a ticket for the first 2 hours and if they haven't moved their car after that time, they will receive another ticket for the second 2-hour violation. Like he earlier mentioned, the vast majority of that is in the Ball State campus and some other problems they have ran into, as far as when the citee graduates and moves away, they take their parking tickets with them and the City never receives any money from those violations.

Repeat Parking Violation Offenders		
<i>Offender</i>	<i>Amount Unpaid</i>	<i>Number of Tickets</i>
Offender "A"	\$2,950.00	25 Tickets
Offender "B"	\$2,252.00	19 Tickets
Offender "C"	\$2,036.00	17 Tickets
Offender "D"	\$1,190.00	10 Tickets
Offender "E"	\$1,113.00	26 Tickets

Councilman Robinson clarifies that this is all from just 5 drivers. Officer Clark states yes, it is 5 out of 205. Shocked by that amount, the entire council looks over the details of the tickets received by Offenders A – E.

Councilman Ingram refers to the problems being in Ball State and assumes that is referencing college students. Officer Clark states yes. Ingram states in reference to this booting and towing and asks if they are out of state, would this still be effective. Officer Clark explains they are hoping to catch them before they leave and graduate. The way it is written is if they have 3 unpaid parking tickets or a combined total of \$100 in fines, they will become what is called a scofflaw, which is basically somebody that gets parking tickets and just doesn't pay them. The enforcement officers have license plate readers so they typically drive by and it would alert them that this plate is a scofflaw and the Parking Enforcement can typically boot the car, hold them accountable and they have to pay all their tickets along with a boot service fee/tire immobilizing service fee to get the tire immobilizer off. Ingram then asks about the towing. Officer Clark explains that in 24 hours, if they have not paid the fines and the service fee, it would get towed and the citee would have to pay a tow-bill on top of everything else. It would be better off that if they get booted to just go ahead and pay the fines and service fee (because the service fee is going to be added on if it is towed, anyway).

Councilman Robinson notices since a lot of Ball State is in his District and because Ball State is so strict with their parking enforcement that a lot of those students choose to park in city lots to try and avoid how strict and stringent the college campus services are. It

is clearly a problem in the Village area and the Riverside/Normal City area and assumes that is where the parking enforcement officers see a lot of violations. He wishes people could see this report on these 5 offenders because it comes up to almost \$10,000 (just between 5 vehicles). It really is incredible and they just continue to offend. Officer Clark agrees and adds that it is frustrating because they will recognize the car by sight and once they come up on it and notice it is another overtime violation, they have to issue another citation that will go unpaid. The hope is to catch the drivers and hold them accountable in hopes of them paying the monies they actually owe.

Councilman Ingram asks if there is a difference between Ball State and the City in how parking is handled. Officer Clark states most of Ball State is done on private properties, mostly lots and possibly metered areas where the driver would have to pay to park there. He believes, though, that most of theirs is done on permits in parking lots. President Polk adds that Ball State will also add their parking citations onto the students bills. Officer Clark states yes, Ball State will do so and the student will not get their transcripts. Polk adds to that, no graduation or transcripts until all fines are paid. Robinson jokingly asks how Polk knows that. Polk, laughing, says it wasn't a personal experience but as both of his children went (one is currently still there) to Ball State, he threatened them that he isn't going to be paying for any tickets. He recalls him attending the school and not receiving one parking ticket while he was there.

Chief Sloan wishes to add that this is a pretty neglected unit and these officers brought this idea to him as a solution to this problem. It is a significant investment. Those Parking Enforcement cars are all part of Muncie Police and it doesn't attend to anything else but to them. MPD has paid for the cars, cameras, new equipment and all kinds of other things but the vast majority of people in Muncie do the right thing. They pay their tickets when they should. It is just those that take advantage of the system and know how to work it and just basically don't do anything. That is where they are wanting to get to.

President Polk asks how many boots are being looked into being purchased and how much at cost are those. Chief Sloan states they cost about \$700 to \$800 a piece, depending on which model they buy but when they get money from the different things such as when people pay into the parking meters. It is all self-funded so the money is already there and they are not going to ask for any money or appropriations for this, at all.

Daniel Hahn, Muncie Police Department Parking Enforcement, passes out some information regarding reaching out to 3 cities in the state of Indiana that is comparable to Muncie. Those cities are Bloomington (college town), West Lafayette (also a college town) and Lafayette. In Lafayette and West Lafayette, they boot but Bloomington doesn't boot, they tow. Officer Hahn has provided the parking ordinances for those 3 towns as well as the penalty amounts.

Councilman Dudley takes it that Muncie is considerably low on the fees. Officer Hahn states yes, we are. Dudley asks how much lower are we than those cities. Officer Hahn believes they range anywhere from \$30 to \$45. Right now, in Muncie, an overtime ticket is \$18 and any other ticket such as parked backward, parked in front yard, permit violation, etc. is \$20. Yes, we are considerably lower.

Councilman Robinson adds additionally, this helps clean up and keep order in the neighborhoods because like he earlier mentioned, in his district, this is a huge problem. He certainly appreciates them bringing it to council attention and being pro-active in fixing it. It is a no-brainer for him.

Councilwoman Davis refers to code enforcement in general and asks if residents have an issue, what is the best way for them to approach it. Say they have a neighbor or something that is violating a code. Should they be taking pictures and keeping a record of it and then contact the officers? She is aware that they probably don't have the availability to come out every time something is going on immediately. Officer Hahn explains what they recommend is that abandoned vehicles on private property, trash, etc. is usually handled by the Building Commissioner. Parking Enforcement does go out with them if they are needed. However, on the parking side of it, if there is a car parked in the road backwards and there are kids playing around going across traffic to park, Officer Hahn and his partner would want to know that right away. To speak for the Building Commissioner, they, too, would like to know when something is getting out of hand. Davis confirms that residents can call the non-emergency number. Officer Hahn replies they can call either number, the Parking Enforcement number (765-747-4883) or the Building Commissioner (765-747-4862). The two entities work closely together so whichever way, the call is going to get where it needs to go. Questions called.

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

ORD. 25-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

Dan Gibson, City Council Attorney, explains this is a companion ordinance to the parking ordinance. The parking ordinance amendments that were just spoken about were handled by himself, the City Attorney and Judge Dunnuck. In reviewing that ordinance, the City Attorney noticed as they were going through that process that the City Clerk was limited in the amount of money that could be collected for somebody voluntarily coming in and paying a fine. As we are (hopefully) increasing the parking fees, that number needed to be increased as well. This is not talking about speeding tickets or anything like that, just ordinance violations pre-judgement, what can be collected and so it removes that limit to where the City Clerk can collect any amount if someone voluntarily wanted to come in and pay their ticket. Questions called.

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

ORD. 26-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

Councilman Clark explains that public input was taken, along with direction from the Animal Shelter Services Director (Ethan Browning) and Dr. Brown (President of the Animal Shelter Board). In gathering this research in communities, some changes were made to the

original ordinance that was proposed. What was changed were some offset restrictions and moving to owner-occupied only. Of course, there is not to supersede neighborhood covenant for those neighbors that are concerned with their covenant. Also added to the ordinance was schools, nursing homes and community centers to allow each of those entities to participate, if they so choose. In effort to allow the Animal Care and Services Department time to prepare, a start date will be in effect of 2021.

Audie Barber, 610 W. 11th Street, refers to the few changes made on this. He agrees on allowing churches, nursing homes or living assisted facilities the right but wonders if those will be limited to the 6 chickens or if roosters will be considered too. Would this allow 6 chickens for the whole Muncie Central high School? Referencing the nursing homes, he questions if this will allow 6 chickens per person. It was mentioned that the offsets were changed but claims they are still at 10 ft. According to city ordinances, he believes there has to be 15 ft. (maybe a little further than that) to build a fence, let alone a building and you're going to build chicken coops within 10 ft. of the property line. There is no other thing that you can build without getting a variance from the Zoning Board to be able to do that. 10 ft away from the property line is still a little too close. This is a bad ideal. If they open it up to chickens, it will get opened up to anything else. Referring to people talking about him calling the one that came up last year "fish farms" and he claims that is just what they are. Now, we are doing chickens. What are we going to have next year? He thinks this is a bad ideal for the City of Muncie. We don't have any other livestock allowed in the city limits. Supporters are calling these "domesticated chickens" but they are still livestock. He then refers to the gentleman that spoke during the Special Meetings regarding helping the Animal Shelter on chickens and states that he will still be responsible for going out and taking care of these chickens for these people that get tired of them. He thinks this needs to be removed, Tabled or not anything done about.

Ethan Browning, Animal Control Director, points out that he had a very wonderful meeting with Councilman Clark and other proponents of this ordinance. However, he was kind of surprised because he thought he was going to get to see this before it was proposed again. If he had, then he would have gone back to his suggestions of removing the 90.31 portion of the ordinances. As far as he can tell, there is just 1 small portion of that removed which is Sec. 2, F(4) that excludes the size of the chicken coop and run. The majority of all the other restrictions and regulations are still in place that they need to enforce. He would actually suggest that it is already legal to have chickens in these residential areas if you were to apply for an appeal of zoning variance. He believes that would be a better way to serve the citizens of the city of Muncie because they could individualize it and the neighbors could potentially have a say, especially with them being so close as to 10 ft. He explains he lives on the south side of Muncie and believes it is zoned R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4. Those are all under 10 ft. distance between neighbors and houses. It is just a very, very close proximity that neighbors may or may not want next to them. He believes the citizens of Muncie would be best served by doing a variance and allowing people to have chickens that way, instead of making this a blanket allowance to the whole city of Muncie. This wouldn't burden the Animal Shelter.

Andrew Popp states he has been watching the livestreams of the Special Meetings on this ordinance. He has looked into it and there is a variance that you can apply for and thinks that would be amazing based on the proximity of some of the homes with neighbors (an uses himself as an example with neighbors on all four sides of his house). The biggest question he has is (an this does concern him because he does have neighbors that are in support of chickens) his possession of large dogs. He has larges dogs (German Sheppard and Belgian Malinois) and questions how it is justified if someone doesn't take care of their chickens and they roam over to his property. A chicken is not going to be able to outrun his dogs. He asks what happens when the inevitable fate of the chicken is sealed as he doesn't want to be responsible for someone else's chicken.

Mary Stilts agrees with Ethan Browning, instead of making a blanket ordinance for the entire city (effecting 67,000) for maybe 200, 300 or even 500 people that want them (chickens). Why should we pass an ordinance city-wide for just that minor amount of people that want to do this? There is so many rental properties that can't have them. What is fair? She is in a rental property and wouldn't want them but someone else in a rental property might. If that person lives in a rental property, it is considered discrimination at that point. She believes it should be spot-zoned.

Jeanette Merrill is in favor of backyard chickens. As this ordinance is considered and voted on, she wants the council to think about the principles that they are reining and planning on this city based on and whether or not they want to see growth in this city. The arguments that have been expressed against backyard chickens are very much based on principles of fear, what appears to be a distrust and frankly, dislike of their own Muncie neighbors. Are we going to support the principle of neighbors getting to choose what neighbors do in their backyard? This would allow citizens to petition against other things that you can hear (like children, dogs or cookouts), other things that you can see (like play structures or hot tubs). We (pro-chicken citizens) are not asking our neighbors to change anything about the way they choose to live their lives or to pay for any new things for us, we are just asking for the right to live our life the way that we want to, in a way that our neighbors may think is weird but doesn't actually bother them anymore than dogs, children or a backyard swing set does. She currently has 400 square feet of her backyard devoted to a vegetable and herb garden. Some people roll their eyes at that and think it is a waste of time and money (along with her 15 years of raising urban chickens). She also enjoys eating sushi, which apparently can kill her, but these are all things she chooses to do with her time, money and lifestyle. She doesn't ask her neighbor if his last fishing trip ended up in a net financial gain. She also doesn't check to make sure that he has taken over scooping the litterbox so that his pregnant wife won't get Toxoplasmosis. Because this is America and we are not supposed to have the right to make financial or lifestyle decisions for our neighbors. As she mentioned before, the principles of which the "Muncie for Chickens" group is seeking this change are diverse and noble; local food, sustainability, self-reliance, emergency-preparedness, equal access to food and personal liberty. Making decisions for our city on the future based off principles such as these will make Muncie a desirable place for people to relocate to and help the city to grow. When her husband was hired at Ball

State last summer, the very first thing that she did was look up whether chickens were legal in Muncie and then in Yorktown, because that factor would have made the choice of where to live. The newspaper reported this week that Anderson looks like it may be allowing backyard poultry by the end of this year. If that happens, and the Muncie ordinance doesn't pass, her family will consider relocating there (or maybe further out to Fishers, as they have commuted before). Muncie needs to decide whether we are making decisions for the future based on good principles, if we are trying to promote growth and if we are making room in our community for a new generation to move in and build lives here or if we have a death grip on old traditions, old ideas and are unwilling to make room for any new ideas or any new people.

Kimberly Ferguson, who has spoken on this several times, wants to reiterate a couple points. One, the ordinance specifically says owner-occupied so the fear that rentals all over the city are going to have chickens would be in violation of the ordinance. Two, a variance? If you looked at their petition, it has more than 600 people on it. A variance for 600 people would overwhelm the Planning Department if that many people participated. Also, that is simply Muncie Animal Care and Services kicking the can down the road. That is not appropriate and incredibly frustrating, as a citizen, to hear of a department kicking the can down the road to another department. Again, that is not appropriate. Animal Control is Animal Control's responsibility. This is something that many citizens in our community care about. She encourages the council to vote yes and think about the future (live, work, play). The 'Muncie' that should want young families and for professors and their wives to stay and live in this community. Again, she encourages the council to vote yes, for the future of Muncie so that we could have the amenities that young citizens want in this community.

Cynthia Curtis has a couple things she would like to address. Referring to the earlier comment made about having dogs, she has dogs and would like to have chickens. If she is going to be totally honest, she has actually had chickens in Muncie for close to 7 years. There was a stray dog that came in to the neighborhood, saw her chickens and she had to remove them, which she did. She lives in Ball State area between McKinley and Calvert Streets circled by Charles and White River Blvd and recalls having the entire block there. She continues to explain that she had 17 chickens and knows that is a lot and more than what this ordinance will allow, which she understands. She freely gave eggs to all of her Ball State student neighbors, along with her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren actually learned how to take care of the chickens. She recalls a gentleman a few blocks over that had chickens but he only had a 4-foot fence so obviously, his were always out of their area. Going back to having dogs, if she has chickens (and this is her personal opinion) and her chickens were to get out and be eaten by a neighbor's dog, that is her loss for not taking care of them properly. If her dogs were to eat someone else's chicken on that person's property, her dogs would be responsible for going out of her yard onto that property. However, if her chickens were to be out then that is all on her. They need to be contained and properly cared for. She encourages the council to vote yes for a lot of reasons. She thinks chickens could be a good thing such as a good source of nutrition for

children and they make good companions. She hopes this all gets taken into consideration when they vote.

Kristopher Bilbrey states he is against this ordinance and also thinks it is going to be an interesting experiment if the council votes to pass it. He reiterates that he is no way, very much crazily against this. Number 1, he thinks that the council needs to consider that they have a Department Head here that is asking for them to not pass the ordinance but also allowing it to go through the variance. He doesn't think that if they do pass this, all 600 people that signed the petition in favor of will go out and get chickens on whichever date the official start date is. He is sure it will be staggered a little bit. If the council does not pass this and those people go through the variance process, it is not like they are all going to sign-up tomorrow. Number 2, for people that go get a variance, that is just what those employees deal with and do at that job. It is the same thing as Animal Control doing Animal Control. He very much respects what Animal Control is doing and he doesn't think they are shortening their responsibility in saying what they've said. That puts the council in a weird spot with Animal Control and with Animal Control and the Mayor- it just puts everybody at odds like that. He encourages the council to really consider what is going on with that. Lastly, bring on the chickens.

Andrew Pop, again, refers to something that was previously said that lit a fire in him. Going back to Director Browning referring to it as a zoning issue and there were issues that he thought he would get presented to him before being brought to the council but he didn't get to see the changes and referred to the process as a variance. He hasn't spoke to him about it but is sure that he has a quality reason for that, considering when he came and gave his projection of the budget and overview of where the department was (this was a few months ago), they have several financial shortcomings, staffing part-time and full-time and an abundance of already strained resources to run the Animal Shelter and additional factors that go into that. He thinks Mr. Browning has done an outstanding job doing the best he can with what he has in stretching those even further. He rebukes the fact and thinks it is incredibly disrespectful to say that he is kicking the can down the road by trying to do the best job he can do in saying that maybe this isn't the best way to handle this. He thinks it is very unfair to the Department Head of the Animal Shelter and to his staff that work very, very hard out there.

Russ Fruitt, for chickens, states the variance system would be equally unfair to anyone that wants to have a chicken for a pet, companion and learning tool for their children if they don't do the same type of variance for other pets like dogs, cats, birds and such others. One of the reasons he would like to have the ability to have chickens is for sustainability. Very recently, there was a news report stating with this COVID-19 crisis, there could be another rush on groceries and a possible lack of food. With the way things are changing in the world, this may not be the only crisis we see. He sure hopes that COVID-19 will be solved soon but wonders what will happen with the next crisis. He would like to have the ability to be able to feed his family, just like a garden. He does not see it as a situation where a lot of neighbors or community leaders see it negatively, or else they would be complaining about big dogs running loose or stray cats (which he sees in his

neighborhood all the time) and blighted homes (which he sees all over the south side of Muncie) along with abandoned properties or properties with junk everywhere. If the City is not going to look at everything and focus on every type of issue then why should the council vote against something that is a positive thing for the community? Just being able to allow children in the schools to learn about where their food comes from and how to take care of animals properly. If they are learning that at a young age, what is to say that maybe the number of animals that are abandoned will now go down because they are learning at a young age how to properly care for an animal. There are a lot of elderly people in nursing homes that grew up on farms who might respond very well to the fact of being able to take care of another animal. They could, maybe, even teach their children and grandchildren what they've learned. As far as community centers, that ties in to giving a community area something to work for, a goal. He references the discussion earlier about the Unity Center and asks if they had a class on how to take care of animals, in general, would it not be seen that that would prohibit abandoning of animals and people getting frivolous animals later? They teach karate and other sports. What about gardening or taking care of someone's home? That ties in to the chickens. If they have the ability to show someone how to properly raise an animal, what the benefits of the animals are, what they can do for them and their families, and the lifestyle/lifecycle of the situation, they're going to be more educated than they were if they were not. At that point, they will be more responsive on taking care of any animals and being a more productive leader in the community. There are so many reasons why this should be voted in favor of. He would like the council to consider every possibility. Look down the road, long-term. We've got to build the city back up, not tear it back down.

Shelley Fruitt, S. Meeker Ave, wants to start off by saying that she also has a dog. She doesn't (technically) know the laws but her guess is it is not any different than a person going onto a property or a cat or wild animal, if they are on your property and your dog attacks them, that is just what happens. As far as people who rent being a form of discrimination, it is a bit insulting to call it that this day in time, in her opinion. They are renters on someone else's property and there are lots of things that renters can't do. Some renters can't have dogs, cats or any other pets. They are renters. Most everybody has rented before in their life and knows there are rules you follow. An example is if you're in HOA, which won't allow chickens either but doesn't mean they are discriminated upon. That person chose to live where there is an HOA. If you wanted to live somewhere that you could do anything and everything you wanted to your property, you have to own it. That is just the way life works. She is just dumfounded and this entire process has been really enlightening to her, recalling all that she has learned from it. She just can't believe the fight over something as so simple as a chicken. The thing is, we've listened to all the complaints, negative arguments and concerns and the proponents really nailed answering all them. She explains they have educated people and have explains things. This is not something new in this country as hundred of cities here allow chickens. She does not know why we are struggling so hard in the City of Muncie to join the rest of the world. This is where the world is moving, what people want and what the generation now wants. She feels for the

comment regarding the Animal Shelter kicking the can down the road because it feels like people are nitpicking (at this point). Mrs. Fruitt recalls emailing all of the council members and explains that they have tried to put it all out there. They have had a doctor, professors, a registered dietician and all sorts of educated people come up here and say this is not a danger to our city and is not going to harm people. Yes, there are concerns, just like any other animal. The reasons to not have chickens should be the reasons to not have most of the animals that are allowed in the city right now. It is a chicken. When was the last time you heard someone being killed by a chicken? She just doesn't understand. She asks if there is anything that she can do, bring to light or answer? She wants everyone to be happy. She just feels like it is to the point where people are stomping on other people's freedom. She recalls hearing a rooster from her house almost every day. The city is loaded with chickens and people are fine with it. She lives at least 2 blocks from that rooster and can hear it from her house. The owner, however, says that her neighbors don't have a problem with it and love it. Yet, she is breaking the law. Isn't it sad this day in age that you have to smuggle in chickens? You have to break the law and smuggle in something as simple as a chicken all because you want to know where your food comes from or whatever reason. Mrs. Fruitt wants to share a story. She recently ran a Facebook group that a lot of these proponents are on, as well as a few council members, and she went to a person's house that has chickens. That woman lives outside the city limits and is a total supporter. You can not believe these chickens. She has never seen a better set-up and these are the best kept chickens she has ever seen. That woman told her a story about how it is illegal to have chickens across the street. This is a hospice care situation. The woman's son is in hospice care, as he doesn't have much time to live and she decided to get him chickens. It is a type of project and something to do because he is at the end and needs something positive to keep him going. Of all the things in the world, she chose chickens. Think of all the things you could have chose to set up for your son in his last days and she gets chickens. The neighbor next door is over there everyday beating on their door. She claims the neighbor says the chickens don't bother her and you can't smell them. That has already been proven. If some of the people in attendance tonight were to peek over their fence, they may be shocked to see chickens there. Even though this neighbor knew this person was in hospice care, she is over there everyday complaining and complaining. It is legal there. That just saddens her. She feels like the supporters are being beat on over something that just seems like common sense. How is there any wrong in it? There is nothing but positive things that come out of it. She truly begs everyone, including the Mayor, to go back and watch the meetings, hear people's point of view, listen to the professionals and read the emails. The people want it, not everyone wants it but that is why we are America. Not everyone has to want something for us to be able to do it. That is what is so great and what we fought for. That is why we are America. She begs the council to please vote to pass this, even if they don't want chickens. Just because it is the American way. You don't want to take anybody else's freedom away, especially when it is not going to hurt you.

Elizabeth Edgell, Muncie, Indiana 47304, reminds the council that they have a Department Head here saying, repeatedly, over and over again that they are not ready, capable, willing or set-up to handle this. This will be at a cost to that department. Never has she seen a Department Head come here and get so little recognition for what they go through. Last November/December, she sat here while that department asked the outgoing council for help because they were drowning. If we can't take care of the pets we already make them responsible for and she finds it very unfair to smear something that they are not prepared, at all, to do. She recalls going out and touring the Animal Shelter at the first of the year because she wanted to see for herself what was going on out there. They were packed and there wasn't a square inch to put another animal. You are expecting them to take everyone's wants and desires (which amounts to around 600 people) and make this man (Director Browning) deal with it. These people are already breaking the code and most of them already have chickens. That is the other thing. It's the truth, not whether she agrees or disagrees. A previous speaker stood up here and outright said she has already had them. She is just saying because Director Browning gave up part of his own salary to help make the Shelter run. They don't even have room for the chickens they come across and have to take care of now. Fiscal financial responsibility. It is the council's job. This is adding more to the plate and it is not the right time. She is not saying she is against it at all. Until they can get the department straight, it is really unfair to put more on them. If you have questions about that, she suggests going out and touring the facility to see for yourself.

Councilman Robinson wants to remind everyone that in February, the council unanimously approved res. 6-20 which provided additional funding to the Animal Shelter. The Shelter has had the full support of the council since the beginning of the year and will continue moving forward. Just because they don't directly answer those questions or concerns doesn't mean that they don't have that support. They think Mr. Browning is doing a wonderful job.

Paula Shockley, N. Milton, as she has stated before, explains if we need to fund the Animal Shelter then we need to fund the Animal Shelter but this is a basic right that we need. We have advocated for, spoken out and taken care of all the misnomers and fearmongering. She thinks the council needs to vote yes for chickens but if the Animal Shelter needs funded, we need to fund it.

President Polk wants to remind everyone that this is only for introduction tonight. If it does get introduced, they will be voting on it next month.

Audie Barber has one more comment and refers to the fearmongering. He doesn't want the council thinking that fearmongering is that people will not move to the City of Muncie because of chickens. There was a previous speaker that stated that she moved here knowing that she couldn't have chickens. He doesn't want that to be a fearmonger and he doesn't want the sympathy of a dying child or dying person to weigh in on this decision of the council. However, he does feel sorry for the person that is passing away. This, though, affects the whole City of Muncie. Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Dishman, Clark, Robinson and Ivy) 5 nays (Polk, Davis, Dudley, Ingram and Smith). DENIED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 15-20 A RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS (BEECH GROVE CEMETERY). A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Dudley to Adopt.

Mike Miller, Beech Grove Cemetery Superintendent, is willing to answer any questions anyone may have.

Councilman Dudley explains that most of his people are out there at Beech Grove Cemetery so he goes out there quite frequently. He just wants to say that Mr. Miller and his staff do an amazing job out there.

President Polk refers to the (taking away money for) the Mowers & Vehicles line item and asks how many the cemetery has and how many are in working order. Mr. Miller states all 7 of their mowers are running. Polk asks if that is enough. Mr. Miller explains they will have to buy some more but hopefully after going over things with the Controller to rearrange their budget and get some line items properly funded so that they won't have to move money around quite as often. Some things have not been funded properly and this will allow them to get those things funded. The second part of Polk's question is what consists of the Other Services & Charges line item. Mr. Miller explains before Memorial Day, they bring in a trimming crew to help get the trimming down and ready for the spring/summer season. Also, people tend to frequently hit the outer wall in their vehicles and the cemetery has to pay to get that repaired since they rarely collect from the drivers for a variety of reasons. Since they don't really have a specific fund just for that, they take it out of Other Services & Charges. They have worked with the City Attorney on it and everything. Sometimes they have some success but mostly do not. Also, there is a gentleman that opens and closes the gates at night and in the morning on Saturdays and Sundays when the rest of the employees do not work. There, again, is no line item for that but costs about \$2,600 a year.

Councilman Smith, being a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, refers to the program Beech Grove puts on regarding Veteran's Day and states that is greatly appreciated. Mr. Miller thanks in return and comments Memorial Day has a very good turnout, as well.

Councilwoman Davis comments not that Mr. Miller has been praised enough but she just wants to add that working for the Trustee's office and doing indigent burials, Beech Grove has been significant in making sure that those families are served well and she appreciates that. They get treated no different than any other family and she thanks him for all that he is doing for that office and burials, as well. Questions called.

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

RES. 16-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT PRAIRIE CREEK RESERVOIR.

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

Trent Conway, City Controller, explains this is just a formal approval of the financing regarding res. 14-20 (adopted last month). He was not aware that he needed this originally but the bank requires this. Basically, this is council approving the financing and also stating that they will appropriate money for the debt services to make the payments each year. Nothing has really changed from the financing, this is just formal and needed for the bank. Once this is (hopefully) approved, Mr. Conway will send it to the bank and that will be the final piece of information they need.

Councilwoman Davis asks that these payments are coming out of the Prairie Creek budget. Mr. Conway confirms.

President Polk looked at the payment (going out 10 years of \$174,900) and at that interest rate it should be about \$1,754 plus give or take for insurance. He assumes the policy for the City falls under that. Mr. Conway states yes. Polk recalls Conway stating (as they were looking at the property) that there is a renter in there now. Conway corrects him in stating there are 2 renters in there. Polk asks if their rent will cover the payment. Conway states yes and they are hopefully anticipating possibly getting more renters in there in the future.

Councilman Ingram refers to the billboard associated with that property, as well, that will bring in fees. Conway states yes, it is \$1,200 a year but the City also has the opportunity to use it for advertising, as well. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

RES. 17-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNCIE CITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MUNCIE-DELAWARE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

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

Marta Moody, Executive Director of the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission, states the resolution itself is pretty self-explanatory but basically, the Planning Commission is in the process of doing a new comprehensive plan and they have a really great project going where it will be a collaborative process utilizing the Planning Commission, Muncie Action Plan, Next Muncie, City of Muncie, Delaware County and (more recently) Ball State. The Ball State part of this was proposed by Scott Truex who is the Chair of the Urban Planning Department at Ball State. He came up with the idea of utilizing some of the vacant space at the mall for his students to use, his classes and also for the Planning Commission to use for a space for public input (the public could gather and still maintain social distance) and still be able to see different data, graphics and deliverables that will be prepared. It's has a lot of really unique opportunities to that idea. They will also be able to display other things that is going on in the City of Muncie. The possibilities are really endless. The Commission will be redoing the comprehensive zoning and the Muncie Action Plan and the RFP for consulting services was posted today on the American Planning Association's National and Indiana Chapter websites, as well as the Muncie-Delaware County Planning Commission website. The responses are due in in September. As a part of this process they will be having a lot of public input, obviously, but also will come the

creation of a Steering Committee. She offers up that any of the City Council members would like to be a part of the Steering Committee or has input to any part of the process, just let her know. They will be creating that Steering Committee as they move through the process. While doing all of this, she wanted to make it clear that the existing plan, which has reached the end of its life, is still in effect. She knew of some developers that were interested in projects such as the one presented at the beginning of the meeting in the Industry neighborhood. When they make their application to the state for their tax credits, they get rated and are rated on different things like being included in the comprehensive plan. That is why she added on to the resolution that they are reaffirming. The comprehensive plan remains in effect until the new one is adopted. Also, they are adding targeted neighborhoods to include the Industry neighborhood, the Thomas Park/Avondale neighborhood, which includes the 8twelve Coalition, that would allow the developer that is applying for the tax credits to the project discussed earlier be able to say yes, his project is in a neighborhood that is in the comprehensive plan as a targeted neighborhood slated for reinvestment. It all works together.

Councilman Robinson expresses that Ms. Moody does such great work, we are spoiled to have her. Questions called.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Audie Barber states back in December, it was discussed about these meetings lasting so long so the change was made to start the meetings a half hour earlier. He suggests making the change to having 2 meetings per month and believes everyone already spoke about it and was in favor of it. Secondly, he suggests approving a city ordinance (city-wide) to where all the city business meetings be held at nighttime (like Board of Works, Sanitation) so more people can show up to those meetings. There may be 2 or 3 people that are able to come during the day but 15 or 20 people could attend at night. Mr. Barber then refers to the proposal in Heekin Park and states it may be a good thing but he is worried about a food desert, being 20 blocks away from Walmart South. He suggests looking at the Red Carpet Inn site for a project similar to that. Now that the City is in discussion with people about the location constriction, what does this do for the bid/bids/quotes for the demolition of the hotel and the Economic Redevelopment fund? If they are in discussion with people for construction now, that means the construction and demolition has to fall under Davis-Bacon and that opens up another whole can of worms that will have to get answered. He just wants the council to be aware that may be an issue for the City of Muncie and City Council, eventually. In closing, he appreciates everyone being here tonight and for the time he was given.

Stephen Brand, Muncie Sanitary District Board of Directors, states the purpose he is addressing the council this evening is to make them aware of an amended ordinance that he is hoping makes its way onto the September agenda. The history going back to 2015, ord. 16, which was approved by the Board, expanded the regulatory area of the Sanitation District to 4 miles outside the existing city limits. In the last 5 years, there has been a lot of activity around that ordinance but it was submitted to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and recently approved with certain amendments to be considered. That is what the council will hopefully be seeing next month. His only purpose was to proactively communicate and make the council aware of an amended ordinance that they should be seeing next month.

Akilah Nosakhere with the Muncie Public Library Association, wanted to let the council know that they have been working very hard to get the local library in a safe condition, as it relates to COVID-19, so people can start coming back in. Since they closed in March, they have rearranged the inside and in June, re-opened with curbside services. That has been provided at all of the libraries, particularly Kennedy and Maring-Hunt. A month ago, they opened the PC Express, which allows for customers to come in and use the computers inside Maring-Hunt and Kennedy Library (to fill out applications for jobs or anything like that). They also fax documents and make copies, as well. They are looking to open the buildings themselves sometime in September, after Labor Day. That is all she is going to say right now because as it is known, COVID-19 is rising and falling and in Indiana, the numbers are getting bigger. IPL to-go, the curbside service, is working and you can obtain books and documents; computers by appointment or walk-ins are welcome. Once the buildings open, it will be noticed that a lot of the comfortable chairs will be gone. The meeting rooms will be filled with all of the furniture. They want to create an atmosphere that is safe. They want you to come in, get what you need, be able to serve you and then you be on your way. Libraries have traditionally been a place where people will come and sit all day and read their book and enjoy themselves (treating it as if they are in their own living room). In this time during this pandemic, they can not have that kind of atmosphere at the libraries. In September, they will be requiring masks for all customers and staff (employees have been back in the building since May and have all been wearing masks). Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. As she earlier said, no public use of the meetings rooms will be permitted. All physical programs have been suspended until another time and most of the programs are now virtual and online (obtainable 24 hours a day). In house use, used and returned materials will be quarantined for 4 days. If you return something that is due in a few days, don't worry about it because they are not charging fines at this time. She cannot express how much that is affecting their budget. So, they are quarantining materials and cleaning them (though, they did do that before but not as much as they have been since the start of COVID-19). Their proposed hours are from

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Sunday. There will be increased cleaning and sanitation efforts implemented and they have been doing it all along working with the Delaware County Health Department. All throughout the lockdown, they were making masks for the local Health Department. They have tried for funding wherever they can to make sure they have things available for the people that they serve. In closing, she wants to let the council know that they are personally getting their library back! It is not like it was but, again, they are going to be open after Labor Day. She suggests keeping an eye out for the announcement and references some brochures that she physically brought in that are up for taking.

Kimberly Ferguson states she is disappointed in the council members that voted against what she claims the citizens wanted. Secondly, it is the community's job to hold government officials accountable and to not hold their hands. She can be rebuked for saying that it is kicking the can down the road but it is the citizens job to hold you (the council), the Mayor, other government officials and the city budget accountable. Again, it is not our job to hold hands.

Carl Malone, Parks Superintendent, wishes to say one thing. Today, they received some disturbing news regarding our city parks. In Heekin Park, there was a loaded handgun found near Cabin #2. Muncie Police Department was involved and the gun was colorfully painted so thinking about the kids, he prayed that no kids came in contact with it. This city has started to see a major problem with guns in the hands of young people. He doesn't know if this is even the proper setting to be discussing it, but there have been gun initiatives within the city for several, several years. He doesn't recall ever coming into contact with a handgun in a city park. It was found just today and, again, police officers came out and done an investigation on the handgun itself. It was loaded and found in Heekin Park. He just wanted to let the council and city know that we have a major gun problem as it relates to our young people and there may needs to be some sort of task force being looked into to see how far its fallen into the hands of the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Dudley to Adjourn.
A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 nay (Robinson). ADJOURNED.



Brad Polk, President of
the Muncie Common Council



Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of
the Muncie Common Council