

Prior to the meeting, the President asked for a moment of silence for Jim Corso, who passed away earlier this week. Jim was a lifelong friend of Sandusky and the Sandusky City Schools.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Naomi Twine, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk, Kelly Kresser, called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dave Waddington. Commissioners Blake Harris, Naomi Twine and Mike Meinzer were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to excuse Dennis Murray. The President declared the motion passed.

City staff present: Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager and McKenzie Spriggs – Commission Clerk

City staff via teleconference: Trevor Hayberger – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Josh Snyder – Assistant City Engineer, Rick Wilcox – Fire Chief, and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the Minutes of the June 22 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

A presentation was given from Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth and Tracey Campbell, the Interim Senior Director of Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services. Sheriff Sigsworth said he is here because Dennis Murray reached out, via email, regarding a program called CAHOOTS. This program is in another state, and is a local program, where law enforcement and mental health team up to provide crisis intervention services to those in the community experiencing mental health issues. Our local Sheriff's Office has been working with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services and the Mental Health Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties, for several years, planning a similar program here in Erie County. They are looking at a crisis prevention program and to design and implement a program that prevents the crisis from occurring in the first place. The program would include a Deputy Sheriff and a mental health social worker, teamed up, to work throughout the county, 40 hours a week, to check on clients generally referred by the courts. Perhaps individuals on probation who just need to take medication, and follow the guidelines of their mental service provider. There are many people in our community who have those stipulations and requirements. For whatever reason, people stop taking their meds, run out of meds, cannot get their meds back, and we think this team could address those issues before a crisis happens or before it is an emergency situation. We think that can be prevented. Over the last six months, the partners of Bowling Green State University, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services and the Mental Health Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties have compiled statistics to see how effective it could be long term.

Tracey Campbell added they have yet to develop a budget. That is the next step, then they will meet with the boards to see if it can be funded in whole or in part.

Dick Brady asked what kind of funding this takes and where the funding will come from. The Sheriff said we look to the Mental Health and Recovery Board, to hopefully fund the Deputy Sheriff, and Firelands might fund the mental health social worker's position. Tracy Campbell added that they would have to hire a new staff person to fill this role, so this would be a blending of funding from the Mental Health Board and they bill Medicaid when they can, but it would require additional funds. Dick Brady said likely the role Sandusky can currently play is helping shine a very bright light on the opportunity and the present day crisis. It is more economical to divert a crisis than to pay for the aftermath of a crisis, both in monetary terms and human lives. He can understand the patient will feel less threatened with a uniformed officer accompanied by

a mental health expert, and giving them guidance, rather than dealing with someone with a hatchet in the middle of the street.

Sheriff Sigsworth said during the current crisis there can be multiple aspects associated, including danger to other individuals if the person becomes violent. With the crisis prevention program, hopefully we can prevent that, have less victimization, better treatment, and better outcomes for the individual.

Wes Poole said this is a great idea but thinks there could be benefit to all deputies interacting with the social worker/mental health person. He thinks techniques could be learned just from being around this expert.

Dave Waddington said he fully supports the idea and hope it works out.

Dick Brady thought the Sandusky Register might be a good partner at getting the word out.

Sheriff Sigsworth encouraged the commission or community members to reach out to him or Tracey if they have questions or comments about this program.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Darwitt Garrett, via email: [drgarrett25@yahoo.com](mailto:drgarrett25@yahoo.com), requested that his family home at 313 Tiffin Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, not be demolished until after September 1, 2020. There are items in the home that have sentimental value as well as he has many important papers of value that should not be destroyed. By September 1, he and his family will be able to empty the home. He appreciates the commission's consideration. (Item #2)

[s.borzy@yahoo.com](mailto:s.borzy@yahoo.com), stated the western edge of the eastern-most walkway near the water (south of the bridge) at Shoreline Park is collapsing in on itself. There are also deep sink holes from where the bank has been undermined and is falling in on itself. (Item #4)

Tim Schwanger, via email: [schwangers@aol.com](mailto:schwangers@aol.com), stated: 1. The project as proposed may not be sufficient enough to prevent future erosion. By not extending the sheet-pile height, wave action will continue to find a way to undermine the new concrete sidewalk from the land side. 2. Additionally, the east side at the north end of Shoreline Park is eroding as well. Three foot sinkholes have opened along the eastern edge. The plan as proposed does not address this issue. 3. According to the "supporting documents," the cul-de-sac (in major disrepair) may not be part of this project due to funding. There appears to be significant dollars in the Parks and Recreation Fund. Please consider expanding the scope of this project addressing the above concerns by combining CDBG Funds and Parks and Recreation funds. (Item #4)

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**The President asked if the commissioners wished to remove any of the items on the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to do so.**

#### **A. Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist**

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR ONE PARCEL THROUGH LAND BANK PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with these purchase agreements is the total amount of the recording and transfer fees, survey and legal descriptions and deed preparation. Any such costs shall be recouped by the City from the nonrefundable earnest money deposits required to be paid by Purchasers upon sale. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting real property taxes in the amount of approximately \$120.00 per year.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-094](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel No. 59-01187.000, located at 530 Clinton Street, Sandusky is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**B. Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist**

**PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR ONE HALF OF ONE PARCEL THROUGH LAND BANK PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with these purchase agreements is the total amount of the title examination, recording and transfer fees, survey and legal descriptions and deed preparation. Any such costs shall be recouped by the City from the nonrefundable earnest money deposits required to be paid by Purchasers upon sale. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting real property taxes in the amount of approximately \$80.00 per year.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-095](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that a portion of certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel No. 58-01145.000, located on Harrison Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**C. Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

**AMENDING 2020 BUDGET TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to correct Scrivener's error.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-096](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Ordinance No. 20-058, passed on March 23, 2020, making general appropriations for the fiscal year 2020; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

**APPROVAL OF ERIE COUNTY TAX BUDGET**

**Budgetary Information:** The tax budget will establish initial funding for 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. [027-20R](#):** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the tax budget for the city of Sandusky for the calendar year 2021; authorizing the submission of the tax budget to the Erie County Auditor; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**E. Submitted by Joshua Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL FOR RUNOFF REDUCTION THROUGH STRATEGIC TREE PLANTING PROJECT (DEDUCT)**

**Budgetary Information:** The original contract with Barnes Nursery, including the First Change order was \$123,176.05. With this deduct, the total contractual amount spent was \$122,599.30.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-097](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to approve the second and final change order for work performed by Barnes Nursery, Inc.; of Huron, Ohio, for the runoff reduction through strategic tree planting project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

**F. Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk**

**TRANSFER OF LIQUOR PERMIT FOR MORAN FOODS, LLC DBA SAVE A LOT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact for this item.

The city is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new C2 (*wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out*) liquor permit for Moran Foods LLC dba Save A Lot #8084, 709 West Perkins Avenue. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Division the City does not request a hearing on this matter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances and resolutions as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in full accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances or resolutions whether they be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permit transfers contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the city charter.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM #1 - Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

#### **CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR FY 2020 WITH ANGELA BYINGTON FOR CDBG ADMINISTRATION**

**Budgetary Information:** Ms. Byington will be paid at the rate of \$75 per hour, with a cap of 200 hours, which will set a not to exceed amount of \$15,000. The cost of this contract will be paid with CDBG administration grant dollars. This contract can be terminated at any time, by either party, with a thirty (30) day-notice to the other party.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-098:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a consulting contract with Angela Byington for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the end of calendar year 2020; and declaring this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole said he is having problems with this concept. \$75/hour is way more than we should be paying an individual who ran the entire department for much less than that amount, per hour. This does not make sense to him. He asked if we bid the job, and referenced the employee we laid off two months ago who used to do this job.

Eric Wobser responded saying we did receive three (3) quotes for this, including Angie Byington's. The other two quotes were for \$115/hour and \$165/hour. \$75/hour does seem like a lot for a staff person, and it is. It is more than anyone on city staff makes on an hourly basis. But for consultants, it is a low range for what someone would charge per hour. In addition the price being \$40/hour lower than the next lowest bid, it is important to note Angie has some specific knowledge on what we are doing, having been the director of that department and we needed to move quickly to spend down CDBG appropriately and quickly, as we are in our program year and we have received \$400,000 in CARES Act Stimulus money and we have heard from HUD it is possible that we will receive even more money. Therefore we went with Angie Byington because she has knowledge of the department and our program already, she came in significantly less, and she is able to hit the ground running. It is important to note the contract is capped in its duration and at a cost of \$15,000 as the total amount we could expend. This is truly an interim step, and we have already posted a position that will assume these duties as well as others, full time.

Dave Waddington said he agrees with the city manager. This amount is a little high, but we have a quality person who is going to take this on and complete the program.

Wes Poole said this job was done by someone we laid off less than two months ago for probably \$25/hour and did other duties full time. He asked who these other two people are who submitted quotes, where they came from and how we bid this job out. A job that we pay \$20-\$25/hour to do, encompassing much more than this narrow framework of work. The person who supervised this and now gets double to do the same work does not make sense to him. CDBG funds are distributed throughout the country, it is not like this is something no one has any experience

with. The concept that it is a consultant does not make the work worth twice the value. The idea that an employee doing the work before, leaving a job, and now being paid twice the amount, does not make sense to him and he is going to vote no.

Mike Meinzer said he was a little alarmed at the \$75/hour when he first saw it but then he saw the cap. It is important to note the combined salaries of the two employees we lost were likely \$160,000/year; plus health benefits, Medicare, job and family services, workers compensation, etc. and \$15,000 starts to sound like a good value to get this job done.

Wes Poole said we lost \$160,000 worth of work and it is not a good comparison.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

**PERMISSION TO BID CDBG FY20 – DEMO PROJECT #1**

**Budgetary Information:** The total estimated cost for this project including advertising and miscellaneous expenses will exceed \$10,000. The cost for all eight (8) of the demolitions will be paid with FY20 Community Development Block Grant Funds. A tax lien will be placed upon the properties for the costs of asbestos abatement and demolition for those properties not owned by the City.

**RESOLUTION NO. [028-20R](#):** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed CDBG FY20 Demolition Project #1; and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Blake Harris, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington asked if Matt Lasko could respond to the email from Mr. Garrett.

Matt Lasko said to clarify, this batch of properties we are seeking permission to go out to bid for does not include 313 Tiffin Avenue. The commission approved a contract with Ed Burdue several meetings ago for the demolition of that property. That site is already under contract and is not included in this most recent batch. We will still need to issue a 10 day notification to the Ohio EPA, so we have some ability to control the notice to commence. We can work with Mr. Garrett to remove items from the property in a reasonable amount of time. Our Code Compliance department can work with Mr. Garrett to get his belongings.

Naomi Twine asked how long the property has been inaccessible to Mr. Garrett.

Matt Lasko said he does not believe the property has been inaccessible. He just needs permission to access the property, so if anyone sees him inside, he in essence has a permission slip granting him access. He is allowed to access it whenever he would like to, so long as he has that slip allowing him in the condemned property which we are more than willing to do. We can also work with the contractor, Ed Burdue, and ask him to put that at the end of his list of projects to complete.

Mike Meinzer wanted to clarify that this has been through the housing appeals process and Mr. Garrett has had the opportunity to go to the courts to stop this demolition. Quite a time period has passed, but we still want to give the opportunity to get his valuables out of the home.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

**Budgetary Information:** The \$1,400,000 pay down of the Urban Renewal Notes will be paid from the Urban Renewal Debt Retirement fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-099:** It is requested an ordinance be passed providing for the issuance and sale of Urban Renewal Revenue Bonds pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 725.05 (C), in the maximum principal amount of \$7,700,000, for the purpose of paying costs of city urban renewal project activities in the Bayfront Urban Revitalization Area, which such urban renewal bonds will also be considered bonds of the city under Section 13, Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution to pay costs of projects that create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the city and its residents and the state of Ohio; providing for pledge for that purpose of certain nontax revenues; establishing certain funds of the city; approving related documents and declaring an emergency.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole requested clarification on what the certificate is. Kelly Kresser said every bond ordinance that the commission passes, in her entire tenure here, must have the fiscal officer's certificate accepted prior to the ordinance, and it must be on record for the legislation to be valid. This is not a new thing, it just has not happened for a while.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate passed.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Michelle Reeder said this is for the urban renewal bonds. We did a temporary urban renewal last year in July, which matures in July of 2020. This renews it and we are looking to go out for 15 years.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-100:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing declarations of official intent under U.S. Treasury regulations with respect to reimbursements from proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations of temporary advances made for payments prior to issuance, and related matters, and declaring an emergency.

**Upon a motion of Blake Harris and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #4 – Submitted by Joshua Snyder, Assistant City Engineer  
PERMISSION TO BID SHORELINE PARK EROSION CONTROL PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The engineer's estimated cost of the project including engineering, inspection, advertising, construction, and miscellaneous costs is \$96,710, which is coming from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. [029-20R](#):** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Shoreline park Erosion Control Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Blake Harris, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Josh Snyder addressed the audience participation question. The intent is not the raise the entire park. There will be wave action that breaches the piling as it exists. However this project will have sloped concrete from the top of the sheet piling to the benches, on the western-most finger, which is at a higher elevation than the piling. The slope will make it tough for waves to get up to that height, and he does not believe there is evidence of water reaching those benches or pavers, even amidst the high water. That is the level where the walkway will be run, connecting these benches. Backing that walkway is a drainage system. Any concerns of waves splashing beyond where they have this spring will be intercepted by a drainage system, then piped back into the bay. The engineering department is confident we have a couple safeguards to lessen or minimize the chance of erosion. Keep in mind, according to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers the high water events we are seeing are cyclical and happen once every 30 years. Hopefully what we are seeing now is an anomaly. Even that being the case, we feel we have safeguards designed in the project.

The project scope addresses the north east corner of the park. We wrap the walkway and this paved area wraps the north east corner approximately 50 feet and returns southward from the corner. Similarly, it has back up drainage piping to intercept any water that does breach the new paved area, in prevention of future erosion there. But note, Mr. Schwanger is correct, we did not continue it all the way along the eastern most portion. That is where the least amount of damage has been done and by most observations has the least amount of pedestrian activity. We do not need to do more to address it, but it is not addressed specifically in this project.

Dick Brady asked if it is fair to say this is not a comprehensive fix-all for the property. He sees the cost is \$97,000, and recognizes we do not get a lot for that amount of money. We are still pinching pennies.

John Snyder added we have an alternate bid of paving the cul-de-sac, which we would love to do since we know it needs to be paved. This is not the solution for the entire park either.

Wes Poole said he met with Mr. Snyder prior to the meeting and clarified his comments dealt with Mr. Borzy's email.

Josh Snyder said he was actually addressing Mr. Schwanger's email. But to address Mr. Borzy's email, he did visually inspect both boardwalks this morning but could not find evidence of what he was describing. The bridges are in good shape and the bridge abutments are in good shape. Everything people walk on is sound. Undoubtedly there has been some wash from the high waters this spring, but nothing that would prevent pedestrian access.

Wes Poole wanted to reiterate Mr. Snyder looked at this area. Mr. Snyder has photos of the area Mr. Borzy discussed, and ultimately found it was adequate. Wes Poole asked Josh Snyder to illuminate some of the other problems he saw when looking at the site.

Josh Snyder said in the westernmost approach to the western bridge (near the middle finger) of Shoreline Park there has been some undermining of the sidewalk approach to that bridge. It is not anything that cannot be repaired with some stone and/or concrete. There is nothing structurally affecting the bridge, and there is nothing imminent that we cannot address with staff.

Wes Poole thanked Mr. Borzy for his email and thanked Josh Snyder for taking the time to go walk through, and when he did not find what Mr. Borzy described, he walked through the rest of the area. This is the type of work we should be doing for citizens and he appreciates the effort.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Joshua Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**AWARDING WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FERROUS CHLORIDE SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT TO MOSSER CONSTRUCTION**

**Budgetary Information:** The total construction cost of the project is \$659,582.93, to be paid with Sewer Funds, with a portion reimbursed by Erie County, pursuant to the Sewer Services Agreement.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-101](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract with Mosser Construction Inc.; of Fremont, Ohio, for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Ferrous Chloride System Rehabilitation Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Blake Harris, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dick Brady asked Josh Snyder if the numbers have gotten better and if he could explain how it happened.

Josh Snyder explained this item was re-bid from what we had done this fall. During the fall, we attracted only one interested bidder, who was greater than our 10% allowance. We went back to the drawing board--redefined the scope of the project, sharpened up what we were looking for, and extended the completion date. The combination of those three items brought the bidding from \$850,000 range for the same project, to where we are at today, \$650,000 range.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director**

**PURCHASE OF ASHALT FROM ERIE MATERIALS, INC.**

**Budgetary Information:** The budgeted costs for asphalt materials for 2020 as approved in the O&M budget and CDBG annual action plan are split between the various funds accordingly. Final expenditures will be based on actual repairs in the field:

Capital, via CDBG	\$55,448.21
Sewer Maintenance O&M	10,000.00
Water Distribution O&M	33,000.00
Street Division O&M	<u>27,500.00</u>
	\$125,948.21

A portion of the O&M budgets has already been expended to purchase maintenance materials via the temporary appropriations. Additional purchases from Erie Materials, Inc. would require additional approval from City Commission.



**ORDINANCE NO. [20-102](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to expend funds to Erie Materials, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for asphalt and paving material to be supplied for in-house street repairs and projects in calendar year 2020; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dick Brady said typically this item is on the consent agenda, but considering the dollar amount, he asked it be placed on the regular agenda today. He said we have been pinching pennies throughout this situation, but we need to let our residents know we will be spending \$126,000 on blacktop in the coming year. It is not an insignificant amount of money, and we wish it was twenty times that amount. We eat an elephant one bite at a time, and we will buy this blacktop and our employees will put it down.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #7 – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager and Michelle Reeder, Finance Director  
AGREEMENT WITH KRONOS WORKFORE READY SOFTWARE FOR EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost for this Software as a Service agreement is charged per active employee (250) monthly, with a total cost over a 36-month period of \$101,575 (setup fee included). This will be paid with funds from the I.T. Department operating budget in the amount of \$50,787.50, by the Water Fund in the amount of \$25,393.75, and by the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$25,393.75.

**ORDINANCE NO. [20-103](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Kronos Saashr, Inc. of Branchburg, New Jersey for the Kronos workforce ready cloud based application for employee management for use by the Human Resources Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Blake Harris, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Upon a motion from Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a large donation to the Police and Fire Departments, including: 50 chicken sandwich coupons from Chick-Fil-A, 60 gift certificates for a 12" one topping pizza from Faith Church who has partnered with Chet & Matt's Pizza, Valley Ford Huron who donated a remote control police cruiser (value of \$300), 47 gift certificates for a 12" one topping pizza from Faith Church who has partnered with Chet & Matt's Pizza, \$300.00 from an anonymous donor for the Fire Department to use as they see fit, and \$750.00 from Towboat Maine LLC. The President declared the motion passed.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept the donation of \$15,120 to proceed with lighting upgrades for the**

**Boy with the Boot Fountain in Washington Park, on behalf of the Friends of the Greenhouse.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said the Friends of the Greenhouse obtained this funding to proceed with the lighting upgrade for the Boy with the Boot fountain in Washington Park. Grant funds have been received from the Dorn Foundation Impact Fund through the Erie County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,170 and the remaining amount of \$9,950 was recently approved by the Mylander Foundation. The Friends have contracted All Phase Power and Lighting, Inc. to perform the installation of Rexel DMX Color Changing fixtures for this project that will preserve and enhance community pride of a valued icon while enhancing visitors' impression of Sandusky. It is anticipated that work will be completed sometime this summer. Dick Brady said this city runs on the backs of volunteers, and the **Friends of the Greenhouse** have a history of applying and being awarded grants that make dramatic improvements to the city. We thank them for this donation and past ones. He said he had an interesting request from them recently. They requested to informally have a commissioner attend their meetings, so they have a better way to communicate to this table. **They requested Commissioner Dave Waddington and he has accepted.**

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept in-kind donations of:**
  - **Bill and Barb Biehl: 45 bags of mulch and 11 pavers, valued at \$126.00**
  - **Mary Jane Hahler: 11 bags of mulch, valued at \$40.00**
  - **Friends of the Greenhouse: Bags of mulch, valued at \$288.00**
  - **Judy Todi: A concrete bench for the Sunken Garden in Washington Park, valued at \$50**

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- **Lt. Dana Newell worked his last day with the Police Department on July 9.** Chief Orzech wanted to share Lt. Newell has worked for department for 25 years and is a very proud hometown Sandusky Blue Streak. He had a great career with a vast number of duties throughout his career as an officer, detective, narcotics detective, SRO, Detective Bureau Commander and shift Lieutenant. Lt. Newell will be greatly missed because he always had a connection and pulse on the community and strived to make lives better each day for the citizens. He worked extremely close with the newer officers over the last several years and has been a mentor to many. Thanks to Dana for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the department and community.

Eric Wobser added he has been fortunate to get to know Dana Newell over the last six years. At times he would ask Dana to share insight on the community and its pulse on topics, and Dana was always willing to share his insights and will be greatly missed. He will remain in town and active in the community, and we wish him all the best.

- Officer **Lucas Rospert** just completed his fifth year with the Police Department but has resigned effective July 9. He is moving out of state for another opportunity. We thank him for his years of service and wish him well on his new adventures.
- The next **Audit/Finance Committee** meeting will be Friday, July 17 at 8 am.
- The **municipal income tax filing deadline has been extended until July 15, 2020.**
- The City will no longer have an employee available to assist with filing municipal income taxes. For income tax assistance, residents can contact the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) at 1-800-860-7482 or visit their website, [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). Tax payments can also be made at the Customer Accounting Office at City Hall located at

240 Columbus Avenue.

- **Orin McMonigle's** last day as the superintendent of Big Island Water Works was July 9. While Orin has managed operation of water services since 2015 and strengthened relationships with surrounding communities and stakeholders, his intelligence and meticulous eye for detail has ensured great tasting drinking water for all, as well as compliance with EPA regulations and crucial upgrades to various infrastructure and technology. We wish him well in his new position in Painesville.
- On a related note, congratulations to **Bill Burch, Jr. for his promotion** to Assistant Superintendent of water services.
- **Shoreline Drive opened to two-way traffic on July 2.** Motorists will experience two significant changes. The width has been reduced and the intersection at Hancock and Shoreline Drive is now a three-way stop. Both items were designed this way as part of a traffic calming measure to help with slowing down vehicular traffic to create a more friendly and safe traveling environment for pedestrians and cyclists.
- To minimize traffic delays, **ODOT worked very hard to complete resurfacing and striping between the east corporation limit and Butler Street prior to the opening of Cedar Point.** They will continue to resurface through Jackson Street over the coming weeks.
- **Forestry staff have successfully completed storm clean-up throughout the city.** Residents with questions or concerns about damaged trees are encouraged to call 419.627.5829. Now that this is complete, we are reminding residents to not leave tree branches in the right-of-way; rather, they may take them to Barnes Nursery on Camp Road in Huron.
- In 2020, **Ohio Edison will be using PennLine tree service to perform forestry operations along the Cedar Point Chaussee.** The program includes inspecting vegetation near the overhead power lines to ensure the trees are pruned in a manner that helps preserve the health of the tree while also maintaining safety near electric facilities. Trees that present a danger or are diseased may be removed. The work is conducted by certified forestry experts under the company's direction. Property owners are encouraged to contact Ohio Edison at 1-800-633-4766 prior to making arrangements for any private tree services each year.
- The City was notified by **Norfolk and Southern that they will be closing various tracks** for the tie and surfacing team to complete work the week of July 20. The following tracks will be closed for approximately two to three days:
  - Olds Street
  - Mills Street
  - Campbell Street
  - Pipe Street
  - Remington Avenue
- The regular **Planning Commission** meeting for July 22 is scheduled at 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting for July 16 is scheduled for 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Landmark Commission** meeting has been rescheduled to July 14 at 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Public Arts and Culture Commission** meeting for July 21 is scheduled for 5:15 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dick Brady asked Eric Wobser to provide the commission with an **explanation detailing a letter received from State Representative DJ Swearingen which was upsetting to many commissioners** and may have come as a shock.

Eric Wobser said he was surprised by Rep. Swearingen's letter to the commission because he had not spoken to him directly about that topic. As background, we do advocacy work each year, which we build into the contractual services line item. We have worked since 2017 with Capitol Partners on projects to get funding at the state and federal level. Projects include \$800,000 for the Bowling Green State University Hospitality and Management School with Cedar Fair, funding for the Jackson Street Pier, and various projects related to the Sandusky Bay Pathway. It has been a successful relationship. For 2020, the funds had been built in to work with Capitol Partners with the Sandusky Bay Pathway as our primary project, but when **Coronavirus hit and budget challenges became glaring**, we looked to redirect them to help us look for revenue enhancements at either the state or federal level. They pitched various ideas to us throughout the process, one of those was what the letter was about. This concept looked at how we could enhance revenue on a local basis which turned out to not be feasible, and we are okay with. We have all benefitted from that work in the past and we will continue to look at various options to bring revenue in to the city and get through the difficult times that we face.

Dick Brady said when looking at the letter from our State Representative, it would give the appearance that that concept was way down stream. When in fact, it was nowhere near the starting gate and asked if that is correct.

Eric Wobser said he actually had not discussed this directly with Senator Gavarone or Representative Swearingen. Capitol Partners had broached this topic among several others and said here is one option that is built off of something Erie County had done during the last recession, which was to pass a sales tax for a three (3) year period with a sunset, and whether that could be an option for Sandusky. It looks like Representative Swearingen felt that was not something he could support at this time. We hope to continue the conversations with him and others as we look to find other revenue or as stimulus dollars become available in the future.

Wes Poole read the letter into the record:

"Dear Sandusky City Commission,

Recently, the City's lobbyists (Capitol Partners), on behalf of the City of Sandusky, requested that I introduce legislation authorizing the City Commission to levy a .5% income tax increase over a 3 year period. While I have nothing but good things to say about the professional advocacy Capitol Partners provides on behalf of the City, I cannot satisfy this request for two primary reasons.

First, from a practical perspective, the legislature is meeting only sporadically over the summer and this likely would not garner serious consideration until late in the fall. That timeline likely presents a problem. Second, I firmly believe that if there is to be an income tax increase in the City, the voters should decide that issue on the November ballot.

I realize the strain on our community in light of recent events. There have been several steps that I have taken to begin alleviating that strain. I have delivered a letter to Governor DeWine signed by hundreds of area businesses and authored by Lake Erie Shores and Islands requesting increased investment in our region from JobsOhio because of COVID. I have also had similar conversations myself with JobsOhio directly with regard to how we can create good-paying jobs with benefits for our constituents. While there was uncertainty early on surrounding Cedar Point, our area water parks, and the many impacted businesses and workers, I introduced an amendment to safely open water parks and amusement parks.

I have also introduced a bill which recently passed the house allowing bars and restaurants to safely expand their outdoor and delivery services as there are many in our area. Finally, I

introduced an amendment to issue State bonds so that infrastructure and school facilities projects can continue to be funded by the State. The legislature, through other pieces of legislation, has also taken other steps to lessen the burden due to COVID.

I look forward to our continued efforts together toward making Sandusky a great place to live.

All the best,  
DJ Swearingen  
Ohio State Representative  
District 89”

Dave Waddington said he was surprised Friday night and did not know this issue was being looked at. He would never take citizen’s rights away and vote or pass a half percent increase as a commission body. He did not think it was fair or right and asked if there was more to it and Eric Wobser cleaned that up a bit. It was a sting over the weekend to accept that, and he did not know if we have moving parts that the commission was not aware of.

Naomi Twine said she too was surprised by the correspondence and felt blindsided and kept out of the loop. She said she did not appreciate it. She does not support taking away our citizens rights to determine an income tax increase. She is not pleased with the misunderstanding about what Capitol Partners was doing or was asked to do. She was not aware and hopes the situation does not happen again.

Mike Meinzer said he was alarmed by the letter but understands that we have a contract with the lobbyists. The \$10,000 contract, a line item in our books, allows them to lobby for everything and they have brought a lot of money into this city. If they were successful, which he doubts they would have been, it would have come back to the floor and we all would have voted on it. He does not think it would have gone through at that point; four commissioners would not have voted to pass an income tax levy without the public having any input. He appreciates the job Capitol Partners does and all the money they brought into this community, but said they probably do not have the relationship to know how that would go over here.

Blake Harris echoed what his commissioners said and agrees with much of what had been said.

Eric Wobser said he wanted to respond to some of the comments made. He had a discussion with several commissioners about our efforts to find new revenue for the city, and look at different options. For every 10 conversations he has regarding opportunities for the city, only one of those makes it to conversations with city commissioners because most of them prove infeasible. Those types of conversations, before we get things back to the commission, have led to some of the successes and ribbon cuttings that the commission has participated in and benefitted from. Rep. Swearingen brought this to the commission very prematurely and he looks forward to discussing that with him. He said there is nothing the staff could have done to fill what is a very real \$7M budget gap this year. We are leaving no rock unturned, but there is nothing we can or will do without coming back to this commission first. He likes to think he has built up a strong enough relationship over the last six years that they would trust him to bring things at an appropriate time. Those relationships are going to be critical to continue working together in positive ways.

Naomi Twine said she appreciates Eric’s response, the work he has done and what he continues to do. What she did not appreciate was there was some type of communication where the State Representative felt like the commission was requesting this ask, when they did not. That is what she does not want to happen again: a miscommunication about what this commission is about and what they request. She has confidence in Eric’s ability to do the things he has done and to keep the relationships he has established, but this is an important piece to what the commission does. Yes, we have budget issues but one of our state legislators assumed all of the commission is making an ask in that manner. She wants that communication to be clear—whether it is one commissioner making the ask, or two commissioners, it is something all the commission needs to be made aware of.

Wes Poole said he thinks there is a misunderstanding as to what city manager can do. This was a request of a State Representative on the commission's behalf to start state legislation, and the commission did not ask them to do that. The manager, being under the impression that it was okay, to commission that and pay \$10,000 in order to make that happen, is what is wrong. The misunderstanding, the commission not communicating what they expect to be done. Raising taxes is not an operational action, city manager's make sure the trains run on time. Where the train goes and how we finance it is done from this table. The decision to ask the taxpayers or anyone to raise the taxes on the citizens of Sandusky starts at this table, it does not start with staff. We are going to get through this and he is perfectly comfortable that it was a mistake that the commission is at least 50% responsible for, for not being clear what is and is not acceptable. Perhaps more discussion needs to be done to make clear that this does not happen again. Rep. Swearingen did the only thing he thought to do, answer our request. The premature and all that is nonsense. He was asked to do something that he could not do, by us the city commission, and he replied to us.

Mike Meinzer said things have gotten really twisted in the last couple conversations. He agrees with Naomi Twine, however, and said Mr. Poole just blamed everything on Mr. Wobser. When he first heard of the \$10,000 contract, he was alarmed. The \$10,000 is a contractual obligation that brings money into the community. To back up what Mr. Wobser said, this man's brain is firing 100 miles per minute and every time he (Mike) sits down to talk with him, he brings up a brainstorming session. He lists so many ways and options to make the city better. He does not agree with Wes Poole that this was solely Mr. Wobser's idea to push this forward. He tends to believe this is a lobbyist group earning their money and pushing many things through. He also does not believe it would have passed. Perhaps Swearingen who is an "R" and is going through an election year, sent this to us to get a little bit of attention and we should look at the whole picture.

Dick Brady said policy is always going to start and finish at the commission table. Mr. Wobser understands that clearly and the city has been wildly successful in the last several years because we have been aggressive and we have thrown lots of stuff against the wall. Not all of it has stuck. This one obviously did not stick. Someone got ahead of themselves, whether us, the lobbyist, or our Representative. But we are not going to take away the ability for Eric Wobser be aggressive. He is not going to take away the things that have made us successful to this point. We need to be aggressive and we need to communicate too. Perhaps this is a failure to communicate and we can all get better at that.

Dave Waddington requested to put this to bed and move on.

Wes Poole responded to Mike Meinzer saying it is not about blame, it is about identifying what occurred and making sure it does not happen again. We can simply ask Mr. Wobser if Capitol Partners was in breach of the contract as they cannot take action without our approval. Since none of the commissioners were involved in this, apparently, that leaves Eric. If they were in breach of contract, we should address that and maybe get a refund. We can put this to bed when we have a clear view of what went on and asked why we would spend \$10,000 on something we do not want and would vote down. He cannot follow the basis of Mr. Meinzer's observations.

Mike Meinzer replied he is 100% in support of Mr. Wobser. He works hard every day trying to make sure this city gets on track. This city declined for over 40 years, and this man considers every way to make the city better. Maybe Eric made some bad decisions, we all have, but he does not think this is the case. This is a small portion of what we pay the lobbyist group for, it is not \$10,000 to approach a state legislator about an income tax, this is a lobbyist group working to get us money in lots of ways. Do not put this on Mr. Wobser's back.

Wes Poole asked Eric to clear this up, either they are in breach of contract, doing something we did not ask them to do, or we asked them to do it. That should answer Mr. Meinzer's question.

Eric Wobser said the contract with Capitol Partners stated very generally that they would try to assist bridging our budget deficit by doing advocacy at the state and federal level to attract new revenue to the city. This is one of several ideas they threw out. It is the only one our State Representative decided to comment on directly back to the commissioners without responding to Capitol Partners or him directly. It has been pointed out this is a tough campaign year and he thinks the commission has walked into a conversation that is exactly the conversation they wanted us to have. He has been instructed to aggressively look for funding and wanted to clarify this is one of very many options we have looked at as Sandusky is disproportionately impacted based on its reliance on admissions tax from Cedar Point which will be significantly down this year. He stands by our actions and said they have proven successful in the past. He thinks we stepped into a political campaign and that is too bad.

Wes Poole asked Eric Wobser if he recognizes that raising taxes on the citizens of Sandusky is a commission call, not his or lobbyists.

Eric Wobser said he absolutely recognizes that. The reality is he had no authority to enter into any agreement with the state or anyone else without the vote of the city commission. He discussed several options for gaining revenue with the majority of this commission and certainly this would have come back to the commission before anything moved forward.

Blake Harris said with his presence on social media, he sees many individuals sharing false narratives and others basing their opinions off false info or taking other people's words for it. The problem is that our city commission gets questioned as to what it is that we are doing or our overall intentions. Some believe our intentions are not pure. That being said, he encouraged people to play their part in making Sandusky a better place for all of us to live and work. If people have questions, they are encouraged to reach out to their city commissioners, city staff, etc. and to ask questions rather than create a revolving door of false narratives. He also encouraged the community to get involved.

Blake Harris also said he was approached by a 10 year old, miss Zarina, who asked if he is the person in charge of fixing our State Theatre. She hopes it gets rebuilt.

Dave Waddington wanted to broach the topic of recognizing our volunteers, one or two, and having a plaque here at city hall for them. For the first two, he would like to consider Jim Corso who recently passed and Mama Collins. Each year, the commission can get together and recognize the amazing people in our parks, clean ups, etc. that save us a fortune and do a lot of things to help this community. Each July he would like to add to this list. He does not feel we do enough to recognize these people.

Dick Brady asked if the future Commission Clerk McKenzie Spriggs would put something together and bring it back for the commission to address with a formal motion.

Dick Brady said he had the opportunity to present **Mark Fogg with a proclamation** last week, and it was very meaningful to Mr. Fogg. We will not run out of people to acknowledge and we can attempt to recognize as many people who make a difference in this community as we can.

**Upon motion of Mike Meinzer and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to appoint Jade Castile to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021.**

*Discussion:* Dick Brady said this appointment is requested for the Planning Commission to address a vacancy made by Joe Galea. He has spoken with Mike Meinzer who is the Planning Commission liaison. Mike Meinzer said Jade has shown up to many commission meetings and has shown interest in our local government. Dick Brady said Jade Castile is a graduate of Ohio State with a degree in political science and she has worked with the legislature in Columbus. Recently she served on the Charter Review Committee. That can be a bad omen, as many commissioners first served on the charter review and then got roped into running for office. Naomi Twine wanted to sing Jade Castile's praises. She said Jade has shown she is willing to serve

on various boards and she is willing to learn more about the local political process, and involve herself in her community.

Blake Harris said Jade Castile is a prime example of young folks getting involved. He is proud of her taking the initiative and using her voice.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

Mike Meinzer said there was a torrential downpour last Friday. He and his wife went downtown to Shoreline Drive to and the street was flooded half way to his knees. All the scrutiny that the project went under made him nervous. Staff from Police, Fire and Public Works were all there and found the problem immediately which he believes was a test plug in the storm sewer. They relieved the water pressure. Kokosing came on the scene immediately and offered restitution for the damage. So everything went great, was fixed, and this all happened in a half an hour. He just wanted to thank our crews and the contractors.

Dick Brady gave his thanks to the Engineering Department and Director Aaron Klein, and said we have great people ready to pull us out of a fire, at a moment's notice. He has witnessed the quick mobilization in many other instances.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington asked about **delinquent water and sewer bills**, as this was the date we were going to begin shut-offs again. He clarified that Michelle Reeder and her staff will work on a plan and bring it back to the commission, but there will be no shutoffs currently. We do not want to run into another mobile home park being \$260,000 in the hole for this type of situation and said 25% of water users are currently delinquent.

Michelle Reeder said we are working on a plan to figure out what threshold we want to be at. The commissioners will have a say and Eric Wobser asked her to consult the commission before moving forward. No one is on notice to be shut off as of today. We are working on this to get back to our normal procedures of having shutoffs and getting those bills taken care of.

Dave Waddington asked that we extend the no shut-off notice until we have this resolved. Michelle Reeder clarified we send out letters, giving residents 10 days to pay, and we do not have letters scheduled to go out this week.

Dave Waddington asked about the \$500,000 of stimulus money that can go to safety wages, discussed at the last meeting, and where we were at with that.

Dick Brady said he saw a communication that those dollars were going to be spent on safety services.

Eric Wobser said that we have a \$5M reserve, a \$7M deficit in 2020 and a projected \$4M deficit for 2021, and every dollar in stimulus funding is going towards that deficit. They are paying the police and fire staff currently on our books; we are in no position to add any new spending. Unless the city commission directs him to, he would never recommend that as being fiscally prudent.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Mike Meinzer, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.**

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Commission Clerk

Richard R. Brady  
President of the City Commission