

## FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 17, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### ROLL CALL of 2022-2023 Councilmembers:

**PRESENT:** Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser

**ABSENT:** Warnecke

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Councilwoman Warnecke informed him that she would not be in attendance tonight. Councilman Russel moved to excuse Councilwoman Warnecke, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

President of Council Harrington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

### ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Slough moved to accept the May 3, 2022 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

### ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to replace the following on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

#### REPLACEMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 2022-035 (**LEGISLATION** section) – continue Workers Compensation programs.
  - Replace attachment "2023 Group Retrospective Rating Enrollment for Policy #33205102 (dated March 22, 2022)

**PROCLAMATIONS:** none

**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:** none

### PETITIONS:

#### Alley vacation request – portion of Cherry Street

Cassandra Stewart is requesting a vacation of a portion of the north/south alley bounded between Lots 1804 and 1805 in the Gray & Patterson 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition from Cherry Street north to the east/west alley. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee.

#### Petition for Annexation – CR 99 (parcel no. 020001025344) Annexation

A petition for annexation to the City of Findlay filed by Philip Rooney on behalf of Mardic Investments, Ltd. on May 2, 2022. A legal description for said property is attached with the petition. The property requested (parcel No. 020001025344) to be annexed is currently in Allen Township, Hancock County. Referred to Law Director for Resolution of Services legislation. Resolution No. 014-2022 was created. Filed.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

#### Wenda Quanrad – property purchases by City on Taylor and Clinton Ct

Ms. Quanrad asked various questions about the property acquisitions of three (3) properties on Taylor Street properties = *unable to hear the audio livestream of her entire oral communication, therefore unable to transcribe into the minutes*

Discussion:

Councilman Russel replied that Council previously met in Executive Session to discuss a property purchase in which Council gave approval to the Administration to negotiate with property owners for these properties because it was in the best interest of the City to purchase the properties, specifically because the properties are located on the north side of the benching that is going to happen north of the river and east of Main Street. The City hired a company to look at if making it a park next to the side of a river in that area would be a possibility. The City purchasing the properties is on tonight's agenda and has to go through a voting process in which the majority of Councilmembers vote in favor of it, then the properties would be purchased by the City. His opinion of the acquisition during the Executive Session was that due to the properties location, the potential for them would be the greening of their downtown area to have more control of the land. The County had purchased most of the other properties around these three (3) properties, but for some reason, did not purchase these three (3).

Ms. Quanrad asked if the three (3) properties the City is looking to purchase are part of the flood mitigation as she assumes they are not or the County would have purchased them. Councilman Russel replied that he cannot attest to why the County does or does not purchase anything and he is unsure if they are in a floodway or floodplain, but are in close proximity to areas that the City is going to bench and mitigate to use for the betterment of the City. Ms. Quanrad asked what the intended use of the properties is. She asked if they will be used for a development along the river such as a park. Councilman Russel replied that is what he expects it to be used for and does not anticipate seeing anything else there. Ms. Quanrad asked if the properties will be resold for other developments. Councilman Russel replied that he is unaware of any plans to do so and would be surprised that anyone would want to do any development there with it being in such close proximity to the benching. Ms. Quanrad asked for an explanation of buying them for the betterment of the City means. Councilman Russel replied that the City is not purchasing them for the detriment of the City. Ms. Quanrad replied that she does not see why these three (3) properties have hit the radar now. If they are nuisance properties, there are many other nuisance properties in Findlay, so she does not understand why these three (3) properties are being looked at. She does not recall the City historically ever buying properties for being nuisance properties. Mayor Muryn replied that the article on this captured the comments and opinions of the group.

There are no specific plans for the properties. These are properties that the City has had interactions with on a regular basis both from zoning enforcement, neighbor complaints, as well as police involvement. They are properties that are very visible and near an area where significant investments are going to be made. There are no specific plans for the properties. There have been some insinuations that they are a specific area where development may occur in the future in which everyone would hope that development would eventually happen there, but is not the reason the City is looking to purchase the properties and is not why she has brought it forward to City Council. As Councilman Russel mentioned, the County Commissioners have bought properties around that area because it is outside the specific footprint of the flood benefit and chose not to further negotiate because the property owners were wanting more money than the County Commissioners wanted to put towards them, but the City still felt they were valuable and within reason, so they looked at information pertaining to County Auditor assessment real estate values, and talked to the property owners as they were all aware of the work that is going to be done in the area and the potential future for their properties and came to an agreement on all three (3) properties. Ms. Quanrad is correct that the City does not typically purchase nuisance properties as there are other properties that are abandoned and/or dilapidated and are a concern for public safety where the City has gone in and demolished them that are now just sitting there for the property owner to determine . . . Ms. Quanrad asked if these three (3) homes are going to be demolished. Mayor Muryn replied yes they will be.

Councilman Russel noted that conversations about a land bank have been mentioned where an organization would help mitigate those situations and a land bank would be a benefit. The community to date has been reluctant to avail themselves of that tool to help the City with nuisance properties. Number one complaints about properties around Findlay are nuisance complaints. For example, there is a complaint about an East Sandusky property that is inhabited more by opossums, raccoons and squirrels than by humans. When properties become abandoned, there is a balance between property rights and governmental rights that is a tool that could be used in those situations that he wishes Findlay would have available to them.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:**

**City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – April 2022.**

Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak reminded Council that there was an unexpected surge in income tax the tail end of last year. He had a conversation with the Income Tax Administrator about receipts and what the reasoning was for some of the larger deposits seen recently. He will be requesting legislation for an appropriation to the General Fund at the next City Council meeting after he files with the County to adjust the City's revenue estimates. Money in those additional funds that have come in will be split between Capital Improvements and the General Fund. The net impact, based on how it is budgeted, is limited, but brings it closer into balance. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin – City of Findlay join the National Purchasing Cooperative dba National BuyBoard®**

Authorization for the City of Findlay to join the National Purchasing Cooperative dba National BuyBoard®, a national purchasing cooperative located in Austin, TX is requested. Participation through membership and utilization of competitively bid and awarded vendor contracts in a cooperative purchasing program specializing in the management of high quality cooperative procurement solution will be beneficial to the taxpayers through the anticipated savings to be realized. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director to sign any necessary documents requesting membership with the National Purchasing Cooperative dba National BuyBoard® is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-038 was created.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked what service this company would be providing to the City. City Auditor Staschiak replied that the City participates in a number of purchasing programs for the bidding process that the purchase programs handle. In this case, the company is one of the national companies out there that handle that. For example, the Water Distribution Department needs to purchase things that exceed bid limits of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). If all the criteria is met and what is to be purchased is on the bid list, they will alleviate the City from having to go through the bidding process and be able to move forward. This also allows for a better price. The most recent example being the work trucks that were purchased for the City. Councilman Wobser asked why the City has to join one of these programs again. City Auditor Staschiak replied that the City has joined certain program, but that there are many of them out there. This program matches the City's need with the provider that sources bids for that need.

Councilman Russel asked if there is a cost involved. City Auditor Staschiak replied he is unsure, but most of these companies require a minimal fee for the process they have to go through. He will check on it and let Council know. Councilman Russel asked if this needs to be passed tonight. City Engineer Kalb replied no, it can wait. Filed.

**Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – April 2022.**

Discussion:

Councilman Russel thanked the City Fire Department for responding to a fire in his neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. The property owners are very thankful for FFD's response time, allowing them to be able to sleep in their house that night. It is comforting to have a Fire Department that are professional, run to danger, and serve the community in the worst of times. He thanked the FFD for taking the time to talk to the property owners that reassured them. Filed.

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control** for Better Breakfast Co Hancock LLC, dba The Toasted Yolk Café Findlay, 2020 Tiffin Avenue & Patio, Findlay, Ohio for a D5 and D6 liquor permit. This requires a vote of Council.

Robert K. Ring, Chief of Police – Better Breakfast Co Hancock LLC, dba The Toasted Yolk Café Findlay, 2020 Tiffin Avenue & Patio, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no current criminal record on the following:

Roger A. Sawyer  
Joe D. Oller  
Catherine L. Oller  
Douglas J. Craig

Councilman Slough moved for no objections be filed, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin – donation from Revive Salon & Day Spa to Shade Tree Commission**

Revive Salon & Day Spa held a fundraiser in honor of Earth Day where they raised one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in donations and is donating the money raised to the Shade Tree Commission to be earmarked for the purchase of trees. Ashley Boehler, owner of Revive Salon & Day Spa presented the check to the Shade Tree Commission at a recent meeting. The funds have been deposited into the General Fund. Legislation to appropriate funds from the General Fund is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-039 was created.

FROM:	General Fund	\$ 1,000.00
TO:	Parks Maintenance Department #21034000-other	\$ 1,000.00

Filed.

**Findlay Police Department Activities Report – April 2022.** Filed.

**City Planning Commission minutes – April 14, 2022.** Filed.

**Income Tax Board minutes – February 9, 2022.** Filed.

**A set of summary financial reports for April 30, 2022:**

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of April 30, 2022
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of April 30, 2022
- Open Projects Report as of April 30, 2022
- Cash & Investments as of April 30, 2022

Filed.

**Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – April 2022.** Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – Federal Highway Administration Grant Application Old Mill Stream Byway Multiuse Path (32823500)**

The City of Findlay has been invited by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to submit a grant application to the Federal Highway Administration for funding of a multi-use path from the National Scenic Byways Program. The grant funding is available for projects that incorporate the designated Old Mill Stream Byway. As part of the grant opportunity, the project will consist of installing a multi-use path from the existing trail head at Osborn Avenue extending west to a future trail head at Howard Street and Broad Avenue. This proposed path will connect the various multi-use paths and/or bike paths that have been constructed in the past couple of years. Legislation authorizing City representatives to execute the necessary grant application(s) and/or agreement(s) to receive grant funding is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-040 was created. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – MLK Parkway Improvements, Project No. 32803100**

In order to close out the MLK Parkway Improvement project, the remaining funds received from the Commissioners will need to be appropriated into the project in order to reimburse the left over funds to the proper funding source. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-041.

FROM:	Hancock County Commissioners	\$ 6,404.90
TO:	MLK Parkway Improvements #32803100	\$ 6,404.90

Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak noted that the funds for this came from the County and should be returned to the County. There are additional funds available for this project due to some administrative things that weren't completed when the project was closed and needs done. Once that is done, there is more money, possibly just under twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), that should be given back to the County Commissioners so that they can put it to good use as quickly as possible. He asked Council to consider passing this tonight so that the funds can be returned. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – third Capital Improvement appropriation of 2022**

City Engineer Kalb is requesting to transfer funds into Capital Projects for the third Capital Improvement request this year for startup money and additional departmental equipment. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director or City Engineer to advertise for bids and enter into contracts, as well as to appropriate and transfer funds as follows is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-042 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 13,840.00
TO:	Airport #2501000-other	\$ 13,840.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 100,000.00
TO:	Supply Reservoir #25073000-other	\$ 100,000.00
FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvement Restricted Account	\$ 358,130.00
TO:	'22 City Wide Security Cameras #31921900	\$ 91,130.00
TO:	2022 GIS System Functionality Growth #31922200	\$ 10,000.00
TO:	Muni Bldg LED Replacement #31922300	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Muni Bldg Restroom Upgrades #31922400	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Airport Terminal Bldg Move/Rehab #35222100	\$ 85,000.00
TO:	Cube Desiccant Dehumidifier #31922900	\$ 72,000.00
FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 100,000.00
TO:	WPC Clarifiers Brush System Replacement #35622800	\$ 100,000.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 30,000.00
TO:	22 Supply Res Paint/Repair Structures #35722700	\$ 30,000.00

Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – HAN-Bright Road Phase III FY2023, PID108776 (32821800)**

The City of Findlay is eligible for Federal Highway Administration Funds administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). This project is eligible for this type of funding. For the past few years, these funds have been used for resurfacing. In this case, this funding will be used for resurfacing on Bright Road (Fostoria Avenue to Production Drive) in 2023. Project cost is estimated to be eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$820,000.00) with eighty percent (80%) being funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and twenty percent (20%) from the City. The City’s matching share is included in the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for 2023. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to enter into a project agreement with ODOT is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-043 was created. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – 22 WTP Roof Replacement, Project No. 35722500/22 WTP Masonry Repairs and Sealing, Project No. 35722600**

The first phase building repairs at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) are planned for this year as part of the 2022 Capital Improvements Plan. To perform the necessary repairs the City is utilizing, the U.S. Communities cooperative purchasing program to enter into a contract with The Garland Company, Inc. to perform the roof replacement and masonry repairs. The Garland Company has notified the City of Findlay that effective June 1, 2022, there will be a price increase on the roof material, as well as the masonry sealant. The price of materials has been changing daily over the past couple of months. In order to keep the project on schedule and within budget, it would be to the City’s advantage to have Garland under contract by June 1, 2022 to lock in the pricing that was originally quoted as there is a very good chance that additional funds would be needed to complete the projects. Garland has notified the WTP that they have an opening in June that would allow the work to be completed in a timely manner. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to enter into contracts for construction, as well as appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-044 was created.

FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 460,800.00
TO:	22 WTP Roof Replacement #35722500	\$ 235,800.00
TO:	22 WTP Masonry Repairs and Sealing #35722600	\$ 225,000.00

Filed.

**Hancock Regional Planning Commission Grant Administrator Lizzy Essinger – FY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding applications**

The Office of Community Developed is accepting applications for their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs for Program Year 2022. Hancock Regional Planning Commission intends to apply for two (2) CDBG funding programs on behalf of the City of Findlay. The first CDBG funding opportunity is the allocation program. The City of Findlay Engineering Department is working on a project that will consist of relocating the Rawson ballfield to the east side of Broad Avenue and redeveloping the east side of Broad Avenue with new ballfields, a new parking lot, and park amenities. The west side of Broad Avenue will be redeveloped into a green infrastructure area that will serve as a storm sewer overflow to help with some of the long-term control plan goals. The Critical Infrastructure Program is the second CDBG funding opportunity that the City of Findlay Engineering Department has identified replacing waterlines on Allen Avenue, Midland Avenue, Garfield Avenue and George Street from Main Street to the railroad tracks as the best use of these funds. There currently is a 4-inch waterline in that area. This project will update all the waterlines in that area with 6-inch waterlines that will be looped within the system to ensure proper water flow for the area which is necessary for proper fire suppression. New fire hydrants will be placed with the appropriate distance between hydrants as part of this project.

The Critical Infrastructure Program is a highly competitive grant program that the City of Findlay is eligible to request up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). If awarded, it will require a local match. The Ohio Office of Community Development and the Office of Housing and Urban Development has been encouraging communities to spend down their Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) balances, therefore, a RLF contribution of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) would make the application extremely competitive. Legislation authorizing the Mayor to file applications for both the Allocation and Critical Infrastructure Programs for PY2022 funding of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) in City Revolving Fund dollars be passed on an emergency basis is requested. Deadline for application submission is June 15, 2022 at 5:00pm. Ordinance No. 2022-045 and 2022-046 were created. Filed.

#### **Mayor Muryn – Taylor Street property acquisition**

The City of Findlay has the opportunity to purchase three (3) adjoining properties on Taylor Street adjacent to the Phase II Benching Project scheduled to start this year. There are three (3) contiguous parcels that the current property owners have agreed to sell to the City. The City has received signed Real Estate Purchase Agreements from the property owners and with Council's approval, the City would like to proceed with the purchase of these three (3) parcels for a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). Legislation authorizing City Representatives to execute the purchase of parcels: 610000342000, 610000342210, 610000342800, as well as allocate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to complete the transaction is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-047 was created.

#### **Discussion:**

City Auditor Staschiak asked Council to consider this request in more depth on the need for transparency overall exposure and the understanding of the community on why the City is buying these properties, particularly when it has not been done before. All the rules, guidelines, pieces and parts are needed in the Ordinances combined with the health and safety rules of the State of Ohio and the County to do any work that would need to be done on these properties. He asked why these properties were selected. He was surprised by Councilman Russel's comments earlier today because of his involvement with the development of the catalytic plan as he knows more than anyone that it is located right in the heart of one of the areas that desire to be redeveloped by this private organization. City Auditor Staschiak is not for or against this acquisition, but wants to know why the City needs to purchase these particular properties. If these properties were marketed openly, there would be an investor that would put significant amounts of money into the properties like what is happening all over the community. He agrees with and stands with the County Treasurer, who analyzed and did a thorough study on land banks, stating that it is never an appropriate use of governmental powers, nor is there a need to purchase these properties. A land bank is a land grab. Land banks were designed for the foreclosure markets in 2007 when the State had blight in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus. They were not designed to be used in communities like Findlay as a tool that is not accountable to this city government for moving property around. President of Council Harrington interrupted asking City Auditor Staschiak to stick to the issue. City Auditor Staschiak argued that his comments are about this issue. President of Council Harrington corrected City Auditor Staschiak stating that the issue is not about land banks and is about the Taylor Street acquisition. City Auditor Staschiak continued stating that his office has not seen the details of the agreements or the full cost breakdown. There have been no discussions about demo costs, long-term use holding costs or business cost analysis while in the middle of a strategic planning process for the community. He is confused why the City would take steps to purchase things and move forward with things that may or may not fit into what the strategic plan is going to be, how it is going to support and develop the community. From a financial perspective based on the history of this city, he sees no justification for moving forward with the purchase of these properties and sees plenty of justification of solving the City's problems in other manners. It is his hope that these property acquisitions will be completely vetted through a committee process.

Councilman Wobser noted that he will call an APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE meeting towards the end of tonight's meeting to discuss this and obtain further details. Filed.

**Treasurer's Reconciliation Report** – April 30, 2022. Filed.

#### **Assistant City Engineer Lee Rausch – Municipal Court CASC Facility**

The City of Findlay previously sent out Reference for Qualifications (RFQ) to consultants to design the Municipal Court CASC Facility. RQAW Architecture has been selected to design the Municipal Court CASC Facility. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and/or City Engineer to enter into contracts for the design is requested. A request for an appropriation of funds will be requested at a later time for the various stages of the design. Ordinance No. 2022-049 was created. Filed.

#### **Service-Safety Director Martin – gas aggregation**

The City of Findlay's 3-year natural gas supply agreement with Volunteer Energy was schedule to end in November 2022, but on March 25, 2022, The City's gas aggregate Company Volunteer Energy declared bankruptcy and then began sending customers back to their utility's default service Company – Columbia Gas of Ohio with residents having the choice to pay the monthly Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate until they chose a supplier on their own or Findlay's program restarted. Independent Energy Consultants (IEC) invited all eligible natural gas suppliers to submit proposals to restart Findlay's program and received various price offers for various terms. After reviewing options, the recommendation is to sign a 4-year supply agreement with IGS Energy as they submitted the lowest overall responsive proposal. With the current market situation, selecting a 4-year "NYMEX plus" formula is the best solution because it can be used as a variable rate or converted to a fixed rate for any length of time, at any time. IEC will watch for favorable market conditions and advise Findlay when to lock in a rate for the desired period. This program should provide price protection and budget stability. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director to enter into an agreement with IGC Energy as the City's natural gas aggregation is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-050 was created. Filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on May 3, 2022 to discuss documents provided to PlanningNext.

*We recommend to continue the Strategic Planning process.*

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Van Horn, Hoover & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Fintech Limited & Mardic Investments, Inc. to rezone Technology Drive (Lot #11) and Midwest Court (unplatted lots) from C2 General Commercial to M2 Multi-Family, High Density.

*We recommend to approve as requested. Ordinance No. 2022-048 was created.*

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-2022** (*CR 99 annexation*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

A RESOLUTION STATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE TO THE TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, SITUATED IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, T2N, R10E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 3.978 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

First reading of the Resolution.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-034** (*McLane Dr ROW vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF AN EXISTING ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MCLANE DRIVE, THE VERY SOUTHERN END OF THE ROADWAY IN THE CUL-DE-SAC AREA (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MCLANE DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Hellmann moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Bauman, Greeno, Hellman, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-034 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-035** (*continue Workers Compensation programs*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENROLL THE CITY OF FINDLAY IN THE BUREAU OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION (BWC) GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-036** (*2022 annual street resurfacing/curb repairs*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that after conversations he had with City Engineer Kalb, there is a desire to pass this Ordinance tonight because it involves the asphalt side of street work and the contractor who would be doing this work, is currently doing work on Bright Road. There are also some financial benefits to this.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-036 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-038** (*National Purchasing Cooperative dba National BuyBoard*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE DBA NATIONAL BUYBOARD®, A NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-039** (*donation to Shade Tree Commission*) **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Bauman moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel thanked Revive Salon & Day Spa for their donation and for hosting the event that raised the money for the donation. He thanked them for helping their City.

Councilman Bauman added that it was decided that this money would be used to offset the cost of planting the trees that were replaced along South Main Street.

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-039 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-040** **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading***

(*Federal Highway Administration Grant Application Old Mill Stream Byway Multiuse Path (32823500)*)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY GRANT APPLICATION(S) AND/OR AGREEMENT(S) TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, PROJECT NO. 32823500, FOR FUNDING OF A MULTI-USE PATH FROM THE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-041** (*MLK Pkwy improvements*) **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer noted that in order to move forward with this project, he will make a motion to pass it tonight.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Russel, Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Slough, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-041 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-042** (*3<sup>rd</sup> Capital Improvement appropriation of 2022*) **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, WHERE REQUIRED, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-043** (*Han-Bright Rd Phase III FY2023, PID108776*) **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT(S) WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HAN-BRIGHT ROAD PHASE III FY2023, PID108776, PROJECT NO. 32821800, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-044** (*22 WTP Roof Replacement/22 WTP Masonry Repairs and Sealing*) **requires three (3) readings**

***first reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE GARLAND COMPANY, INC. FOR REPAIRS NEEDED AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Greeno noted that since the deadline to sign the contract to obtain current costs on this is fast approaching, he will make a motion to pass it.

Councilman Greeno moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wisener.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if the price for this project is only guaranteed until the end of this month. City Engineer Kalb replied that this is part of a cooperative agreement still through the U.S. Communities company. The price of the sealant for the masonry and roofing materials will be going up June 1st to which the contractors will most likely not honor their pricing previously given. Even though the contractor was awarded through the bid process, they do not have to accept the City's offer.

Councilman Wobser asked if pricing for this will most likely go up due to the current economic situation. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct. Councilman Wobser asked if it will save the City funds if this is passed tonight. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct. The City would be able to lock into the prices that were quoted to us.

Ayes: Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wisener. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-044 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-045** (CDBG funding – Cooper/Rawson Park Green Infrastructure) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY GRANT APPLICATION(S) AND/OR AGREEMENT(S) TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE COOPER/RAWSON PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, PROJECT NO. 35523600, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that the letter for this asks for Council's position on this prior to the June 15, 2022 deadline, asked what the timeline for this is, and what the total budget for the project is. He asked if this Ordinance needs passed tonight. Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier replied that the preference is to waive the three (3) readings and pass it on an emergency basis, but that it can wait to be passed until the June 7, 2022 City Council meeting. Applications are due June 15, 2022. The State puts the City in a tough situation as they rolled out the rules for the program on April 20, 2022 with HRPC discussing which projects would be available and would be a good fit according to the rules that were provided. Those projects have been lined up and are available for Council's consideration. This Ordinance is for the Community Development Block Grant allocation of approximately two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Councilman Russel asked what the date is to award the funds. Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier replied anytime between July and September. Councilman Russel asked what the level of confidence is for this project. Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier replied that the allocation is not competitive and one hundred percent (100%) confident the funds will be awarded to them. The small waterlines upgrade project for a CDBG grant (via Ordinance No. 2022-046) is competitive. City Engineer Kalb added that he is currently working on the budget for this project and will provide that to Council later this week. He is meeting with a couple of individuals that are experienced with this to help him with pricing and the City's long-term control consultant on how this should be structured with the City's long-term control plan. It is a newer concept that is utilized here. The long-term control plan consists of a combined sewer overflow and infiltration of the storm water going into the sanitary water. Rawson Park and the area south of it experience flooding. Areas that are prone to flooding use it as a storm sewer overflow that can be utilized as a community park or a wetland rain garden when it is not overflowing. The ballfield will be relocated to the east side. He is trying to put multiple projects into one project to meet the City's long-term goal and make the area usable to the community. Councilman Russel asked if this project is to move the ballfield and for the green infrastructure. City Engineer Kalb replied that it will be part of that. The ballfield will have to be moved for the green infrastructure. It will include various funds (storm water funds, sewer funds, capital funds, etc.). It will be a larger project as a whole. He is currently working on how this will be structured. It is a storm water project. Councilman Russel asked if there will be parking lot expansions on the east side. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct. The City will have to accommodate for that.

Councilman Wobser asked if this Ordinance is just to allow City Representatives to apply for the grant and not to approve any funds at this point and will approve funds later. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct.

Councilman Russel asked if the grant funding is approved if it is a requirement for the City to spend it on its intended use or if it can be given back as he does not want to lock the City's into a prohibitive cost. Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier replied that the preference would be to not give it back. If it became evident that the City's cost was prohibitive, an amendment would be submitted to the grant to change the scope of the project. Mayor Muryn added that this Ordinance is just to apply for the grant and not to file for the final application. If the City's contribution ends up being very high and are unable to do everything on one application, the entire amount will not be submitted. It can be modified and will then focus on what would qualify most heavily under the project.

City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that on the east side of this project is an unlined dump next to and under Cooper Field. How deep a shovel goes matters to the EPA when dealing with an unlined dump. The City had this same issue when they wanted to give ground to the City schools for their bus garage.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier recommended Council give this Ordinance its first reading and pass it on an emergency basis when more details are known and provided to Council during the next City Council meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> which will still meet their timelines.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-046** (CDBG funding –small waterline upgrade) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY GRANT APPLICATION(S) AND/OR AGREEMENT(S) TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE SMALL WATERLINE UPGRADE, PROJECT NO. 35723800, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.



Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked for clarification on what this project entails and what the timelines are. Hancock Regional Planning Director Cordonnier replied that it is a critical infrastructure grant through the Community Development Block Grant program. It is a highly competitive grant. This proposed project replaces 4-inch waterlines with 6-inch waterlines on Allen Avenue, Midland, Garfield, and George Street. The waterline issue most recently came up when the Findlay Fire Department was unable to provide sufficient water to a fire on Garfield. Water circulation and pressure will improve in those areas by upgrading and looping them. City Engineer Kalb added that the minimum waterline size has to be 6-inch for proper fire suppression. Those areas currently have 4-inch waterlines. That area is one of the last areas that have old 4-inch waterlines. It is a very large area with 4-inch waterlines. It was brought to the attention of Firefighters during that fire on Garfield Avenue when they connected to a hydrant in that area where their firehose collapsed and ran the hydrant dry causing them to hook up to multiple hydrants to provide enough water flow. This project upgrades the 4-inch lines to 6-inch lines, as well as loops them. There will be multiple sources going to one hydrant instead of running multiple lines through to multiple hydrants. It will be a safety upgrade for that area and will aid with fire suppression in the volume that would be moving through there.

Hancock Regional Planning Director Cordonnier added that the request for the grant will be five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). The City of Findlay has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) that the State continually requests the City to spend it down. There has not been a lot of activity with it in the last couple of years other than some small COVID loans that went out. The RLF balance is approximately six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$625,000.00). If the City applies for this grant without putting RLF money into it and is approved, it would have to be paid with the City's own RLF dollars. For example, if the grant funds awarded are one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the RLF portion would be five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) with the City deciding if they want to do that or not. Instead, they are trying to make this a competitive grant by supplying matching funds and meeting their goals of lowering down the RLF. This will be up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) of RLF dollars.

Councilman Russel asked what the timeline is. Hancock Regional Planning Director Cordonnier replied that they will apply for it in June and will know if it will be awarded sometime in September-October. The project would have to be completed eighteen (18) months after the approval. Councilman Russel asked if this Ordinance needs to be approved tonight. Hancock Regional Planning Director Cordonnier replied it would be helpful but not necessary. Both grants are due the same day of June 15<sup>th</sup>. They would still be able to meet the application deadline if both Ordinances for these two (2) grants would be passed during the next City Council meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Bauman asked if these are projects have to be done regardless if grant funds are awarded or not. Hancock Regional Planning Director Cordonnier replied that one of the aspects of the grant is that it has to benefit fifty-one percent (51%) of low to moderate income. Of all the projects in the City of Findlay, half (1/2) of those projects would be considered ineligible because of the neighborhood by census that they are located in. Not all City projects are eligible for CDBG funds. City Engineer Kalb added that this project has always been on his radar, but is a large ticket item. One of the main reasons for replacing the waterlines in that area is for the fire suppression. The City does not want to jeopardize anyone's safety. 4-inch waterlines will be something Council will be able to see on the updated GIS system map, what is needed, the water flow, etc.

Councilman Wobser asked if this project will also help the City's Fire Department's rating once it is complete. Mayor Muryn replied that it will help, but because the majority of the community's waterlines have already been upgraded, this project will probably not affect their ISO score. As City Engineer Kalb just mentioned, the Engineer Department has been updating the GIS system to show all of the infrastructure items, the age, condition rating on them, and will eventually be able to show the census track overlay which will allow for older infrastructure in qualifying areas to be able to team up with projects for the future to bring to City Council.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-047** (*Taylor St property acquisition*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT(S) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THREE (3) PROPERTIES LOCATED ON TAYLOR STREET, FINDLAY, OHIO, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-048** (*Technology Dr & Midwest Ct rezone*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS TECHNOLOGY DRIVE AND MIDWEST COURT REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL" TO "M-2 MULTI-FAMILY, HIGH DENSITY".

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-049** (*Municipal Court CASC Facility*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO WAIVE FORMAL ADVERTISING AND BIDDING REQUIRMENTS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RQAW ARCHITECTURE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT CASC FACILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-050 (gas aggregation) requires three (3) readings**

**first reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT ENERGY CONSULTANTS TO CONTINUE A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:**

Councilman Russel noted that City Engineer Kalb's email provided the financial shock of this, and would like those numbers shared with the public. Mayor Muryn replied that the City of Findlay has contracted with a gas aggregation program for a number of years now. Recently, both the City of Findlay and Findlay residents have received notification that Volunteer Energy, the prior supplier, was going bankrupt and would no longer be able to provide services to City residents. Volunteer Energy was able to provide low prices that put them out of business.

Volunteer Energy's fixed rate was forty-three cents (\$.43) a unit, and this new company's rate was the second lowest rate when Volunteer Energy was contracted with the City. Independent Energy Consultants (IEC) was the previous aggregate company that was contracted with the City before Volunteer Energy. IEC worked very well for the City as they have the same processes of mailings and communications to Findlay residents. The City will be monitoring price rates and will lock in at the lowest rate the consultant offers. Councilman Russel asked if seventy-three cents (\$.73) is the ceiling. Mayor Muryn replied she will have Service-Safety Director Martin confirm as he has been the one dealing with the consultant. Councilman Russel asked if the price needs to be locked by May 20th. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct. Whatever the details of the agreement are that have been provided to both the Service-Safety Director Martin and City Engineer Kalb, are what needs to happen. City Engineer Kalb added that seventy-three cents (\$.73) is the ceiling on this. The contract deadline to take advantage of that pricing is May 20-2022 and would need to be passed tonight. Councilman Russel asked if the aggregate company is providing the City with a floating rate. Councilman Wobser replied the current max or current ceiling is seventy-three cents (\$.73). If that rate goes down, the City will have the opportunity to get the lower rate. He asked when the consultant will lock the price in as it is playing the market. He asked if the maximum amount is normal in these types of markets. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct. It has been the same structure that has been in prior agreements where the City hires the consultant who watches the trends and then locks it in. The benefit of the City signing the contract is that the price will be locked in and won't exceed even though costs continue to get volatile in the market. If rates continue to be difficult to get into, they could continue to go up and could lose out on the ceiling.

Councilman Wobser asked if the process for the new consultant will be the same as it has been where residents will automatically be in the program and can opt-out. He asked if letters will be going out to residents of the change of the aggregate company notifying them that they will automatically be opt-in and how to opt-out if they choose. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct. Residents will receive all the communications and press releases that have been done in the past. Information will also be put on the City's website. The goal is to be in contract with the new gas aggregate company before the high gas season.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that he forwarded information that was provided to him about this to Mayor Muryn and Councilman Wobser. Council needs to take into consideration the history on this and not what the opportunity is going forward. A member of the community, who is very well math oriented, did an analysis that showed that the City did not win very often with aggregations. The City needs to determine if there has been any payback to the City when contracting with aggregate companies. Forward looking on paper always appears as though the City is going to get a good opportunity, but it is questionable. He has shared this information with Mayor Muryn and Service-Safety Director Martin.

Councilman Wobser agrees with City Auditor Staschiak that the numbers need to be looked at, but that it comes down to how it is calculated and how those numbers are viewed. Former Service-Safety Director Schmelzer showed that the numbers were on top with the City winning, but others that looked at the numbers from a different perspective, showed a different story. It would be a good practice to review numbers to see if this is a good endeavor for Findlay residents. He feels aggregate programs are worthwhile in that they are an opt-out program with residents automatically in the program. If a resident does not receive the paperwork, they are automatically in the program and have to do something to not be in the program. Given the very volatile energy markets at this time, it is even more necessary to see what Findlay can do to help our citizens get through the timeframe of volatile pricing in the petroleum markets.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilman Hellmann pointed out that City Auditor Staschiak's comments about land banks are his own personal opinion and not that of his or other Councilmembers as he is aware of other cities that have benefited from land banks. The City of Findlay would be missing the boat by not pursuing it or at least need to get educated on it. The community ought to do so.

City Auditor Staschiak asked for either an **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting or a **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting to discuss ARPA money to discuss what is known about it. The first required annual report on those funds have been filed. He suggested either Monday, May 23, 2022 or Tuesday, May 24, 2022 possibly at 4:00pm. President of Council Harrington asked Council what committee they would like this request referred to.

Councilman Wobser: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 4:00pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (CC). Councilman Bauman asked that all Councilmembers receive the notice of the meeting.

- agenda: 1. ARPA Fund  
2. Taylor St property acquisition via Ordinance No. 2022-047

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Russel: **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting on June 9, 2022 at 12:00pm in the first floor Council Office of the Municipal Building (CO).  
agenda: 332/336 Cherry St vacation

Mayor Muryn reminded Council that since Ordinance No. 2022-050 for the gas aggregation program did not pass tonight, the price will not be locked in and will be a volatile rate possibly up to eighty-four cents (\$.84) for the next three (3) weeks until City Council meets again, which is higher than the current ceiling rate of seventy-four cents (\$.74). There will be additional information at the next City Council meeting. Customers do have the option to go to the open market rate on their own.

Mayor Muryn updated City Council on transferring inmates to other jails. There are approximately twenty-five (25) inmates that are housed separately outside of the Hancock County jail.

Mayor Muryn has received some requests to expand the D.O.R.A. boundaries and possibly allow for different hours on specific holidays. She is gathering some information on it and will request an Ad Hoc Committee be formed within the next couple of months to discuss it.

Mayor Muryn thanked Revive Salon & Day Spa for their donation to the Shade Tree Commission. A couple Councilmembers attended the Tree City USA of Northwest Ohio conference in Ohio last week. It was co-hosted with Arcadia, Ottawa, and the University of Findlay where the City of Findlay was recognized as a Tree City for the last forty (40) years.

Councilman Russel moved to adjourn City Council at 8:06pm, seconded by Councilman Slough.

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