

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

November 7, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser

ABSENT: none

President Pro-Tem Monday opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Harrington moved to accept the October 17, 2017 Public Hearing minutes for the University of Findlay refinancing of a taxable loan (Ordinance No. 2017-094 AS AMENDED). Councilman Niemeyer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.
- Councilman Klein moved to accept the October 17, 2017 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes. Councilman Hellmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to replace and add-on the following to tonight's agenda. Councilman Harrington seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

REPLACEMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 2017-098 AS AMENDED (**LEGISLATION section**) = Deer Landing waterline oversizing project (received its 1st reading during the 10/3/17 City Council meeting and 2nd reading during the 10/17/17 City Council meeting).
 - Changed dollar amount from \$159,355.00 to now be \$55,000 per 10/17/17 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE recommendation

ADD-ONS:

- Ad Hoc Committee report (**COMMITTEE REPORTS section**) = 2018-2019 Councilmember, 2018-2019 Council President, 2018-2021 Treasurer salaries (Ordinance No. 2017-091).

PROCLAMATIONS: - none.

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: - none.

PETITIONS:

Alley vacation request – a portion of E Main Cross St

Richard Kirk, on behalf Kirk Properties, Inc., is requesting to vacate the north-south 16.5' alley between lot 846 and 847 in the Coffenberry's Addition from East Main Cross Street to the first east-west alley south of East Main Cross Street. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Bradley Warren, Oxley, Malone, Hollister, Warren & Spaeth, P.L.L. – parking lot owned by the City of Findlay

The City of Findlay currently owns four (4) lots (149, 150, 151, and 152) that are located immediately east of the main entrance of the Findlay Inn. Findlay Inn has a permanent ten foot (10') easement across Lot 152 which is basically the overhang/entrance of the hotel. He is the Counsel for Findlay Inn/Philip Gardner who are interested in purchasing those four (4) lots. Enclosed is a Subject Plat Map that he has highlighted the lots that his client are interested in purchasing from the City of Findlay. The Inn currently is leasing the lots from the City under a long term lease. That lease will be up in May 2019. Mr. Warren is requesting a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting to discuss.

Discussions:

Councilwoman Frische requested this letter be read. The Council Clerk read the letter in its entirety. Filed

Councilman Shindledecker pointed out that Council has considered similar requests from Findlay Inn in the past, and if the City is to consider selling the leased parking area, it would have to be done through an auction or similar procedure that would have opened the area to other entities that might have been interested. Law Director Rasmussen replied that is correct.

Councilman Hellmann suggested discussing this at a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting.

Councilman Wobser has another topic for a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting. He would like to include an update from Laurie Zydonik, Raise the Bar (RTB). He suggested having the meeting before the next City Council meeting on the 21st. He will invite Ms. Zydonik to attend. Council President Pro-Tem Monday asked what the start time will be. Councilman Wobser replied by asking how long it will take to discuss property acquisition portion of the meeting. Law Director Rasmussen replied he is unsure how long it will take Council to decide if they want to sell or not. The City has not offered those lots for sale, so he is unsure how long discussions will take. Councilman Wobser predicted it would take a minimum of thirty (30) minutes to discuss the RTB topic. The County Commissioners will be present for that part of the meeting. He predicts forty-five (45) minutes to an hour for that discussion. Law Director Rasmussen replied there have been numerous letters back and forth over the last three (3) years on this property and it has not been decided if it is a topic for discussion or not to sell the property. If it is determined that the City will sell, if it will need to be via sealed bidding or auction so that everyone has a fair chance to purchase it. Councilman Wobser suggested 5:00pm on the 21st.

Councilwoman Frische noted that she has talked with Councilman Wobser and Councilman Watson about her comments from the last Council meeting on open projects. She would like to also discuss that topic at a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting. She referred back to Findlay Inn's request to purchase City lots and noted that she is unsure if it is at the point where it should be discussed yet because the revenue that the City might be losing from the acquisition would first need to be discussed. She predicts the property acquisition will be a longer discussion than thirty to forty-five (30-45) minutes. She suggested holding off those discussions until after the first of the year and instead discuss open projects before budget meetings and also the Raise the Bar topic first.

Councilman Harrington would like to at least give a response to Mr. Warren indicating that the City will consider his letter and inform them that even if the City does decide to sell the property, they would have to be sold by bid or auction. Law Director Rasmussen replied he is certain they understand the process because there have been letters going back in forth on it.

Councilman Russel moved to discuss all three (3) items at a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: November 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

- Agenda: 1. Findlay Inn property acquisition
2. Raise the Bar
3. open projects

Council President Pro-Term Monday asked the Council Clerk if she would notify all the parties that need to be notified about the meeting. Council Clerk DeVore replied she will.

Referred to COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: - none.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – September 2017. Filed.

N.E.A.T. Departmental Activity Report – September 2017. Filed.

Treasurer's Reconciliation Report – September 30, 2017. Filed.

City Planning Commission agenda – November 9, 2017; minutes – October 12, 2017. Filed.

City Auditor Jim Staschiak – RLF Administration

The Hancock Regional Planning Commission has submitted an invoice for their expenses/staff time for RLF administration for July 2017 through September 2017. This is now a routine request where Council has approved requesting the appropriation without going to committee each time. Legislation to authorize a draw from the Revolving Loan Fund account and appropriate \$1,682.90 from the RLF to General Expense #21010000-449400 to pay the invoice is requested. Ordinance No. 2017-110 was created. Filed.

Director of Public Service/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas – ODOT FY18 Resurfacing (PID 100183), Project No. 32876300

The City is eligible for Federal Urban Allocation 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, and plan to use the funds for the resurfacing again in 2018. At this time, the project is estimated at eight hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$868,966.00) with eighty percent (80%) being funded by ODOT and twenty percent (20%) from the City. The City's matching share is included in the 2018 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Legislation authorizing the Service Director to enter into the project agreement with ODOT is requested. Ordinance No. 2017-111 was created.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische requested this letter be read. The Council Clerk read the letter in its entirety. Filed

Councilwoman Frische asked what the location for this project is. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied South Main from Lima to Woodley which is the last section of Main Street that has not been repaved in the last five to six (5-6) years. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – October 2017. Filed.

City Auditor Jim Staschiak – bank and credit card fraud policy

Bank and credit card fraud is a serious issue. The City's Auditor's Office has worked fraud prevention controls into all aspects of banking including managing the risk of credit card fraud using the best recommendations and practices available to date. The State Auditor is spearheading legislation (HB 312) to combat this serious issue. Fortunately, the City of Findlay's current Bank Credit Policy (attached) appears to fully conform to the proposed legislation. In light of the fact that the proposed State legislation will require the local legislative body (Council) to adopt a formal policy within three (3) months of its passage at the State. It is worthwhile to be proactive since its passage is highly likely.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if the current policy is being followed now, if it would be prudent for Council to adopt it now, or wait to adopt it until it is known what the State is going to do. City Auditor Staschiak replied he is providing the information to Council tonight so they have it ahead of time instead of after the State passed it. He anticipates it will pass yet this year. It is moving very quickly. He wanted to give Council a heads up to let them know it is coming and that what the City currently has in place conforms. The City Auditor's Office holds City employee's credit cards in their office. Employees sign them out and in and are required to provide a receipt for every transaction that the credit card is used for. The process is not overboard, but is best practices and is working very well.

Councilman Wobser asked if what is attached to this letter is the current policy and if any changes have been made to it. City Auditor Staschiak replied it is the current policy and no changes have been made. Filed.

City Auditor Jim Staschiak – salary ordinance

Historically, proposed changes to the salary ordinance have been thoroughly vetted through a City Council committee process. As paymaster for the City, the pay ordinance has typically been revised by the Auditor's Office with changes requested by the Mayor and presented to Council for vetting and review. Although the actual process has varied in the last few years, it is an important role for Council to continue to fill. Attached is an initial draft of the pay ordinance that he is requesting go to the Appropriations Committee for review and to allow for any additions/changes that might be requested by various elected officials can be made. Attached is a draft ordinance for the Administration and Council to review and to allow for any requested changes. The final ordinance, including an emergency clause, needs to be passed by the last City Council meeting of this year in order to continue the City's regular course of business.

Changes to the ordinance:

- All exempt positions with a salary range in SECTION 5 had the maximum amount raised by two percent (2%).
- The job title of W.O.R.C. Co-Coordinator was eliminated from SECTION 5.
- SECTION 6 bi-weekly pays were increased by two percent (2%).
- SECTION 7 non-exempt pay range maximums were increased by two percent (2%).
- SECTION 10 hourly pay rates were all increased by two percent (2%) for the 0 ranges and the 9000 pay ranges. In the 8000 ranges, the 8101 reflects the new minimum wage rate for Ohio in 2018 and the 8020 and 8030 were increased to reflect the applicable difference between those ranges and the minimum wage. All other 8000 categories remained the same.
- In SECTION 25, the wording handling pay rates for the de-certification of the OPEG union mid-year was eliminated.
- All effective dates were changed as needed in each section and in the effective date.

Draft Ordinance No. 2017-108 was created. First reading will be during the November 21, 2017 City Council meeting.

Discussion:

President Pro-Tem Monday pointed out that the letter requests the Council Clerk read the highlighted areas on the letter. The Council Clerk read that portion of the letter.

Councilman Hellmann pointed out that the current Ad Hoc Committee that is in place is discussing Councilmember, Council President and Treasurer compensation and asked if this will affect the salary ordinance discussion. He asked if this will go to the Appropriations Committee and then come back to Council, or if it does not impact that at all. President Pro-Tem Monday replied that in the past, whatever report the committee came forward with, legislation was prepared and presented to Council to be passed or defeated. City Auditor Staschiak added that this ordinance is strictly the pay ordinance across the board for operations. The ordinance the current Ad Hoc Committee is discussing is strictly for Council and Treasurer salaries and is not included in this draft ordinance.

Councilman Monday recommended the current Ad Hoc Committee that is discussing the Councilmember and Treasurer salaries continue as they have been. Referred to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. Filed.

Director of Public Service/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas – Rotary Fee Release

The developer has requested the release of water and sewer rotary fees that were collected recently for a water and sewer tap that was made on Township Road 94. Per the rotary fee regulations for water and sewer service, the developer is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of ninety percent (90%) of the rotary fee collected. The fees collected were four thousand eight hundred forty dollars (\$4,840.00) for water rotary and three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100.00) for sanitary rotary. Legislation to transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2017-113 was created.

FROM:	Water Fund – 2007 Rotary Restricted Account	\$ 4,356.00
TO:	Utility Billing (25072000-other)	\$ 4,356.00
FROM:	Sanitary Fund – 2007 Rotary Restricted Account	\$ 2,790.00
TO:	WPC (25061000-other)	\$ 2,790.00

Filed.

Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – proposed improvements to public safety software system

For the past year, City Police and Fire Departments have been evaluating the continued support of Dispatch, Police, and Fire records. The current software provider was purchased by another company. Support has wained and upgrade requirements are costly. Alternatives have been evaluated and have narrowed the price and scope to the point where options with known expenses are available for discussion. He would like to refer this the next Appropriations Committee meeting to discuss the current software, other options available, and the investment. Any Councilmember interested in this topic is welcome to attend or can contact him with questions. This is an important investment in order to continue to use data to drive operations. The Police and Fire Departments are more interested than ever in using tools like this to be more efficient and effective. Total cost of the software, its customization, services involved with implementation and training, and conversion of old data is approximately seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000). Hardware upgrades are estimated at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). There is an opportunity to coordinate the upgrade with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Preliminary discussions regarding coordination have gone well. The County is in a similar position regarding the need for upgrades and support. The goal is to have a coordinated project that will support both entities and lower the cost for both. Sheriff Heldman will be invited to attend the Appropriations Committee meeting to discuss the County's position accurately. Needs to be referred to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE and legislation approved before the end of 2017.

FROM: General Fund \$ 725,000.00
TO: CIT Fund – Capital Improvement Restricted Account *Project #31977900 Public Safety Software System* \$ 725,000.00

Referred to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. Filed.

Director of Public Service/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas – Park Street rehabilitation project no. 32875900

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2017-006, a bid opening was held for this project on November 2, 2017. Bids were received from five (5) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from one hundred sixty-two thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars to two hundred twenty-nine thousand nine hundred sixty dollars and fifty cents (\$162,492.00-\$229,960.50). alternate bids ranging from fifty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars to eighty-four thousand seven hundred twenty dollars (\$58,842.00-\$84,720.00) were also received to replace the existing waterline. The lowest and best bid was received from Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC of Findlay, Ohio. This project is included in the 2017 Capital Improvements Plan with an estimated project cost of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). This estimate did not include replacing the existing waterline. While the plans were being developed, Engineering discovered that the existing waterline is over one hundred (100) years old and is located in the middle of the pavement, and would be in the best interest of the City to replace the existing waterline now while the road is under construction. If the waterline is replaced at a later date, the new pavement will have to be cut and patched for the work to be completed. If the waterline is replaced and all of the contingency is used, the project cost will be about eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) higher than the estimate listed in the Capital Plan, but since the cost for the waterline will come from the water fund, the total amount from the Capital Improvement Restricted Account will be less than the amount listed in the Capital Plan. Previously, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) was appropriated to the project for design and startup. An appropriation for construction, inspection and contingency is needed at this time to complete the project. Legislation to appropriation funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2017-112 was created.

FROM: CIT Fund – Capital Improvement Restricted Account \$ 179,000.00
FROM: Water Fund \$ 59,000.00
TO: Park Street Rehabilitation *Project No. 32875900* \$ 238,000.00

Discussion:

Councilman Harrington asked if this is to replace the last existing brick street in Findlay that is in major disrepair. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas replied that is correct.

Councilman Wobser asked what the timing on this project will be. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas replied it will be winter work if the money is appropriated before spring. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

An AD HOC COMMITTEE met on October 30, 2017 to discuss Councilmember 2018-2019, Council President 2018-2019, and Treasurer 2018-2021 salaries via Ordinance No. 2017-091.

We recommend discussion to be continued during the next meeting on November 6, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Councilman Klein moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Shindledecker seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if any additional information can be shared on this and asked if it was the second or third meeting. Councilman Heilmann replied it was the first meeting. They had a second meeting a week later, and a third meeting is also scheduled. No further details at this time except that all three (3) members of the committee, as well as the Law Director and the Human Resources Director have been in attendance for the meetings. Information on the history of the salary increases for those three (3) entities over past years has been gathered. He predicts the committee will make a decision and a recommendation within the next meeting or so.

All were in favor. Filed.

An AD HOC COMMITTEE met on November 6, 2017 to continue discussions from the October 30, 2017 meeting on Councilmember 2018-2019, Council President 2018-2019, and Treasurer 2018-2021 salaries via Ordinance No. 2017-091.

We recommend discussion to be continued during the next meeting on November 13, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2017 (*opposition of State Governor's proposed 2017-2018 budget*) **tabled after 1st reading on 4/18/17**
A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OHIO MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 027-2017 (*no PO*) requires one (1) reading **first reading adopted**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE AUDITORS OFFICE ON THE ATTACHED LIST OF VOUCHERS WHICH EITHER EXCEED THE PURCHASE ORDER OR WERE INCURRED WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING THE STATUTORY LIMIT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00) ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41(D).

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Harrington. Ayes: Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-021 AS AMENDED (*bicycle riding in downtown business district*) **tabled after 3rd reading on 4/18/17 and during 9/19/17 meeting**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 373.11(a)(2) AND REPEALING SECTION 373.13 OF CHAPTER 373 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

During NEW BUSINESS portion of the May 2, 2017 City Council meeting, a motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed amendments (second amendment to the Ordinance), which was approved. A motion was then made to lift it from the table, but no second to that motion was given, so it was not lifted from the table and remains tabled.

During OLD BUSINESS portion of the September 19, 2017 City Council meeting, a motion was made and seconded to lift it from the table. All were in favor. Then a motion was made and seconded to adopt it, but after discussion, a motion was made and seconded to retable it. The Ordinance remains tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-073 (*HWE Franchise Agreement*) requires three (3) readings **tabled after 3rd reading on 8/15/17**
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, STATE OF OHIO, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, LINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY AND OTHER SERVICES TO PARTS OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER AND OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE SAME WITHIN, THROUGH AND ACROSS SAID CITY OF FINDLAY, STATE OF OHIO, SUBJECT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFIED TERRITORIES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS ACT (OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 4933.81 TO 4933.90).

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-091 (*salary ordinance for City Council members, President of Council, Treasurer*) **tabled after the 3rd reading on 10/17/17**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AND TREASURER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-098 AS AMENDED (*Deer Landing Waterline Oversizing*) requires three (3) readings **third reading adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Klein. Ayes: Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2017-098 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-102 (*WPCC replacement Tandem Axle Dump truck*) requires three (3) readings **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-103 (*FFD replacement engine*) requires three (3) readings **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-109 (*see payroll deductions for HSA*) requires three (3) readings **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-110 (*RLF Administration*) requires three (3) readings **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-111 (*ODOT FY18 Resurfacing (PID 100183), Project No. 32876300*) requires three (3) readings **first reading adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY18 RESURFACING (PID 100183) PROJECT NO. 32876300, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker. Ayes: Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2017-111 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-112 (*Park Street rehabilitation*) requires three (3) readings **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-113 (*rotary fee release*) requires three (3) readings **first reading adopted**
A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Frische moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilwoman Frische moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2017-113 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Hellmann has received several questions from constituents on parking in the downtown area. He asked how many spots will be lost or gained due to the improvements that are being done. One caller thought that fifty (50) parking spots would be lost because of the bumpouts and crosswalks, but he assured him that is not the case. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied that not all the bumpouts at the intersections resulted in lost parking spots. There are areas where motorists cannot park within thirty feet (30') of an intersection, so that area was not a parking spot before, so that area is not being lost. He counted the parking spots on Main Street between what is there now versus what will be there when the project is done. There will be a loss of thirteen (13) spots. When the reverse angle parking on West Main Cross was striped, thirty (30) parking spots were gained. There are more parking spots downtown than what there was in the past. The City does not push the snow in the middle of Main Street because it would be a problem with safety. That has not been done for years. The Street Department has been aware of the plans. They have a blower that they can remove the snow with. They have a skid loader that they will use around the islands to get the snow. Snow removal will not be an issue. Councilman Hellmann then asked if emergency vehicles will have any difficulty with the concrete in the middle. Safety Director Schmelzer replied that when they were first vetting the plans a couple of years ago, a larger portion of the medians in the middle were going to be landscaped for pedestrian refuge. The Fire Department requested they be landscaped so that if they had to put their feet down in the middle of the street to support their vehicle, they could do so, which was a significant modification. They only areas that will now be landscaped are in the smaller elevated areas where the depressions are in the islands. Councilman Hellmann asked if emergency vehicles contemplate any issues going up and down Main Street. Safety Director Schmelzer replied no. There were no lane reductions, and there have been a lot of discussions about emergency vehicles with reverse angle parking and restricted it to one (1) lane in addition to the mid-block pedestrian crossings, but once the discussions on the reverse angle parking dissipated, that option was taken off. There were not many discussions on transit on emergency vehicles.

Councilwoman Frische asked if EMS vehicles can drive over top of the mid-block crossings if for some reason traffic was not moving for whatever reason and need to get to the hospital. She asked if they can drive on or over them. Safety Director Schmelzer replied they cannot. Councilwoman Frische asked if traffic is stopped on Main Street if EMS would be able to travel on Main Street. Safety Director Schmelzer asked if she means all four (4) lanes were stopped. Councilwoman Frische replied yes. Safety Director Schmelzer replied then they would not. Councilwoman Frische pointed out that parking spaces are to be made smaller when Crawford Street is restriped. She asked if the thirty (30) new parking spaces on Crawford Street are the new count or what there will be. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied that is how many are there right now. Councilwoman Frische asked if they will be made smaller. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied that the next time that it is restriped, they will be made smaller, now that motorists are used to reverse angle parking there. He is unsure how many more parking spots it will add. Councilwoman Frische asked if it will be happening any time soon. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied no, not any time soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman moved to excuse the absence of Council President Slough, seconded by Councilman Klein. All were in favor. Filed.

Councilman Wobser thanked Dave Beach and the Municipal Judges for hosting Council on the tour on the newly redone second floor of the Municipal Building and auxiliary rooms. They also informed everyone on where they are going with Phase III on those projects.

Councilman Watson thanked the Mayor and the Administration for their response of the wind storm this past weekend. It is easy to criticize, especially when sirens go off, he would much rather be warned and be safe.

Safety Director Schmelzer added that the Municipal Court project turned out very well. Jeremy Kalb with the City's Engineering Department did a very good job of fostering that project. The payroll ordinance was just added to the upcoming COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE agenda, and wants to have time for the safety software discussions. Representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, and the County Sheriff will be in attendance to look at a collaborative effort, as well as a representative from Tyler Technologies, so he asked if their item could be addressed at the beginning of the meeting. He anticipates needing an hour for discussion and questions.

Councilman Wobser asked if Tyler Technologies is the software provider. Safety Director Schmelzer replied they are one of the vendors that the City is evaluating right now.

Councilman Monday: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting on November 14, 2017 at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

- agenda: 1. payroll ordinance
2. public safety software

Councilman Russel: **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting on November 9, 2017 at 4:00pm in the first floor Council Office of the Municipal Building (CO)

- agenda: 1. 836 Washington St rezone
2. E Main Cross St vacation

President Pro-Tem Monday adjourned Council at 8:06 pm.



CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO-TEM