

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 6, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindldecker, VanDyne

ABSENT: Harrington, Spence

President J Slough opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Klein moved to accept the December 16, 2014 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes as written. Councilman Frische seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Monday moved to add the following to tonight's agenda. Councilman VanDyne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ONS:

- Letter from Director of Law = appointment of Elliott Werth (**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS** section).
- Ordinance No. 2015-004 = driveway/curb cut permit for 1112 6th Street (**LEGISLATION** section).
- Ordinance No. 2015-005 = combination of City/County Health Districts (**LEGISLATION** section).

PROCLAMATIONS: – none.

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: - none.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Hancock County Commissioners – oil single county ditch

A petition and bond was filed at the Hancock County Commissioners Office on April 10, 2014. As of November 5, 2014, an amended petition was filed in the matter of the oil single county ditch and named Mayor Mihalik as the petitioner. This is to clean and grub the existing channel. This will start at the southeast side of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad then following the main channel south and west to the point of where the ditch crosses Lima Avenue. Also, a branch of the Oil Ditch that meanders west from the main branch to Interstate 75. The City of Findlay will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the construction and maintenance costs that would normally be assessed to properties within the City of Findlay corporation boundary. All costs of engineering, construction, and future maintenance will be assessed to the City of Findlay, except as ordered under Section 6131.31 of the Revised Code.

A hearing for this petition will be held on February 17, 2015 at 11:00am at the office of the Board of Hancock County Commissioners 1st floor conference room. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Sherril Hauschulter– driveway for 1112 6th Street

Ms. Hauschulter thanked Council for adding Ordinance No. 2015-004 to the agenda. She also thanked the Traffic Commission on the work that they did for her request for handicap access at 1112 6th Street.

Tony Grotrain – ornament tree

After the last City Council meeting, he spoke to the Mayor about a request a couple of individuals had asked him for his help on a project they wanted to do. The Mayor gave them permission to do the project, and he verified that with the Mayor. An ornament tree for those who lost their lives to substance abuse overdose was placed in the lobby of the Municipal Building from December 17, 2014-January 2, 2015. The ornament tree consisted of a Christmas tree that was decorated with ornaments that had names and death dates of those who died from addictions. His grandson's name was on the top ornament. The entire project was for anyone to come in and take a free ornament and write the name of their loved one on it and attached it to the tree. The two (2) ladies who started the tree are recovering heroin addicts. The first seven (7) ornaments that went on the tree were the names of those they had grown up with. These two (2) ladies also knew his grandson. When it was taken down, there were nineteen (19) ornaments, all who had died from drug addictions in Hancock County. It is his hope that the tree will be put up again this coming Christmas, but with an earlier start date with more publicity so that more people know about it. He is very proud of the two (2) ladies who thought of this.

PETITIONS:

RCM Architects President W. Jerry Murray –rezone parcels 210001029285 and 210001029286 on Broad Ave & Bigelow

On behalf of their client, Findlay City Schools, consideration of the rezoning of parcels 210001029285 and 210001029286 from R-1 Residential to I-1 Light Industrial. Referred to City Planning Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Filed.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Findlay City Board of Health minutes – November 19, 2014. Filed.

Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – 2015 Capital Improvements Plan

The proposed version of the 2015 Capital Improvements Plan is nearly complete and is anticipated to be finalized sometime during the first full week of January. The Service-Safety Director would like to present the proposed 5-year plan at the next Appropriations Committee meeting. A copy of the plan will be ready for pick up on Friday, January 9, 2015 for the January 13, 2015 Appropriations Committee meeting and the finalized copy will be provided at the Appropriations Committee meeting. Referred to the Appropriations Committee meeting. Filed.

Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – HAN-US 224/568-12.76/0.23, PID #93683, project no. 32847900

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is finalizing details for this project. Preliminary legislation from ODOT (Ordinance No. 2014-089) was adopted by Council on October 21, 2014 which agreed to financially participate with ODOT on the project. Based on ODOT's original estimate, five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000.00) was included in the 2015 Capital Improvements Plan; however, ODOT has revised the City's estimated share of construction to now be six hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$661,238.00). ODOT generated legislation was created for this as Resolution No. 003-2015.

Service-Safety Director Paul Schmezier – Marathon Petroleum Company (MPC), project no. 31948200

The City of Findlay continues to support Marathon Petroleum Company (MPC) on their campus expansion and area roadway improvements. Recently, the City received notification of the grant award from the Ohio Department Services Agency. In order to continue moving forward with the area roadway improvements, the grant funds need to be appropriated for construction. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2015-003 was created.

FROM: Ohio 629 Roadwork Development Grant	\$ 250,000.00
TO: Ohio 629-Marathon Petroleum Company Project #31948200	\$ 250,000.00

Discussion:

Service-Safety Director Schmelzer clarified that while this is referenced as Marathon Petroleum Company, money from Jobs Ohio did not directly go to the Marathon campus project. The money is being used for two (2) intersection upgrades that the City hopes to accomplish, one on East Street and the other on Sandusky Street/Blanchard. The Marathon Petroleum project number is being used as a tracking number for the grant funds that will then be distributed to intersection projects within the City. Filed.

City Planning Commission minutes – December 11, 2014; agenda – January 8, 2015. Filed.

Mayor Lydia Mihalik – Mayor appointments to various Boards or Commissions

Mayor Mihalik is requesting the following appointments to the following Boards or Commissions:

Airport Advisory Board – does not require Council confirmation

Roy Alexander
Term to expire on December 31, 2017

Board of Zoning Appeals – requires Council confirmation

Phillip Rooney
Sharon Rooney
Terms to expire on December 31, 2018
Councilman Monday made a motion to accept these appointments, seconded by Councilman Klein. All were in favor.

Board of Health – requires Council confirmation

Dr. Robert McEvoy
Term to expire December 31, 2019
Councilman Monday made a motion to accept this appointment, seconded by Councilman Klein. All were in favor.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board – requires Council confirmation

Donald Bledsoe
Phil Martin
Dennis McPherson
Jody O'Brien
Christie Ranzau
Dave Trisel
Terms to expire December 31, 2016
Councilman Nichols made a motion to accept these appointments, seconded by Councilman Monday. All were in favor.

Parks and Recreation Board – does not require Council confirmation

Dave Trisel
Term to expire on December 31, 2017

Shade Tree Commission – does not require Council confirmation

Tim Brugeman
Randy Greeno
Tom Mills
Terms to expire December 31, 2017

Street Designation Committee – requires Council confirmation

Dale Gillespie
Term will expire on December 31, 2016
Councilman Shindledecker made a motion to accept this appointment, seconded by Councilman Nichols. All were in favor.
Filed.

Parks and Recreation Board minutes – December 15, 2014. Filed.

Traffic Commission minutes – December 15, 2014. Filed.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Matt Cordonnier – proposed changes to the City of Findlay zoning code
Hancock Regional Planning Commission and the Findlay Zoning Department have completed a thorough review of the Findlay Zoning Code. The City of Findlay has been working under the new code for over three (3) years and in that time period, it was discovered that parts of the code that need to be repaired, further defined, or rewritten. Proposed changes to the zoning code be forwarded to the City of Findlay Planning Commission, and the Council Planning and Zoning Committee for an in-depth review is requested. Referred to the Planning Commission and the Planning and Zoning Committee. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – December 2014. Filed.

Law Director Don Rasmussen – appointment of Elliott Werth

One of the Assistant Director of Law resigned back in October 2014, thus creating an opening in the department. Elliott Werth is being appointed to fill that vacancy effective January 5, 2015. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 for the Health Department combination. Filed. Councilman Monday moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2015 (*allows Auditor to request advances on tax settlements at the County*) **first reading** **adopted**
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES DURING THE YEAR 2015 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §321.34.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2015 (*internet auction*) **first reading** **adopted**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Monday moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings. Councilman VanDyne seconded the motion. Ayes: Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische. The Resolution was given its second and third readings. Councilman Klein moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman VanDyne. Ayes: Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische, Klein. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXII, and is hereby made a part of the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2015 (*ODOT – US 224/SR 568 curb ramps*) **first reading** **adopted**
A FINAL RESOLUTION COOPERATING WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ROADWAY ON US 224 AND SR 568 INCLUDING HANDICAP CURB RAMPS ALONG CENTER STREET, TIFFIN AVENUE AND SANDUSKY STREET, LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY OF FINDLAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Klein moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings. Councilman VanDyne seconded the motion. Ayes: Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische, Klein, Monday. The Resolution was given its second and third readings. Councilman Klein moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Nichols. Ayes: Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXII, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-099 (*HRPC provide CDBG program*) **third reading** **adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HANCOCK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS HRPC) FOR THE FACILITATION AND PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman VanDyne. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2014-099 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-104 (*337 E Lincoln St rezone*) **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS EAST LINCOLN STREET ALLEY VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-001 (*appropriations for current expenses & other expenditures for 2015*) **first reading** **adopted**
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Monday moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. Ayes: Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Nichols moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if this ordinance is basically the budget Council was presented with in December with a few minor modifications. Auditor Staschiak replied the numbers are the same as what was presented at the December 2014 budget meeting with some adjustments made based on some last minute items. The Auditor's Office is always notified of any modifications that need to be made before the ordinance goes to Council. There are no issues with the budget that should affect Council's vote to adopt it.

Ayes: VanDyne, Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2015-001 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002 (*2015 sewer fund*) **first reading** **adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Monday moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings. Councilman VanDyne seconded the motion. Ayes: Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Klein moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Monday. Ayes: Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2015-002 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-003 (*MPC campus expansion project*) **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-004 (*1112 6TH St driveway/curb cut permit*) **first reading** **adopted during Old Business**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FINDLAY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A DRIVEWAY/CURB CUT PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1112 6TH STREET.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005 (*combination of County & City Health District*) **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE COMBINATION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF FINDLAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Frische made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 2015-004 to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give it its second and third readings. Councilman Monday seconded the motion. Ayes: Frische, Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne. The ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilwoman Frische moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this first went to the City's Engineering Department, then the Traffic Commission looked at it, and now an ordinance is before City Council. He asked why an ordinance was created and if it will set a precedence for future requests. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer recapped that the request was originally denied by the Engineering Department and the applicant was advised to go to Traffic Commission where it was also denied. They then were referred to City Council. Both the Service-Safety Director and Council discussed putting a standard in place at the following Traffic Commission meeting. The Service-Safety Director started to develop a procedure because of this particular issue and the current lack of a standard. At that Traffic Commission meeting, Councilwoman Frische and Councilman Monday discussed how to go about getting the applicant an answer to their request. One option is to wait until a policy is developed to get an answer which would take some time given the amount of discussion this topic warrants. Another option that was based upon the fact that there no current standard is in place, was to create legislation to take to City Council to see what they want to do. If City Council is of the mind to approve it, then the permit will be granted by the City's Engineering Department. If Council denies it to wait for a standard to be fully developed, and if the curb cut meets the standard, the applicant could then reapply based upon that standard. He does not see this situation meeting standard. While he does feel it was a good idea to bring this to Council in the form of an ordinance so that an answer can be given to the applicant, he does not feel it would meet the standard. This particular issue is one of the reasons a standard needs to be developed. If Council approves the ordinance tonight, it would only be because there is no current standard in place to deny it. Councilman Russel then asked if Council will be the final decision maker if someone does not like the City's Engineering Department's decision. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that is not ultimately where this policy will state. Planning Commission should be the next

step if the applicant does not like Engineering's decision. If a property owner applies for a dual-curb cut or a dual-access in the City's Engineering Department and is denied, the request would then go to the Planning Commission whereby a plan could be developed and the policy that is in place would be reviewed. A plan would need to be put together that illustrates the clearance distances from intersections and

adjacent property owner access points, and the distances between the two (2) curb cuts that are proposed. The Planning Commission would make a decision on whether or not it is a valid request. On this request, he does not feel it is appropriate for one person (City Engineer) to make an autonomous decision on someone's access and not have recourse for them. This probably should have been sent to the Planning Commission, but the Traffic Commission seemed like a logical place for it to go. So the procedure should be that an applicant will apply in the City's Engineering Office and if their request is denied and they do not agree, it would then go before the City Planning Commission. If the City Planning Commission denies it and the applicant wants to appeal their decision, it would then come to City Council.

Councilman VanDyne asked if the Service-Safety Director will continue to work on a standard regardless of what Council decides on this ordinance. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied he will.

Councilman Russel asked if an applicant wants to appeal the Planning and Zoning subcommittee's decision, would that also come to City Council. Law Director Rasmussen replied that these types of requests do not currently come to City Council, but would be part of developing a standard with the possibility that it could go to the Planning Commission and/or the Planning and Zoning Committee. Planning Commission seems to be a better place for it as they deal with those issues. Planning Commission will submit their recommendations to Council in a report. If they make a recommendation to approve a request and Council accepts the minutes, then that means Council accepts the report. If Planning Commission denies the request and Council accepts their minutes, then Council would be approving the minutes. The second step may not even be needed. The third step (City Council) will already be acting on it. Council always has the right to override the Planning Commission's decision by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. An ordinance on this was created because he received a request from two (2) Councilmembers for it.

Councilwoman Frische added that the reason she requested the ordinance is because Council did not accept the committee report at the last City Council meeting because Councilmembers had a concern about the request. It was then referred back to the Traffic Commission. She and Councilman Monday attended that Traffic Commission meeting and felt that the applicant deserved an answer as they have gone through the process and Council denied the committee report but were not sure they wanted to deny the access of the curb cut.

Councilman Shindledecker noted that many Councilmembers wanted to wait until spring/construction season which is about the earliest the work could be accomplished on this request in hopes that the revisions to the standard that the Service-Safety Director is working on would be ready by then. If the revisions to the standard were not accomplished by that time (end of March, beginning of April), some Councilmembers would make an exception and grant a variance. He asked the Service-Safety Director that since he does not feel this request would meet the current criteria, if he feels this request could be written into the revisions to the standard he is working on. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied something could be in place for requests like this, but does not feel this situation would meet the standard in the policy. At the Traffic Commission level, they will review the policy with hopes to have a draft by the end of March.

Councilman Nichols asked if there are any curbs at this location. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that there are not. Councilman Nichols then asked why curb cuts are being requested if there are no curbs. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that curb cuts are generally referred to as an access point. Councilman Nichols noted that he was under the impression that the policy was that if there were not curb cuts, you could basically do whatever you want (i.e. park along the street, etc.). Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that is not his understanding of it.

Councilman Russel asked the Service-Safety Director if he feels this request falls short of the non-existent policy because the request is to have two (2) access points on a lot of this size. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that would be getting into the policy discussion that is to take place another time. It is only his opinion that it would not meet the standard for what the County has as policy. Knowing that there are many subdivisions that are in the County that are functioning as residential subdivisions within the City, it would seem prudent that the City's standard be similar. Under the current County policy, it would not meet the standard for a secondary access point which is why his opinion is what it is, but does not mean that is where this ultimately ends up. There is input required from others before the policy is accepted. Councilman Russel noted that the policy will give citizens a recourse when the City Engineer denies their request. He then asked if this ordinance allows Council to override Engineering Department's decision and if it is common for Council to override individual department's decisions in this manner, and if not, if there are any concerns that Council would be heading down the wrong path instead of waiting for a policy and procedure to be put in place so that this request can be considered in due time. Law Director Rasmussen replied that requests have not been handled in this fashion before, but have given second access points and had situations that could have been identical to this and denied them which is why the Service-Safety Director feels a policy needs to be in place so that if an applicant does not like the decisions made, they have a place where they can go and have recourse. He also attended the Traffic Commission meeting where this was discussed. It was noted that if legislation is wanted, then two (2) Councilmembers have to ask for it which is what happened here, but as Councilman Shindledecker noted, it is not construction season yet, so there is time for a policy to be developed before action is taken on this request. It is up to Council on what they way to do with this. He does not feel that Council would be overriding anyone's decision if they decide to authorize a curb cut onto the thoroughfare within the city limits as it is under Council's control. Council has the right to do so just as they would have the right to vacate a right-of-way or alley. Council grants permission to use the City's right-of-way. He feels the process needs to move forward and it is Council's decision on what to do.

Councilwoman Frische asked if Council waits until spring to make a decision on this even if protocol is in place, but if this wouldn't meet protocol, if Council will still be in the same situation they are now. She would like to give the applicant a decision today to let them move forward and have peace of mind since they have gone through the process. Council denied the committee report because of concern about denying anyone a curb cut for a handicap person. She does not feel it should make a difference if Council gives them a decision now instead of waiting until construction season to pour concrete. She feels an answer now is proper to give to the applicant if it will not change anything later in the construction season even if they still do not meet the standard in the policy where they will still be denied, but possibly give them an exception through Council.

Service-Safety Director Schmelzer noted that the Engineering Department will be involved in the examination of the policy as it is their job to interpret that policy and make a decision. It is not their job to look at individual circumstances and give variances, which is why there needs to be a secondary body looking at it which is the role Council is providing for this case. Council is not overturning an Engineering decision because that decision needs to be made based on the policy, not extenuating circumstances.

Councilman Niemeyer agrees that a policy needs to be in place, but feels this request will make the area a more attractive location. He went to the property and looked at it. Many citizens drive over curbs and go in and out wherever they want even where curb cuts are not present causing a muddy mess.

Councilman VanDyne asked if Council can call the question and then vote.

Ayes: Klein, Monday, Nichols, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, VanDyne, Frische. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2015-004 and is hereby made a part of the record.

City Auditor Staschiak replied to a question Councilman Russel asked earlier on Ordinance No. 2015-001. The figures Councilman Russel is asking about do not include the subsidies to the funds subsidized by the general fund. The number is correct in total, so no de-appropriation of funds is necessary. Everything is within a few dollars of the budget that was presented to Council.

Councilwoman Frische reminded Council that the City-wide Block Watch kick-off is next Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00pm.

Councilman Shindledecker thanked the Street Department workers for a job well done last night/this morning in trying to keep the streets plowed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Monday: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting on January 13, 2015 at 3:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1):

- agenda: 1. 2015 Capital Improvements Plan
2. Fire Chief Lonyo severance pay

Councilman Monday noted that the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (BRWP) has invited a member of Council to be on their board. He made a motion for Councilman Nichols to fill the position, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor. Filed.

Councilman Russel: **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting on January 8, 2015 at 4:00pm in the first Council Office of the Municipal Building (CO):

- agenda: Findlay City Schools rezone

Councilman Russel made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilman Harrington and Councilwoman Spence. Seconded by Councilman VanDyne. All were in favor.

Mayor Mihalik announced that the annual unity walk will be on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm at the First Lutheran Church on South Main Street. This is held around Martin Luther King Jr. day every year. The walk will begin at First Lutheran Church and will go down to Dorney Plaza where a prayer will be held, then they will go back to the church for a small presentation. She invited all Councilmembers to participate. It is a great community event and would be nice to have all elected officials present given the state of affairs in our country.

~~Council President Slough: **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting on January 27, 2014 at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1):~~

- ~~agenda: proposed zoning code changes.~~

~~This was postponed until after the City Planning Commission and the Planning and Zoning Committee have met and discussed this.~~

President J. Slough adjourned Council at 8:18pm.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL