

**City of Mt. Sterling
General Council Meeting
Police Training Center - #5 Jefferson Road
April 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Flesner calls the general City of Mt. Sterling Council Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with roll call. ROLL CALL – Jim Jennings here, Schenk here, Myers here, Scranton here, Buss here, Lauren Jennings here.

Fire Chief Brian Gallaher, Public Works Director Dusty Buss, City Treasurer Cheryl Flynn, City Attorney Lonnie Dunn, and City Administrator Vada Yingling are present.

Mayor Dane Flesner- I would like to entertain a motion to approve March minutes as presented.

Alderman Scranton makes a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Schenk. Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes.

Mayor Flesner- motion to pass the March minutes passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner- I would to entertain a motion to approve the March expenses, with two changes, \$1200.00 to Dunn Law Office and also under the police the 3rd line under down under police general fund the payroll should be \$5,219.60 instead of \$529.60

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to approve the March expenses with the addition of \$1200.00 to Dunn Law Office and the noted change on the police, seconded by Schenk. Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes.

Mayor Flesner- Motion to approve the March expenses with the addition of \$1200.00 to Dunn Law Office and the change in the police expenses passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner- Guest/Citizens opportunity to address the council- Action Brown County update. Nobody.

Mayor Flesner- Tim Wachter, sportsman’s Club-request for street closure for the Testicle Festival, Friday June 16th at 7:00 PM through Saturday June 17th at noon. Tim, one quick correction to that is that is the closing is Friday, June 16th through Sunday, June 18th

at noon. We are going to have the Testicle Festival again this year on Saturday June 17th the day before Father's Day. The format is pretty much the same as it has been in the past. We will close down the Street and have live music outside, serving some beer and also some other entertainment. There will be free admission to the public, everyone 21 and over is welcome to attend. And the other details are pretty much the same as always. We have not yet confirmed the inclusion of the bike show and the poker run we did last year so I am not requesting the street to be closed on the South side of Capital like we did last year at this point. If I get that confirmed then I will be coming back in May to request that additional closing. So for now it is just going to be the section of North Capital from the 4-way stop up to North Street and the two alleys on the either side of Capital. Those will be closed from Friday at 7:00 P.M. on June 16th to Sunday at noon. Alderman Myers, rather than come back would you like us to vote on doing what you want to do contingent on the closing of the Street if you get verification on the other attendees or would you rather come back? Tim, if you are comfortable granting that today as well I, and if we are not needing it we will just leave it open, if you want to grant if we do need it then we can save everybody the headache of coming back. Mayor Flesner, I would just let Dusty know close to time you don't need to come back, just let Dusty know whenever you find out. Tim, ok we can do that and also Dusty I am requesting permission to access the City's water and electrical for the festival.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to give Tim Wachter of the Sportsman's Club the permission to shut down the street as presented here and the inclusion of the South side of Capital if needed for a bike show, seconded by Lauren Jennings. Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes.

Mayor Flesner-the motion to allow the Sportsman's Club to close the streets as presented for the Testicle Festival with the inclusion of South Capital if needed for the bike show passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner, Louis Hammer, requesting airport farm lease to be extended 3 extra years. Louis, I talked to Lonnie a couple of times on this and he put it in that the tenant shall have the option to enter into an additional 3 year term. Then when the final draft came out it was taken out. So I guess I am here to ask the council to vote on that, to put that back in. Back in December when the airport committee had their meeting, they talked about it was going to take 4 years to bring the soil back up to U of I guidelines. And I would just like the opportunity to see this through. There are several things I would like to see done out there, and I would like the opportunity to have the option for an additional 3 years. Jim Jennings, so why was that option taken out? Lonnie Dunn, it was my understanding there was no clarity in the committee minutes that it was dealt with or that it was dealt with here at council. So, for transparency I think that the council should have the say on that. Mayor Flesner, it was just not very clear when we all looked at the meeting minutes it wasn't out there and we had never really done it before so I said I would rather do it this way. Lonnie Dunn, the option is not an issue it is fairly common practice for there to be an option or an additional term of years in a contract particularly for a farm lease. Alderman Myers, so it is 3 years with the option? Lonnie, yes that is what we discussed earlier 3 years with an option for another 3 years I think we discussed. Mayor Flesner, then after that option it goes

back to bid? Lonnie, yes. Myers, well I don't have any problem with that I mean I am just trying to remember what we got into when your successor was the attorney, something stands out in my mind that it was always 3 years and that was the length we could do it. Lonnie, no there shouldn't be any reason why you could go past, I mean again I know any number of municipalities that give additional options. Myers, I am alright for the option and I will make that a motion that we do that. Alderman Jim Jennings, there had been at one time because I can remember when Jeff Market was still alive and he utilizing that option and taking it 3 years, he might have done it twice. Lonnie, there was some initial discussion about giving him a right of first refusal but I think that could get you into some hot water because that is not a true bid situation for the other people bidding if there is an automatic right of first refusal for Louis. So I wouldn't even mess with the right of refusal I would go right to an option if that is what you guys want to do.

Alderman Myers makes a motion to allow the option of a 3 year extension in the airport farm contract for Louis Hammer, seconded by Scranton. Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes.

Mayor Flesner, request by Louis Hammer for the airport farm ground contract to read with an option of another 3 years passes unanimously.

Old Business-

New Business- Mayor Flesner, appropriations budget review, we just wanted to get that handed out to all of you to look through. I am going to call one more meeting just to sew up a couple of things we had some TIF 2 questions so I will get that called and an email sent out before the next council meeting. Please go through this any questions let myself, Vada, Cheryl, Stacy or whoever please inquire with somebody about it before the next meeting so we can get it taken care of if you see something you don't like and go from there. Cheryl, if I have put in something wrong that I shouldn't have just let me know I can change that.

Mayor Flesner, employee raises. I would like to make the recommendation to give across the board raises at 2.5% to every full time employee with the City of Mt. Sterling. It is my recommendation but it is definitely open for discussion. Vada sent me an email I had her look into and the national average was 2.8% and that obviously includes bigger Cities as well.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to approve a 2.5% raise for the City of Mt. Sterling employees that are full time, seconded by Schenk. Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss abstain.

Mayor Flesner, the motion to give the full time City employees a 2.5% raise across the board passes with 5 yes and 1 abstention.

Mayor Flesner, Cobra Services? City Clerk Stacy Dunlap, I put that on there because Jerry came to me and said on this 3P Administration we do it for a \$1.50 per employee, per month on the Health Insurance. Right now we pay \$30 a month to benefit planning. This would not be a huge savings but it would be a little savings. Alderman Jim Jennings, excuse my ignorance but what is that they do? City Clerk Dunlap, if an employee leaves for another job they are allowed to buy insurance to cover them until they are covered again by new job. Mayor Flesner, this is just a way for employees who would have a gap in coverage to still have insurance if they want for a very premium price. Dusty, that is something we don't administer correct? City Clerk Dunlap, no they do. Alderman Myers, do we have anyone on that? Mayor Flesner, no that is again just if someone were to need coverage when they leave the city for another job. Do we have any sort on contract with the company we currently have doing this? Stacy, I will have to check into that. Alderman Buss, was it Jerry's recommendation to do that? Stacy, Yes, I have actually sent him the benefit planning stuff for review. Alderman Jim Jennings, who's Jerry? Stacy, Jerry Palmer he is our insurance guy. Mayor Flesner, so have Stacy check on the contract and bring that information to the next council meeting for you guys to approve then? All agreed.

Mayor Flesner, city wide cleanup proposed for June 9th and 10th. Vada, I would like to do this this year when they are doing city wide yard sales. I talked to Dan Long at the DM and that is when that is planned. We did this last year on the same weekend and it worked out pretty good. I have a couple calls in for quotes again this year and I assume it will be about the same as last year. We had \$1,200 in dumpster fees from Jennings and Markert's took all the iron and gave us their dumpster for free. Alderman Buss, are they going to do this again? Vada, I have calls into both of them and no response yet. June the 9th is a Friday we would do it all day that day, and on June 10th we would do it from eight to noon. We could always stay until one so the yard sales are over and that would give people the chance to still get there and get rid of their extra so they don't end up with an ordinance violation. Mayor Flesner, do we want to wait until we have bid numbers to move on this? Alderman Jim Jennings, I'm abstaining so... Alderman Schenk, we better wait. Mayor Flesner, that is what I thought as well, good idea. Thank you Vada.

Mayor Flesner, Brown County Music Boosters. Alderman Jim Jennings, I requested this be put on there along with Tim Wachter. The music boosters are wanting to put on a shrimp boil and it will be an outside thing. Madd Hoss Jackson we be playing and everything for this event will be donated. It wasn't asked but Tim on his own volunteered his beer wagon. All the profits from this event will be donated to the music boosters program. It will not be as big as the Testicle Festival and chances are the street would not need to be shut down until noon just putting it in motion to be on safe side. The band will be done playing at eleven, food is being donated by Dot and this should be a great fundraiser. I was hoping to get this ok'd and we would not need alley by Sportsman's shut down.

Alderman Jim Jennings, with that being said I would like to make that a motion, seconded by Schenk. Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes.

Mayor Flesner - Motion to allow Brown County Music Boosters to have fundraiser Saturday May 6th passes unanimously. Alderman Jim Jennings – I would like to thank David Market he is doing the cooking for this event all voluntarily. Alderman Myers, do we have a music program at the High School? Alderman Jim Jennings – yes.

Mayor Flesner – Treasure’s report.

Mayor Flesner – Public Work’s report. Dusty, the first thing I got on there is the WICC bill. We received a payment today actually in the amount of \$61, 687.66 which brings their total down to \$216,057.89 which is the lowest it has been in quite some time. Vada – that brings them current to January? Dusty – December. Alderman Myers – the only thing I would like to say is do not want to see us get into a court of claims with this bill due to their fiscal year coming to a close. Are we protected on anything like that? Lonnie – You will either have to file a civil suit or a court of claims suit ultimately in order to get that bill. Alderman Myers – I just don’t want to see us first of June have a big outstanding bill out there and we have to go that route. Cheryl – Dusty did you ever look into the company Philip discussed on this bill? Dusty – we have not looked into them yet as we discussed as a council to keep moving forward as is with that option always being a viable one. Mayor Flesner – At any point in time when can make that contact if in dire need and we can do it. It’s just a matter of paperwork. Dusty – if I understood Philip correctly we can use that at any time. Next thing I had one there is proposing to sell the old street signs and use the money for the lake playground equipment. I have had a lot of people stop me and ask if they could buy an old sign. We would like to sell them first come, first serve at \$10 a piece with the money going toward playground equipment at the lake. It would not be enough to buy all the equipment but I think it would be a good start. Mayor Flesner – will we have to create a new line item on the budget to itemize the sign money? Dusty – It could be anywhere in general under revenue. Alderman Jennings – all the things we have talked about over the last two years I caught the most grief for taking out the lake equipment. People thought we just did it because not knowing we had to. Dusty – Call them back and tell them they can buy it. Dusty – Vada is going to write something up for the paper once we get the details squared away on how and when we will sell them.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to allow Dusty and Vada to coordinate the sale of the street signs for \$10 apiece and the proceeds to go into a yet to be determined line item in the appropriations ordinance. Schenk – second. Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes.

Mayor Flesner – Motion to allow the sale of the old street signs for \$10 a piece on a first come first serve basis, with the proceeds going towards new lake playground equipment on a date to be determined passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner – Part time hire water billing clerk. Dusty – I brought this up last month that Carlos was leaving. I did an interview this morning with Brenna Pherigo this morning and the interview went very well. She is willing to work the same hours as Carlos was working

which was five days a week from 9:00 – 2:30. Mayor Flesner – what will the hourly pay be? Dusty - \$11 an hour. Alderman Jim Jennings – I take that is not something we have to advertise legally or did we. Dusty – Yes we did advertise, and she was one of the applicants. Alderman Jim Jennings – Got it, ok sounds good. I will make that motion then.

Alderman Jim Jennings – I will make the motion to allow Dusty the authority to hire Brenna Pherigo for the agreed upon amount of hours. Scranton – second. Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss Abstain, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes. Mayor Flesner – Dusty do we have a start date? Dusty – Not right now but it will be within the next month.

Mayor Flesner – The motion to hire Brenna Pherigo as a part time water billing clerk at \$11 an hour with the start date to be determined passes with 5 yes, and 1 abstention.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc

Airport

Cemetery

City Planning-Anthony Miller, we had a meeting on March 22nd we had a city planning meeting to discuss the letter we got from the State Historic Preservation office. Which is part of the environmental review process associated with the Main street project, they review any projects that have federal funds for any applicable historic properties and obviously your down town Main street has a lot of historic properties because on the historical register they had a list of comments, they sent a letter with a list of comments and we met to discuss the list of comments. There were five comments, has everybody seen this letter Vada? Vada, it is in their packets. Anthony, so we discussed each individual comment, which there were only three real comments. The first comment was, I don't know if you guys recall the original lay out up in front of the Courthouse consisted of a semi-circular yard to where Capitol, North, and both Court Streets met at a semi- circular intersection. And historic preservation said there were no circular streets back in those days so that didn't apply it wasn't period specific so we came up with a square type intersection. A five way square intersection which back whenever we did it, it has been several months ago, everybody that saw it liked it better anyhow. So the committee agree to go ahead and use the square intersection opposed to the semi-circular. Item number 2, if you guys recall at the intersection of Main Street and Capitol in the middle of intersection there was a octagon shape and there was going to be some brick pavers. In the intersection they indicated that didn't fit the historic district either, so we are proposing to take that out. Item number 3, historic preservation requested we take all landscaping out of the plan with the exception of the front yard in front of the courthouse. And the original plan had landscaping at each alley intersection and at the intersection of Capitol, every bump out at the intersections had some

sort of landscaping. Although at this time we didn't have a detailed landscaping plan, so they asked us to take the landscaping out. Also, items 4 and 5 they want to see a proposed plan before they will sign off on an updated plan. It shows where all the trees where all the street furniture where all the lighting would be before they will sign off on the plan. And we must get approval in writing. And at that meeting, everyone voted to accept all items that were on the list as acceptable. So, what we would like to have is the council vote to accept the city planning's recommendations. Alderman Myers, do you plan on closing traffic in front of the courthouse? Anthony, no it will be much like it is now. Dusty, it will actually be more friendly with this design than it was with the old design. Anthony, this will create the yard out front, the street width won't be so wide and open like it is now, so it won't be so much a free for all, it will be a fine rectangle yard South of the courthouse which will help channelize the traffic through there. Alderman Jim Jennings, are we subject to all of this because of the way our grant was submitted, because we are going for historical. Mayor Flesner, with my understanding wasn't it because when they looked at our town and the history of how our downtown used to be there wasn't plants and all that kind of stuff around it was all... Anthony, with any kind of federal funding State historic preservation looks at every single project that has federal funding. And this ITEP program is a federal funded program even though it might seem on the outside that it is an IDOT funded project, it is not IDOT just administers the funds. But they are federal funds so any project that is federally funded be it here or anywhere across the State on of the bodies that reviews the drawings is historic preservation. Any federally funded project that has no historic properties there is no issues. But since your downtown is on the historic register from, don't quote me on the exact period, but if I remember correctly, it's historic period is from 1863 through to the early 20's. So basically what historic preservation is the body itself opinion on what is historically correct. They are saying no semicircular roads. When you think about it that is for the most part probably true. As far as the landscaping goes that is a whole other issue. What landscaping would fit historically is sort of up in the air as there are different plants now then there were back then. Typically what we use for a project like this are native plants to the State of Illinois. Some of which would be big stemmed grasses and cone flowers. They may not have been in your downtown in the late 1800's but who would know. Alderman Jennings, this is just their opinion though correct? We are being coerced into agreeing to this to get the funding correct? Anthony, we have to satisfy historic preservation to get them to sign off on our plan to be able to use the money. Alderman Scranton, there is room for negotiation at some point correct? Anthony, there could be room for negotiation but it depends on what you want to negotiate. Casey, there were no red flags in us letting this go by the way side and was not too big of a concern in committee meeting. Anthony, this is all part of the process. If you guys did not agree to these then we would have to meet with them and see if a compromise could be met. Lauren, so with no landscaping is there any detail work that can be done? Anthony, they are saying we need to go completely to hardscapes which I don't think is historic either. We gave them a schematic plan to generate discussion early. We had landscape areas at the bump outs. They are saying it all needs to be hardscape. We discussed at the planning meeting that if landscaping was desired at a later date we would entertain using some pots or something like that. That is not to say you can't use your own money for landscaping down the road you just can't use federal dollars on it.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes the motion to accept the committee's recommendation that we agree to all five conditions set forth by IDOT and The Historical Preservation Society. Scranton, second. Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, and Myers yes.

Mayor Flesner – Motion to accept the recommendations to all five conditions set forth in the IDOT and SHPO conditional letter in regards to Uptown Revitalization Plan passes unanimously.

Finance/Budget-

Fire-

Lake/Lake Development- Dusty, the first thing on there is discussing taking sealed bids around the same time we are going to do the signs. We will put in paper for a couple weeks and can open at Council meeting. Mayor Flesner, can we use the smallest advertising block they have so we don't spend \$200 on advertising and get \$20 for the stuff. Dusty, yes that is no problem I will let Stacy handle that.

Alderman Jim Jennings make a motion to allow for sealed bids for playground equipment as presented by Dusty. Second, Buss. Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers Yes, Scranton yes.

Mayor Flesner – Motion to take sealed bids for Merry go round and two springy animals with the proceeds going to the lake playground fund passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner, Lake host recommendation. Schenk, we discussed hiring Joe Cox. Vada what was the number? Vada, \$80 a week. Schenk, we discussed hiring Joe for \$80 a week for a minimum of ten hours to be worked. Vada, we are going to supply him with a track phone and that number will be posted on the board. I think Dusty has already got the lettering coming to be posted on the board out front. Joe will use the City truck and will be supplied with a couple tee shirts and a cap so he will be official as he's rolling through the lake. Mayor Flesner, what will he be doing for the \$80 a week? Vada, he will collect fees, weed eat and be required to complete a checklist. Dane, that is fine I just wanted to be clear on what he was doing for the \$80 a week. Schenk, the committee was unanimous on this recommendation.

Schenk makes the motion to hire Joe Cox as the lake host. Myers second. Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes.

Mayor Flesner – Motion to accept Joe Cox as the lake host passes unanimously.

Mayor Flesner – Allowing 25HP or less boat motors? Schenk, we have always had trolling motors out there only and we would like to see if we could go up to a 25HP motor with a No

Wake Policy on the lake? Dane, have we had people ask for a change in this? Schenk, yes. Dane, Dusty do you see any problems with that? Dusty, I have not looked into anything with the DNR yet. Myers, I have talked to a few people who would to see it stay as is. They feel that the area is not large enough to support something of that size. Dane, did you guys talk about this is the Lake Committee meeting? Schenk, yes. Emily, I think there was a reason why it was set the way it is. Schenk, it was drawing water from the lake and they didn't want it stirred up. The lake wouldn't hurt to be stirred up here and there a bit. Jim, I remember DNR telling us it would help out if it could be stirred up every once in a while. This was discussed a long time ago though. Dane, Dusty would you mind reaching out to DNR and getting their opinion on this matter? I would feel more comfortable having them let us know the pros and cons before we decide on something like this. Dusty, no problem I will get with them. Dane, let's just table this item until next meeting if that is ok with everyone. All agreed.

Personnel

Plan Commission

Police- Brandon, we are going to start with the monthly activity stuff, 236 contacts, 33 traffic stops, 8 citations, 4 arrests, 8 ordinance contacts that are pending deadlines coming up next week, and 1 ordinance citation written. I put a memo in the paper as a reminder about the grass and the weeds because we will be coming around and taking care of the ordinance stuff on that. I will also get with Dan Long to add the city burn pile notice as well. Something that was brought to my attention after the agendas were out. Dusty do you have any extra stop signs that we could put in some of the uncontrolled alleys? I know we would have to pass an ordinance to enforce it. Dusty, we do have all the old ones right now yes. Brandon, is that something the council would be interested in having a meeting about this where I could explain a little more. If you go over to North Street where Amber Volk lives in her backyard she's got a wooden fence that is about six feet tall. Then caddy cornered from there is that old barn. We have had an accident there and have had several inquire about the safety of that intersection along with others that have a north/south alley and an east/west alley with intersections. You can't always see what is coming up on you. I have had a couple home owners that live on corners on those alleys ask if something could be done. Has anyone else had comments brought to them on this? Jim, undoubtedly right behind John Leonard's office where that brick wall is would be another. I have been going very slow and had people blow by me there. Dane, could we do a street and alley meeting to identify the problem intersections and get a plan together for the council. Brandon, Lonnie we will have to drafty an ordinance for this correct? Lonnie, yes. Dane, please send to street and alley committee. Brandon, now on to the vehicle grant. Vada and I put together a grant in which Vada did most of the leg work. We did this through the USDA office. We have been awarded that grant that was for a police truck. The amount of the grant is dependent on the bid and we received two bids. One was for \$27,000 and the other was for \$28,000. That would mean the city would be awarded approximately \$21,000. I got the second bid last week through another

dealership that has a bid process that is not state bid but according to Tracy with the USDA office we don't have to do state bid as long as it is a bidding process. This dealership has a bid process set up with the Southwest Mayor's Conference which is all the counties up around Chicago. What we would have to have is council approval to spend the balance from whatever the total bid price is from the grant. If the total is \$28,000 the grant would cover \$21,000 so we would need council approval to spend the other \$7,000. It does not include equipment it is the vehicle only. As far as the equipment we have our DUI fund, vehicle fund, and our police grant fund which totals about \$18,000. I wouldn't want to deplete all of that to purchase the truck. I am asking council for approval to fund the difference in the vehicle so I can use these funds to equip the truck. Stacy, you can't use the police grant because that is for the AED's. Brandon, so that would give us \$14,000 between the DUI fund and the police vehicle fund then. Those funds are collected through DUI's written, a certain % of suspended drivers that we get, and those are spent at the Department heads discretion. It can be used for new equipment as long as it is used to enforce DUI's and suspended and such. I would be asking council's approval for us to go ahead and cover the balance out of the General Fund from the bid to the grant and allow us to purchase the vehicle with the equipment to come out of the DUI and the police vehicle funds. Buss, are we going to get rid of any vehicles? Brandon, no I would keep the three we have so we would have a fourth one. Right now we have the SUV has almost 63,000 miles, the sedan has 35,000 miles on it, and the Charger has right at 8,000 miles on it. Buss, what about the other car we had that we didn't do anything with? Brandon, that one we can get rid of we just hadn't decided for sure what we wanted to do with it. It needs some repair work done to it. We can either put some money into it and use it as a travel car or sell it. If Lonnie is ok with selling it as is I'm just not sure what the liability is there. Lonnie, you can sell it as is you just have to make sure you put all of the details in something that they are going to sign. You would need to exclude all warranties and all the typical kind of stuff. There is nothing that would keep you from selling as is as long as they know they are buying as is. Schenk, could you trade it in? Brandon, you could but we would only get around a \$1,000 but I will do that if council wants to. Schenk, I would suggest to just trade it in then we aren't bound to any further expenditure for that car. Brandon, it is ready to be sold or traded off right now. Scranton, so we are basically going from a fleet of three to a fleet of four? Brandon, Yes and that comes back to why I brought the vehicle replacement program up awhile back because Dodge has the 5 year 100,000 mile powertrain warranty so your big ticket items such as motor and transmission are covered if we could do this program. I know we can't set in stone because if funds get lower or any unforeseen thing but if we did the vehicle replacement program we could take the oldest one out of the fleet and replace it then the entire time we own those vehicles the motor and transmission would be covered. The Ford's only offer 5 year 60,000 mile warranty. Jim, what was equipment going to cost again? Brandon, cameras were \$5,000 a piece, radios \$2,500 and then you would have lights so it would be close to \$8,000 - \$10,000. Scranton, was there any consideration to staying with a three vehicle fleet? Brandon, the biggest thing is with the four vehicles again we could keep the vehicles in warranty. We patrol the same amount of miles every year and this would keep them all in warranty. Buss, why a truck? Brandon, we can haul things in it we don't have that option now. We don't have the ability now if we do want to move our radar sign we can only use a personal vehicle, we have gotten Joe's truck and have used the dog catcher's truck before. I have talked to Greenfield PD, the chief down there and Carrollton. Carrollton has two trucks they run one on day shift and on night shift

and the chief down there said that is the one squad most of the guys want to run and it is roomier for the officer. They have the ability when there are storms and stuff to pick up limbs. In inclement weather when you have snow fall and stuff like that a dedicated 4-wheel drive is good to have in the fleet. So that was the purpose of writing that grant, because we had some apprehension about it before so we applied for this grant and we were able to get that grant. Alderman Jim Jennings, I do want to make the point of with that program we don't end up with a POS like we have right now that everything is wrong with it and we aren't going to get anything out of it as we get more money out of trade ins. Brandon, on a truck your resale value is going to be much higher too. Alderman Buss, do we have to decide this tonight? Can it be on business for next month on the new budget? Brandon, the issue is in order to get the current bid price we would have to pull the trigger on it now because when I talked to the dealership in the middle of May before our next meeting is when they were going to have their change over, so they would quit taking orders for those vehicles so they can fill the orders and then they will change over their assembly lines and start building next year's models, so that could be a bid price change. Alderman Jim Jennings, but you guys have the, it has been conformed the \$21,000.00 grant correct? Vada, we don't have it in hand, it is pending. But she told us we could go ahead and order it she was confident we would get just need to finish up some loose end paperwork. Alderman Myers, well I know when we discussed getting the car at the time it think it was the consensus of the committee that the necessity of a truck was not here. And as far as moving your radar thing around there are ample City vehicles that could be done with. The sheriff had one and he couldn't get rid of it fast enough because he said it was impractical to use for the county, and I think that it would be more impractical for the City than a car. I just don't see the need for us to go to that great of an expense when the budget is already over in the police department I believe. And I would like for a new council to look into it. Alderman Schenk, I can see a lot of benefits with it like going to fire calls when we are in town, a lot of us use our own vehicles to haul hoses back that we need to get on the truck. Another thing for the officers to see over vehicles and other cars. There is pros and cons to it, trucks will be at a higher resale value I believe. Alderman Jim Jennings, well I think with you guys doing the homework, we always here they want us to utilize grants and you guys got the grant.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion contingent on being awarded the grant from USDA that we allow Brandon to spend not to exceed \$9,000.00 to purchase the vehicle that you have researched, seconded by Schenk. Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers no, Scranton yes, Buss here, Lauren Jennings yes.

Mayor Flesner, the motion to move forward with the bid for the police vehicle grant that was looked into by Vada and the Chief pending the USDA grant to move forward with the vehicle passes with 4 yes, 1 no, and 1 present.

Street and Alley

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Water/Sewer

Zoning

Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Business- Mayor Flesner I would like to entertain a motion to go out of order on the agenda and move back up to Fire in the committees.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to go out of order on the agenda and move back to Fire in the committees, seconded by Scranton. Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes.

Brian, the only thing I had was I just wanted to bring it before the council it is time for the training trip we take every year to Indianapolis and I want to make sure it is ok with the council that we can do that again this year. It is usually 3-5 of us that go, it is called Fire Department instructors conference. It is in Indianapolis, we get to see the latest equipment that is where we base a lot of decisions on what we purchase and what we try to get funding for. Which we did just get a pretty sizable grant so some of that will be utilized there, the fire protection district will pay that expense as well so it is typically just the meals and the hotel for the 3 or 5 of us that are going. It is not this week but next week.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to allow them to do their training as requested by the Chief, seconded by Lauren Jennings. Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk abstain.

Mayor Flesner, motion to allow the approval for the fire training passes with 5 yes and 1 abstention.

Brian, and just to let you know the grant that we will be getting was actually in the name of the Ambulance service but it is actually going to benefit the City Fire and Fire Protection district. About \$110,000.00 of that will be for a sprinkler system and a fire alarm system in the station. So, that is a 95/5 matching grant so when we get that I will be coming back to the council it won't be split evenly in thirds because more of the money is going to the ambulance service but for the \$110,000.00 we will split that 3 ways so our share of that will be about \$2,000.00 and we have it in the budget to cover that.

Mayor Flesner, I would like to entertain another motion to go back out of order to our agenda to employee raises.

Alderman Jim Jennings makes a motion to move back to employee raises on the agenda, seconded by Lauren Jennings. Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes.

Mayor Flesner, the only thing I would like to add since he is not a full time employee but Brian Gallaher to the 2.5% raise as well.

Alderman Jim Jennings, do we need a new motion or can I amend the first motion? Lonnie Dunn, you can go back and amend it or you can add to it. Dane, just add to it. For full time employees across the board 2.5% raise and I would just like to add Brian as well. Alderman Jim Jennings do we have to revote on that Lonnie? Lonnie Dunn, I would vote on the amended motion. Stacy, we also need a date when it is to be done. Dane, these raises will take effect May 1st.

Motion to amend motion by Jim Jennings to give all full time employees a 2.5% raise to all full time employees including Brian Gallaher and effect date of May 1, 2017. Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk abstain, Scranton yes, Buss abstain.

Mayor Flesner, motion to add Fire Chief Brian Gallaher to the 2.5% raise passed with 4 yes and 2 abstentions.

Mayor Flesner I would like to entertain a motion to move back into normal council meeting agenda.

Lauren Jennings makes a motion to move back into normal agenda, seconded by Schenk. Lauren Jennings yes, Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes.

Other Business- Alderman Schenk yes, thank you for your service as being Mayor Dane. Dane, oh it was my pleasure.

Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn

Alderman Myers makes a motion to adjourn at 7:46 P.M., seconded by Buss. Jim Jennings yes, Schenk yes, Myers yes, Scranton yes, Buss yes, Lauren Jennings yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Dunlap, City Clerk / Collector

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