

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 17, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Officer Kim Williams, Police Department; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Judy Horton; Karen Hornus; Scott Johnson, Fire Department; Al Fowler; Wayne (Jake) Edgeworth; Merilee Lawson; Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Yott; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the May 3, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Al Fowler asked if public discussion would be allowed during the public hearings. Mayor Weaver advised yes.

Judy Horton asked if there was a leash law for McCurdy Park. Lisa Hitchcock advised no. The issue was addressed about three or four years ago, but no one wanted to follow through with it. She further advised the dogs have to be under voice control of the owner. Ms. Horton asked if anything could be done about the dogs leaving their little presents throughout the park. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. Ms. Horton suggested posting some type of notice on the rules board. Ms. Hitchcock advised at this point, nothing can be enforced without changing the ordinance. Mayor Weaver asked if this issue could be

brought to the parks and recreation commission for them to consider. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman stated he did not want something done that goes beyond what the ordinance states.

Al Fowler asked if the hours posted on the sign at the boat launch were enforceable. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. Mr. Fowler asked if the city could be held liable if there was an accident on the river. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, it is a possibility. Mr. Fowler suggested closing the boat launch. Ms. Hitchcock advised closing the boat launch was something that council could consider. Councilperson Runyan advised he checked into the situation, and the information he received states that the river is a public waterway.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL ON AGING: Runyan moved, Ockerman seconded to appoint Wayne (Jake) Edgeworth as the city's representative on the Council on Aging.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER CORUNNA JULY 4TH CELEBRATION REQUESTS: Dumond moved, Runyan seconded to approve the request from the Corunna July 4th Celebration and authorize the temporary closing of the streets as listed for the purpose of holding the July 4th parade.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 99-02 FOR WATER

RATES: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider Ordinance 99-02 for Water Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Al Fowler stated he has been trying to find out how the water is purchased from the City of Owosso. He stated he was under the assumption that Corunna purchases water per cubic foot but found out that Corunna purchases water per 1,000 gallons. The city is contracted for 300,000 gallons a day and uses between 220,000 to 240,000 a day at a cost of \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons. He asked why the residents have to pay an additional dollar for water. Ms. Hitchcock advised the money is used to read the meters, to send out the bills, to maintain the water lines, and to repair the water breaks. Mr. Fowler stated the \$12.50 base charge and the \$3.00 capital improvement charge should cover most of the costs without having to pay an additional dollar each month. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:21 p.m.

Bayless moved, Dumond seconded to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 78-273 OF CHAPTER 78 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER RATES.

THE CITY OF CORUNNA ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 78-273 OF CHAPTER 78 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CORUNNA WATER SERVICE RATE STRUCTURE

MONTHLY CHARGES:

METER SIZE	READINESS TO SERVE CHARGE	BASE CHARGE
5/8"	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.50
1"	6.00	15.50
1 1/2"	12.00	19.00
2"	15.00	28.00
3"	25.00	94.00
4"	50.00	118.50
6"	80.00	175.50

COMMODITY CHARGE - \$2.50 PER 1,000 GALLONS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGE - For each month the rate shall be \$3.00 per household unit for residences and \$3.00 per flushable fixture for each non-residential customer.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES:

SERVICE	RATE
TURNING WATER OFF OR ON DURING REGULAR D.P.W. HOURS	\$15.00 (for non-payment only)
SERVICE OTHER THAN DURING REGULAR D.P.W. HOURS	\$25.00 per hour (two hour minimum)
METER BASE PLATE	\$25.00
BULK WATER RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS	\$6.00
TAP IN CHARGE (3/4" AND 1" SERVICE)	\$750.00

FIRE PROTECTION (SPRINKLER SYSTEM) CONNECTION CHARGES FOR NON-WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS:

ALARM VALVE SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE
4 "	\$30.00
6 "	35.00
8 "	40.00

ALL OTHER PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY IN EFFECT, SHALL BE PART OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REMAIN IN EFFECT.

EXPIRATION DATE: THE RATES ESTABLISHED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 1999.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 100TH

ANNIVERSARY: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the following proclamation:

A Proclamation
Of the City Council of the City of Corunna, Michigan
Recognizing the

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

WHEREAS, The Michigan Municipal League was organized in 1899, and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Municipal League is an association of Michigan cities and villages whose membership totals over 98 percent of the urban population, and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Municipal League, through nonpartisan cooperation, aids municipal government and administrations with information, training, and education to improve the overall quality of local government, and

WHEREAS, The City of Corunna has been a proud partner of the Michigan Municipal League for over 45 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Corunna, the Mayor, City Council, City Administration and Staff wish to join the community in recognizing these outstanding accomplishments by this exceptional organization.

Proclaimed this 17th Day of May, 1999.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS ANNUAL FORGET-

ME-NOT FUND RAISER: Runyan moved, Dumond seconded to grant permission to the Disabled American Veterans to participate in their annual Forget-Me-Not fund raiser.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN: Ms. Hitchcock explained that the Economic Development Fund Board received a loan request from Grandma's Recipes II in the amount of \$75,000. A public hearing was held last Wednesday and the loan request was approved. Councilperson Ockerman stated the money being loaned is actually state money that is allocated for this type of use. Councilperson Moore asked if the city would lose the money if it was not used. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, if the city does not use by money by September then the state will take the money back. Runyan moved, Dumond seconded to approve the Economic Development Fund loan to Grandma's Recipes II as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 99-03 FOR SEWER

RATES: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider Ordinance 99-03 for Sewer Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:30 p.m.

Al Fowler asked what was being done to locate the 400,000 gallon a month leak that is going in the sewer system that the city has to pay for. Ms. Hitchcock advised the construction projects that are being done in the city are addressing the problem. Ground water is getting into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Fowler stated that could be part of the problem. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Fowler if he knew of any other reasons. Mr. Fowler stated there might be sump pumps connected to sewer lines. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:34 p.m.

Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-03
AMENDMENT TO SEWER RATES ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 78-275 OF CHAPTER 78 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA ENTITLED SEWER RATES.

THE CITY OF CORUNNA ORDAINS:

Section 78-275 Sewer Rates is hereby amended and the rates therein amended for sewer services furnished by the City shall be:

Charges for sewage disposal service shall be levied upon all premises having any sewer connection into the public sewers of the City of Corunna. These charges shall be based on the water consumed as follows:

Disposal Charge - The first 2,000 gallons of water consumed per month is to be \$9.70 (the minimum charge) and \$3.95 for each thousand gallons thereafter.

Sewer Rate without Meter - For service where there is not City Water, the charge shall be according to the following schedule:

1 Connection	\$31.40 per month
2 Connections	\$62.85 per month
3 Connections	\$94.28 per month
4 Connections	\$125.72 per month
5 Connections	\$157.16 per month
6 Connections	\$188.86 per month
7 Connections	\$213.62 per month
8 Connections	\$244.15 per month

Stand-by Service Charge - For stand-by sewer service, the rate shall be \$7.75 per month.

Sewer Capital Improvement Charge - For each month the rate shall be \$3.00 per household unit for residences and \$3.00 per flushable fixture for each non-residential customer.

This Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the City and shall be in full force and effective on July 1, 1999, after publication as required by Section 5.4 of the City Charter.

All other parts of Chapter 78 - Water and Sewer Rates of Article VI - Utilities and Services not herein modified are ratified and confirmed.

Expiration Date - The rates established in this Ordinance shall expire on June 30, 2000.

Effective Date - This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1999.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 7, 1999 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE

99-04 AMENDMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Bendall moved, Runyan seconded to set a public hearing for June 7, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance 99-04 Amendment to Downtown Development Authority.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION OF ADVISABILITY TO CONSIDER THE CLOSING OF DAVID STREET WEST OF BRADY STREET AND TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 21, 1999 AT 7:15 P.M.: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to set a public hearing for June 21,

1999 at 7:15 p.m. to consider and hear objections to the closing of David Street west of Brady Street to the Shiawassee River.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Mayor Weaver advised that Councilperson Moore is moving out of the city into Vernon Township and has submitted a letter of resignation. Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to accept the resignation of Michael Moore with regrets effective at the end of the meeting. Councilperson Moore thanked council for the opportunity to serve the city and stated it had been an honor to serve on the council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:45 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 1999-2000 BUDGET: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing for the adoption of the 1999-2000 budget.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:45 p.m.

Al Fowler asked how much the budget increased over last year. Ms. Hitchcock advised there is a 1.43 percent revenue increase over the present year's amended budget, but the millage rate goes down from 13.76 to 13.7284 and the city improvement millage goes down from 5 mills to 4.9885. Mayor Weaver advised the proposed General Fund budget for 1999-2000 is \$1,476,542. He further advised the city has started to stabilize over the last two years, and it is good to see a decrease in the actual millage rates. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:55 p.m.

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, The City Charter of the City of Corunna states that "Not later than the third Monday in May the Council shall, by resolution, adopt the budget for the next fiscal year and shall in such resolution appropriate the money required for such budget and provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes...."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 as recommended by the City Manager and as adopted by the City Council and as described in summary as follows:

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
General Fund	\$1,476,542	\$1,471,395

be and the same is hereby adopted, and the amount therein provided as recommended; appropriations are hereby appropriated according to the departmental totals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to carry out the provisions of the above described budget, the following tax rate shall be applied to the completed assessment roll with a taxable valuation of 44 million, 366 thousand, 262 dollars as required by Michigan Constitution and be applied to all properties subject to the Industrial Facilities Taxes which have a complete assessment roll valuation of three million, 977 thousand, 700 dollars at one half the tax rate.

Total City Tax Levy for General Fund Purposes July 1, 1999 = 13.7284 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations.

Total City Debt Tax Levy for City Improvements July 1, 1999 = 4.9885 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to adopt the following budgets:

INDEPENDENT REVENUE FUNDS

Major Street Fund	202	\$ 126,266
Local Street Fund	203	86,120
Cemetery Fund	209	26,425
City Improvements Fund	245	225,818
Library Fund	271	67,099
1996 Equalization Facility Bonds Payable Fund	365	40,787
1996 G.O. Limited Tax-Bonds Fund	366	110,343
1998 MTF Bonds Payable	368	20,180
Stu Coutts Recreation Fund	419	9,360
Economic Development	420	27,600
Heritage Park Fund	450	416
Library Building Fund	471	1,000
Waste Water Collection Fund	590	477,500
Water Fund	591	472,250
Motor Vehicle Pool Fund	661	141,012
Pine Tree Perpetual	711	5,200
Tax Collections Fund	870	2,160,671

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager as Chief Administrative Officer be allowed to exceed any line item or departmental summation within any specific department or fund including both revenues and expenditures providing that the total end of the year expenditures titled "Total" or "Grand Total" for the department or fund at issue does not exceed the original appropriation, and be allowed to exceed any end of the year expenditure titled "Total" or "Grand Total" to a value less than the amount extra

revenues exceed the revenue appropriation, and if the total department or fund appropriation should exceed either of the above prior to such exceeding, the City Council must make a supplemental adjustment to the appropriation.

Councilperson Ockerman stated he was not comfortable with the wording in the last paragraph on page three. He asked when this wording was added. Ms. Hitchcock advised the wording has been in place since she has worked for the city. Councilperson Runyan asked why the wording was even in the paragraph. Mayor Weaver advised the wording gives legal clarification to the adjusting procedures that the city manager can take. Councilperson Runyan stated it was his interpretation that the city manager can transfer money from one fund into another fund. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, she can move money within a fund but not from fund to fund. She further advised the only way any money can be moved from fund to fund is by a council resolution. Mayor Weaver stated council has to approve all changes from fund to fund. Councilperson Ockerman asked Ms. Hitchcock to find out how long the wording has been in effect. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would investigate the situation and get back to council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Al Fowler asked if there was any headway with Team 21 in regards to merging the police and fire department with the City of Owosso. Mayor Weaver advised Team 21 is still meeting and is concerned about what can be done to encourage the five units of government to work together. Mr. Fowler asked where the city was at with the new fire truck that will not fit in the fire hall. Mayor Weaver advised there is a lack of space in all of the city government buildings. He further advised a committee has been established to address the lack of space issue. Mr. Fowler asked if the city's insurance covered the firemen who speed on the city streets to get to the fire hall. Ms. Hitchcock advised this situation has been reviewed and the fire fighters are aware of their coverage. Mr. Fowler asked if the city pays the insurance on the firemen's personal vehicles. Ms. Hitchcock advised no.

Karen Hornus briefly explained the activities that will be held on July 4th. She advised there will be no parking within the park except for handicapped parking. All parking will be held on the north side of the river and possibly at the Elsa Meyer School. Ms. Hornus asked if the electricity issue in the park had been addressed. Ms. Hitchcock advised there are no plans to increase the electricity within the park and it would cost approximately \$20,000 to do so. The only thing that can be done is to work with Gary Nequist and do the same thing that was done last year.

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Dumond stated the budget package was put together very well. Ms. Hitchcock asked if the charts that were included in the package helped. Councilperson Dumond advised yes, they were very interesting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilperson Runyan thanked the office staff for the list of boards and commission members that he had requested. He advised he would be willing to serve on the Historical Commission to replace Michael Moore.

Councilperson Dumond advised the road commission was putting together the final specifications for the new airport entrance and bids for the project should go out in July. He further advised the target date for completion is November 1, 1999.

Councilperson Ockerman stated the water tower needs painting. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city is in the process of determining what has to be done to the tower. Mayor Weaver asked if the project would start this year. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, the plan is to incorporate the painting costs in with the bonding that will be done this year.

Ms. Hitchcock advised she received a Building a Sense of Place brochure. She further advised that Tim Crawford, Mark Hetfield and herself met with officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding the M-71 project. She advised there might be a request brought to council at the next meeting to stripe the downtown area with three lanes. The state did agree to stripe the downtown area if the city desired. Ms. Hitchcock stated the request should come from the Downtown Development Authority.

Judy Horton advised that Bill Lulham's grandson, Greg Lulham, approached the Park and Recreation Commission some time ago about placing a walkway from the pavilion to the playscape area to earn his Eagle Badge. She reported that the walkway was completed on Saturday.

ADJOURN: Runyan moved, Bendall seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: All.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:25 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

LINDA M. LeCUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK