

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, June 5, 2000

Present: Billis, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Scott Wright, Newcor; John Aldrich, Newcor; Bill Striggow; Norman Wagner; Clark Long; Fred & Betty Bates; Judy Horton; Millie Taute; David Schaub; Marlene Fick; Don Runyon; Larry LeCureux; Gene & Shirley Sanderson; Dick & Pat Sanderson; Karla Scott; Alisha Tillman; Jim Hein; Janice Holland; Brian Gay; Bernie & Pat Yott; Dave Harvey; Kathy Hetfield; Keith & Diane Johnson; Gary Bendall; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Rick Holzheuer; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Stephanie Wuttke, The Independent; Scott Johnson, Fire Chief; Gary Palmer, Building and Zoning Officer; Frank Svrcek, Jr.; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Gary Schooley, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bill & Bernice Lulham; Jan Scott; Phil Heavilin; Duane Hunt; Doug Albrant; Dick Miller; Larry Friess; Steve Corey; Jim Lockwood; Cathy Cramner; Dave Stechsulte; Merilee Lawson; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Tom & Caroline Wiegel; Todd Schneider; Dan Kribs; Bert Wieland; Bill Pearsall; and other concerned citizens.

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

Mayor Billis read and presented a proclamation to the American Cancer Society's 2000 Relay for Life representative, Phil Heavilin, in recognition of their fundraising accomplishments.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Hornus moved, Bendall seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting with the addition of four lines on page eleven of the minutes that were not printed in the minutes under the Independent Budget Revenues, which included the Downtown Development Authority - \$94,336, Fourth of July Commission - \$19,660, Historical Commission - \$25,800, and Softball Commission - \$16,500.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilperson Bayless stated he would like council to consider the removal of item numbers five and six. He further stated anything on the regular agenda should be documented in the council packets so council can properly prepare for the meeting. The items were listed as discussion items, but there was nothing in the council packets or any information available to let council know what the discussion was about. Councilperson Bayless advised if the citizens want to address council, the discussion belongs in the Call to the Audience portion of the meeting. He further advised he would not vote for the agenda with those two items on it. Mayor Billis stated he did not know what the Sanderson's wanted to discuss, but it would be

his guess they would like to give a rebuttal to the last workshop that was held. He further stated if this was the case then he thought it would be fair to give the gentlemen the right to speak. Councilperson Bayless stated the Sanderson's could do that during the Call to the Audience and he could not understand how there could be a one-sided discussion.

Councilperson Ockerman stated it was a one-sided discussion at the last meeting when the Sandersons were not present. Councilperson Bayless advised they were given the opportunity to be present since the meeting was an open meeting and it was advertised. Councilperson Ockerman stated they did not know their names would be brought up or discussion about them would take place. Councilperson Bayless stated if the Sanderson's want to make a statement there were two opportunities for them to do so during the Call to the Audience portion of the meeting. If discussion was allowed as an agenda item, the rules would change for how those types of situations are handled. Councilperson Bayless further stated the whole purpose of the workshop was to allow the employees to ask council for support. By allowing the Sanderson's to discuss their items, it might open up an opportunity for them to attack the employees. He also stated if the Sandersons want to attack council members then fine but attacking city employees was not fair, in his opinion. Mayor Billis asked Councilperson Bayless if he had any objections if the Sanderson's intent was to address the mayor and council directly and not the employees. Councilperson Bayless advised he had no objections to the Sandersons addressing council during the Call to the Audience, but he objected to them putting it on the agenda as a discussion item without council knowing what the subject matter was. He further advised he objected to being blind-sided by anyone without the opportunity to prepare. Councilperson Runyan stated he was notified the workshop was a policy workshop and there was no agenda. Councilperson Bayless advised that was a different situation. Councilperson Runyan stated he came to the meeting and found a room full of people and that was being blind-sided. Councilperson Hornus advised he was not aware of the situation either. Bayless moved, Bendall seconded to remove Item No. 5) Eugene Sanderson – Discussion on May 22, 2000 Workshop and Item No. 6) Richard Sanderson – Discussion on May 22, 2000 Workshop from the agenda.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

Bendall moved, Hornus seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Item No. A) Veto Budget and the deletion of Item No. 11) Consider Budget for Project Revenues and by moving Item No. 9) Consider Cross Connection Control Program Contract, Item No. 12) Consider Contract for Warranty Inspection of Water Tower, and Item No. 13) Consider Bids for Furniture to the next agenda.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Dumond, Hornus.

No: Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings Street, stated he did not know anything about what Gary Schooley's job was or if he did or did not do it well, but he knows Mr. Schooley has invested hundreds if not thousands of hours to this city. He gave his humble thanks from the Johnsons to Mr. Schooley for what he has done.

Gary Bendall, 1031 E. King Street, thanked Mr. Schooley. Mr. Bendall stated there were a lot of wonderful things about the community and that is why he has spent all of his life here, but he could tell council what was wrong in the community in three minutes. He also stated he would direct his comments to the council and to those in the audience but he would not mention any names, but if the shoe fits then put it on. Mr. Bendall advised council has done very well in allowing the right to free speech, but when someone exercises free speech and not proper responsibility then it is wrong. This happens an awful lot at the council meetings. He further advised he has heard more and more comments from people living inside and outside of the city about how they enjoy reading the council minutes because the minutes provide more entertainment than reading Ann Landers or the funny pages, and that is wrong. He also advised it has been said in the 1990's that the taxpayers or the customers are always right, but this is 2000 and the taxpayers and customers are not always right. Council is bound by fiscal and personnel considerations and the word no is not an appropriate answer. When the word "no" is given when it should not be given then this is wrong. Mr. Bendall stated it is wrong for people to expect the city to pick up brush before the power lines are even put back, it is wrong for the city to have to dry up wet basements when the storm sewers are overflowing into the sanitary sewers, and it is wrong to expect the sidewalks, driveways and porches to be snow shoveled before the streets are plowed. These are unnecessary and the answer to these requests should be no. He further stated when the city employees feel compelled to come to a meeting just to remove a knife from their backs, it is wrong, and this happens a lot. He has had the opportunity to work with the department of public works and it has always been the most first class operation he has ever worked with, and the way they are treated is wrong. Mr. Bendall advised it was time for the misinformed, do nothing critics who constantly sit at the meetings and criticize everything to step up to the plate. When he heard Mr. Schooley was going to resign, it got him thinking that Mr. Schooley was an umpire when he was playing little league 35 years ago. At the time, he did not think Mr. Schooley was much of an umpire and suggested that Mr. Schooley get glasses, which appears he finally did. Mr. Bendall stated it boggles his mind how the community can treat a man, who has invested so much, the way the community has. He does not think the critics or the council realizes how much time Mr. Schooley puts into the community. It is an awful slam when a man is criticized for not recycling seven-cent Easter eggs instead of telling him what a nice job was done and how much the kids enjoyed it. Hundreds

and thousands of dollars are being wasted by the Michigan Department of Transportation and council was worrying about spending \$54.00 on a starter for the police cruiser because a friend of a friend of a brother-in-law could have gotten it for \$47.00 and this is wrong. Mr. Bendall advised council was fly specking the city's administration and employees and that is wrong.

Jan Scott, 414 W. State Street, stated she was present to speak about what occurred in McCurdy Park on May 31. Over 150 fourth graders in the Corunna Public School system spent the day in the park reliving Michigan history. It was an excellent day and the children enjoyed it very much. She further stated that the children did not know all of the preparations that had taken place prior to the event and a lot of the praise goes to Gary Schooley. She thanked the city employees and Mr. Schooley for a very good experience in the park on that day on behalf of all of the fourth graders, parents and adults that were there.

Dave Harvey, 1133 E. King Street, stated he has been in the area for a number of years and advised council they were missing some things. Council is thinking about ways they could belittle people for and how they could downgrade them or maybe someone could politically look for another way out. He was not sure but he would wait and see. He further stated he reads the newspaper and council does not stand behind the people who work for them. Council allows people to step up front but they do not tell the people who have questions the proper answers, and council lets it fester and fester. He also stated some of the council should come down to the ballfield in the summertime to find out what goes on down there. When he heard council was worried about seven-cent Easter eggs, he could not believe it. He was not sure who made the comment but maybe the person should come down with the kids who volunteered their time, but council was not present there or at many of the other activities that take place. Mr. Harvey advised it was hard for him as an educator to sit back and listen to people who do not support the people in the open and he does not understand why. He further advised he was always told if you do not have anything good to say then say nothing at all. As citizens, we should not expect leaves coming from our neighbors to be taken care of by the city. It was ridiculous and that is what some people are asking the city to do. He also advised if Mr. Schooley resigns he hopes someone steps up to do the work or council has someone in mind because if there is no one then council could kiss the whole place goodbye. For the small pittance he receives, some of the council should take a look to see what Mr. Schooley is doing. Mr. Harvey stated when he had a complaint, he came down to city hall and the problem was taken care of. He further stated he found it very, very degrading to read in the paper that the city employees could not speak to defend themselves and they should not have to.

Steve Corey, 316 W. Mack Street, stated he had a concern about the airport. It was his understanding there was a proposal to extend the runway 500 feet. He further stated when he was on the airport board there was an agreement that the runway would not be extended and the money would be spent on improving the quality of the airport. There were concerns in the past because the trees located in the cemetery had to be topped off. Mr. Corey advised if the runway was extended, the approach area would also be extended and more trees in the cemetery would have to come down. An additional 500 feet would not allow a large aircraft to land at the airport. He asked what the purpose of extending the runway was and if trees had to be cleared from Pine Tree Cemetery, there would be a lot of people upset. Councilperson Dumond advised any runway extension would be done four or five years in the future. He

further advised the airport has received numerous requests from corporations to extend the runway. Mr. Corey stated once a decision is made, it is made. The airport is really a recreational airport and there is nothing wrong with that because it brings people into the community. Councilperson Dumond advised there is nothing in concrete yet. Mr. Corey asked if this was the direction the airport board was currently going. Councilperson Dumond advised yes. Mr. Corey asked why. Councilperson Dumond advised the trees trimmed in the spring would allow the runway to be extended. The trees have not been trimmed in eight years. Mr. Corey asked if any further tree trimming would be done if the runway was extended 500 feet. Councilperson Dumond advised no.

Mark Horton ,200 S. Shiawassee Street, stated he was concerned about recycling. A month ago there was a place in Owosso that he took his recycling to, but they have closed their doors. He further stated he likes to recycle because his kids have to live in this world for a long time, the landfills are filling up every day and there is no place to take it now. He also stated he used to have one-half bag of garbage a week and now he has three bags. He asked if there was anyway the city could get a recycling service in the area. Mayor Billis advised he would check into the situation. Marlene Fick, 208 W. Williams, advised St. Joseph Church in Owosso does paper recycling and the Church of Christ on North Street in Owosso takes newspapers to use on their projects. She further advised VG's was still taking white plastic.

Gene Sanderson, 609 S. Shiawassee Street, stated after listening to the tape of the meeting on May 22, he felt it was necessary to address the comments that were directed towards him at the meeting. "We the people still have the right to our opinions at this council right or wrong. This is still America." He asked if his complaint would fall on deaf ears like it has been done so many times in the past if he had to go down or call city hall. Mr. Sanderson stated he brought up three jobs that he thought needed to be done at the south end of Corunna. The following morning Mr. Crawford started two of the three jobs, which he was very thankful for and that is what he thanked Mr. Crawford for. He further stated he told his wife that evening that the city was starting to listen to the people. He also stated there are many people in this town who are tired of coming down to city hall and seeing nothing done. The council has an obligation to listen to the citizens of Corunna and this was important to him. Mr. Sanderson advised he was accused of spying by one particular department of public works employee at the meeting a week ago while he was at the Pine Tree Cemetery. He does not have to explain his trips to the cemetery. He further advised he makes frequent visits to his father's grave, which happens to be a few yards away from the department of public works garage. He further advised he does not deny he could be outspoken but he was not a spy. He asked if families in Corunna wait until after 4:00 p.m. to visit the cemetery in fear of intimidating these workers. Mr. Sanderson stated the department of public works employee should do his job and not worry about the people visiting the cemetery. The only people he should worry about are the ones who show up with a video camera to show that he is not doing anything. He further stated he would keep an eye on this employee and would not mention his name, but he was at the meeting tonight. If and when he sees him goofing off, he will call city hall or come to council. He also stated he thought about consulting a lawyer to see if something could be done about his name being used at the May 22

meeting. But as some of the people sitting here tonight already said the City of Corunna is a laughing stock so he would not pursue this. He thanked the mayor and Councilpersons Ockerman and Runyan for standing up for the people in this town while the other four councilpersons sit back as a group and do everything they can to make everything go their way.

Dave Harvey, 1133 E. King Street, stated this was the council's problem. Council just sat there and did not speak up.

Brian Gay, 448 E. Oliver Street, stated he was not sure what has been going on. He further stated he has had direct contact with the department of public works and this is one of the few areas of the city that he considered very understaffed. He has always said that if the city was going to hire somebody they should hire somebody for the department of public works because this was the city's infrastructure. He also stated anytime he had a problem the department of public works resolved his situation in an appropriate time. People would know what a delay was if they lived in Flint, Chicago, or Detroit. Mr. Gay advised he has not had direct contact with Mr. Crawford since he was promoted but he has had a lot of contact with the hourly employees. He further advised he has caught the employees at the Town Tub getting a cup of coffee, but it was about thirty degrees below zero. He also advised if this was the only grudge a person had with the guys then he was really weak.

Frank Svrcek stated he was the person the Corunna citizen was talking about. He further stated for some reason the citizen has a problem with him and he has no idea what it is. He never called the person a spy at the meeting and someone is interpreting his words differently. He also stated the citizen has stated when the department of public works take their lunch and how they do not go back to work at a certain time. He asked how the person knows this. Mr. Svrcek advised he has worked for the city for 24 years and he has never had a problem like this before and it should come to an end. He further advised the city council makes the rules and regulations, and the employees have to follow them. The dump is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. five days a week and the first Saturday of every month. He also advised if a citizen comes down to the city dump at 3:15 p.m. the employees always take the time to reopen it because the employees realize people are working and want to get rid of their brush. The other day he received a call over the radio at 3:45 p.m. asking for the dump to be opened and it was opened. Mr. Svrcek stated the person flew by on the way to the dump and almost ran over one of the city employees on his way out. He further stated he was not accusing anyone of anything and he never called the citizen a spy.

Dick Sanderson, 224 W. McNeil Street, stated as long as he pays taxes and if he sees something in the town that he does not like then he will come down to city council to complain about it. If people do not like it, they could go to hell. He further stated council does not want to listen to the people and they do not want to know the truth.

Gene Sanderson asked if he could speak again. Mayor Billis asked Gene Sanderson if he was going to say something in rebuttal to Mr. Svrcek. Mr. Sanderson advised no, it was something that he was told about the dump issue. Mayor Billis suggested to Mr. Sanderson that he and Mr. Svrcek get together and discuss their differences. Mr. Sanderson stated it was something about the city manager. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Sanderson that he knew her office hours.

Mr. Sanderson stated he felt he should have a chance to speak because Mr. Harvey spoke twice. Mr. Sanderson stated he had his wife call city hall at 3:35 p.m. to see what time the dump closed, and she was told the dump closed at 4:00 p.m. He further stated he went to the dump and it was closed. He went to city hall and was told by the city manager that as long as the people were on ten hour days the dump would remain open until 4:30 p.m. and she would get someone to unlock the dump. He also stated he went in, opened and dumped three bags of lawn clippings and then left. When he came out of the dump, there was no one in sight and he was not flying because he knows someone is waiting for the chance to nail him and his brother.

Kathy Hetfield, 216 N. Dutcher Street, stated she did not come to the meeting to speak but after hearing what was said she wanted to say a few words. She explained her husband is the chief of police, her father works for the department of public works, her good friend, Gary Schooley, is the director of parks and recreation, and her good friend, Judy Horton, is very involved in the historical village. Mrs. Hetfield advised not a day goes by when she has not heard about something that is going on in the city. She further advised in response to the Sandersons, no one goofs off. When her husband's pager rings at 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., or 4:00 a.m., he jumps out of bed and cannot get down to city hall fast enough to take care of whatever is going on. She also advised her husband thinks about the city all of the time. Mrs. Hetfield stated she does not know what her father does at the donut shop or what the Sandersons have seen him doing, but she knows her dad cares about this city. This would not bother him this much if he did not care about the city. She further stated if there is something down at the park that she needs help with she calls him and he comes down to help her. Mrs. Hetfield asked the Sandersons who the heck they were and where they have been for the last five years. She asked them if they volunteered to build the playscape, had helped the parks and recreation commission or did anything in the city except whine for the last six months. Mrs. Hetfield stated it was great the Sandersons like to voice their opinions but asked them to get involved in the community for the good.

Brian Gay stated his street was one of the first streets to get new storm and sanitary sewers and to be repaved. This is the city's biggest problem right now. He further stated the storm and sanitary sewers are in horrible condition. There is rain and ground water going into the sanitary sewer that is being treated in Owosso and it is costing the city money to treat this water. He also stated this is the biggest problem the city has and suggested getting on with the serious problems the city has such as the infrastructure. Mayor Billis stated he agreed with Mr. Gay and that is one of the reasons he vetoed the budget.

Beth Cramner, 203 Ferry Street, stated she recycles and takes her papers to the Durand Council on Aging. They have a permanent semi truck there and the money they get from the papers goes back into their programs. She further stated she takes the rest of her recycling to Venice Landfill.

VETO BUDGET: Bendall moved, Bayless supported to rescind the mayor's veto.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond, Hornus.

No: Runyan, Ockerman.

Motion DENIED

Councilperson Hornus asked Mayor Billis why he vetoed the budget, what his reasoning was and what items he felt were not right because he never voiced his opinion at the budget meetings. Mayor Billis advised he was not required to give a reason when he exercises his veto power under the city charter and he was not going to get into the reasons at this meeting. He further advised he would establish another meeting so council could hear all of the reasons why he vetoed the budget. Larry Friess asked when it would be in the paper. Mayor Billis advised soon.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHARTER AMENDMENTS: Bendall moved,

Hornus seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider charter amendments.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:57 p.m.

Ms. Hitchcock advised there was one change made to the charter amendments since the last time the charter commission had met. The issue dealt with the state residency law, which states there cannot be residency requirements. Ms. Long advised the residency requirement was listed under the city manager portion of the charter and item C was removed to comply with state law. Councilperson Bendall asked Ms. Long what had to be done next. Ms. Long explained after council approves the amendments, the charter would be sent to the governor and attorney general. Once they approve the charter, it would be placed on the ballot. She further explained she was not sure how long it would take the two offices to review the charter. Councilperson Hornus asked how long it has been since changes were made. Ms. Long advised it has been 20 years. Mayor Billis advised the charter was being amended and not changed. He further advised the amendments were being made to explain and clarify the language in the charter. Bill Striggow stated he had a real problem with the charter being changed. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city has to comply with state law. Mr. Striggow advised the change should come from the charter commission before it is changed at city hall. Ms. Long advised another charter commission meeting could be held and another public hearing could be scheduled. Mr. Striggow advised the commission members should have been notified about the change. Ms. Long advised she just found out about the change today. She further advised she originally thought the residency requirement only affected the fire and police department but she found out today it affects everybody. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Striggow if he wanted the change sent back to the charter commission. Mr. Striggow advised he did not know what was being changed. Ms. Long advised Mr. Striggow to look at section 4.6 in the charter. Mayor Billis asked Ms. Scott if she was aware of the change. Ms. Scott advised no. Mayor Billis asked Mr. Corey if he was aware of the change. Mr. Corey advised he just became aware of the change. Ms. Long advised the only residency requirement in the city charter was for the city manager. Mr. Corey asked if state law changed the residency requirement. Ms. Long advised yes. Councilperson Bayless asked Ms. Long to read the item

that would be removed. Ms. Long read the item to be removed and explained that according to state law the city cannot require the city manager to become a resident after his or her selection. Mr. Corey asked Ms. Long to read the change. Ms. Long advised the wording she just read was being removed from the charter. Councilperson Bayless advised the change would allow the city manager to live anywhere at any time. Ms. Long advised she did not want the amendments to come before council without the change so she took it out because the charter would be illegal. Mr. Corey stated he did not have a problem with the change, but he agreed with Mr. Striggow that the commission members should have received a phone call. This was not the proper place to revise the charter. Mr. Striggow stated he does have a problem with the change because he has a problem with the state law. Mayor Billis advised there are a lot of cities that are up in arms about the change. He explained that is why he supported a process called "Let your votes count", which was requesting a two-third-majority vote from the legislatures on any issues that involve local governments. He further explained the city has to abide by the state law. Mayor Billis asked what the charter commission felt comfortable with. Ms. Scott advised the charter commission has discussed the amendments at length and she would have to agree as chairperson of the commission with what Mr. Striggow was objecting to and asked to have the item tabled from the agenda and referred back to the commission for review. Ms. Hitchcock advised council does not need to take any action on the item. Councilperson Bendall asked if it would be necessary to set another public hearing. Ms. Hitchcock advised it would be best to set another public hearing. Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:07 p.m.

Bendall moved, Hornus seconded to set a public hearing to consider charter amendments for June 19, 2000 at 7:15 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider the fire department proposal.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:09 p.m.

Councilperson Dumond stated he hoped a dollar amount does not supercede lives and personal property in making a decision on what to do with the fire department. Councilperson Hornus explained to the audience that the fire department has outgrown the fire hall. There are trucks sitting outside in the weather and Caledonia Township has offered to construct a new building to house the full department or a partial department if the citizens want a truck or two left in the

city. He further explained the city could not afford to build a building and the city does not have any property to build on. He also explained a new building might cost the city \$600,000 to \$700,000. Councilperson Hornus advised the proposal is to move the whole fire department to Caledonia Township if everybody felt comfortable with the decision. If not, the fire department would leave a couple of trucks in the city. Steve Corey asked if the city would not have to share expenses with Caledonia Township if the fire department was moved to the township. Councilperson Hornus advised no. Mr. Corey asked what the split would be. Councilperson Hornus advised the fire department would rent the facility from Caledonia Township and the rent would be based on square footage. Councilperson Hornus further advised if the citizens decide to leave a truck or two in the city then the township would pay the city rental money, which would help offset the rental fee at the new building. Mr. Corey stated the city would end up paying more for rental space at the township building than what the township would pay the city. Councilperson Hornus advised the price per square foot would be the same. Mr. Corey stated it sounded like the square footage would be greater than what the city pays now. Councilperson Hornus advised yes because there would be more vehicles at the township. Mr. Corey asked why the department could not be split half in the township and half in the city. Councilperson Hornus advised the township has proposed to construct a building large enough to hold the whole department. If the city decides to keep one or two trucks here, the city would not have to pay the township rent on the space that is not occupied by a vehicle. He further advised there would be approximately a 700 square foot area that the city would not have to pay for. Mr. Corey asked if there was a site proposed. Councilperson Hornus advised right behind the township hall. There would be an office for the fire chief, restrooms, a shower room, and a training room, which the current fire hall does not have room for. He further advised everything would be in one building except for the two trucks the city wants to leave here. Councilperson Runyan asked to have the cost figures explained to the audience on what it would cost the city. Councilperson Ockerman explained nine out of twelve fires are in Caledonia Township and the township pays 58 percent of the costs. He further explained the city has a volunteer fire department and it is the most economical way to protect Caledonia Township and the City of Corunna. He also explained nothing would change. The firemen come from north or south of town and the new fire hall would be one and one-half miles away from the city, and it was determined the response time would almost be the same. Councilperson Ockerman stated the fire department has to be under one building because the fire board does not want to split the department up. It would not be as efficient. He further stated Caledonia Township would love the city to build a building, but the city does not have the property and cannot afford to take on the responsibility itself. He also stated it took three and one-half years to come up with a down payment for the new fire truck. The fire department has to protect its equipment so the dilemma is to build some type of housing close enough to both communities. Councilperson Ockerman advised something has to be done and it has to be done in a hurry. Caledonia Township has a few more bucks than the city has and they have offered to build the building. He further advised the township was being extremely fair with the city. He also advised it would cost the city approximately \$35,000 if everything was moved to the township and \$20,000 to \$25,000 if two trucks are left in the city. Jan Scott asked if the cost was monthly or yearly. Councilperson Ockerman advised yearly. Gary Schooley, 301 Ferry Street, stated the mayor has vetoed the budget and council has supported him by not overriding the veto. Council is now trying to add another \$35,000 to the budget and it has been stated before the budget is way out of whack. Mr. Schooley asked if council had

honestly looked at other options. He further asked if anyone had talked to the county about the property they just bought. Councilperson Hornus stated the township would be more than willing to come into a city building. Mr. Schooley asked if the fire board had explored that option. Councilperson Hornus advised the reason for the public hearing was to find out how the citizens felt. Doug Albrant stated he does not understand how the response time could be as fast coming from the township then it is now. Councilperson Ockerman stated just as many firemen live north of town as they do south of town and the first firemen there take the tanker. Mayor Billis stated it appeared the audience was under the impression the firemen are in one location and ready for a bell to go off. Mr. Albrant advised no, he was under the impression when the alarm goes off that everybody comes to the fire department and takes off in the trucks. Councilperson Ockerman advised the firemen are volunteers and they come from all over so it would not matter if the fire trucks are in the City of Corunna or Caledonia Township. The firemen would be closer to Caledonia Township than the city. Mr. Albrant asked if the firemen would get there quicker so the trucks could leave quicker. Councilperson Ockerman advised no, it would be the same. Councilperson Bendall stated that is what is being said. Councilperson Ockerman stated he was not trying to imply that. Mr. Albrant stated five minutes would make a big difference if his house was on fire. Councilperson Ockerman stated if the firemen live south of town and they had to go to the north and then come back, he could understand what Mr. Albrant was saying. Councilperson Ockerman advised the firemen who live or work in the north would get to the hall sooner than they would in the city. Councilperson Dumond stated even though the firemen get to the fire hall at the same time, they still have two miles to drive. Don Runyon stated he had a solution. He suggested doing away with the police department, contract with the Sheriff and the thousands of dollars the city would save could be used to build its own fire department. Dave Harvey asked how long the lease would be. Councilperson Hornus advised the last lease was for 10 years. Councilperson Hornus asked the fire chief, Scott Johnson, what the response time would be coming from Caledonia Township to the city. Mr. Johnson advised there would be some response time difference but the exact number would be hard to calculate since it would depend on the traffic light at N. Shiawassee Street and M-21. He further advised the traffic light would be a crucial part of the response time. He also advised the response time for the firemen who live or work north and south of town would not be the same and it would be hard to pin down. Councilperson Ockerman asked what the state requires for the proximity of the fire hall to the people being served. Mr. Johnson advised the state has calculated a five or ten minute response time and the fire department could get to someone's location in that time. Mr. Albrant asked Mr. Johnson how he felt about having a couple of fire trucks in the city. Mr. Johnson advised there would be two stations and there would be double costs because the city would have to maintain the fire hall here plus at the township. Ms. Hitchcock stated she received a letter from the Insurance Service Office in response to some issues that she asked them to review. She proceeded to read the response she received. Steve Corey stated the fire department knew there would be equipment sitting outside when the tanker was purchased. He further stated it sounds like there is no option in leaving a couple of trucks in the city. It also sounds like the department would stay together whether the department stays in the city or moves to the township. He also stated if 75 percent of the fire runs are in Caledonia Township then the next agreement should be changed from 58 percent to 75 percent and this should not be a negotiable issue. Councilperson Ockerman stated he brings the issue up regularly and the township knows why he brings the issue up. Mr. Corey asked if there was an agreement. Councilperson

Ockerman stated the city would look at the situation during negotiations. Mr. Corey stated the agreement seemed to be fair with Caledonia Township wanting the fire department there so they should pay their fair share. He further stated there is a large apartment complex, hospital and many school buildings in the city and they require a higher response time than an individual home or business does. Councilperson Ockerman stated it still goes back to money. The city still has to be able to provide the service. Mr. Corey stated the money issue is being weighed against people's lives and that is a careful calculation that needs to be made. Councilperson Ockerman stated that would be easy to say if the city had a million dollars lying around. Mr. Striggow advised page 25 of the city charter states the city shall provide safety and well being for the citizens and property and by removing all of the trucks out of the city, the council would be in violation of the charter. He suggested to council that they look into the situation. Jim Lockwood stated the city council and some audience members innocently laughed when Mr. Runyon spoke and this was not courteous. Mr. Runyon had a point to make and Mr. Lockwood felt Mr. Runyon was not kidding. Mr. Lockwood asked Mr. Runyon to repeat what he said, which he did. Mr. Runyon stated the last crime the city had was when the realtor got his ass beat out of him. Members of the audience proceeded to laugh at this comment. Mr. Lockwood stated he lives in Crestview Subdivision that some people historically have called "snob hill". He further stated part of the reason he pays higher property taxes in the city than he would if he lived in a township was because he expects better services. He expects the streets and the drainage and sewer system to be in better shape in the city than it might be in the township. He also stated the police and fire service should be quicker and better. These are things he pays higher property taxes for. Mr. Lockwood advised he should get a reward for the contribution he makes to the city's budget. He further advised the streets in Crestview Subdivision are crummy. The drainage ditch that was installed to help with the new housing development is not draining; water is sitting in there almost all of the time. He also advised the water pressure in the subdivision is crummy. He does not know for sure what he is getting for his money, he does want to hang onto what he is paying for. If he cannot have good streets, water pressure or drainage then he wants to hang onto the fire department unless council wants to reward the citizens who are paying high property taxes by reducing their property taxes. Mr. Lockwood stated he does not want to be snickered at either because he wants to know what he is getting for his taxes. Councilperson Ockerman stated he did not want to take the fire department away from the citizens but it was a matter of money. Rick Schneider stated he has been a member of the fire department for ten years and the fire department use to cover New Haven Township. The people in New Haven Township have asked him when the fire department was coming back. Councilperson Bendall asked Councilperson Ockerman and Hornus if the township would back out of the fire agreement if the city does not bow to them on this. Councilperson Hornus advised no. He further advised the fire board instituted the \$500 fire run fee a few years back and the money was being used for capital acquisitions, which means trucks and heavy equipment. The new truck did not cost the city anything. Councilperson Ockerman stated he does not know what made Caledonia Township hit the hot button but they did. It was his guess that it happened after the fire department was asked to remove the trucks from the city barns. Ms. Hitchcock advised the fire department was asked to remove the truck from the commercial building during the homebuilder's show. Councilperson Ockerman stated he believed this was when Caledonia Township decided to do something to protect the equipment. He further stated the equipment is expensive and it needs to be protected. Dave Schaub stated he is a township resident and a

fireman. Some of the points brought out at the meeting were valid and he agreed the fire department needs to be kept in one building. He further stated the location of the new building and what it would do to the response time was a problem. Some of the firefighters do live north of town but the bulk of the responding firefighters do not. Mr. Schaub advised there are 26 firefighters and ten to fourteen respond to an average fire. Out of the ten to fourteen, eight to ten respond from the south. He further advised if the fire department was moved to the north, the firefighters would have to negotiate the traffic between the bridge and M-21 and would have to cross M-21 in their personal vehicles and there could be serious accidents. He also advised the proposed building would be built under power lines and the department would not be allowed to put up an antenna tower. When there are events at the township hall, the firefighters would have to negotiate the vehicles in the parking lot to get their personal vehicles in and then get the fire equipment out. Councilperson Dumond advised Davis Cartage was moving out of the city and was looking for a new tenant or purchaser of their facility. He further advised the building could house 20 trucks. Bill Striggow advised city hall was built because Caledonia Township agreed to rent from the city. The city did not have the money to build a new city hall. He further advised Mr. Schwab had a point. He suggested finding a spot in Corunna to build a building and have the township rent from the city. The fire board would own the building. Bill Lulham asked if the walls in the fire department could be removed and then expanded. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, there would not be enough room. She asked what the square foot of the building would be. Councilperson Ockerman advised the proposed building would be 70 feet by 80 feet with 70 feet by 60 feet to be used for the trucks, 20 feet by 70 feet would be used for the training room, showers, bathroom and dispatch room. He further advised there have been several interesting points made at the meeting that he was not aware of. Mark Hetfield suggested taking the money the city would spend and the money from the township and purchase Mr. Wiegel's property, which is next to the county's property, and the two governments could share a parking lot and driveway. He stated other options should be investigated before a hard decision was made. Mr. Corey stated he agreed and suggested asking the building authority to look into the situation. Constructing a new building might be a better idea. He further stated M-21 would have to be crossed for 90 percent of the fires and there are many accidents at that corner. Councilperson Ockerman advised the fire board is investigating whether something could be done with the traffic light on M-21. He asked Mr. Johnson if the problem with the radio tower was valid. Mr. Johnson advised there could be a problem with the existing antenna the department has. The FAA would have to do a study to see if it would be possible to put the tower at the new location. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Johnson if the power lines were too low or had too much power. Mr. Schwab stated there are limits on how high a tower can go when there are power wires. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the new building would be built directly behind the township hall. Mr. Johnson advised yes as far back as the building could go. Councilperson Ockerman asked how the new building would be accessed. Mr. Johnson advised the township would have to expand their parking lot to accommodate the new building. Parking in front of the new fire hall would be for firemen only, but people using the township hall would park wherever they want. Marlene Fick asked what would happen when the bridge was fixed and a fire response was needed. Councilperson Ockerman advised there would be trucks left on both sides of the river. He further advised one side of the bridge would be done at a time. Councilperson Dumond stated he keeps hearing that it would cost \$600,000 to \$700,000 to build a building and advised he is building a 60 foot by 100 foot factory with 18 foot ceilings and six inch concrete for \$100,000.

He asked where the additional \$400,000 or \$500,000 would come from. Larry Friess stated there would be trucks on both sides of the river in case of a fire when the bridge is being repaired but asked what would happen to the guys getting to the trucks. Councilperson Ockerman stated it was the best solution the city has. Ms. Hitchcock advised the fire department does have a mutual aid contract. She further advised she found out there was a fire department that recently built an 11,000 square foot building and the cost of the building was \$680,000. When the city sold water bonds in the amount of \$700,000 a few years ago, the city's payment was \$53,770 for 20 years. She also advised based on Caledonia Township participating at 58 percent the city's payment would be a lot less than \$35,000 if the city found and bought property to build on. Ms. Hitchcock stated the percentage Caledonia Township pays the city should be considered by council during the next contract negotiations. She further stated Mr. Johnson advised her that he was told to take the fire truck out of the township's building. The contract states that Caledonia Township has to keep a truck there and the contract has not been changed. She also stated every department has building needs. The library is in dire straights for a building. The building committee has been looking at the building needs and suggested asking Caledonia Township to sit in on those meetings. Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:00 p.m.

Councilperson Ockerman stated he wants to provide service to the citizens and was torn because there were a lot of things brought up that he was not aware of. He further stated he would rather have a building but he does not have a good answer. He needs to talk to some more people and proposed tabling the issue for at least two weeks. Councilperson Bendall advised she would have voted no if a motion had been made because all of the options have not been pursued. She further advised she fails to see the urgency and she knows there are trucks sitting outside. Councilperson Bayless advised he agreed with Councilperson Bendall that more thought was needed and thanked the citizens who gave input because it was very valuable.

Jan Scott stated she was a member of the planning commission and the gentleman behind her was allowed to voice his opinion a second time because he was not heard. She further stated the gentleman referred to the local realtor who was assaulted in the city. The gentleman who was assaulted is the chairman of the planning commission. He comes to the city council building monthly and continues to live with the effects of that assault. She also stated there was more

snickering after the gentleman's comment and she was very offended. The gentleman who was assaulted needs to be defended. Ms. Scott advised these are the kind of things that people are talking about. She further advised the gentleman's comments should not have been allowed because they affect people we live and work with everyday.

CONSIDER MID-COUNTY PLANNING RESOLUTION: Mayor Billis stated if he had been thinking

a little quicker he would have removed the item from the agenda. There would not be any action taken on this item since there would be no presentation from Team 21. Councilperson Runyan stated he believed the resolution should go to the planning commission first so they could have some input on it. He further stated the planning commission should be invited to the presentation.

DISCUSS RESPONSE FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR ON N. SHIAWASSEE ST. ISSUES:

Mayor Billis advised Mr. Palmer had to leave, but he would try to get back to address the issue. He further stated there was a letter from Mr. Palmer that covered the information.

Councilperson Hornus advised Mr. Palmer's letter does not do anything to help Mr. Wiegel at all. Councilperson Hornus further advised the letter explained the different options Newcor took to alleviate the problem. He also advised Mr. Wiegel does not object to the noise; it is the time of the day the dumpsters are emptied. Mr. Wiegel advised he was led to believe when the building was built two years ago the problem would be alleviated and there would be no outside dumping but that has not happened. Councilperson Hornus stated he wanted to know why the dumping had to be done at that time of the morning. Ms. Hitchcock advised there were two representatives from Newcor, Scott Wright and John Aldrich, present and they have been very good to work with on any situation she has dealt with them on. She further advised Newcor is the major employer in the area and they have tried to be as friendly to their neighbors as possible. Mayor Billis advised there were people in the audience speaking who were not on the council. If council would like the people to speak then the choice belongs to council. He further advised if council had no objections he would let the people in the audience speak. Councilperson Bendall asked what action council was being asked to take. Ms. Hitchcock advised the last paragraph of Mr. Palmer's letter addressed the situation. Councilperson Hornus asked if there was any other time of the day the parts could be dumped other than so very early in the morning. John Aldrich advised he was the general manager of Newcor and apologized because he did not have access to the building inspector's report and was not prepared to discuss the issue. Mr. Wiegel advised Mr. Aldrich he sent a letter to the plant superintendent and has not received a reply. Councilperson Bayless called for a Point of Order. He stated he did not object to Mr. Wiegel speaking, but he did object to Mr. Wiegel speaking out of turn. He asked Mr. Wiegel to be recognized if he was going to speak. Mr. Wiegel apologized. Mayor Billis accepted Councilperson Bayless' Point of Order and made it standing. Councilperson Bayless advised the letter from Mr. Palmer stated the building site plan included storing materials inside the building and allowed dumping to be done in an enclosed building. He further advised there was discussion at the last meeting that dumping was still occurring outside of the building. If dumping was occurring outside, it was a violation of the site plan. Mr. Aldrich advised he would have to investigate the site plan issue because he has only been at the business for six months. He further advised the dumping was occurring under a three-sided building with one side of the building open. Councilperson Dumond advised the police department did investigate the noise and it was their determination that the decibels during the dumping did not exceed the city code. Mr. Wiegel advised the testing was done in the wrong place. According to the noise ordinance, the testing has to be done from the middle of the road. Councilperson Ockerman asked how the test results could be confirmed without Mr. Palmer being present. He asked Ms. Hitchcock if she could confirm or deny what Mr. Wiegel had said. Ms. Hitchcock advised the report at the last meeting stated the readings were taken from the property lines to the north and on the east side as well. They were taken

from the adjoining neighbors' property. Councilperson Ockerman asked if that was the way the tests were supposed to be done. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would have to investigate the situation. Councilperson Ockerman stated he needed to know if the tests were done in the manner that is required. Mr. Wiegel stated dumping was being done outside of the building. Mr. Aldrich advised to his knowledge the dumping was being done under the roof. Mr. Wiegel suggested to Mr. Aldrich that he take a look at the dumpster. Mayor Billis asked council what course of action they wanted to take. Mr. Wiegel advised he would defend himself because there was a lie here. Mayor Billis stated council was looking for a resolution to the situation and advised there would be no further discussion on the situation. He further stated attacking people is not the way to solve a situation. Giving a person the time to respond on an issue was fair and Mr. Aldrich has not had time to respond. Mayor Billis advised council would try to resolve the situation for everyone involved. Councilperson Bayless suggested to Mr. Wright and Mr. Aldrich that they get with Ms. Hitchcock to get a copy of the minutes from the last council meeting and submit their conclusions in writing. He further suggested if there was anything they could voluntarily do to expedite and alleviate the situation, it would be appreciated. If the company was within the guidelines then the city has to accept the situation according to the police report and what Mr. Palmer addressed in his letter. Councilperson Bayless asked Mr. Wright and Mr. Aldrich to investigate the situation to see if anything could be done to help the council out. Councilperson Runyan stated Mr. Palmer should be involved. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Palmer would be involved. Scott Wright, Human Resource Manager from Newcor, advised that he and Mr. Palmer spoke last week about the letter he was sending to city council. He further advised he and Mr. Aldrich wanted to be present to try to resolve the issues and requested a copy of the letter from Mr. Palmer. Ms. Hitchcock advised a copy would be sent. Mr. Aldrich invited the city council to take a tour of the facility. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Aldrich to advise council about the odor situation. Mr. Aldrich advised Newcor wants to be a good corporate neighbor and throughout the last year the company has worked on addressing the odor issue. Newcor has contacted a company that manages coolants and cutting fluids to make sure the company was doing the right thing. Apparently, it was insufficient. He further advised when it proved to be insufficient, the company hired an environmental consulting firm from Grand Rapids who sent someone to survey the plant, and the person could not identify a specific source of any odor. It was speculated that burning off the material on the parts had caused the odor. He also advised two recommendations were made; to increase the stack height on the roof of the building, which was done and to implement a procedure to wash the parts prior to the heating operation. Mr. Aldrich stated he hopes the odor issue was resolved. He further stated during the last four to six weeks there have been no further concerns or questions about the odor. He also stated Newcor appreciates the council's patience and cooperation and they would continue to work on cleaning up or clarifying any issues that might exist.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: Councilperson Hornus stated he had mixed emotions on the issue. Since Gary Schooley has been the parks and recreation director, he has seen many good things happen to the city. He further stated he has had to call Mr. Schooley many times and he was always there to help him out. He also stated he would not vote for his resignation. Mr. Schooley was too good of a man and no one would ever replace him. Councilperson Runyan stated he had mixed emotions too. The man has made the decision that he wants to resign and asked Councilperson Hornus to respect Mr.

Schooley's decision or was this just a sham. Councilperson Hornus stated no because if Mr. Schooley was shown a little bit of support he might reconsider his decision. The biggest mistake the council could make was to let Mr. Schooley resign. Hornus moved, Bendall seconded not to accept the parks and recreation director's resignation. Councilperson Ockerman stated he did not ask Mr. Schooley to resign and has said nothing bad about him. If others have then he is sorry for that. Councilperson Ockerman further stated the city was too small for a parks and recreation director. He also stated he was told the position would be very advantageous to the city and he has sat back and watched and was under the opinion the position was not needed and it had nothing to do with Mr. Schooley. The city of this size does not need a parks and recreation director. Councilperson Hornus stated he has been happy and surprised at the number of times the community center has been rented in the last year. The community center is starting to bring money in after sitting for so many years doing nothing. Councilperson Bayless stated as the council's representative to the parks and recreation commission he had very mixed feelings. He became involved with the parks and recreation commission because he has a passion for the park. He further stated the amount of time, effort and energy Mr. Schooley spends in the department of parks and recreation is unbelievable. Mr. Schooley is irreplaceable and it would take months to get someone to do half the things he has done. Councilperson Bayless also stated a city could not apply for grants at the state level without a director in place and this is one of the major reasons a parks and recreation director was needed. He hopes the grant the city applied for is not in jeopardy because of his resignation. Councilperson Bayless advised he does not support Mr. Schooley's resignation but for his peace of mind and health he could understand why he wanted to resign.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond, Hornus.

No: Runyan, Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BIDS FOR FRONT MOUNT MOWER: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper front mower for use in the cemetery from Lloyd Miller and Sons in the amount of \$5,985.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING WITH TREASURY AND PUBLISHING WITH THE CITY'S INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS: Hornus moved, Bendall seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CORUNNA**

**(Shiawassee County, Michigan)**

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, WATER MAINS, STREETS and SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY; TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE LIMITED TAX, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND TO FILE WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City of Corunna (the "City") to purchase, acquire and construct certain improvements to the Sanitary Sewers, Storm Sewers, Water Mains, Streets and Sidewalks in and for the benefit of the City (the "Improvements"), and to finance the Improvements by the issuance of general obligation, limited tax, public improvement bonds pursuant to Section 6.28 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Act 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended ("Act 202"), permits the City to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for an exception to prior approval to issue the bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended ("Act 279"), it is necessary to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City may incur substantial capital expenditures for the Improvements prior to the issuance of the bonds, and desires to be reimbursed for such expenditures from the bond proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council hereby determines to purchase, acquire and construct certain improvements to the Sanitary Sewers, Storm Sewers, Water Mains, Streets and Sidewalks in the City, with an estimated useful life of more than twenty (20) years, and to pay for the cost through the issuance of general obligation, limited tax, public improvement bonds, pursuant to Section 6.28 of the City Charter, in an amount of not to exceed \$1,800,000 (the "Bonds").

A Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds be published in accordance with Section 5 of Act 279, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in the *Argus Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Corunna, determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom such Notice is directed, which Notice shall be substantially in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a "Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation," and to file all necessary supporting documentation with the Michigan

Department of Treasury in order to obtain an Order Providing Exception to prior state approval for issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the City Charter and Act 202, or, if necessary, for Treasury approval to issue the Bonds.

The firm of Law, Weathers & Richardson, P.C. is hereby employed as bond counsel to the City to prepare the documents for the issuance of Bonds for financing acquisition of the Improvements.

At such time as the Bonds are issued, the City shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds any expenditures it has made, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000. This resolution is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LOT SPLIT ON CHERRY STREET: Hornus moved, Bendall seconded to accept the planning commission's recommendation to approve the lot split on Cherry Street.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Ms. Hitchcock advised council two of the city's employees were presented with awards. Bob Volek was presented the Best of the Best 2000 Award for the best fireman and Mark Hetfield was presented with the Best of the Best 2000 Award for the best law enforcement officer as voted by the Argus Press readers. She further advised this is the first time any city employees have received these awards and it indicates how people feel about the city's police and fire departments. Ms. Hitchcock congratulated both employees for their fine achievement.

Larry Friess asked Mayor Billis if he vetoed something at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Billis advised yes. Mr. Friess asked if the mayor's veto was overruled. Mayor Billis advised no. Mr. Friess stated council made and voted on a negative motion and he did not think a negative motion could be made.

ADJOURN: Hornus moved to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:55 p.m.

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DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK