

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, June 21, 2004

Present: Corey, Johnson, Lantis, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: Mehigh (excused).

Guests: Merilee Lawson, City Assessor/Planner; Bob Ockerman; Judy Horton; Millie Taute; Bernie & Pat Yott; Shirley Sanderson; Bill Striggow; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Keith and Diane Johnson; Bob Buschman; Robert & Linda Mason; Dick & Margaret Waters; Angie Fernette; Nan Kribs; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Jed Dingens; Charlie Fernette; Cheryl Warren, The Argus Press; Helen Granger, The Independent; Mike Powers; Gary & Nikki Holzhausen; and other concerned citizens.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated June 7, 2004 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the agenda as presented by moving Item No. 1) Consider 2003/2004 Budget Amendments to Item No. 1A and changing Item No. 1) to Consider Councilperson Mehigh's Request to be Excused from the June 21, 2004 Council Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Lantis, Runyan, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Lantis, Sanderson, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PRESENTATION: HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINAL LOAN PAYMENT: Judy Horton from the Historical Commission presented Mayor Corey with the final loan payment for the Webster-Davis/Kribs house move. Mayor Corey accepted the final loan payment on behalf of the city and stated the Historical Commission has done a great job. He thanked all of the commission members for all of their hard work.

UPDATE: CORUNNA 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMISSION: Angie Fernette explained there were a couple of changes to the brochure. The interdenominational church service time was changed to 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. She further explained there was a minor change to the entertainment schedule. The Lawson Brothers will start at 5:30 p.m. instead of 5:50 p.m. She also explained the Fourth of July Commission was very fortunate this year to have enough contributors that the commission would be able to put on the event without asking the city for money. Ms. Fernette stated in April 2004, Janet Washburn told the commission that they owed the City of Corunna \$250 for an article that was going to appear in the Shiawassee County Visitor's Guide. Ms. Fernette further stated a heated discussion followed because the commission was never asked if the commission wanted to participate. The commission asked Ms. Washburn who had approved the expenditure, but the commission did not really get an answer and was told not to shoot the messenger. Ms. Fernette also stated a vote was taken with some hesitation because no one knew who had approved the expenditure but the commission approved the expenditure with the understanding that in the future the commission would like the opportunity to know ahead of time when the city is going to spend any of the commission's money. Ms. Fernette advised she obtained a copy of the visitor's guide in late May and found no mention of the Corunna Fourth of July Celebration, but there was a full page ad on the historical village. She further advised the Fourth of July Commission would like to know who approved the expenditure, why the commission was not asked to approve the expenditure first, and why a portion of the page could not have been used to feature the Fourth of July Celebration. Mayor Corey asked if Ms. Washburn went to the Fourth of July Commission in April 2004 with a request for \$250 and a check was made out for that amount. Ms. Fernette advised that was correct. Mayor Corey asked if the check was for recognition for the Fourth of July Celebration. Ms. Fernette advised she could not say that, but there was inference that there would be but maybe the commission thought that in error. Mayor Corey stated he thought Ms. Fernette had legitimate questions and asked if the commission wanted to know why the Fourth of July did not have a display in the visitor's guide and who authorized the spending of the commission's money, which was done prior to the time the commission voted on it. Ms. Fernette advised it was her understanding that the visitor's guide had already been approved. Mayor Corey stated he would find out and let Ms. Fernette know.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gary Holzhausen introduced himself and advised he was running for drain commissioner. He explained he has lived in Shiawassee County his entire life and was a graduate of Owosso High School and has taken several classes at Michigan State University. He introduced his wife, Nikki. He further explained he started out in the drainage business at a young age working for his father and gained valuable knowledge while working with him. He also explained he has been a member of the Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners for 25 years.

Bob Ockerman stated he wanted to make the council aware of something that happened. As council knows, he sold his home to Mr. Sawyer and there was a big desk and credenza in the home, which he offered to the library free gratis. Mr. Ockerman further stated Mr. Sawyer contacted the library and was told the library did not have a need for the desk and

credenza. Since then, the library has purchased other desks, which are not made as well as his desk was. He also stated he found it sad that someone could offer the library something like this and it is not accepted, but the taxpayers money is continually being used. Mr. Ockerman advised he was here a year and a half ago when the city bought the building and many things were explained to him. The city bought the building for \$200,000, there would be two fire bays put in that he thought was a good idea, but nothing was said about the size of the new library although the square footage ended up being tripled. He further advised one third of the building was going to be leased out and sublet to offset some of the costs, the parking problems were being worked out with the county and the city was going to sell the existing building, which would offset the cost of the new building. He also advised this is what has happened; the building was purchased for \$200,000 and approximately \$150,000 was put into the building, two fire bays were installed with much of the work being done by the firemen, the library size tripled, the portion of the building that was supposed to be leased was turned into a conference room, parking remains a serious problem because as far as he knew there has not been any cooperation with the county, the existing library is still for sale, the flat roof is still on the new building and after all of the money that was put into the building, there might be some problems that will have to be repaired again. Mr. Ockerman stated he read in the paper that the new proposed library budget was going to be \$230,000 but the budget was \$80,000 a year when he left the council two years ago, which is a 300 percent increase. He further stated the citizens are now being asked for another half mill to run the new library. It seems the city got the cart before the horse and the city council should have asked the people for a referendum before the city spent hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Bob Buschman stated he is a county department head and parking is being considered at the county level by the board of commissioners in July so hopefully this will resolve one of the difficulties there.

CONSIDER COUNCILPERSON MEHIGH'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE JUNE 21, 2004 MEETING: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to excuse Councilperson Mehig from the June 21, 2004 council meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Johnson, Lantis, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER 2003/2004 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 06-21-04-01**  
**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2003/2004 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Corunna desires to Amend the 2003/2004 Budget to Adjust Departmental Expenditures within the Amended General Fund Appropriation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 after recommendation by the City Manager be amended by the City Council as described as follows:

<u>Fund. #</u>	<u>Fund. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
101	General Fund	\$1,752,350	\$1,752,350

**General Fund Expenditures:**

<u>Dept. #</u>	<u>Dept. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
101	City Council	\$77,694	\$38,868
172	City Manager	\$89,039	\$94,039
210	Legal Assistance	\$20,500	\$0
215	City Clerk's Office	\$77,339	\$81,389
253	City Treasurer's Office	\$63,487	\$66,687
301	Police	\$402,454	\$412,954
430	Crossing Guards	\$2,035	\$2,135
441	Public Works	\$265,048	\$283,048
692	Community Center	\$20,192	\$22,192
695	Assessment, Planning, Review	\$66,580	\$68,080
698	Summer Rec Baseball/Softball	\$15,431	\$20,131
750	City Services	\$238,135	\$248,135

**BE IT**, 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**, to amend the following fund budgets:

<u>Fund. #</u>	<u>Fund. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
209	Cemetery Fund	\$32,000	\$42,000
215	Forest Comm. Fund	\$0	\$5,000
217	Library Building Fund	\$500	\$34,500
218	Library Technology Fund	\$500	\$20,000
271	Library Fund	\$75,179	\$94,741
590	Waste Water Collection Fund	\$548,643	\$593,143
725	Shiawassee Library Fund	\$0	\$12,000

Roll call vote:

Yes: Lantis, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 5, 2004 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INSTALLATIONS IN STREETS ORDINANCE (SECTION 70-38): Wagner moved, Sanderson seconded to set a public hearing for July 5, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to consider changes to the Maintenance of Installations in Streets Ordinance (Section 70-38).

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PROPOSALS ON OLD LIBRARY BUILDING: Sanderson moved, Wagner seconded to suspend the rules for discussion.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Mayor Corey advised the city has received a proposal from Jed Dingens and Mike Powers for the building. He went over the proposal from Jed Dingens and explained Mr. Dingens has put three offers on the table; to purchase the property on a cash basis for \$101,000 with the seller paying for the Phase I and II baseline environmental analysis, to purchase the property on a cash basis for \$81,000 with the purchaser paying for the Phase I and II baseline environmental analysis, or to lease the property for \$685 per month for 36 months with first option to purchase the property on a cash basis for \$81,000 with the purchaser paying for the Phase I and II environmental analysis. Mayor Corey reviewed the proposal from Mike Powers, who is interested in renting the building until a few days beyond November 2, 2004 for \$500 per month and he would pay all utility bills and do routine maintenance. Mayor Corey stated the city council set perimeters to rent out the building at \$8.00 per square foot, which works out to be about \$800 per month so both of the proposals are under the perimeters that had been set. He asked the city planner if she had something to give to the city council for discussion. Merilee Lawson stated it was imperative for council to understand that if the city is going to get any money for remediation of that site then the city will have to be in a Brownfield District before selling the building because if there is any contamination found during a Phase I evaluation, this would eliminate the city from getting any clean up money. She further stated the county commissioners are going to address the issue of entering into a Brownfield District for all of Shiawassee County at their July meeting. She recommended to council that the city not sell the building until the Brownfield District is in place and the city knows where it stands with getting the money to correct the site. Mayor Corey stated he spoke to Joe Borgstrom two weeks ago and asked him where the county was with Brownfield District and was informed the county would be meeting in July to determine if they would be doing a Brownfield District. Mayor Corey further stated he expects the county to declare Shiawassee County as a Brownfield District next month. Ms. Lawson stated as the city planner she was asking the council to allow the downtown development authority to come to the council with a proposal because a decision will be made at the next downtown development authority meeting whether to make a proposal to the city council or not. Mayor Corey stated he did not think the city should enter into a sale agreement because the downtown development authority needs to have the opportunity to decide if the library building figures into their plans and since there is the contamination issue, the city needs to make sure that there is a Brownfield District established before anything is done. Councilperson Sanderson asked why the Phase I and II was not done before letting 3,000

people a month go in and out of the building. Ms. Lawson advised the state regulations were not in place then as they are today. The city is in a new era of rules and regulations. Councilperson Sanderson stated so the rules do not go into effect until the property is leased or sold. Ms. Lawson advised the buyer takes the responsibility of recognizing what contamination might be on a piece of property. This does not mean the buyer has to fix it, it means the buyer has to responsibility to find out if there is any contamination to relieve themselves of the liability of any costs involved. She further advised if the city contacted someone to do a Phase I study, the city would ruin the chance of getting any Brownfield money. Councilperson Lantis asked if the interested parties were aware of the rental fee that the city was asking. Mayor Corey advised he believed both parties had a conversation with Mr. Sawyer. Mayor Corey further advised it looked like there was a proposal that was offering \$185 more per month for 36 months and the other proposal was for \$500 until November. There should be a county Brownfield District established by November and the city should know something by December of where the city is going. Ms. Lawson advised the city should have a clear vision by then and if the Brownfield District were in place, the city would be covered for whatever comes down the pipeline. Runyan moved, Wagner seconded to allow the city manager to draft and enter into a lease agreement up to and through November 2004 between the City of Corunna and Mike Powers to rent the old library building located at 401 N. Shiawassee Street, Corunna, MI in the amount of \$500.00 monthly with Mr. Powers being responsible for monthly utility bills, routine outdoor maintenance, inside cleaning and any costs involved in improvements lessee wishes to make. Councilperson Lantis asked if Mr. Sawyer contacted Mr. Dingens about paying \$685 through November. Mr. Dingens advised no, but he would be interested in doing the very same thing.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Sanderson.

No: Lantis, Johnson.

Motion CARRIED

PROCLAMATION: ODYSSEY OF THE MIND: Mayor Corey read and presented a proclamation to the Corunna High School Odyssey of the Mind Team for their accomplishment in becoming the 2004 world champions at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 5, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE SIDEWALK ORDINANCE: Lantis moved, Johnson seconded to set a public hearing for July 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to consider changes to the Sidewalk Ordinance.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Lantis, Sanderson, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR ANNEXATION: Runyan moved, Sanderson seconded to pass the following resolution annexing the vacant land located on Parmenter Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, T7N, R3E, Township of Caledonia and owned by the City of

Corunna and recorded at the Register of Deeds Office (Liber 1050, Page 256) and as allowed under MCLA 117.9(8):

### RESOLUTION FOR ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, the CITY OF CORUNNA, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is a Michigan Home Rule City; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF CORUNNA is the owner of a certain parcel of real property by virtue of a Deed dated 11-06-2003 and recorded at the register of deeds office (L-1050 P-256), legally described as:

All that part of the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Township of Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan, that lies South of the D.G.H & M. and Ann Arbor Railroads, ALSO the South part of the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, commencing at the intersection of the South line of Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad with the West line of the said Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section turning South on the West line of said Section to the South line thereof; thence East on the South line of said Section to the East line of the said West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof; thence North along said East line to the center of the highway; thence Northwesterly along the center of said highway to the South line of said Railroad; thence Westerly along the South line of said Railroad to the place of beginning.

EXCEPT a parcel of land described as all that part of the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Caledonia Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, lying North of the centerline of Parmenter Road and Southerly of the G.T. and W. Railroad right of way, also described as beginning at the South  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 27; thence North 87 degrees 32 minutes 14 seconds West 229.47 feet to the centerline of Parmenter Road; thence North 36 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 1714.28 feet along the centerline of Parmenter Road to the North and South  $\frac{1}{8}$  line; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 789.14 feet along said North and South  $\frac{1}{8}$  line; thence along a 2644.36 foot radius curve to the right, 1314.05 feet, whose long chord bearing and distance is South 86 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds East 1300.57 feet; thence South 02 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West 2108.21 feet along the North and South  $\frac{1}{4}$  line to the point of beginning.

ALSO EXCEPT Part of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Caledonia Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the physical centerline of Parmenter Road, which is South 87 degrees 54 minutes 56 seconds West, along a monumented line (per recorded survey Liber 6, page 755, Shiawassee County Records) 233.29 feet to a point on said centerline and along said centerline the following (4) courses: (1) North 41 degrees 45 minutes 50 seconds West, 55.42 feet, (2) North 41 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds

West, 1374.52 feet, (3) North 41 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds West, 332.18 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, (4) and Northwesterly along said curve (having a radius of 943.90 feet and chord bearing and distance of North 45 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds West, 105.41 feet, a length of 105.46 feet from the South ¼ corner of said Section 27; thence continuing Northwesterly along said curve (having a radius of 943.90 feet and chord bearing and distance of North 52 degrees 17 minutes 42 seconds West 133.15 feet) a length of 133.26 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence continuing along said centerline North 56 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds West, 276.05 feet; thence South 33 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds West, 241.00 feet; thence South 43 degrees 32 minutes 12 seconds East, 392.79 feet; thence North 38 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East, 319.63 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, the above described real property is vacant land, and

WHEREAS, the above described real property is adjacent to the corporate boundaries of the City of Corunna, and

WHEREAS, no persons reside on the above described real property, and

WHEREAS, MCLA 117.9 (8) provides for the annexation of real property meeting the requirements set forth above solely by resolution of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan as follows:

1. The City Council does hereby annex to the City of Corunna, Michigan the following described real property:

All that part of the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Township of Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan, that lies South of the D.G.H & M. and Ann Arbor Railroads, ALSO the South part of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, commencing at the intersection of the South line of Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad with the West line of the said Southwest ¼ of said Section turning South on the West line of said Section to the South line thereof; thence East on the South line of said Section to the East line of the said West ½ of the Southwest ¼ thereof; thence North along said East line to the center of the highway; thence Northwesterly along the center of said highway to the South line of said Railroad; thence Westerly along the South line of said Railroad to the place of beginning.

EXCEPT a parcel of land described as all that part of the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Caledonia Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, lying North of the centerline of Parmenter Road and Southerly of the G.T. and W. Railroad right of way, also described as beginning at the South

¼ corner of Section 27; thence North 87 degrees 32 minutes 14 seconds West 229.47 feet to the centerline of Parmenter Road; thence North 36 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 1714.28 feet along the centerline of Parmenter Road to the North and South 1/8 line; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 789.14 feet along said North and South 1/8 line; thence along a 2644.36 foot radius curve to the right, 1314.05 feet, whose long chord bearing and distance is South 86 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds East 1300.57 feet; thence South 02 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West 2108.21 feet along the North and South ¼ line to the point of beginning.

ALSO EXCEPT Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, Caledonia Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the physical centerline of Parmenter Road, which is South 87 degrees 54 minutes 56 seconds West, along a monumented line (per recorded survey Liber 6, page 755, Shiawassee County Records) 233.29 feet to a point on said centerline and along said centerline the following (4) courses: (1) North 41 degrees 45 minutes 50 seconds West, 55.42 feet, (2) North 41 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds West, 1374.52 feet, (3) North 41 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds West, 332.18 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, (4) and Northwesterly along said curve (having a radius of 943.90 feet and chord bearing and distance of North 45 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds West, 105.41 feet, a length of 105.46 feet from the South ¼ corner of said Section 27; thence continuing Northwesterly along said curve (having a radius of 943.90 feet and chord bearing and distance of North 52 degrees 17 minutes 42 seconds West 133.15 feet) a length of 133.26 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence continuing along said centerline North 56 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds West, 276.05 feet; thence South 33 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds West, 241.00 feet; thence South 43 degrees 32 minutes 12 seconds East, 392.79 feet; thence North 38 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East, 319.63 feet to the point of beginning.

2. That this annexation by Resolution is based upon the findings of the City Council, that the real property is vacant, is owned by the City of Corunna, that no persons are residing thereon and the property is adjacent to the City of Corunna.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Johnson, Lantis, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 19, 2004 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION ORDINANCE: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to set a public hearing for July 19, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to consider changes to the Forest Management Commission Ordinance.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Lantis, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS MML CONFERENCE AT MACKINAC ISLAND: Mayor Corey asked if anyone was interested in going to the conference. Councilperson Johnson stated she would like to go. Mayor Corey advised the cost is \$285 and asked if this included room rates. Councilperson Johnson advised no. Councilperson Sanderson asked what fund the monies would come from. Mayor Corey advised the council professional development fund. Councilperson Sanderson stated he thought council agreed last year to limit the number of conferences that it would go to. Mayor Corey advised every professional development fund was reduced last year to \$250 with the exception of funds for police and fire training. There was an issue that came up about training this year with the department of public works and there was discussion that training was an important issue so training money was put into next years budget. He further advised he thought \$3,000 was put into the council's budget. Councilperson Sanderson stated he knew people would be mad at him but he would say it anyway that he did not think anyone should go to the conference just to go up there and have a good time. He further stated Councilperson Runyan has one or two conferences to attend to get something from the Michigan Municipal League. Councilperson Runyan stated he spoke to a woman from the Michigan Municipal League to find out if he should go to the conference to do volunteer work and if he goes to the conference, he would receive Level 1 and Level 2 out of three levels. Councilperson Sanderson stated every time Councilperson Runyan goes to a conference, he brings back paperwork and gives a talk on what took place and he felt Councilperson Runyan should be the one to go. Councilperson Sanderson further stated he would like to go but he does not want to spend the money just to say he went to Mackinac Island to sit around on his butt and not do much. He felt the council should take a hard look at this. Councilperson Runyan stated he would not be going up there just to sit around. He wants to go to a couple of classes while he is there. Councilperson Johnson stated she found it beneficial to go to a fireworks class otherwise, the city would not have been able to have the fireworks. She believes that each and every one of the council should go to conferences and if she wants to go, she should be allowed to go. Councilperson Runyan stated he does not have to go to the conference. Mayor Corey advised he thought training was important and was not sure where a person would get the training, but each individual needs to sort out what is going to be most beneficial to them. He further stated if there is anybody on the council who feels the Michigan Municipal League conference would be beneficial then council should take a look at whether the conference would be personally beneficial and what the councilperson can bring back to the city. The council also needs to determine what the entire cost would be. He also stated the mileage would be 246 miles each way so the mileage cost would be \$177.00 plus lunches up and back and ferry costs. Councilperson Runyan stated he would like to go to the Tough Times, Tough Decisions class, which would cost \$69.00. Mayor Corey asked if this class was part of the registration. Councilperson Runyan advised he believed this was on top of the conference fee. Councilperson Johnson asked if she could pay for her own room and board if she chose to go to the conference as long as the city pays the \$285 registration fee to go.

Mayor Corey stated if she was interested in going and was only looking for the city to pay for the registration fee then that was her right. Councilperson Runyan stated council could set an amount and he would cover anything over and above that amount. Councilperson Johnson stated if council wants to send Councilperson Runyan, that is fine, but if she chooses to go then she would pay her own way except for the registration fee so it does not get into the council's \$3,000. Councilperson Sanderson stated that is what she would be doing anyway. Councilperson Wagner stated he would like to go because it looks like there are some good classes. Councilperson Sanderson stated there are a lot of good classes but this is supposed to be hard times for the city. Councilperson Wagner stated there would be hard times by sitting on your butt and not becoming smarter. Councilperson Sanderson stated we should invite the whole city to go then. Mayor Corey stated there is a \$3,000 budgeted for council training and he did not think it was necessarily any more responsible not to spend what was budgeted if council thinks training is important. Councilperson Runyan stated he read something that a councilperson should go to training because certain things said at a public meeting could cause a lawsuit. He further stated knowing what can be or cannot be said could save the city money in the long run. Councilperson Johnson asked Ms. Long to find out some more information before or at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Corey advised no action could be taken at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilperson Johnson stated council has until August 13 to send in the reservation and there will be two council meetings in July. Mayor Corey stated a motion could be made to table this item until the next regular meeting. Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to table the decision of the Michigan Municipal League conference until July 5, 2004.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Wagner, Runyan, Lantis.

No: Sanderson.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Keith Johnson stated it looks like the Heritage Park walkway would be six squares short of making the loop. He knows there is money in the budget for the Heritage Park and asked if council wanted to do what was originally planned. He further stated all of the squares were not sold the last time so the city put the squares in and they were sold very quickly when people found out what was being done. He asked council to think about what they wanted to do between now and July because this is when he is going to finalize what will be done. Ms. Washburn asked how much the squares were. Mr. Johnson advised about \$160 or \$170 per square. Ms. Washburn asked if this was what people were being charged. Mr. Johnson advised he has not taken in any money yet. He is going to have people make their check out to the City of Corunna so the city can take care of that end of it because he does not want that responsibility. He asked council to think about what they wanted to do and advised he would come back to the next council meeting with more definite plans and exactly how many more squares were going to be needed. Mayor Corey asked Mr. Johnson if he was saying that he would be about six squares short from making the loop that have not been promised to anyone. Mr. Johnson advised yes. Mayor Corey asked if the work would be started next month or if it would be another month before the work would be done. Mr. Johnson advised he would meet with the parks and recreation people next month to let them know what is being done because he does not

want to do this on his own. He would let these people know how much money it will cost and then something could be put in the paper to let people know that there are some squares left if people want to buy one. Mayor Corey suggested discussing this item at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilperson Runyan stated his mother was going to buy a square for his father and he knew that Mr. Johnson lost some of the names when his computer crashed and asked if his father's name was on the list. Mr. Johnson advised no. Councilperson Runyan asked Mr. Johnson to add his father's name to the list.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: All items were discussed previously by councilmembers.

ADJOURN: Wagner moved, Runyan seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:12 p.m.

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STEVE COREY, MAYOR

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK