

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2004

Present: Johnson, Mehigh, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: Lantis.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Charles Spring; Judy Horton; Pat Yott; Dave Moiles; Cheryl Warren, The Argus Press; Harry Taphouse; Helen Granger, The Independent; 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 accept the previous regular meeting minutes dated July 19, 2004 as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to accept the agenda with the addition of Item No. 5) Discussion of Industrial Sign on Sleseman Drive, Item No. 6) Consider Resignation of Councilperson Lantis, Item No. 7) Consider Filling Ward One Council Vacancy and Item No. 8) Consideration of Additional Cost to River Walkway Lighting.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LAND MAINTENANCE/USE LEASE WITH HEATHER FOSTER: Mr. Sawyer stated based on the recommendation from the council a sentence should be added to Article No. 5 that states the lessee shall maintain property in compliance with any and all city codes. Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve a lease to the Fosters for the vacant lot at 523 N. Shiawassee Street with the addition of lessee shall maintain property in compliance with any and all city codes and ordinances.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF KAREN HORNUS FROM THE FOURTH OF JULY

COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to accept the resignation of Karen Hornus from the Corunna Fourth of July Commission with regret.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LOCAL APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE: Mr. Sawyer

stated he spoke with Harry Taphouse earlier on the phone and he is purchasing the Riverbend Bowl, which currently has a Class C liquor license as well as a dance permit that allows dancing to take place at the establishment by patrons. Mr. Sawyer further stated the dance permit does not allow any kind of topless activity, but the license is requesting that council also approve an entertainment permit, which is required for a comedian, competitions such as bowling tournaments, and karaoke. Bands are automatically allowed and do not require a permit. Mr. Sawyer also stated he had Merilee Lawson call the Liquor Control Commission to clarify that the city was not giving up any of its rights when it comes to zoning regulations that are in place in the City of Corunna and she was informed that the city's zoning ordinances still apply. Mr. Sawyer advised the resolution before council has to be approved as presented but the city can specifically require Mr. Taphouse as a condition of approval to enter into an agreement with the city that he will only engage in comedians, karaoke, bowling tournaments and nothing else without coming back to the council for further approvals. Mr. Sawyer further advised the Liquor Control Commission stated the agreement is very binding and this is what many cities have gone to in order to make sure the city knows what is going on because an entertainment permit is fairly broad and Mr. Taphouse has agreed to the side agreement. Mr. Sawyer also advised if the license and permit processed is approved as requested, he would recommend that it be approved on the condition that Mr. Taphouse enter into an agreement that his entertainment permit is solely for the purpose of karaoke, comedians, and bowling competitions. Dave Moiles advised he was not requesting a new license because this was something that he has had for 25 years. When he first got his license, he was told he should have a dance and entertainment license as a safeguard. Mayor Corey asked Mr. Taphouse if he had comments for the council. Harry Taphouse advised no, everything that has been stated is what will be going on. Mayor Corey asked if a Tough Man Contest could be held under an entertainment permit. Mr. Sawyer advised yes. He further advised Mr. Taphouse is not proposing to change anything that is currently being done at the business but the current license does not include the entertainment permit. Mr. Moiles advised his license has a stamp on it. Mr. Sawyer advised that is not what the paperwork states. Mr. Moiles stated this was the confusing part because an attorney prepared the paperwork with that. Ms. Lawson stated the Liquor Control Commission verified today that the existing permit was only for a dance permit. Mr. Sawyer advised the paperwork stated that an entertainment permit was being added to the license and this is what has spurred this discussion. Runyan moved, Johnson seconded to approve the

Transfer of Liquor License Resolution with the stipulation that the new owner would sign an agreement with the city specifying comedians, karaoke and bowling tournaments.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE VEGETATION

ORDINANCE: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to leave the regular session and enter into a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 04-04.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Lawson explained the changes to the vegetation ordinance. Councilperson Sanderson asked how close a stone garden could be placed to a sidewalk. Ms. Lawson advised right to the sidewalk. Councilperson Runyan stated if he remembered correctly fences have to be 18 inches back from a sidewalk and asked why stones could be put right up to a sidewalk. Ms. Lawson advised fences have to be 24 inches back from a sidewalk and she was referring to the area between the sidewalk and curb. Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to close the public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 04-04 and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:25 p.m.

Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 82 – VEGETATION, ARTICLE II, TREES; SECTION 82-32. DEFINITIONS, SECTION 82-35. ENFORCEMENT; APPEALS, SECTION 82-36. REFORESTATION; SECTION 82-37. PERMITS; SECTION 82-38. DEVELOPERS RESPONSIBILITY; SECTION 82-39. PROTECTION OF TREES, SHRUBS; SECTION 82-40. COMPENSATION FOR TREES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED; SECTION 82-41. AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT TO INSPECT TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; SECTION 82-42. PRIVATE TREES; DISEASE, INSECT AND OTHER HAZARDS, SECTION 82-43. TRIMMING, REMOVAL OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-32, DEFINITIONS, shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-32. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Commission means the city forest management commission.

Curb tree lawn means that part of a street not covered by sidewalk or paving, lying between the property line and the ~~portion of the street~~ **or alley right-of-way. paved for vehicular traffic.**

Department means the department of public works of the city.

Developer means all persons or an organization of any kind who shall engage in new construction or other improvements in any zoning district of the city.

***Landscaping* means brick, stone, rock, cement, wood (imitation or real) and metal building materials.**

Park means all public parks having individual names and all areas, whether owned by the city or not, to which the public has free access as a park.

Public utility means any person owning or operating any pole, line, pipe or conduit located in any public street or over or along any public easement or right-of-way for the transmission of electricity, gas, telephone service or telegraph service.

Prohibited species means any tree so determined by the city forest management commission.

Street and alley means all the land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, **alleys**, and highways and public right-of-ways in the city.

Superintendent means the superintendent of the department or an authorized representative.

Tree means trees, shrubs, bushes and all other ~~woody~~ vegetation, whether potted or not.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-35, ENFORCEMENT; APPEALS, shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-35. Enforcement; appeals.

The superintendent is hereby designated as the agent to enforce the provisions of this article. ~~All complaints of violations of this article shall be presented in writing to the city attorney and shall be prosecuted in the name of the city.~~ If at any time a bona fide dispute arises or shall exist relative to or under the provisions of this article, such dispute must first

be submitted to the city forest management commission in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the commission as provided for under this article.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-36, REFORESTATION shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-36. Reforestation.

The planting, maintenance or removal of trees in public places in the city will be done by the department of public works **or their authorized representative** in accordance with adopted policies and may be accomplished by order of the superintendent or the city manager upon recommendation of the commission, by resolution of the city council, or by petition of parties owning a majority of the lineal footage of the fronting property along a street **or alley. In cases where a situation of immediate attention is required to ensure public safety, the superintendent, city manager, or their authorized representative may act independently from the Forestry Commission to resolve the safety issue.**

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-37, PERMITS shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-37. Permits.

(a) *Required for tree planting or removal and landscaping within the right-of-way.*

(1) No person shall plant, transplant or remove any tree, **nor landscape exceeding 12” in height** upon or from any curb tree lawn, street, park or public place in the city, nor cause such act to be done by others without first obtaining a written permit from the office of the city clerk **and shall do so only on the condition that such plantings or excavations shall be considered an agreement on his part to maintain such plantings and excavations at all times during his ownership or control of them, and to indemnify and save harmless the city against all damages or actions at law that may arise or be brought by reason of such planting, removal or excavation.** Prior to a permit being issued for tree removal, the abutting property owner shall be notified and shall have the first opportunity to acquire the wood from the tree.

(2) **Any planting or excavation exceeding a maximum height of 12” at full maturity shall have prior approval of the Forestry Commission.**

~~(2)~~ (3) Persons receiving such permit shall abide by the ordinances and policies adopted by the city.

(b) *Application for permits.* Applications for permits must be made at the office of the city clerk not less than 72 hours in advance of the time the work is to be done.

(c) *Permit expiration.*

- (1) Each permit granted shall contain an expiration date **of one year as set forth by the Forestry Commission** and the work shall be completed in the time allowed in the permit, and in the manner described in the permit.
- (2) Any permit issued shall be void if its terms are violated, or if the work described is not substantially completed by its expiration date.
- (3) Permit extensions ~~will be~~ **may be considered by the Forestry Commission** if conditions warrant.

(d) *Permit contents.*

- (1) Every permit issued by the city clerk shall describe work to be done, or state the number of trees to be removed or planted and the location, size, species or variety of each tree, the method of planting, **landscaping and landscaping materials**, and other information that the superintendent **and Forestry Commission** may require to ensure that the work will be done properly.
- (2) Whenever any tree **or landscaping is** ~~shall be planted~~ in conflict with the provisions of the permit, it shall be lawful for the superintendent to cause removal of the tree, and the cost for removal shall be assessed to the permittee as provided by law in the case of special assessments.

(e) *Permit fee and supervision.*

- (1) No charge shall be made for any permit unless it is necessary to retain a consultant to supervise the provisions of the permit, and in such case the **Forestry Commission** ~~city clerk~~ shall determine the charge for the service based on actual cost plus an additional one percent of the actual cost of the service for city administrative purposes.
- (2) In issuing any and all permits, the city clerk shall act promptly and shall keep duplicate records of all permits issued and of compliance therewith.
- (3) Permits for all tree management activities will be issued only after the superintendent or the commission makes a thorough investigation as to the advisability of the proposed work.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-38, DEVELOPERS RESPONSIBILITY shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-38. Developer's responsibility.

(a) *Generally.* Developers shall be required to fulfill tree planting and protection requirements as provided under the ordinances and policies of the city and its forestry management commission including, but not limited to, subdivision regulations and site plan requirements.

~~(b) *Minimum planting requirements.* One tree of an approved species measuring at least 1 1/2 inch caliper shall be planted in the street at all new construction sites, residential or otherwise, for each site or lot of 80 feet or less, and at least two trees for every lot in excess of 80 feet frontage. Corner lots shall require at least one tree for each street. The developer shall show the location of the required trees on the submitted site plan prior to the issuance of a building permit. The developer shall be responsible for fulfilling these requirements.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-39, PROTECTION OF TREES, SHRUBS shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-39. Protection of trees, shrubs.

Unless a permit shall have been issued by the city clerk **and approved by the Forestry Commission**, it shall be unlawful for any persons to do the following to any trees in or upon any curb tree lawns, parks or other public places:

- (1) Fasten any sign, card, poster, wire, rope or other material to, around or through any tree or its guard, except in emergencies such as storms or accidents, except for any nursery tag identifying its species or care.
- (2) Remove, break, injure, mutilate, kill, cut, peel or destroy any tree or shrub by any means or in any manner.
- (3) Permit any fire to burn where such fire will injure any portion of any tree or shrub.
- (4) Permit any toxic chemical to seep, drain, or to be emptied on or about any tree or shrub.
- (5) Deposit, store, place or maintain, on any street, highway or other public place, any brick, sand, stone, concrete or other material which may impede free passage of water, air and fertilizer to the roots of any tree or shrub growing therein.
- (6) Fail to repair or stop any leak existing or occurring in any gas pipe or main within a radius of 40 feet of any tree.
- (7) Knowingly permit any electrical wire to come into contact with any tree or shrub.
- (8) Allow excavations and driveways to be placed within five feet of any tree without written permit from the **Forestry Commission** or superintendent. Any person making such excavation or construction shall guard any tree within six feet thereof, ~~with a good substantial frame box to be approved by the department~~, and all building materials or other debris shall be kept at least four feet from any tree.

(9) Plant any prohibited species of tree.

(10) Place any tree or landscaping material in the right-of-way that creates a public nuisance or safety issue.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION FOR TREES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-40. Compensation for trees destroyed or damaged.

The cost of public trees growing on streets, curb tree lawns, parks or other public places which are destroyed or damaged to the point where repair or replacement is needed shall be paid for by **the owner and or** the person causing such damages in the amount needed to replace or repair the destroyed or damaged trees. The commission shall determine all questions of cost related to damage. Any value realized from any tree removed from public property shall be for the exclusive benefit of the city.

SECTION 8. AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT TO INSPECT TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-41. Authority of superintendent to inspect trees on private property.

The superintendent, **Forestry Commission**, or **their his** agents, shall have authority to enter upon private property at all reasonable hours for purposes of examining any trees, shrubs, plants or vines where hazardous conditions, destructive insects or diseases are suspected. The superintendent, **Forestry Commission**, or **their his** agents may remove such specimens as are required for analysis to determine the presence of insect, disease or other detrimental conditions. It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent the superintendent, **Forestry Commission**, or **their his** agents from entering private property for purposes of carrying out his duties under this article.

SECTION 9. PRIVATE TREES; DISEASE, INSECT AND OTHER HAZARDS shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-42. Private trees; disease, insect and other hazards.

(a) When the superintendent, **Forestry Commission**, or **their agents** shall discover that any tree growing on private property within the city is afflicted with any dangerous insect, infestation, disease or condition, he shall immediately serve a written notice upon the property owner or his agent describing the tree, the location, the nature of the insect infestation, disease or condition, and order the owner or his agent to take necessary measures to abate the insect infestation, or disease or condition, to prevent the spreading thereof, and shall specify the corrective measures required to be taken. This notice may require the pruning, treatment or destruction of the affected trees as reasonably necessary. Every such notice shall be complied with within a definite time as stated in the notice. ~~but within no less time than ten days after service thereof upon the property owner.~~

(b) If at the expiration of the time limit in the notice, the owner has not complied with the requirements of the notice, the superintendent or his agents shall carry out the requirements of the notice. The cost of completing the work necessary to resolve the condition complained of shall be assessed against the property on the next general assessment roll of the city.

SECTION 10. TRIMMING, REMOVAL OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
shall be as follows:

Sec. 82-43. Trimming, removal of trees on private property.

(a) Any tree growing on private property and so located as to extend its branches over a public street, highway, sidewalk, park or other public place, or so located as to become a traffic hazard, shall be trimmed or removed by the property owner on whose property the tree stands, so as to remove the obstruction from the public street, highway, sidewalk, park or public place and so as to eliminate the traffic hazard and the menace and the danger to the public, pursuant to written notice by and under the supervision of the superintendent.

(b) When notice is given pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the property owner will be given a reasonable and definite time to comply with the order **as set by the Forestry Commission but not less than ten days**, unless **an** immediate hazard exists. If the work is not satisfactorily completed within that time, the superintendent or his agents may enter upon the property, make the necessary trimming or removals, and properly dispose of them. All or part of the costs involved in the trimming or removal when done by the superintendent or his agents shall be assessed against the property on the next general assessment roll of the city. The city shall have the right to trim any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance and the several sections, subsections, paragraphs, clauses and parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part of clause thereof is declared or adjudged invalid by present or future legislation or decree, the balance of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.

All Ordinances previously adopted and incorporated in the Code of the City of Corunna, Michigan, through codification procedures, or any existing Ordinances that are inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and in the case of inconsistencies, to the extent of such inconsistency, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. COPIES AVAILABLE.

This Ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the City Clerk's Offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to the Corunna City Charter, immediately upon publication hereof.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF INDUSTRIAL SIGN ON SLEESEMAN DRIVE: Mayor Corey stated council was previously looking at spending under \$2,500 to repair the sign. Mr. Sawyer advised the cost to repair the sign would be about \$2,000 to \$4,000. He asked if council's intent was to restore the ball on top of the sign and the industrial "I" that states Corunna Industrial Park and/or the individual business owner signs on the sign. Mayor Corey advised council discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting that it was only interested in repairing the "I" and the ball on top and it would be up to the individual businesses to maintain the individual signs. Mr. Sawyer that is where the numbers on the past bids have been affected. If council can narrow the scope of the project, this would help pin down the cost. Mayor Corey stated the last bid from Agnew Graphics to just do the "I" was \$1,400 to \$1,500. Mr. Sawyer advised the city had bids to replace the sign with plywood or fiberboard. The original plywood lasted 20 years and he did not think extra money needed to be spent on materials. He further advised the ball on top of the sign was done in 1983 in recognition of the state championship basketball team and asked if the city's intent was to maintain the ball. Councilperson Johnson stated she did not want to drop the ball. Mr. Sawyer advised he was not suggesting that but he did not think the ball was originally on the sign. Councilperson Mehig stated the council could authorize up to \$2,500, which would give Mr. Sawyer something to work with. Mr. Sawyer stated if he could not restore the sign for \$2,500, he would come back to council. Councilperson Mehig asked what fund the money would come from. Mr. Sawyer advised he would recommend the Industrial Development Fund. Councilperson Runyan asked if there was anyway to set a price limit so council could take action tonight and if \$2,500 would be sufficient. Mayor Corey stated there is a council meeting next Monday and the Monday after that, which should give Mr. Sawyer enough time to come up with some more information and the limit could be raised higher at that point if it is needed. Councilperson Sanderson stated as far as the basketball sign on top, there are signs at all of the entrances in the city that recognizes all of the championship teams in Corunna and it might be worth to save the city some money by not replacing the ball. Mr. Sawyer advised he was in high school when the victory was won and he was pretty proud to have the sign there. The city has had two World Odyssey of the Mind championships and state track championships since 1983 and maybe the city should do something different with the sign. Councilperson Wagner stated if the city is going to have some sort of recognition, the city should recognize all sports and not just the basketball team. Mayor Corey stated he did not know how the ball got on top of the industrial sign but maybe the money came from the athletic booster club. Mr. Sawyer asked if he should contact John Smith for some input. Mayor Corey stated he did not think the city should do something to the ball that the school considers sacred. Councilperson Runyan stated the basketball could be changed to a

football for the 1955 state champions that have never had a sign. Mehigh moved, Runyan seconded to authorize the city manager to spend up to \$2,500 to repair and improve the industrial sign on Sleseman Drive to come out of the Industrial Development Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF COUNCILPERSON LANTIS: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to accept the resignation of Councilperson Lantis effective immediately with regret. Councilperson Mehigh stated Councilperson Lantis had come a long way and had the potential to be a very good councilperson and he personally hated to see her go. He thanked her for her efforts while she was on the council. Mayor Corey stated he spoke to Ms. Lantis today and she has so much on her plate including a medical issue with her extended family and additional responsibilities at school. She wished she did not have to resign because she put in a lot of time in what she did as a councilperson and she did a good job. Councilperson Johnson stated she did not think that Councilperson Lantis had potential because it was already there. Councilperson Johnson further stated Councilperson Lantis was an outstanding councilperson and her potential was set when she won the election. Councilperson Runyan stated someone should keep in contact with her in case there are some committees that she would like to be active on. Mayor Corey advised Ms. Lantis would like to remain on the Forestry Commission because she has taken this to heart and the Forestry Commission has considered Ms. Lantis a valuable source. He thought that this might be something that the council would like to support her with by allowing her to be a representative and she would also like to be called upon in the future for other activities inside the city. Mr. Sawyer advised her resignation as written would not affect any of her appointments but he would review her appointments.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER FILLING WARD ONE COUNCIL VACANCY: Mayor Corey advised there is an individual at the meeting by name of Charles Spring who has indicated an interest in the council seat. Mayor Corey further advised he did not know if council wanted to talk to Mr. Spring or not. Councilperson Mehigh stated he would like Mr. Spring to explain his credentials and why he wants to be on the council. Charles Spring advised he has been a resident of Corunna for over 25 years. He is a graduate of Corunna High School and is married with three children. He further advised upon graduation from high school, he joined the Marine Corps as a military police officer. After leaving the Marine Corps, he went to Michigan State University and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and attended the police academy in Lansing where he graduated as class president. He also advised he was a police officer in Coldwater for a little over four years and has been a social worker at the Friend of the Court for the last four years. Councilperson Mehigh asked if council could act on this at the special meeting, which would give council a week to see if anyone else was interested. Mayor Corey advised the council has some time per the city charter if council wanted to wait a week. Councilperson Mehigh stated he felt this

would be more appropriate and a little fair to everybody. Johnson moved, Mehigh seconded to accept Charles Spring as the new councilperson filling Amy Lantis' position. Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL COST TO RIVER WALKWAY LIGHTING: Mayor

Corey advised Keith Bailey has found out that the lighting in the park was not in as good as shape as he thought. Council originally approved \$4,000 for the river walkway lighting but the cost will be around \$4,500. Mehigh moved, Wagner seconded to add another \$1,000 to the park lighting project previously approved. Councilperson Runyan asked what fund the monies would come from. Mr. Sawyer advised the Parks Improvement Contractual Services line item.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Janet Washburn thanked Councilpersons Sanderson, Runyan, Mehigh and Mr. Sawyer for their help with the picnic last Thursday night. It was a wonderful time and about 640 meals were served.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Sanderson stated he had three people approach him at the picnic and the people wanted to know why the downtown looked like a pigpen. There are weeds growing up in the sidewalk and Dixie cups are lying around. He further stated one woman told him she was very embarrassed to see the city looking like this. He also stated there was discussion about trying to get some help from the jail personnel and asked if this had gone anywhere. Mr. Sawyer advised he has not heard anything back since the last meeting. Councilperson Sanderson stated this is something that should be looked at. He asked why the downtown could not be cleaned up if the river can be cleaned up. Mr. Sawyer advised he would follow up on this.

Councilperson Wagner advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Johnson advised she had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Runyan advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Mehigh stated he ran into Justina Miller and she advised she would bring the downtown situation to the Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Corey thanked Merilee, Tim and Kami Lawson for their help with the informational literature about the library millage. He also thanked Larry Runyan, Janet Washburn, Jan Scott, Janeene Cenkush, Millie Taute, Betty Schwab, Diane and Keith Johnson, Aundrea Corey for their help. Mayor Corey advised the entire city got covered between 9:00 a.m. and noon. He felt it was important to get the information out to the city residents before the residents got to the polls. Mayor Corey thanked Janet Washburn for her work on the

summer recreational program. Mayor Corey stated the city has been waiting for the county to establish a county Brownfield district, which was supposed to be done in July but this was not done. He spoke to Margaret McAvoy the other day and was advised that the information did not get to the county commissioners but indicated the issue would be discussed at the August 12 commissioner meeting. He further stated there has been discussion about installing Internet wiring in specific areas and suggested wiring the entire city and offering Internet access to everybody in the city. He emailed other mayors in the state and found out that Grand Haven is in the process of doing the entire city. Mr. Sawyer advised he received a proposal from the chamber of commerce today that he wanted to go over with the mayor and Ms. Lawson.

Mr. Sawyer advised the Downtown Development Authority would be meeting on Wednesday. The old library building is on the agenda and the RFP proposals would be opened on whether to bring in an engineer/architect to evaluate the parking lots throughout the downtown community to see what can be done to maximize parking spaces. He further advised the city's sidewalk bids are due on Friday at 2:00 p.m. The city has received one bid and he anticipates receiving at least two more bids from the contacts the city has had from builders.

ADJOURN: Runyan moved, Wagner seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:58 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK