

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, December 20, 2004

Present: Corey, Johnson, Mehigh, Sanderson, Spring, Wagner.

Absent: Runyan (excused).

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Judy Horton; Bill Striggow; Dr. Russ Ritchie; Gary Arnold, Capital Consultants; Helen Granger, The Independent; Cheryl Warren, The Argus Press; 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 December 6, 2004 as presented with the exception that Councilperson Johnson was present and was excused at 8:30 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bill Striggow stated he read the SATA article in the paper and asked if the numbers that were given in the article were fairly accurate or if SATA was playing games with the numbers. Mayor Corey advised he did not see the article in the paper but the rider ship to Corunna was around 8,200 and SATA provided the city with its percentage based upon SATA's projected shortfall. He further advised there are two requests for council to consider. One request is for \$77,000 and the other is \$100,000 and council will be deciding which way they want to go for the millage request. Mr. Striggow asked if there were any numbers on how many kids are picked up and dropped off to the schools and if these riders were charged to Corunna's numbers or where they live. Mayor Corey advised if the riders are Corunna residents and they go to Durand or Owosso then Corunna is charged. If the kids are Owosso residents and they come to Corunna then

Owosso is charged. Mr. Striggow stated if the kids are picked up in Corunna and taken back to Owosso then Owosso is charged. Mayor Corey advised yes, it is based on where their residence is located.

Dr. Russ Ritchie stated he was at the meeting to comment on the hunting restrictions that will be brought forth. Mayor Corey advised there would be a public hearing held on this issue and comments would be taken at that time if Dr. Ritchie did not mind. Dr. Ritchie stated he appreciated that.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAN SCOTT TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING

COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the re-appointment of Jan Scott to the Corunna Planning Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2007 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF BILL LULHAM TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING

COMMISSION: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the re-appointment of Bill Lulham to the Corunna Planning Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2007 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VISION STICK FOR MANHOLE INSPECTIONS:

Tim Crawford explained that the vision stick was a 12-foot tall probe with a camera on it. The stick will be put down a manhole to look at the pipe, which can be viewed 55 feet each way. He further explained if there is a problem, it can be seen without entering the manhole. Before a manhole is entered, an employee is required to have a gas detector, a rescue harness and a tripod, which the city does not have. He also explained with some of the conditions of the manholes this would be better than sticking a person down the manhole. Mr. Crawford stated when the storm sewer was videotaped it showed a manhole on N. Shiawassee Street by Oak Street that the whole bottom is gone so the city will have to decide what it is going to do with this manhole. Councilperson Mehigh asked if the manhole has to be pumped out before the camera is used. Mr. Crawford advised the camera is supposed to be submersible. Councilperson Spring asked what the purpose of the infrared sound was. Mr. Sawyer advised he was not sure. Councilperson Spring asked what the city would do if it does not get the equipment. Mr. Crawford advised the city does not enter manholes. Councilperson Spring asked if this was because the city does not have the equipment such as a tripod. Mr. Crawford advised a tripod is a MIOSHA requirement and city would not want to get caught in a manhole without one because the city would get fined big time. Councilperson Sanderson asked if it would be worth to get a demonstration first. Mr.

Crawford advised he would need to find out if there is a local company who sells this equipment because the company is from Vermont. Councilperson Sanderson stated by the time the city buys a harness and tripod it would be spending the same amount of money as the vision stick. Mr. Crawford advised it would cost the city more because the tripod alone is about \$4,000. Councilperson Mehigh asked if there was money in the budget to buy this equipment. Mr. Sawyer advised the money would come from the sewer fund and there is money budgeted. Mehigh moved, Wagner seconded to table this item for additional information until the next regular council meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 04-05, AMENDING THE

RO DISTRICT: Mehigh moved, Spring seconded to leave the regular session and open the public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 04-05, Amending the RO District.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to close the public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 04-05, Amending the RO District and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:20 p.m.

Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 86 ZONING, ARTICLE V. R-O RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE DISTRICT, SECTION 86-122. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED, THEREOF.**

**THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 86-122. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN, shall be as follows:

Sec. 86-122 Principal Uses Permitted.

In a residential/office district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

- (1) All uses in the one-family residential districts permitted and as regulated under section 86-92. The standards of the schedule of regulations applicable to the R-A one-family residential district shall apply as minimum standards when one-family detached dwellings are erected.
- (2) Professional offices such as medical offices (excluding medical and veterinary clinics), dental offices, chiropractors, optometrists, osteopaths and similar or allied professions.
- (3) Professional services such as insurance, real estate, legal, financial and similar or allied professions.
- (4) Funeral homes.
- (5) Churches.
- (6) ***Personal service establishments, which perform services on the premises, such as but not limited to beauty parlors and barbershops, photographic studios, and tailor shops.***
- ~~(6)~~ (7) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the uses permitted in this section.

#### SECTION 2. Severability.

This Ordinance and the several sections, sub-sections, paragraphs, clauses and parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part or 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 3. 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 4. 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 5. Effective Date.

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ELECTION INSPECTOR WAGE COMPARISON: Mayor Corey advised it was his understanding there has been a request from the clerk to increase the wages to the level of the City of Owosso. Mr. Sawyer advised the recommendation from the clerk is to look at the City of Owosso rate. Mayor Corey stated it looks like the rates are in line with cities the size of Corunna. Councilperson Sanderson stated he thought the city gave the workers a \$1.00 per hour raise last year or two years ago. Mr. Sawyer advised he thought the board of review members were given a raise. Councilperson Johnson asked why the City of Owosso's rate was chosen. Mr. Sawyer advised the clerk was not here to address this but Corunna has the same rate as Durand. Perry is considerably higher than Corunna so Owosso is kind of the middle of the road. He further advised the next election would not be held until February 22 so this is something that could be tabled if there is additional information needed. Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to table this item for additional information until the next regular council meeting and he would like to know how many workers the city has and what the costs would be.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 04-06, AMENDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON HUNTING ORDINANCE: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to leave the regular session and open the public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 04-06, Amending the Restrictions on Hunting Ordinance.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:29 p.m.

Dr. Russ Ritchie from Kerby Road in Caledonia Township stated he currently owns a good piece of property within the city limits just east of GiGi's Catering. He farms the 20 acres of property and he is dealing with severe crop damage. He further stated he paid a commercial price for the property and he recoups some of the money spent on the property taxes by farming the property. His property is overrun with deer, woodchucks, and turkeys and he is not saying he does not like animals but the animals are overwhelming in that particular area and he is concerned with the language that the city might pass that he would not be able to control the wildlife or crop damage. He further stated he would like to see the language remain the same and advised he considers himself to be a very conscientious, law abiding and respectful hunter. Dr. Ritchie explained when he hunts on his property he calls central dispatch to inform them that he would be hunting there so if there is a problem he can be held accountable. He further explained this is why he wants the city council to leave the language the way it is and not restrict hunting. The bow hunting language concerning a 300-yard distance from any dwelling is ludicrous because a bow hunter

knows he is not going to hit a target 20 to 30 yards away. Dr. Ritchie advised the city council might want to consider allowing hunting in certain areas because he understands why hunting should not be allowed everywhere in the city limits and maybe some of these areas need to be controlled with a special permit, which he would not have a problem with. He asked the city council to think hard about what they are doing before the resolution is passed.

Bill Striggow from King Street stated deer graze in the strawberry patch, destroy pumpkins one at a time, and have chewed all of his soybeans before they were harvested. The deer are a big problem in the city.

Councilperson Sanderson stated he was not a sportsman but asked if there was anything that could be done to allow sport hunting to control the deer and woodchucks as a landowner. Mayor Corey advised the airport got a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Councilperson Wagner advised the Department of Natural Resources will issue a permit to allow hunting of abusive animals but he was not sure about deer. Councilperson Sanderson advised this would be a help to Dr. Ritchie if the city enacted something. Dr. Ritchie stated he could live with that. Mayor Corey asked Chief Hetfield if he was knowledgeable on the permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Chief Hetfield advised to his knowledge the Department of Natural Resources will allow someone to control the animals especially those animals that do crop damage. Councilperson Mehig suggested taking time before making a decision and develop a survey where hunting could be done because there are areas within the city where hunting with a gun could be allowed. Mayor Corey stated the problem he sees with the ordinance is that someone would have to be a farmer farming his own land in order to be able to hunt, which is an additional restriction. He agreed with the comments that were made about requiring 900 feet from a dwelling for bow hunting because the state requirement is 450 feet, which is a lot more reasonable. Mr. Striggow stated taking time to do a study was a good idea because this would give the city time to talk to some hunters since the hunting season was almost done. Mayor Corey asked if this ordinance should be under the discharge of firearms section or whether it should be a separate section. Councilperson Mehig advised something would have to be changed because the current ordinance states no discharge of firearms is allowed in the city. Mayor Corey stated this ordinance is a hunting restriction rather than an allowance for hunting and if the city got rid of the whole hunting ordinance, the city could allow for exceptions to the discharge of firearms by listing hunting allowances. Councilperson Spring asked if deer could be classified as a nuisance animal. Councilperson Wagner advised yes. Councilperson Spring stated the issue is not can the citizens of Corunna do this for sport but the main issue is crop damage and if there is crop damage, the Department of Natural Resources will authorize a permit and asked if this would take care of the problem. Dr. Ritchie stated the Department of Natural Resources may authorize a permit but woodchucks and turkeys are still a nuisance and do damage and the Department of Natural Resources does not have a block permit for these animals. Mayor Corey asked if there was a woodchuck season. Dr. Ritchie advised no. Councilperson Mehig stated Bill Striggow had a good point that the gun hunting season is almost done and it will be quite a while before the next hunting season begins so he feels that the city needs more time to study this issue to come up with a good solution because this will affect a lot of people. Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to leave the

public hearing to consider Ordinance no. 04-06, Amending the Restrictions on Hunting Ordinance and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:40 p.m.

Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to postpone this item and set up a committee to study the issue and bring results back to the council by August 2005.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER WAIVING METRO ACT FEE FOR THE CORUNNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR NEW FIBER RUN TO THE FORMER FIFTH THIRD BANK BUILDING:

Councilperson Sanderson asked if this was common practice to do this and if the fee had been waived for other people. Mr. Sawyer advised no. Ms. Lawson explained the school has hired a company to run fiber optic cable from the Shiawassee Street school building to the former Fifth Third Bank building. Since the cable is being run in the city's right-of-way, a permit and \$500 fee is required for the permit and the school is asking for the \$500 fee to be waived since the school will be responsible for paying the fee. Mr. Sawyer asked if the company could put the cable wherever they want. Ms. Lawson advised no, the company will have to fill out a permit and tell the city exactly where the line will be run because the city is only giving permission for that exact line. If the company runs more lines two days later, another permit would be needed. Councilperson Sanderson stated once the city does this would everyone else have to pay the fee. Ms. Lawson advised she would not recommend that the city consider exempting someone who is not a non-profit organization. Mayor Corey advised the relationship with the school is important and last year, the school asked the county to clean out the county drain and the school paid for the portion that the city was responsible for, which was around \$2,000. Mr. Sawyer advised the school paid for the sidewalk work on King Street. Councilperson Mehigh stated he does not want to set a precedent for anyone who wants the fee waived. Mayor Corey advised the city would sort of be setting a precedent for other governmental agencies. Mehigh moved, Spring seconded to approve waiving the Metro Act Fee for the Corunna Public Schools for new fiber run to the former Fifth Third Bank building.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Spring, Wagner.

No: Johnson.

Motion CARRIED

7:45 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 122004-01, CDBG SEWER GRANT: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to leave the regular session and open the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 122004-01, CDBG Authorizing Resolution, Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:50 p.m.

Gary Arnold explained the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments and questions on the Michigan Economic Development Cooperation and the Grow Michigan Public Works applications. He further explained in November 2001, the city entered into an administrative consent order with the Department of Environmental Quality to do a study to outline methods and a timeframe to remove storm water from the sanitary sewer and the plan that was developed will take about \$4.2 million dollars to implement over the next five years. He also explained the main sewer lines will be televised, the service lines leading up to homes will be located and televised to take a look at the condition of those lines, and approximately 22,000 feet of the main sewer lines will be lined to seal off the leaking joints. Mayor Corey asked if the videotaping is to make sure that no current damage has been done since the last videotaping project was done. Mr. Arnold advised that was correct. The main line has to be videotaped in order to videotape the lead lines. Councilperson Sanderson stated the most important thing that needs to be stressed is that this is being done to the existing sewers within the city and nothing new so the people will understand and know what is going on. Councilperson Mehigh stated the worse lines are being done if he remembers right. Mr. Arnold advised that was correct. Mayor Corey asked if the city would know by monitoring the sewer flow if the project was successful. Mr. Arnold advised yes but most of the improvements will show up later on when the sewer leads are done. Mr. Sawyer advised the city is in the process of preparing paperwork for the second round of grant money to see if the city can get more money. He further advised the city has confirmed via videotape that the third ward storm sewers are just trash and there are some serious problems with the storm sewer system in that area. The storm sewer videotape in the first ward and second ward do not show any sewer leads tied into the storm sewer for three blocks, which kind of explains what the city has already known that footing drains and sump pumps are going into the sanitary system and not into the storm sewer system. He also advised the city has a lot of problems in town where there are no storm sewers but these are areas that have storm sewers. Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to close the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 122004-01, CDBG Authorizing Resolution, Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:05 p.m.

Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following resolution as presented:

**CITY OF CORUNNA  
(Shiawassee County, Michigan)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 122004-01**

**CDBG AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Corunna has made application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation requesting a Grow Michigan Public Works Grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 for sanitary sewer improvements outlined in the City's MDEQ-approved plan, herein after referred to as " the Project", and

WHEREAS, the City of Corunna will provide a matching contribution of \$650,000 to fund the proposed Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS

1. The Project is consistent with the City's Community Development Plan described in the CDBG Application.
2. The Project will enable the City to provide more efficient and better quality public services to City residents, at least fifty-one percent of who is low and moderate income.
3. No project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to the formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and receipt of formal, written authorization from the MEDC to incur costs.
4. The City of Corunna is authorized to submit the Michigan CDBG application and further appoints Joe Sawyer, Corunna City Manager as the authorized person to execute the Application and related grant forms on behalf of the City of Corunna.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, by its City Council, has caused this Resolution to be enacted this date.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 122004-02, APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM AND RELATED ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE: Wagner moved, Spring seconded to approve the following resolution as presented:

**City of Corunna  
Shiawassee County, Michigan**

**RESOLUTION NO. 122004-02**

**GRANT APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM  
AND RELATED ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Corunna Council wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Electronic Management System (EMS) software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Corunna Council has chosen to submit a grant application for a new optical scan voting system in 2005.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Corunna City Clerk is authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 122004-03, FEBRUARY 22, 2005 SATA MILLAGE BALLOT

PROPOSAL: Mayor Corey stated the city council needs to decide whether they want to go with the \$77,000 or \$100,000 debt or some portion thereof. Councilperson Mehigh advised SATA has stated they will be \$77,000 in debt so he assumed this was the amount of money that SATA needed to raise and he thought the city council should stay with this amount. Mayor Corey agreed but he was curious why some of the other governments have chosen to pay more than what the projected deficit will be. Councilperson Spring stated he agreed with the \$77,000 figure. At this point, SATA does not know if they will need to use this money and will not know until later on in the year. He further stated if the city goes with the \$100,000 amount and SATA finds out later in the year that they do not need that much, the city has put its citizens out that much more money. Mayor Corey stated he asked Mr. Alpert when SATA would know if money was needed and Mr. Alpert felt that he would know by June what their budget would be that ends on September 30. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the city was going to pursue Article 13 in the original document that states that no millage would be used to run SATA because SATA's attorney dodged that question but kept repeating that SATA has the right to raise rates. Mayor Corey advised the dispute has not been resolved at this point. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the dispute was going to be dropped. Mayor Corey advised no. He does not know how the dispute will be resolved but there is some language that could resolve the dispute, which would require an amendment to the agreement. He further advised the agreement has to be amended by the bodies of the five participating units and each unit of government has to pass the amendment in order to amend the agreement. Spring moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following resolution for a Special Election/Ballot Proposal for the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency approving a levy of up to \$12,585.66 in an amount not to exceed .2325 mill, which is \$.2325 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation and striking the word "annually" in the ballot language as presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 122004-03**  
**SPECIAL ELECTION/BALLOT PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the new Consolidated Elections Law provides for a special city election held on the fourth Tuesday in February (February 22, 2005); and

WHEREAS, the Council has voted to approve a Special Election to be held on February 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens to place a proposal on the ballot for the Election, requesting the electors to approve the levy of up to \$12,585.66 for a period of one year to pay for public transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a request with the Shiawassee County Clerk's office requesting approval of the special election on February 22, 2005

2. That at the Election the following proposition be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters in the City:

“Shall a new additional millage for public transportation services be levied in an amount not to exceed .2325 mill (\$.2325 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of one year?”

3. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election to the electors of the City by causing notice of the election, to be published in the newspaper published in or of general circulation in the City, at least twice before the election date.

4. The City Clerk is also directed to give notice of the last day of registration to vote in the Election, to the electors of the City by causing said notice to be published in a newspaper published in or of general circulation in the City, at least twice before the last day of registration.

5. The City Clerk is also directed to have proper ballots prepared and provided in sufficient quantity for the Election; and do all things and provide all supplies necessary for the Election, as required by law to be done.

6. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the manner appearing in the foregoing notice.

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

Resolution declared adopted.

**NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL  
(PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE)**

This proposal requests authorization for the levy of a new additional millage for the purpose of supporting the provision of public transportation services in the City of Corunna. This millage would be disbursed to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency and used to defray the expenses of existing transportation services and expansion of those services in the future. If authorized by the voters, it is estimated that the levy of the entire millage would generate \$12,585.66 for the first year.

Shall a new additional millage for public transportation services be levied in an amount not to exceed .2325 mill (\$.2325 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of one year?

Yes

No

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

**CONSIDER SPICER ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR DAM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

Mayor Corey stated he understood the need to have things ready for grant proposals but asked if the city was going to do anything to the dam. There is not much money available for dams and if money does not become available for four or five years, will the city have to do another study. Mr. Sawyer advised Spicer Engineering would be the group that will look for grants if they become available. If a grant becomes available, it would not mean that the dam would be fixed because it would take a ballot initiative from the public to come up with the city's match. He further advised he felt \$4,500 was a very reasonable fee and that is why he put the proposal in the packet. The city does not have the \$4,500 and he did not know where the money would come from. He asked council if they wanted to form a committee to debate this item. Councilperson Mehigh stated the proposal was dirt-cheap and he did not think the city would get anything cheaper. If the city would ever do anything with the dam, he would strongly recommend this company, but he did not know where the city would get the money. He further stated the majority of the people still want the dam. Councilperson Spring stated he was not familiar with what was wrong with the dam that needs to have all of these improvements made to it. Mr. Sawyer advised he would make copies of the reports the city has received. He further advised the city's dam was not a conventionally built dam. It was built from trees, dirt, rocks and capped with concrete. He also advised the city purchased the dam in the 1970's and there are some huge cavities in it that can be seen during low water. Mr. Sawyer stated the dam has been rated as a significant hazard dam by the Department of Natural Resources. The dam is controlled by the Department of Natural Resources and the city cannot do anything with it without engineering prints and an environmental analysis in order to meet their standards and requirements. Councilperson Mehigh asked when the city has to let Spicer's know

that the city is interested. Mr. Sawyer advised there was no timeline given with the proposal. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the state has relaxed their action on dams because something was going to be done to the Shiatown dam six months ago and nothing has been done to that dam yet. Mr. Sawyer advised the Department of Natural Resources is never going to force the city to do anything with the dam, but at some point of time, the dam is going to collapse. He further advised the mayor asked how long the proposal was good for and it should be good indefinitely for the purpose of the initial grant application concept. Mayor Corey asked what the timeframe was. Mr. Sawyer advised he did not see anything within the proposal where there was a timeframe given to accept or decline. Councilperson Mehig asked Mr. Sawyer if he would be willing to contact Spicer Engineering to see if they could fit the city in their schedule within a quick timeframe in case the city needs their services and to let them know the city is interested but the city has financial concerns at this point.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehig advised the ambulance service paperwork for the audit has been sent to the auditors.

Councilperson Spring advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Johnson advised she had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Wagner advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Sanderson advised he had nothing to discuss.

Mayor Corey thanked Janet Washburn for doing a good job in putting together the Christmas party. He wished everybody a Merry Christmas and thanked the council, city manager, department heads and employees for a very productive year.

ADJOURN: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:34 p.m.

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STEVE COREY, MAYOR

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JANEENE CENKUSH, RECORDING SECRETARY