

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 2, 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, VanDyne, Ward

ABSENT: Monday

President Schuck moved to dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

MINUTES: Mr. J Slough moved to accept the minutes, as circulated, of the February 16, 2010. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ONS:

Mr. Ward moved to add the following items to the agenda. Mr. J Slough seconded the motion. Motion carried. Filed.

(place in REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS section after City Engineer Brian Hurt – City Schools ODOT grant letter):

1. Letter from Service Director Bruce Hardy – costs for opening and closing Riverside Pool.

(place after Item #1 above):

2. N.E.A.T. Departmental Activity Report – February 2010.

(place after Item #2 above):

3. City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – February 2010.

(place after Item #3 above):

4. Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Taphouse Findlay LLC to apply for a liquor permit.

(place after Item #4 above):

5. Gregory R. Horne, Acting Chief of Police – Liquor Permit – Background check for Robert Ruiz (Taphouse Findlay LLC, 1926 Tiffin Avenue)

(place in COMMITTEE REPORTS section after COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Report for Swimming Pool):

6. Committee of the Whole Report – discussion of combining City Health Department and County Health Department.

REPLACEMENTS

none.

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS

none.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Maria Hutchinson – stop sign and pole light on the alley behind Candle Lites on Broadway (2641 North Main Street)

The stop sign beside 115 Harrington Avenue (residential property) at the end of the alley needs to be replaced. The red color and the word "STOP" no longer appears, and the pole light closest to Candle Lites on Broadway needs a light on it for safety reasons.

Discussion:

President Schuck asked Mayor Sehnert if this should be referred to the Administration. J Barker replied that this is already on the next Traffic Commission meeting agenda. Referred to Administration. Filed.

Letter from Steve and Holly Loach – request for a street light across from 853 Beech Avenue

A utility pole street light is requested across from 853 Beech Avenue for safety reasons. This area and alley are heavily used and is very dark without a light. There currently is a street light further north on Beech Avenue, and the next light is on Hancock Street at the opposite end of Beech Avenue.

Discussion:

Mr. Collette asked if these types of letters could automatically be referred to Administration instead of being read at City Council meetings. Future letters like these will be automatically referred to Administration instead of reading them at City Council meetings. Referred to Administration. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ray DeWinkle, GFI, Findlay, Ohio – Revolving Loan Fund

Addressed City Council regarding a letter that was sent from GFI. HRPC sent City Council a memo indicating that they intended to no longer provide Revolving Loan Fund services and suggested GFI to provide those services to the City. City Council and City Administration asked GFI if they would be interested. In meeting with GFI's Economic Development Operating Board, they are interesting in providing these services, so a letter was sent to City Councilmembers and City Administration expressing the interest. He is here tonight to see if there are any questions and what the next steps should be. Mr. Collette replied that we do need to continue these services. Mr. Urbanski replied that in GFI's letter, Administration is asked what perimeters to operate under. We know what has been done in the past, but he is unsure what GFI is asking for. Mr. DeWinkle replied that they want to know what they will be held accountable for, whether they deliver the services the City is looking for or not, set standards ahead of time so that everything is clear. GFI wants to know what the standards of success are. Mr. Nichols asked GFI if they plan an additional person to handle the Revolving Loan Fund duties or how they plan to proceed. Mr. DeWinkle replied that there are multiple plans that they are considering which will depend on what the Administration and Council will allow GFI to handle the Revolving Loan Fund duties. There are three (3) components to operate the Revolving Loan Fund: Marketing of the program, Administration of going through the process of working through the applicants and if any require a grant application from the State, and the servicing. There are ways they can do this in the short term. The final decision has not been made, but they could contract with someone who is in the Administration and Servicing business of Revolving Loan Funds. Goal is to have a quick turn around time, but they want to make sure everything is ready to go so that there is no problem with them. The quickest and easiest way is to outsource this to individuals who have experience in this field. There are several individuals around the State who would be eligible to perform these tasks. GFI would handle the marketing and administration out of their offices so clients do not have to leave Findlay/Hancock County. Mr. Nichols replied that it would help Council to make a decision if they had an example of some of GFI's models that they plan to use. Mr. DeWinkle replied that for the short term, GFI would handle the Marketing, outsource the Administration and Servicing to make sure they have someone at their office who has the experience and knows how to perform these duties. Longer term, GFI would take a look at the revenues from the program and look at their budgeting process to see if everything could be handled through GFI vs. outsourcing. Mr. Urbanski asked if GFI would be providing a business plan in writing so that Council can approve or deny their plan of action. Mr. DeWinkle replied that GFI sent a request to Council asking what services GFI is to provide to the City so that he can draft up a business plan in writing. Mr. Urbanski replied that he feels GFI should be able to draft up what services they will provide and at what cost to the City based on past services HRPC provided. The City shouldn't be the one to set up the benchmarks for GFI, GFI should do that themselves. Mr. DeWinkle replied that they would be drafting a business plan without an RFP, so that is why he came to tonight's City Council meeting to try to figure processes out. Mr. Ward mentioned that the criteria of how the Revolving Loan Funds are to be handled are already spelled out by the State, so Council and Administration cannot tell GFI how funds can be used for the Revolving Loan Fund because the State tells you how. The City needs someone to market and use those funds the State provides. Mr. DeWinkle replied that he is aware of the guidelines. He is asking City Council to allow GFI to utilize the funds and if they can go forward with the City's Revolving Loan Program. The County has their own program. Mr. Ward recommended the City's Administration provide guidelines on how to progress and then Council can make a determination from those guidelines and the guidelines the State requires. Mr. Collette agreed with Mr. Ward that Council would like a plan in writing so that this can proceed. Mayor Sehnert replied that a business plan will be drafted up.

Bil Homka, HRPC, Findlay, Ohio – Zoning Code

A draft of the Zoning Code will be released to the Committee on Monday, March 8, 2010. A notice to all committee members will be sent notifying them that the draft Zoning Code is ready for their review. A meeting will be conducted within the month, possibly on Thursday April 1, 2010 at 3:30pm. He anticipates Council will see the final document by June, depending on what changes the committee will have, then it will go to the City Planning Commission. Tom Hershey from CPC has been the only member involved in this. Mr. Homka anticipates a quick turnaround of the review process because everyone is aware of changes that need to be made. Mr. Homka will provide a summary of what changes have been made from the current code. The new Zoning Code will be more organized in that you will not have to look through many sections to find an answer. Revisions affect property and districts, so more dialog about uses is anticipated. Mr. Collette asked if a legal review would be possible before it is finalized. Mr. Homka replied that he will have the Law Director review it. One addition to the code is the criteria for alternative wind energy's permitted uses, how regulations affect each single family or multi-family district. Mr. Homka wants to finalize the Zoning Code as quickly as possible. Mr. M Slough asked if the Zoning Inspector's input was taken into consideration. Mr. Homka replied that it was. He and another HRPC employee went over the Zoning Inspector's requests. Mr. Homka recommends that the Review District not continue because we only have the 200 block of South Main Street and North Main Street, but it is up to Council. You will see the Overlay Districts (Tiffin Ave and Trenton Ave) go away because a lot of their design requirements have been incorporated in other parts of the code. Mr. Collette asked if this is a total re-write or revisions to the current code. Mr. Homka replied that it is a total re-write.

Russ Gartner, YMCA, Findlay, Ohio – Findlay City Pool

Mr. Gartner addressed the Committee of the Whole during their February 23, 2010 meeting regarding the Findlay YMCA assisting the City with operating the swimming pool and day camp. The objective of the YMCA is to work hand in hand with the City to provide an affordable environment for the entire community by providing a place to swim and play for the summer. It is his feeling that the City and the YMCA can better provide these services together than alone. In over 1,200 areas throughout the country, YMCAs and Recreation Departments are working together to operate pools, so YMCA is confident the combined efforts of the YMCA and the City will be successful. YMCA is going to assume all operational expenses as well as some expenses by the City in order to make sure the pool stays operational. He feels the return on the City's investments will be significant. Many lives will be touched by being able to offer a place to swim in that some would not be able to swim. Mr. Collette asked what the timeline is. Mr. Gartner in order to gather any type of community support, it will need to happen soon. YMCA anticipates their portion of expenses to operate the pool will be between \$40,000-\$48,000. As soon as they know that the City is committed to keeping the pool open, they will start their public education to raise the necessary funds. Mr. Collette asked what will be needed from the City. He asked if there will be a contract. Mr. Hackenberg replied that a draft has already been prepared. Mr. M Slough asked the City Auditor where the City's portion to operate the pool will come from since no funds were budgeted for the pool this year. Mr. Sprague replied that funds would be appropriated out of the General Fund.

PETITIONS:

none.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT:

Gregory R. Horne, Acting Chief of Police – Liquor Permit – Logan’s Irish Pub Ltd, 414 South Main Street

A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

Karen Logan

Discussion:

Mr. Nichols asked if this was already done. Mr. Hackenberg replied that forms from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control form to apply for a liquor permit were already approved by Council at the February 16, 2010 meeting. This is the background check for Karen Logan. It should have been submitted to Council with the forms. Filed.

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes – January 19, 2010. Filed.

Acting Chief of Police Gregory Horne – Appropriation for continued professional training for Police Department

The City of Findlay recently received a check in the amount of \$1,440.00 from the State for Continuing Professional Training that was completed by the Police Department in 2009. A request to appropriate to 31980800 FPD ORC Training Project 19808 in order to continue the necessary training for the Findlay Police Department.

FROM: State of Ohio Training Grant	\$ 1,440.00	
TO: FPD ORC Training #31908000		\$ 1,440.00

Ordinance 2010-017 was created. Filed.

Mayor Pete Sehnert – Confirmation of two (2) appointments to the Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board

Requesting confirmation of two (2) individuals to the Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board. Dean Wittwer, Superintendent of Findlay City Schools, and Kathy Kreuchauf, Executive Director of the Community Foundation, have expressed a desire to continue to serve the community as members of the Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board. These individuals will serve through December 31, 2011. Affirmation from City Council is requested. Mr. Collette moved for confirmation of the appointments, seconded by Mr. Nichols. Motion carried. Filed.

Traffic Commission minutes – February 16, 2010. Filed.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Agenda – February 17, 2010; Hancock Regional Planning Commission Minutes – January 20, 2010. Filed.

City Engineer Brian Hurt – City Schools ODOD grant

The City is preparing to submit a grant application in partnership with the City Schools for funding from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). This grant is designated as Clean Ohio Assistance Funds and will be used to remediate the site prior to construction of the new Glenwood Middle School. The City’s involvement in the project will be to act as a conduit for the grant; no City funds will be expended. Legislation is requested to authorize the Director of Public Service to sign the grant application and agreement. Ordinance 2010-020 was created. Filed.

Service Director Bruce Hardy – costs for opening and closing Riverside Pool

Committee of the Whole met on February 23, 2010 to discuss having the YMCA operate the Riverside Pool this summer. During the discussion, the question was asked how much it would cost the City to open and close the pool, provide fill and makeup water for the season, maintain the surrounding grounds and pool structure, assume all capital expenditures, and pay all utility costs. Attached is the estimated breakdown of costs which total \$53,400. Filed.

N.E.A.T. Departmental Activity Report – February 2010. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – February 2010. Filed.

Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Taphouse Findlay LLC to apply for a liquor permit. This requires a vote of Council. Mr. J Slough moved for a no rejections be filed. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. 7 Council members in favor, 1 opposed. Filed.

Gregory R. Horne, Acting Chief of Police – Liquor Permit – Taphouse Findlay LLC, 1926 Tiffin Avenue, First Floor & Patio, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

Robert Ruiz
Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE to whom was referred a request to authorize the Service Director to apply for the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) grant and sign the necessary agreement or agreements for the purchase of a 2010 John Deere model 624K front-end loader for the City of Findlay Airport to replace the 1978 model that is currently being used. The original listed price is being discounted and the current old model is being accepted as a trade-in, thus reducing the City's cost.

We recommend approval of the request with funds to be taken from Capital Improvement funds.
Ordinance 2010-019 was created.

Mr. Collette moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Nichols. Filed.

The APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Baseball Scoreboards #31901200 to continue the beverage and scoreboard agreement with Coca-Cola Enterprises. Coca-Cola Enterprises provided the City of Findlay with a check for \$15,000 for the scoreboards which was placed in the General Fund.

FROM: General Fund	\$ 15,000.00	
TO: Baseball Scoreboard #31901200		\$ 15,000.00

We recommend approval of the above request.
Ordinance No. 2010-017 was created.

Mr. Collette moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. J Slough.

Discussion:

Mr. M Slough asked what fields will receive these scoreboards. Mr. Hurt replied that old scoreboard at Rawson Park. He is also hoping to replace the scoreboard at Riverside Park replaced. These funds are from the Coca-Cola funds from last year. Mr. M Slough asked if there are any scoreboards at Swale Park. Mr. Hurt replied that he is unsure if there are any scoreboards there but that they do plan to utilize the field there. Rawson Park and Riverside Park scoreboards are the first two (2) priorities for these funds. Filed.

The APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$50,000 from the Water Fund to Zebra Mussel Control – Sodium Permanganate Feed Facility #35775700 for construction administrative services that were inadvertently not included in the estimate for construction.

FROM: Water Fund	\$ 50,000.00	
TO: Zebra Mussel Control Sodium Permanganate Feed Facility #35775700		\$ 50,000.00

We recommend approval of the above request.
Ordinance No. 2010-017 was created.

Mr. Collette moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. VanDyne. Filed.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$1,440.00 from State of Ohio Training Grant to FPD ORC Training #31980800 for continued Police Department training. Said funds were received from the State.

FROM:	State of Ohio Training Grant	\$ 1,440.00	
TO:	FPD ORC Training #31908000		\$ 1,440.00

We recommend approval of the above request.

Ordinance No. 2010-017 was created.

Mr. Collette moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Nichols. Filed.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$1,400.00 from SCM&R highways to US 224-ODOT Resurfacing (SR 235 to CR 300) #32801300 for the City's portion of the ODOT resurfacing and pavement marking project for US 224. This project was not in the 2010 Capital Improvements Plan.

FROM:	SCM&R Highway	\$ 1,400.00	
TO:	US 224-ODOT Resurfacing (SR 235 to CR 300) #32801300		\$ 1,400.00

We recommend approval of the above request.

Ordinance No. 2010-017 was created.

Mr. Collette moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Nichols. Filed.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$5,000 from General Fund to Municipal Court – other #21006000 for the increase to continue the Legal Services Contract between the Hancock County Public Defender Commission and the City of Findlay which expired on December 31, 2009, with a new expiration date of December 31, 2010. Payment of \$40,000 is to be paid on June 1, 2010 and \$40,000 to be paid on December 1, 2010.

FROM:	General Fund	\$ 5,000.00	
TO:	Municipal Court – other #21006000		\$ 5,000.00

We recommend approval of the above request.

Ordinance No. 2010-017 was created.

Mr. J Slough moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Ward. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to discuss traffic safety concerns through installation of Photo Enforcement solutions. Mr. Peter Sopkovich from the American Traffic Solutions was present at the meeting.

Mr. J Slough moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Ward.

Discussion:

Mr. Nichols asked if there is a Supreme Court case currently going on for the traffic light cameras. Mr. Hackenberg replied that he is not aware of any. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to discuss options of having the Findlay YMCA operate the City of Findlay Day Camp.

Mr. J Slough moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Ward. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to discuss options of having the Findlay YMCA operate the City of Findlay Swimming Pool.

Mr. Nichols moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Collette. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to discuss the combining of the City of Findlay Health Department and the Hancock County Health Department.

Mr. J Slough moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Ward. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-010 Third reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Mr. Collette moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. J Slough seconded the motion. Ayes: Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette.

The Ordinance received its third reading. Mr. Collette moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. J Slough. Ayes: Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough, M Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-010, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-013 Second reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY CEMETERY.

Mr. Ward moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its third reading. Mr. Collette seconded the motion. Ayes: Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette.

The Ordinance received its third reading. Mr. Ward moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Nichols.

Discussion:

Mr. M Slough asked if anyone is putting in bids for this. Mr. Hardy replied that legislation needs to be passed before they can accept bids.

Ayes: Schedel, J. Slough, M Slough, Van Dyne, Urbanski, Ward, Collette, Nichols. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-013, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-017 First reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ward moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. Van Dyne seconded the motion. Ayes: J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Nichols, Schedel.

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. Collette moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ward. Ayes: M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-017, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-018 First reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXECUTE A BILL OF SALE, PROMISSORY NOTE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$103,809.00), PAYABLE OVER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD, COMMENCING MARCH 25, 2010 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AS IDENTIFIED BELOW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Collette moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Ayes: Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M. Slough.

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. Collette moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Nichols.

Discussion:

Mr. Urbanski commented that when this was discussed at the February 23, 2010 committee meeting that this was to be a 3-year agreement at the sum of \$34,603 over a three (3) year period, but this is three (3) payments over a two (2) year period. Mr. Hardy replied that the first payment is March 25, 2010, the second payment would be a year after that, and then the third payment would be a year after that.

Ayes: Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough, M Slough, Urbanski. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-018, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-019 First reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY (FAA) GRANT AND TO SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2010 JOHN DEERE MODEL 624K FRONT-END LOADER FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ward moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. J Slough seconded the motion. Ayes: Ward, Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward.

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. Nichols moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. J Slough. Ayes: Collette, Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough, M Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-019, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-020 First reading Adopted
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO APPLY FOR THE CLEAN OHIO ASSISTANCE FUNDS GRANT AND TO SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (ODOD) FOR FUNDS TO BE USED TO REMEDIATE THE SITE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Collette moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. J Slough seconded the motion. Ayes: Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette.

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. J Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Collette. Ayes: Schedel, J. Slough, M Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Nichols. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-020, and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Business

Mr. Schedel requested support in drafting up documents needed in moving forward with the YMCA assisting the City in operating the Riverside Park swimming pool. Mr. Collette seconded the motion. Mr. J Slough asked if an emergency clause could be added to the ordinance due to the time constraints the YMCA has for fund raising purposes. Mr. Hackenberg replied that the emergency clause will be included. Mr. Ward asked if this would include the operating of the Day Camp or should it be a separate ordinance. Mr. Hackenberg replied it can be combined. Mr. Ward then asked Mr. Schedel if his request could be amended to add the Day Camp.

Mr. Sprague noted that the City Income Tax monthly collections report has a total amount of income tax collected noted as 5.97%. Withholding (payroll taxes) which is the bulk of the income tax the City collects is at 9% YTD. Collections are only up about .5% which is not a significant amount. The City's tax base is flat compared to where it was the beginning of last year. The percentage increase in tax collected appears as if we are recovering, but are actually flat.

New Business

Mr. Urbanski: **PARKING AUTHORITY MEETING – 8:00 AM – MARCH 22, 2010, THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**
Agenda: 1. Elder-Beerman Parking Lot

Mr. Barker was informed that the congressional authorization on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) lapsed effective 12:00 AM Monday, March 1, 2010. This means that any real estate transactions where flood insurance is required will not take place. This will have a local impact because a lot of Findlay residences require flood insurance. Any real estate transactions have to be put on hold during this time. We've been in contact with Congressman Jordan's office and will continue to stay in contact with them. A news release came out this afternoon saying that Congress will enact legislation that will retroactively reauthorize the continuation of the NFIP, assuring that there will be no gap in coverage to current policies. This could be an issue if a flood would occur before this situation is rectified. Concerned citizens should contact their insurance companies or can contact Administration. As more information becomes available and/or the program is reinstated, we will notify the public. Mr. J Slough asked Mr. Barker if a house is in the flood zone, the closing cannot close. Mr. Barker replied that it cannot close until Congress re-enacts the program.

Mr. J. Slough moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Monday. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. All in favor.

Mr. Hardy read an email from Kathy Kreuchauf, Executive Director of the Community Foundation and also now of the Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board concerning the District Advisory Council vote. She empathizes how disappointed everyone must be by the results of the voting last night. She recognizes how hard and diligently everyone worked to try to finalize it. She is proud to have assisted even though it did not bring about the change that was wished from the citizens of Hancock County. Mr. Hardy's email response was that he was also surprised by the actions of the DAC. Everyone who worked on the DAC presentation last November and those who put the contract to form the new combined General Health District that was voted on Monday night, March 1, 2010 by the DAC deserved the opposite outcome. He knew the outcome that happened last night was a possibility, so it was not a total shock to him. He acknowledged everyone's efforts that went into the presentations and was a privilege to work with everyone who wanted the best for all Hancock County citizens. Mr. Hardy thanked Ms. Kreuchauf for allowing the Community Foundation Board Room to be utilized for almost all of the meetings. Mr. Hardy listed by name who was involved in the various committees. He also thanked Administration and City Council member who supported this issue and in meeting with the DAC.

President Schuck adjourned Council at 8:25 PM.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL