



## REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Big Jerk LLC to apply for a liquor permit. This requires a vote of Council.

**Gregory R. Horne, Acting Chief of Police – Liquor Permit – Big Jerk LLC, DBA The Big Jerk, 227 ½ North Main Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840**

A check of the records of this office shows a criminal record on the following:

Michael A. Bulkowski

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

Deborah L. Bulkowski  
Elaine Bruggeman

This is in regards to a D5I liquor permit for the above establishment.

### Discussion:

Mr. Monday asked if this is an active business, and if not, why they are applying for a liquor permit. Mr. Barker replied he does not know why they are applying, but as advised by the City's Zoning Department, this business is four (4) months delinquent in paying for their change of use permit, which they did pay the fee today. The business is not open and has been closed for quite some time and is for sale. Mr. Hackenberg added that the State's rules on businesses that are closed, liquor licenses eventually go in safe keeping.

0 in favor, 9 opposed. Motion denied. Filed.

**Traffic Commission minutes – March 15, 2010. Filed.**

### **City Auditor Robert Cole Sprague – HRPC Expenses/Staff Time for Revolving Loan Fund – January and February 2010**

Legislation is requested to appropriate \$4,135.36 from the RLF Administration to General Expense #21010000-449400 to pay the January and February 2010 invoices. Ordinance 2010-026 was created. Filed.

FROM:	City Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 4,135.36
TO:	General Expense #21010000-449400	\$ 4,135.36

### **Service Director Bruce Hardy – purchase of replacement biosolids dump truck**

Water Pollution Control Center would like to purchase a replacement biosolids dump truck to replace the 1988 GMC Brigadier truck that is in need of significant repair and is no longer safe to drive. Funds are included in the 2010 Capital Improvements Plan, so this request will not need to go to the Appropriations Committee. Legislation is requested. Ordinance 2010-026 was created. Filed.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 120,000.00
TO:	Water Pollution Control Center #25061000-other	\$ 120,000.00

### **City Engineer Brian Hurt – Sewer Rotary Fund Reimbursements**

The Engineering Department has collected sewer rotary fees for 15329 US 224 East. By City Ordinance, Section 923.01, the City is required to reimburse the developer or individual (Acadia Point Development) who extended the sewer main for the developer to connect to. Legislation is requested. Ordinance 2010-026 was created. Filed.

FROM:	Sewer Rotary Fund (1999 Policy)	\$ 6,705.82
TO:	Sewer Refund Account #25061000-448600	\$ 6,705.82

**City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – March 2010.**

### Discussion:

Mr. Sprague noted that the City Income Tax collections report through the end of March 2010 (1<sup>st</sup> quarter) compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009 report (remove the additional .25% additional income tax that was added on in November 2009), our tax base is running about .05% growth, so it is flat. Filed.

**N.E.A.T. Departmental Activity Report – March 2010.**

Discussion:

Mr. Schedel requested a breakdown of what the 482 sidewalk complaints that are listed on this report are (are they snow removal complaints, dilapidations, etc.). The Sidewalk Committee would like to discuss what the complaints are during their meeting. Mr. Barker replied that most of them are for snow removal. Additional breakdown from the N.E.A.T. Department is requested. Filed.

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Gas America Services Inc.** 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. VanDyne. 7 Council members in favor, 2 opposed. Filed.

**Gregory R. Horne, Acting Chief of Police – Liquor Permit – GasAmerica Services Inc. 1133 W Main Cross Street, Findlay, Ohio.** A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

J. White  
Stephanie White  
Keith S. White

Filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

none.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2010  
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RESOLUTION NO. 016-2010  
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**ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-021 Second reading  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 133.05 ET SEQ. OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND IN ITS PLACE, ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 133.05 TO BE KNOWN AS NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT AND ABATEMENT TEAM (N.E.A.T.) PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-024 First reading  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY WERE ZONED "C-RESIDENTIAL" AND "B2-GENERAL BUSINESS" TO "UNIVERSITY DISTRICT".

First reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-025 First reading  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE INITIATIVE PETITION ORDINANCE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008 AND CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AS BEING APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MEASURE.

First reading of the ordinance.

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

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. Collette moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Nichols. Ayes: Schedel, J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette, Monday, Nichols. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-026 and is hereby made a part of the record.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### Old Business

Mr. VanDyne gave an update on the Flood Mitigation Study Group. They met a couple of weeks ago and had a very good meeting. They are looking at two (2) potential solutions for the short term. They would like someone to step up to be their local sponsor. The two (2) that are still in the running are two (2) of the Hancock County Commissioners, and possibly the Maumee Conservatory District is being worked out now. They are holding off on another meeting until they find out what the cost of the plan is going to be. The Corp might be in town the end of this week, if not first part of next week to give them an exact dollar amount and then set up another meeting and go from there.

Mr. Schedel gave an update on the team that is working on the contract for the combination of the Health Departments, which comprises of the Mayor, Councilman Schedel, Councilman Ward, and Law Director. They met April 5th and the contract that they have settled on by both the DAC and Findlay City Council is to include the seven (7) member board that is approved by the DAC and the Findlay City Council. The only other significant change is that the Commissioner would be a full-time Commissioner and not someone who is part-time. The carry-over goes away after year one because it is a one time event, so that is really nothing that should cause the DAC members to turn this down. With the thorough report that was done, it is difficult to understand why there is such negativity towards this merger. He pointed out that the Hancock County Commissioners do intend to house their Health Department in Elder-Beerman, which should not happen! The City's Health Department continues to operate at full strength and will need to operate as a stand alone operation until we receive notice that the County Health Department is willing to combine with our City Health Department. We have offered to make a trip to every governmental entity meeting that will allow a member from the DAC and a member from City Council to answer any questions and address any issues. There was tremendous support during the last vote and he would like to encourage any and all City Council members to attend any of the meetings. Cindy Land is going to request an opportunity to attend the governmental entity meetings in other townships and villages to try to find out why the merger is being voted down. Mr. Schedel will keep everyone posted on any updates he receives. Mr. J Slough asked if it would be possible to receive advanced notices of when the meetings will take place. Mr. Schedel replied that Ms. Land will provide a schedule either by the end of this week or early next week for the upcoming meetings throughout the county (townships or villages). Ms. Land is going to request that someone from Findlay City Council be able to attend all of them. The Council Clerk will forward the meeting notices to all Findlay City Council members.

### New Business

Mr. Monday received a letter from a citizen on the compensation packages to Cooper Tire executives that was published in the Courier. With Cooper Tire's Chief Executive receiving a 50% increase than the previous year, and their Chief Financial Officer, who retired December 31, 2009 received an 87% increase from 2008, the Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary received a 36% pay increase, and their International Tire Division President received a 42% increase. It was reported that the company had a turnaround year in 2009, earning a profit in the last two (2) quarters. While this is great news for Cooper Tire, it was not long ago that the City of Findlay offered Cooper Tire free water and sewer services for three (3) years at a cost of about three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) per year to entice them to keep their plant in Findlay, Ohio open. Now that the City of Findlay is having a tough time financially and Cooper Tire is now prospering. Per the letter from a City of Findlay citizen, if Cooper Tire can give their CEO a 1.7 million dollar bonus, their Vice President of General Counsel and Secretary a three hundred thirty-two thousand dollar (\$332,000) bonus, and their International Tire Division President a three hundred nine thousand dollar (\$309,000) bonus, they should be able to pay their three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000) a year for their water and sewer services. By doing so, this could save a number of jobs for City of Findlay workers and possibly eliminate increases to Findlay residents' water and sewer services that have been paying their bills during their tough economic times. Mr. Monday replied to the letter that City Administration would like to have a meeting some time yet this year to discuss the current water and sewer rates. Discussion at that meeting will most likely not be to lower rates and will more than likely be to raise rates. If rates are increased, it will be difficult for many of Findlay's citizens who are already struggling during tough economic times. Mr. Monday is requesting that City Administration meet with Cooper Tire to discuss ending the water and sewer abatement so that they can begin to pay for their water and sewer services. The City of Findlay came to Cooper Tire's aid when they needed it, and now it is time to continue with their tradition of being a great corporate citizen in the City of Findlay and come to our aid and start paying for their water and sewer services. Just a few months ago, we asked citizens of Findlay to step up to the plate and pass three (3) separate levies, and they did. So, the City of Findlay now has an obligation to its citizens to keep their water and sewer rates as low as possible. In order to do that, we need to collect from Cooper Tire for what they use.

Mr. Ward reminded everyone of the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – 4:30 PM - APRIL 14, 2010, THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

- Agenda: 1. Downtown Findlay Improvement District  
2. Fire Inspections Software

Mr. Barker received a phone call today from Hancock County Emergency Management Agency Director Gary Valentine saying Homeland Security has released grant monies to the State and the City of Findlay was awarded the twenty-three thousand forty-five dollars and twenty-two cents (\$23,045.22) for the Reverse 911 System, and nine thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$9,285.75) for respirators for the Findlay Police Department for clandestine labs. Purchase orders and legislation will be forthcoming.

Mr. Barker noted that the preliminary study on security for the Municipal Building has been completed and funds are being sought for security measures. We have met with security experts Motorola and a company called Convergent who is partnering with Motorola.

Mr. Barker mentioned that in 2008, he obtained search warrants to enter the properties at 223, 225, and 227 South Main Street that is owned by Taurus Capital Management in Louisville, KY because of their condition from the 2007 flood. Inspections from the Building Inspector in Bowling Green, our Police Department, and our Fire Department deemed the properties unsafe and placed on the do not enter list by Fire Chief Lonyo. Communication with the property owners has been unsuccessful. New search warrants have been issued to enter the properties again to see what their current conditions are. If we are still unable to reach the property owners and the structures are deemed dilapidated with no intention to remediate them, we will seek to destroy them. We have received complaints in the warmer weather months that obnoxious orders are coming from the properties.

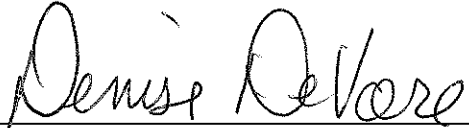
Mr. Barker announced that there has been discussion about the joint venture between two (2) municipalities (1 is the City of Findlay) that will increase safety while reducing costs. Mayor Sehnert then called a Special Meeting of Council for Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Arcadia Community Center beginning at 7:30pm.

Mr. Urbanski reminded Councilmembers that there is a Flood Mitigation meeting also on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 6:30pm that many Councilmembers want to attend to get updates on what is going on.

Mr. M. Slough hauled his yard waste to the City's Street Department around 1:00pm and was not able to get in. The door was locked and no one was there. As he was waiting for someone to return, other citizens arrived and discussions about how now a key is needed to access the area to leave your yard waste. Soon thereafter, the Superintendent of the Streets Department arrived and explained that his Secretary was out ill and his Assistant was out on the jobsite. The key was obtained and everyone then left their yard waste items. As they were leaving, more citizens arrived with their yard waste, so the need for a place to be accessible to bring yard waste is needed. When Mr. Slough returned the key to the office, more citizens arrived with their yard waste, so there are a lot of Findlay residents utilizing the yard waste drop off site. The site is locked because there has been garbage, sofas, etc. left at the site, which is not what it is intended for as the posted sign on the gates states. Mr. Slough suggested a security camera be installed instead of locking the gate.

Mr. M Slough would like to continue efforts into alternative energy sources. Mr. Barker attended a session with AEP that they are encouraging communities to come up with alternative energy sources (i.e. lighting). He would like to continue to see what cost savings methods the City of Findlay could provide.

President Schuck adjourned Council at 8:06 PM.

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL