

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2016

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The March 28, 2016, meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order by at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall located at 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Mayor Ray Vaughn presiding.

AGENDA #2 “PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-PRAYER” Council members and visitors joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Zachary Caress led the group in prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Les Harrison, Belinda Henton, John McLaughlin, Bob Ferguson, and Ray Vaughn. Also present were City Manager Allen Barker, City Attorney Bart Zuber, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, Assistant City Treasurer Jane Guinn, and City Engineer Charleston.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on March 14, 2016”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable on March 29, 2016” Pooled Cash \$57,799.28, Manual Pooled Cash \$9,231.47, Utility Refunds \$896.54, 175th Anniversary \$2.00

4-C “Raffle License: Stovall Family” This item was removed from the Consent Agenda, and discussed under Agenda #7.

AGENDA #5 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” Councilwoman Henton wished to discuss item 4-C, so the item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilwoman Henton moved to approve items 4-A and 4-B on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” City Attorney Zuber detailed those eligible to receive a raffle license; including those parties which are organized for the sole purpose of providing assistance to an identified individual or group suffering financial hardship as a result of illnesses, accidents, etc. He felt that the Council should make a specific determination that the Stovall family would be eligible for a raffle license.

Secondly, Mr. Zuber told how a fidelity bond could be waived if the organization provides an affidavit that they had a unanimous vote stating to not purchase the bond. The Council could also require a fidelity bond, if they felt it necessary.

Mayor Vaughn did not recall many families applying for raffle license for such purpose, but instead businesses or bonafide organizations taking up charities for the family. It was, however, discovered that a handful of family applicants had applied in the past few years.

The proposed raffle prize was listed to be a weapon. Mayor Vaughn strongly felt that a fidelity bond should be required, along with a detail of how the weapon transaction would take place. The Council agreed. Mrs. Sterchi would contact the applicant to make him aware.

AGENDA #8 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

8-A “Request: Class B Liquor License for Yonaxin Enterprise, Inc.” The Council was provided with a Class B liquor license application from Lekhraj Ahuja for Yonaxin Enterprise, Inc. Mr. Ahuja came before the Council requesting either a Class V or Class B liquor license on March 14, 2016. Mr. Ahuja was advised to adjust his application to read that he would be applying for a Class B liquor license, and that he would not be the one managing the business as he was neither a U.S. citizen nor a citizen of Olney.

Mayor Vaughn asked the City Attorney if the application presented this evening was in proper form. Mr. Zuber felt that the application still was not proper as Mr. Ahuja’s answer to number 15, stating that he would hire a local resident as the store’s manager, was not sufficient. Mr. Zuber indicated that the manager would need to fill out items (a) through (j) to determine if the manager qualified, and that the City could not just assume that the manager would qualify.

Mr. Ahuja felt it would be very difficult to hire someone for a liquor store that did not yet exist. He was unsure how he could open a liquor store without a liquor license from the City, especially since startup costs would total about \$100,000.00. He asked the Council if he would be able to provide the manager’s information at a later date. Mr. Zuber said he could not, but could employ a manager first and then apply for the license. Mr. Zuber understood Mr. Ahuja’s conundrum, but felt that the manager could be hired and paid for a couple of weeks until the liquor license was attained.

Councilwoman Henton asked if Mr. Ahuja would still open some sort of business if he did not receive a liquor license. Mr. Ahuja replied that he would not as he only wishes to open a liquor store that would also sell tobacco and lottery products.

Councilman McLaughlin felt that Mr. Zuber was splitting hairs on the requirements. He felt that since Mr. Ahuja was present and would be the president, which is some sort of manager, that the City could approve the liquor license. Mr. Zuber replied that the issue with that thought was that Mr. Ahuja did not meet citizenship requirements.

Councilman Ferguson asked what happens when a liquor license holder changes managers. Mr. Zuber replied that the new manager would need to fill out City-required paperwork and go through a background check. Mrs. Sterchi added that notification would then be sent to the Illinois Liquor Commission.

Mr. Ahuja distributed copies of his business license to the Council.

Councilwoman Henton pointed out that the real question was whether or not the City even wished to increase the number of Class B liquor licenses. Councilman McLaughlin commented that he had no reservations about increasing the amount of Class B licenses.

Councilman Harrison offered that perhaps the Council could vote on whether or not they would approve Mr. Ahuja's license based on whom Mr. Ahuja employed. Mayor Vaughn replied that it would be possible, but would set a poor precedence.

Mayor Vaughn asked if any members of the public were present to speak on the topic.

Brian O'Neill approached the Council and stated that other applicants who were U.S. citizens had been denied licensure recently. He agreed that Mr. Ahuja should come back with a proper application.

Marilyn Riggs, owner of Marilyn's Liquor Cabinet, also wished to speak. Mrs. Riggs felt there was no need to increase the number of packaged liquor stores in a town the size of Olney. She also did not feel that another liquor store would increase revenue to the City, but would only jeopardize the current stores' business. She also added that in the 1980's, Olney could not support five liquor stores at that time. While also encouraging businesses in Olney, she wished the Council would support such businesses that would not hurt current businesses.

Additionally, Mrs. Riggs had heard that Mr. Ahuja's other stores sold drug paraphernalia and had been directed to clean up the stores, and had yet to do so. She also questioned who would then run Mr. Ahuja's business if his manager quit. She stated that if the City was interested in seeing increased revenue from liquor establishments that the Council should increase the license fees. Mrs. Riggs asked the Council to deny the liquor license request.

Councilwoman Henton asked Mr. Ahuja if he would be selling the same products in the proposed Olney store as he does at his other locations. Mr. Ahuja replied that he was not selling anything wrong or illegal.

Councilman Ferguson asked Mr. Ahuja if he owned 1301 S. West Street. Mr. Ahuja replied that he did own the location, and the underground tanks had been removed.

Councilwoman Henton mentioned that she had visited Mr. Ahuja's store in Flora, and saw water pipes, digital scales, and other drug paraphernalia for sale. Even though those items were not illegal to sell, she did not feel that anyone really needed those other than drug users.

From the audience, Martin Riggs expressed concern over technicalities. He did not feel it would be appropriate to allow a store in Olney knowing what Mr. Ahuja sells in his other stores.

Mayor Vaughn moved to deny Mr. Ahuja's Class B liquor license application, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, Harrison, Mayor Vaughn and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Vaughn stated that Mr. Ahuja was welcome to re-apply with proper manager information supplied.

8-B “Request: Class A Liquor License for The Fireside” The Council was provided with a Class A liquor license application from Tosha Kay Rutter.

Mayor Vaughn asked the City Attorney if Ms. Rutter’s application was in proper form. Mr. Zuber replied that the application seemed sufficient.

Mayor Vaughn asked Ms. Rutter to describe her proposed business. Ms. Rutter explained that the old Fireside at 215 S. Whittle Avenue had been completely gutted on the inside and was going through a remodel. There will be a bar with a dance floor. No food would be sold.

Councilman McLaughlin noted that Ms. Rutter’s application stated she would have security equipment on hand. He wondered what those items were. Ms. Rutter replied that she would have 360 degree cameras installed, and she could view the images at any time from her phone. Additionally, new doors and glass were being installed for the overall safety and security of the building.

Mayor Vaughn asked for Ms. Rutter’s experience in operating such a liquor establishment. Ms. Rutter indicated that she had worked nine years as a restaurant bar manager and as a country club bar manager.

Councilman Ferguson asked when Ms. Rutter hoped to open for business. Ms. Rutter’s target was to open in May of 2016.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the Class A liquor license application as submitted by Tosha Kay Rutter for The Fireside at 215 S. Whittle Avenue, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Councilmen Ferguson, Harrison, McLaughlin, Mayor Vaughn, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C “Ordinance: Amend Section 5.12.070 (Restriction on Number of Licenses Authorized) of the City of Olney Municipal Code” Since the Council wished to grant a Class A liquor license for The Fireside, Section 5.12.070 (Restrictions on Number of Licenses Authorized) of the Code would need to be amended to read that the City had three Class A licenses.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2016-13, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The ordinance will be created.

8-D “Resolution: Authorize Execution of an Amendment to the Agreement for Sale of Water Between the City of Olney and Watergate Subdivision” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to authorize the execution of an amendment to the Agreement for Sale of Water with Watergate Subdivision, and three different drafts of the amended agreement.

Mr. Zuber told the Council that he had met with Utility Billing Clerk Lori Zimmerle, City Manager Allen Barker, and Walter Buss to discuss revisions on the agreement. A rough draft had been created, but City Treasurer Chuck Sanders then suggested to include language regarding the

debt service/capital improvement and billing fees, as well as noting 2002 E. Hall Street to be an exception to Paragraph 11.

Mr. Buss stated that the amendments were all clear, understood, and approved.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve draft three of the amended Agreement for Sale of Water between the City and Watergate Subdivision, and 2016-R-17, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-E “Discussion/Resolution: Accept Quotation from Mobotrex for Accessible Pedestrian Signals and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for accessible pedestrian signals from Mobotrex, a memo from Mr. Barker, a detail of a meeting held on January 27, 2016, with Mobotrex representative Mike Stannard, and two quotes from Mobotrex.

Mr. Barker reminded the Council how the topic of audible traffic signals at the intersection of Main and Fair Streets had been discussed for a few years. Lions Club member Dan Holslaw was able to set up a meeting with Mr. Stannard to discuss Mobotrex products and the feasibility of the product at the proposed intersection.

Mr. Barker explained that there are two options. The first option would include a two wire system, at a cost of \$6,391.00 that is activated only when a button is pushed. The second option would be a four wire system, at a cost of \$5,943.00 that would be audible each time the traffic lights changed. The recommendation would be to choose the two wire system. The system will always make a lower volume beeping noise so that the visually impaired will be able to locate the pole to push the button. Once pushed, the system will tell the pedestrian when they should cross the street. There would be two units, included as part of the system, on each corner. It has also been determined that the existing controller box will accommodate the system. Mr. Barker anticipated approximately \$1,500.00 would be needed for wiring and installation. There is currently \$25,000.00 budgeted for the project.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2016-R-18, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

From the audience, James Middlecalf wished to speak. Mr. Middlecalf asked for clarification on the motion as he was having difficulty hearing. He noted that he was visually impaired. Mayor Vaughn clarified the vote.

Mr. Middlecalf went on to say that he had not been introduced to the new City Manager, and felt the City Manager had no manners to introduce himself. Mr. Barker apologized, but reminded Mr. Middlecalf that they had met at a Lions Club meeting and had spoken on the phone. Mr. Middlecalf interrupted and said that he meant now, at this evening’s meeting.

8-F “Request: Reduced Rate at Swimming Pool for TRIO Upward Bound Program for June 10, June 17, and June 24, 2016” The Council was provided with an e-mail from Jennifer Jennings to

Mrs. Sterchi requesting a reduced swimming rate for the TRIO Upward Bound Program for June 10, June 17, and June 24, 2016. In the past, TRIO Upward Bound has received a reduced rate of \$1.50 for students instead of the regular price of \$2.00.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the discounted rate of \$1.50 for the Upward Bound Program on June 10, June 17, and June 24 of 2016, at the Musgrove Aquatic Center, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-G “Resolution: Amend 2015/2016 Budget in the Water Distribution Department for Professional Services Related to the W. Elm Street Watermain Replacement Project” Mayor Vaughn took up item 8-H first.

The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to amend the 2015/2016 budget in the Professional Services Category of the Water Distribution Department from \$2,000.00 to \$32,000.00.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2016-R-19, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Mayor Vaughn, Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Ferguson, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-H “Resolution: Authorize Expenditure for Consulting Services for the W. Elm Street Watermain Replacement” Items 8-G and 8-H were on the agenda for the March 14, 2016, meeting, but were tabled. The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to authorize the expenditure for consulting services related to the W. Elm Street watermain replacement, a statement from Charleston Engineering, Inc., and a copy of the agreement for engineering services with Charleston Engineering.

In a letter dated January 25, 2016, the City was notified by the DCEO that the application for a grant to replace a portion of the watermain on W. Elm Street was not selected for funding. An invoice in the amount of \$30,000.00 has been received from Charleston Engineering, Inc., for the preliminary/design engineering services for this project. The City entered into an agreement with Charleston Engineering on July 13, 2015, for engineering services for the W. Elm Street Watermain replacement project.

Mayor Vaughn questioned if the City re-applied for the grant, could any portion of Mr. Charleston’s engineering work be re-used. Mr. Charleston indicated that the permits received based off of his engineering work would be good for four years.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2016-R-20, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-I “Ordinance: Sale of Personal Property-Miscellaneous Scrap from the Public Works Center” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to authorize the sale of miscellaneous scrap metal from the Public Works Center to Scrap Daddy, Inc.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 2016-14, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-J “Re-Appointment of Terry Conour and Julie Herring to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners” The terms of Terry Conour and Julie Herring on the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners had ended. Mayor Vaughn sought the Council’s approval for him to re-appoint Mr. Conour and Mrs. Herring to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

Councilwoman Henton moved to re-appoint Terry Conour and Julie Herring to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-K “Resolution: Accept Quote for Snow Blockers at the Fire Department from Illini Builders, Co., and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote from Illini Builders Co., for snow blockers at the Fire Department, a memo from Fire Chief Rusty Holmes, a quote from Illini Builders Co., a quote from Black & Sons Construction, Inc., and a quote from L.J. Swingler & Sons, Inc.

The snow blockers for the Fire Department had been budgeted for the fiscal year in the amount of \$12,220.00. Mr. Barker recommended accepting the quote from Illini Builders Co., in the amount of \$12,221.00. Other quotes received were \$14,160.00 from L.J. Swingler & Sons, Inc., and two quotes of \$14,500.00 and \$13,350.00 from Black & Sons Construction, Inc.

Mayor Vaughn noticed that another quote specifically listed two rows of snow blockers. He was curious if one row would be sufficient. The Fire Chief replied that L.J. Swinger & Sons’ engineers recommended two rows for their particular product.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2016-R-21, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-L “Resolution: Accept Donation from RCRC for Together We Play Park, Accept Quotation for Rubberbond Surfacing, Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, and Amend the 2015/2016 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a \$111,490.00 donation from RCRC, accept a quote from Cunningham Recreation, waive formal bidding procedures, and amend the 2015/2016 budget.

Mr. Barker explained that RCRC was ready to donate \$111,490.00 to the City to be used toward the purchase of Rubberbond surfacing for the Together We Play Park. A quotation in that amount had been received from Cunningham Recreation that included the product and supervised installation. Approximately one-third of the purchase would be expended in the current year’s budget with the remaining two-thirds to be expended in next year’s budget.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2016-R-22, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #9 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

9-A “Status Report-City Manager” The Council was provided with a Status Report from the City Manager. Mr. Barker told the Council that the City was working on requesting sealed bids for a piece of equipment at the Sewer Plant. He also stated that the City was preparing to go out for bids on the Hall Street/Berger sewer extension.

Mayor Vaughn had heard there was an upcoming mandatory meeting for the housing grant. Mr. Barker clarified that the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission would be attending that meeting as the grant administrators.

9-B “Recommendation/Ordinance: Naming of City Flower-Tree Board” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would name the Garden Phlox as the official City of Olney Flower.

Mrs. Sterchi told the Council that the Tree Board had some difficulty in designating a flower for recommendation to become the City Flower as part of the 175th anniversary. With this being the case, the Board decided to conduct an online poll to allow the public to choose between the Purple Coneflower, Blazing Star, Butterflyweed and Garden Phlox. Poll results showed the Garden Phlox as a winner, so that flower is the recommendation of the Tree Board for consideration by the Council.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 2016-15, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Brian O’Neill” Brian O’Neill, 818 E. Main Street, approached the Council and declared that he would allow the Council to pass on his presentation this evening to move on to the budget discussions. Members of the Council and audience applauded the gesture.

Mayor Vaughn recessed the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The meeting came back from recess at 8:06 p.m.

AGENDA #11 “2016/2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS”

11-A “General Corporate” The Council was provided with a preliminary budget sheet for the General Fund as prepared by City Treasurer Sanders. Mr. Sanders also had a Powerpoint presentation prepared. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Mitchell, Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley, Fire Chief Rusty Holmes, and Police Chief Kevin Paddock were in attendance to help answer any questions in regard to their departments.

Mr. Sanders explained that the Legislative Department is made up of the Council and Mayor. Expenditures are for public service fees.

In the Industrial Commission Department, Mr. Sanders noted that the RCDC Support line item had been lowered by \$5,000.00, and that \$5,000.00 had been included in the Industrial Park Sign line item.

The expenditures in the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Department would mostly be dedicated to testing that would take place in the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Vaughn wished to clarify that the reduction in the RCDC Support is only due to a reduction in expenses over the past few years. The City extends a great amount of support to RCDC, but in the past few years, a new director has been hired, and the County now contributes for IMRF.

Mr. Sanders went on to talk about the Administrative Department. The largest source of income would be sales tax received from the State at a projected \$1,839,000.00. Mr. Sanders also noted the Housing Rehab Grant line item that listed \$410,000.00 for the next fiscal year. This money would include \$400,000.00 from the grant and \$10,000.00 from Build Community.

The lowered expense of \$143,500.00 in the Permanent Employees line item was attributable to there being no overlap of City Managers in the next fiscal year. The Department's largest capital line item was for the Pacific Cycle Roof in the amount of \$1,067,219.00.

The Sanitary Hauling Department's numbers are based on the number of active accounts with no assumed rate increases. Revenue would be anticipated at \$280,000.00 with expenditures expected at \$266,600.00.

The City Clerk Department and City Treasurer Department had little to note. Mr. Zuber had a question as to what the Real Estate Expense line item in the Legal Services Department would be used towards. Mr. Sanders replied that expenditures such as easements would fall into that line item.

Each year, the City typically budgets \$25,000.00 in the Engineering Services Department. These fees are for the City Engineer's City Council meeting attendance and various other miscellaneous projects. Large scale projects, such as watermain replacement engineering, are typically charged to that project's specific line item.

The Code Enforcement Department included a new line item for Part-Time Rental Inspections in the amount of \$20,000.00. This amount included anticipated wages for a part-time employee. An amount of \$20,000.00 was also expected to stay in the line item for Demolitions.

Mr. Sanders explained that the RCDC Executive Director Department held no revenues or expenditures for the budget as no future expenses were expected.

The Recycling Program Department's numbers were based on the estimated number of people participating in the program and did not include any rate changes.

The City Hall Maintenance Department listed \$50,000.00 for remodeling in the next fiscal year with an additional \$6,500.00 for secure entrances at the front and back doors. Removal of the hose drying tower was also proposed in the amount of \$20,000.00. The tower is not stable, and poses a safety risk.

For the Fire Department, the \$7,728.00 in the Other Income line item would come from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant. Each year, the grant funds alternate between the Fire and Police Departments for their needs. The Fire Chief anticipates using the funds towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

Anticipated income from Fire Tax is at \$155,700.00, and the Rural Fire District was expected to contribute \$68,000.00. A new line item would be included for the County Contribution to Fire Truck in the amount of \$17,500.00. This would be their first yearly contribution of a 10 year pledge. Loan proceeds for the fire truck are also recognized as revenue in the amount of \$350,000.00.

Capital expenditures listed \$14,000.00 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. As stated before, \$7,728.00 of that expenditure would come from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant. An amount of \$600,000.00 was also listed for Engine Replacement. Again, \$350,000.00 of that expenditure would come from the zero interest fire engine loan, and \$174,000.00 was also in a designated bank account to go towards the purchase.

The Police Department's largest expenditure in Contractual Services would be in the Joint Dispatch Expense line item in the amount of \$231,760.00. The Police Chief also anticipates replacing another squad car in the new fiscal year, including car cameras and computers.

In Parks and Cemeteries, the \$37,700.00 proposed as revenue for the new fiscal year is for expected final donations from RCRC for the Together We Play Park. The capital budget listing for Backhoe is strictly for cemetery use. Also included for next year are line items for the Roads in Memorial Gardens for \$25,000.00, City Park Office Doors and Window for \$5,000.00, Parking Lot at East Fork Lake for \$50,000.00, and Road at Rotary Park for \$10,000.00. Regarding the road to Rotary Park, Mr. Bradley felt the project would start with removing the bad material and then putting stone back on to see if a base could be made.

Mayor Vaughn asked if the current fiscal year's budgeted amount of \$75,000.00 for Community Building Improvements included drainage work. Mr. Barker replied that the amount could include the drainage work. The gutters would be purchased out of the building maintenance account, but everything else should be covered in the budgeted \$75,000.00. The Mayor also added that he had recently visited the Community Building and was impressed with the renovation work. He extended his thanks to the Park Department for their work on the project, as well.

Mr. Bradley added that he would like the Council to consider making funds available to add a much needed full-time employee to the Park Department. It was expected that a total of approximately \$70,000.00 would be needed for another full-time employee which would include salary, insurance, and IMRF.

In the Recreation Department, Mr. Sanders noted that \$50,000.00 was proposed for the next fiscal year for Musgrove Parking, and another \$50,000.00 for Bathrooms at Musgrove Park.

The Band Department showed a levied amount of \$16,670.00 in the current fiscal year with the next fiscal year showing a levied amount of \$8,200.00

The Street Department budget for 2016-2017 showed the absorption of the Sidewalks, Signs & Painting Department. The budgeted \$45,000.00 for a dump truck represents half of the total cost of the dump truck, as the other half would be paid out of Water Distribution.

Mr. Sanders also wished to note the proposed \$75,000.00 for the Kitchell Street Repair line item. Another \$75,000.00 would be budgeted in Water and Sewer, respectively, for this project. Drainage in this area was extremely poor and the roadway was also in disrepair.

In the Library Department, the only expenditures would be \$8,600.00 for Utilities and \$5,000.00 for Books. Mr. Sanders knew that the Library would prefer to have \$7,000.00 budgeted in Books, but would settle for the \$5,000.00.

In the Revenue Summary, Mr. Sanders had included two columns for Actual numbers for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 in comparison to the Projected column for 2015-2016 and the Budget column for 2016-2017 in effort to easily see the impacts on revenue.

The Expenditure Summary included the same columns. The Budget column showed (\$1,651,541.00) compared to the Revenue Summary, but Mr. Sanders noted that some of the listed expenditures were actually already in designated bank accounts, but for budgetary purposes, were listed as expenditures. For example, about \$831,000.00 was set aside for the Pacific Cycle roof repair, about \$174,000.00 set aside for the fire truck, and \$16,000.00 was in the Perpetual Care account that would be used towards the purchase of the cemetery backhoe.

Mayor Vaughn was very concerned with the potential State cuts on income tax. Similar to last year's budget discussions, he recommends holding off on a majority of the capital expenditures for 2016-2017 until the effects are more realized.

11-B "Motor Fuel Tax" The Council was provided with a preliminary budget sheet prepared by City Treasurer Sanders. Mr. Sanders also had a Powerpoint presentation prepared.

Mr. Sanders' guidance for budgeting MFT is based off of information received from the Illinois Municipal League (IML). The IML expects for gasoline to remain below \$4.00 per gallon, an increase in mileage driven, but also expect an increase in the efficiency of automobiles being driven.

The approximate \$6,800.00 that had been received over the past four years was from City Capital Growth, but there is no plan for that to be repeated in the next few years. The overall expected income for the next fiscal year was listed as \$234,000.00.

An amount of \$120,000.00 would be needed in the Maintenance of Streets line item. Another \$214,000.00 of disbursements was also expected for the Whittle Avenue project. For the current fiscal year, \$40,000.00 was budgeted, but Mr. Sanders was unsure if that would truly be spent this year.

The MFT budget for 2016-2017 showed (\$100,000.00), but Mr. Sanders noted that the MFT bank account currently held approximately \$300,000.00.

The full preliminary budget would be ready for the Council's review at the April 11, 2016, City Council meeting. Any proposed changes would need to be made on or by the last meeting in April. Councilman McLaughlin pointed out that he would not be present at the April 25, 2016, meeting.

Mr. Barker commented that even if the City does take the hit on sales tax income from the State, many 2016-2017 budget items would not be recurring expenses.

AGENDA #12 "ADJOURN" Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk