

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MISHAWAKA COMMON COUNCIL

September 20, 2010

Be it remembered that the Common Council of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana met in the Council Chambers of the Mishawaka City Hall on Monday September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Emmons, and all were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Block's roll call showed the following;

Dale "Woody" Emmons 1st District Councilman – (President) Present

2nd District Councilman – Seat vacant

Ross Deal 3rd District Councilman - Present

Marsha McClure 4th District Councilman - Present

Michael Compton 5th District Councilman - Present

Ronald Banicki 6th District Councilman – Present

John Gleissner, Councilman At Large – (Vice President) Present

Gregg Hixenbaugh, Councilman At Large – Present

John J. Roggeman, Councilman at Large – Present

A quorum was obtained.

Others present; Deborah S. Block, City Clerk; Mary Ellen Hazen Chief Deputy I absent, and Linda Dotson, Chief Deputy II, and Council Attorney Mike Trippel.

The minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting were approved as received from the Clerk's Office.

Clerk Block read a letter from the City Plan Commission regarding recommendations from their September 14, 2010 meeting.

PETITION NO. 10-15

A petition submitted by Cindy J. Rice to rezone 1304 North Willow Street, from I-1 Light Industrial District to R-1 Single Family Residential District.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL 9-0

PETITION NO. 10-16

A petition submitted by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2083 to rezone the 900 block of South Merrifield Avenue, from C-1 General Commercial District to R-3 Multi-Family Residential District.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL 9-0

The following proposed ordinances were given first reading, assigned to committee, and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-37

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED,
COMMONLY KNOWN AS “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1966”**

OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

(Rezone from I-1 Light Industrial to R-1 Single Family – 1304 N. Willow Street)
Assigned to Land Use Planning Committee

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-38

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
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OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

(Rezone from C-1 General Commercial R-3 Multi-Family – 900 Block of S. Merrifield)
Assigned to Land Use Planning Committee

Clerk Block read **RESOLUTION NO. R2010-20** opened for public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. R2010-20

HONORING FORMER COUNCILMAN DAVID A. WOOD

President Emmons presented Mr. Wood with a commemorative plaque for his years of service on the Council.

Phil Zwickl 2334 Creekview Drive said he appreciates what Dave has done while on the Council for the City of Mishawaka.

Mayor Wood stated as excited as he was to enter his new roll with the city saying good-bye to his old role was one of the toughest things he has had to do. He said it was a great honor to work with this Council whom he respects and also serving the citizens of the Second District for over a decade. Mayor Wood went on to say he knew the Second District would be in good hands with Mike Bellovich. He said he was looking forward to working with the Council in his new position as Mayor, he knows what the Council goes through having been in their position for 11 years, and his office would always be open to them. Mayor Wood thanked the Council for what they have shown him over the years he has learned a lot over the years from each and every one of them.

Question was called for at 7:10 p.m. on **RESOLUTION NO. R2010-20** with the vote being 8 to 0 in favor.

Clerk Block read **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-32**, opening it for public hearing, this was a pre-adoption hearing with no vote taken at this meeting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-32

CIVIL CITY BUDGET FOR 2011

Yvonne Milligan, City Controller said the budget for 2011 was submitted for \$45,024,978 the increase comes to approximately 3.5% from 2010 which figures out to be 1.5 million dollars. She said quiet a bit of the increase was the result of health insurance at 1 million dollars and the raises at 2.5 % resulting in 405 thousand dollars. Ms. Milligan said an estimate on the tax rate could be an increase of 2.6 percent. She said she read in the South Bend Tribune where a question was posed on the tax cap, she explained the tax cap stays in affect no matter what the tax rate increase was, it will stay at the 1%, 2,%, and 3% as far as the property tax rate. Ms. Milligan stated with the new LOIT that was put in place there would be a property tax replacement credit the city receives a small amount of, which helps to fund this. She said the new money for 2011 given by the state was 2.9% which figures to be about 640 thousand dollars. Ms. Milligan went on to say she felt it was a good budget and pretty actual, she was very conservative on revenue, tried to be conservative on expenditures but when everything increases it changes things.

Mr. Gleissner asked what the figure was for loss of employees, would the city have to let people go. Ms. Milligan said she would not be the person to make that decision whether there would be any employees laid off or not but she feels the city is in good shape and by laying off the employees they did they saved a little over a million dollars. Mr. Gleissner said he hopes that laying off mass numbers of people have come to an end and he has assumed it has.

Phil Zwickl 2334 Creekview Drive said he was asking the Council to send back the budget for 2011 with the Cumulative Sewage Budget removed from it. He said the reason for that was when the Council voted for the sewage increase a year and a half ago he believed the revisions in that ordinance took out nonresidents of the city. He said now the people inside the city limits are paying more then the people outside, because Mishawaka residents are paying the sewer plus the tax rate so to keep the people of Mishawaka from being penalized he wants it removed from the budget.

Margret Kirkwood Quintana 210 Ray Street said with Governor Mitch Daniels and first lady Michelle Obama fighting childhood obesity and community health in general she feels the city should not be talking about closing the community pool at Mary Gibbard Park. She said the city should be talking about making it more profitable and more accessible to those who do want to use it. She said she is the mother of five children ages 2 to 12 and all prefer that pool as opposed to creating a splash pad there in its place. Mrs. Quintana said the new Mayor wants the city to be the best it can be this would not be the time to make such a drastic change on the west side of the city.

Johanna Quam 821 Forest Avenue said she too is not in favor of closing Mary Gibbard Pool, she suggested fixing the slide and making it fun so that more kids would want to go there.

Mr. Hixenbaugh said since they have the time between this pre-adoption hearing and October 27th which was the day of the special meeting where they would actually be approving the budget he would like to continue to review all of the relevant issues. He said his suggestion would be to schedule, in conjunction with the administration, a public meeting so they could illicit information from the community with regard to closing Mary Gibbard Pool. He said personally he, in anticipation of the decision, thought it would be helpful to have as much history as can be put together in regard to the revenue and the profitability of the pool, it was his recollection that recently the pool has not been profitable but the more history they have the more they can spot a trend and try to make a better decision.

Mr. Hixenbaugh asked Mr. Schrader, General Manager of Utilities if he would follow up on Mr. Zwickl's comment on the Cumulative Sewer Fund. He said it was his recollection that when the rates were changed it was not the administration or the Council's idea to do that, but the advise they received from the professionals they were working with regards to setting rates that there was a legal impediment to maintain a different rate structure for those residents who live outside the city. Mr. Schrader said he didn't know if there was a legal situation, he recalls it was related more to fairness in how the rate was applied to citizens who are served by the utilities from a waste water standpoint. Mr. Hixenbaugh asked if he could put some information together to refresh their memories as to how it was they ended up with the rate structure that is in place currently. Mr. Schrader said that would be done.

President Emmons closed the public hearing on **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-32**.

Clerk Block read **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-33**, opening it for public hearing

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-33

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5233
APPROVING THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
(Amending 2010-2011 CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan)**

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated as in past practice he would move they continue the public hearing on this proposed ordinance until the October 27th special meeting at which time they would be considering approval of the budget with a second by Mr. Banicki the motion carried.

Clerk Block read **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-34** opening it for public hearing

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-34

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
TRANSFERRING AND REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS WITHIN
THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
(Transfer Funds – Fire Dept. - \$125,000.00)**

Mr. Roggeman reported the Budget and Finance Committee recommended this proposed ordinance should be adopted and moved it should be presented to the Council as a whole, upon a second by Mr. Gleissner, the motion carried.

Dale Freeman, Fire Chief stated there were three distinct areas they needed to transfer this money to:

- \$30,000.00 for Operating Supplies with money predominately going to the EMS Division with the increase number of runs, 400 in the month of July, and the cost of supplies are going up as well.
- \$25,000.00 for Building & Equipment Repair Line, they were faced with Quint 3, the aerial at the Douglas Road Station needing an engine rebuild hoping to get a few more years out of

that truck. He said they would be ordering a new Quint next year then keeping this one as a reserve.

- \$70,000.00 for contracts, they went with Accu-med a third party Billing Service that along with the Motorola Service Contract for the Radios and mobile data terminal lines.

Chief Freeman said they would transfer the \$125,000 from the Personal Services Line to these three operating lines.

Mr. Compton asked if these service contracts were new for 2010. Chief Freeman stated the radios were still under the manufacturer's warranty at the beginning of the year. He said Accu-med without having a good idea of how much they would be billing out each month were unable to forecast exactly what the cost would be going into the budget cycle last year.

Mr. Compton asked if the money being transferred was from money saved in wages. Chief Freeman said that was correct, they have a spot open they need to fill, which they would be doing in the near future.

Mr. Gleissner asked how many men was the Fire Department from being a full compliment. Chief Freeman said one currently and a hold over one with the retirement of Fire Fighter John VanBruaene who would be taking the Penn Township Chief's job. Chief Freeman said they have one recruit that was three quarters of the way through the testing process and they have offered employment to another candidate, so they should be full force in a month and a half or so.

Mr. Gleissner said he remembers at one time there was a waiting list of recruits already quality qualified, is that still done. Chief Freeman stated that pool has been established a pool that would be good for probably two years out from here. Mr. Gleissner asked if being short a person as of now was that costing overtime pay. Chief Freeman said absolutely it did cost some overtime but one recruit they made the offer to would come with roll of Fire Fighter 1-2 already established which was an equivalent to 189 hour training sequence as well as he carries the credentials of an advanced EMT so immediately he would be available for usage on the Ambulance side if needed. He said he feels the money spent in overtime was well spent being able to have a Fire Fighter up to speed coming in the door.

Mr. Roggeman asked about the Accu-med billing service. Chief Freeman stated the third party billing service they went with do to some of the restructuring of some of the duties of Battalion Chief Brian Thomas they did not have the full forty hour position, which previously had taken care of, with Kim from the Controller's Office a good portion of the billing process. He went on to say with some of the software they have in place they are more accurate with their billing, this company only deals in ambulance billing and in restructuring Chief Thomas' duties they felt the need to relieve some of his responsibilities. Mr. Roggeman asked when that took affect. Chief Freeman said October 1, 2009. Mr. Roggeman asked if it has gone fairly well. Chief Freeman said it has gone very well, with excellent response.

Mr. Compton asked why we needed a service contract when outsourcing. Chief Freeman said the company charges a percentage of what they bill out and that was where the service contract comes in.

Mr. Gleissner stated as far as service supplies the hospital does not help to restock the ambulances anymore. Chief Freeman stated no they do not they are changing the rules daily, there were some ambulances nationwide delivering patients to certain hospitals for free restocking supplies, not Mishawaka of course, but now they purchase all supplies to eliminate any question.

Mr. Gleissner stated he was glad to see that the Fire Department was being pro-active in having a hiring pool with men already tested so they the department does not have to resort to overtime pay while waiting to fill an opening.

Question was called for at 7:30 p.m. on **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-34** with the vote being 8 to 0 in favor thus it becomes **ORDINANCE NO. 5274**.

Clerk Block read **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-35**, opening it for public hearing

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-35

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
TRANSFERRING AND REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS WITHIN
THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010**

(Transfer Funds – Park & Recreation - \$53,000.00)

Mr. Compton reported the Budget and Finance Committee recommended this proposed ordinance should be adopted and moved it should be presented to the Council as a whole, upon a second by Mr. Roggeman, the motion carried.

Mike Faulkner, Superintendent of Parks this transfer needs to be transferred into six different account lines for the Park Department. He said after consulting with the Controller's Office it appears \$43,000 can be taken out of unemployment charges and \$10,000 could come out of the Park Improvement Line they money would be distributed as follows:

- PERF \$15,000
- Maintenance Supplies \$15,000
- Landscaping/Chemical Supplies \$5,000
- Other Concessions \$5,000
- Instructor Fees \$5,000
- Sales Tax \$8,000

Mr. Deal said recently \$50,000 was spent on a dog park and his question was if this money transfer would be necessary if not for that expenditure. Mr. Faulkner stated yes it would because the dog park was not taken out of the Park's General Operating Fund it was taken out of a City Capital Improvement Line. Mr. Deal said while he was not opposed to the dog park per se' but somewhat concerned about the location, it seems the park would be serving Osceola residents and eastern St. Joe County more then the citizens of Mishawaka and he was wondering if there might not have been a better place to put that park. Mr. Faulkner said currently Mishawaka residents are driving to Elkhart to use their dog park because it is the closest one for our residents, a city our size could use a second or even a third dog park. Mr. Deal asked of the use of the dog parks was free. Mr. Faulkner

stated Mishawaka's would be, not all of them are. Mr. Deal said he does not object to someone outside of the city using it but feels they should have to buy a pass or pay a fee. Mr. Faulkner said that certainly could be looked at.

Mr. Gleissner said he would like to know what would be done in that dog park area when there was a fishing tournament of 60 to 100 boats taking up a lot of room with their trailers. Mr. Faulkner said there was overflow parking to the north of the existing parking lot at Pricket Marina and the dog park would be to the west of the parking lot, he said they would definitely be accommodating the fisherman. Mr. Gleissner asked if the dog park would be included as part of a temporary overflow parking. Mr. Faulkner said the dog park would be to the north of the designated overflow parking area.

Mr. Emmons asked if the people who use this dog park be responsible to pick up the dog waste. Mr. Faulkner stated he certainly hoped so they would be posting signs that they were required to pick it up. Mr. Emmons asked if the dog park would have the same hours as the rest of the parks. Mr. Faulkner said yes.

Question was called for at 7:46 p.m. on **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-35** with the vote being 8 to 0 in favor, thus it becomes **ORDINANCE NO. 5275**.

Clerk Block read **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-36**, opening it for public hearing

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-36

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND TRANSFERRING AND REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS WITHIN THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

(Transfer Funds – Motor Vehicle Highway \$125,000.00)

Mr. Roggeman reported the Budget and Finance Committee recommended this proposed ordinance should be adopted and moved it should be presented to the Council as a whole, upon a second by Mr. Gleissner, the motion carried.

Mike Watson, Street Commissioner/Director of Central Services said this transfer was for:

- \$15,000 transferred into the PERF Line. The Controller asked for that transfer so he could pay the bill from January 1st until December 31st instead of holding that last payment and paying it out of 2011 budget. This way everything would be in a calendar year.
- \$35,000 would be going into insurance premiums for health insurance.
- \$75,000 transferred into building and equipment repair due to the fact the Motorola Contract has gone up by \$35,000 from the previous year for the maintenance contract on the system and they had two large repairs to their loaders this year amounting to \$35,000 and he added an extra \$5,000 so he would not have to come back again this year hopefully.

Mr. Compton asked if the change in PERF was something new. Mr. Watson said yes they are now going to be paying it on a yearly basis, it has been paid in the rears the last quarter and they wanted to

change that. Mr. Compton asked about the \$35,000 for the insurance was that due to illness. Mr. Watson said yes their portion was up that much in 2010 and they need to cover it.

Question was called for at 7:51 p.m. on **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-36** with the vote being 8 to 0 in favor thus it becomes **ORDINANCE NO. 5276**.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ken Prince, City Planner stated he was not sure when to speak on these items so decided to do so now and apologized for any error in his judgment. He said he wanted to speak on the Mary Gibbard Pool issue. Mr. Prince stated that Mr. Hixenbaugh represented that it would be worth while to discuss and Mr. Prince said he feels, as a point of order, it would be appropriate to have this discussion at the Budget Committee Meeting. He said Mr. Faulkner is well prepared to talk about the Budget implications which Mr. Prince thinks Mr. Hixenbaugh is looking for. Mr. Prince stated that the decision on what type of play equipment to have and that type of thing has always been the privy of the Park Board. He said he can speak from his discussion with Mayor Rea, he said he has not yet had discussions with Mayor Wood, but the intent was to have a public hearing before the Park Board this Fall after the activities of the Fall have wound down. Mr. Prince said it would be a public meeting similar to the Hillis Hans Park meeting where people came and gave their input. He said there were clearly Budget indications not only from the capital plan but also from the labor costs and again Mr. Faulkner would have this information for the Council next week and then they can decide where to go with that. Mr. Prince said they would be sending hundreds of letters out prior to the Park Board Meeting as they did for Hillis Hans Park discussion. He said that was the general intent and he wanted to clarify that for the Council's consideration moving forward.

Mr. Compton asked when the Park Board Meetings were held. Mr. Prince said 4:30 in the afternoon on the 2nd Monday of every month. Mr. Prince stated that the Hills Hans Park Board Meeting was later in the evening. Mr. Compton asked that be done for this situation also, he wanted to make sure that those who work during the day can attend. He said so the Budget Hearing would be the finances of that project and the Council would look all that over and then citizens would have a chance to speak on their concerns at the Park Board Meeting. Mr. Prince said again he has not had a chance to discuss this with Mayor Wood but would say that was the direction under Mayor Rea. Mr. Compton said so citizens would have a chance to say whether they wanted a pool or a splash pad. Mr. Prince said that was his opinion but it was the Park Board's decision to make. Mr. Compton said the point he was trying to make was that citizens would have a chance to speak on this. Mr. Prince said that was correct.

Mr. Hixenbaugh said he appreciates Mr. Prince's comments, from his standpoint however, the expenditure that was proposed for the splash pad was so intricately involved that he could not in good conscious support that expenditure as it is related in the budget until such time the public meeting takes place so it is somewhat what comes first the horse or the cart. Mr. Prince said perhaps a more appropriate way to put it would be improvement to Mary Gibbard Park as opposed to labeling that because he feels everyone agrees that improvements are appropriate out there. He said he thinks the budget implications would also be helpful to the Council's consideration of the matter. Mr. Hixenbaugh said absolutely, his concern would be to have the line item be even more generic would make it a pretty broad concept of improvements, so in fact it would wharf back to the original proposal, a splash pad. He said he was not indicating it was a bad idea or a good idea, at this point in time he

feels it warrants further discussion. Mr. Hixenbaugh stated that from his stand point he has some concern as they have talked about over several budget cycles, with regard to large generic expenditures that are not specific in nature so some clarity may be added through the Budget Committee Meetings that would be held as early as next week. Mr. Hixenbaugh said from his standpoint he would have less comfort with approval now and public hearing in front of the Park Board, but he feels it there does need to be the opportunity for public input before the Council commits to make relatively significant expenditure.

Mr. Prince said regarding dog park issue he was working with Mr. Faulkner and going through all the parks as they were working on a Capital Improvements Plan and as identified in the CEIT Budget letter. He said the unique aspects of Prickett Marina really warranted a dog park in that location, the American Kennel Club recommends one to five acres for a dog park. He stated when you think of every park in Mishawaka, and the Park Board has been struggling with that decision as they try to fit that in with other activities in the parks. Mr. Prince stated that was where the Park Boards concerns were and that was what lended itself to Prickett Mariana where half the property already being fenced in on two sides saving a significant \$20,000, these were some of the reasons they decided on this location.

Mr. Prince said regarding fishing tournaments should there be 100 boats attending there was a vehicle gate that would soon be available for those isolated incidents. He said the other thing he wanted to mention this was 4 acres that the city was maintaining and mowing that virtually no one uses and that was a great attraction to putting the dog park there.

Mr. Deal said he appreciated Mr. Prince's comments but he was still hung up with the location, he does not feel it was necessary to have a dog park just for the sake of having a dog park. He said if the city couldn't have a dog park where it was going to benefit the citizens of Mishawaka why have one just so we say we have one. Mr. Prince said he respectfully disagrees with this point because Prickett Marina is a city park and clearly they chose that location because of access to the river and the only other area where he thought would be beneficial to have a dog park would be along the border walk and he did not know of anywhere along that area they could find 1 to 5 acres for that specific purpose, he said even George Wilson Park people would have to drive there. Mr. Deal said he would be curious going forward how many of the users of the park are actually citizens of our city. Mr. Prince said they should be able to ascertain that to some degree, they have decided to not to have a fee it was a judgment call regarding the enforcement of it, should there be a key to a gated access and the expenses of that would be greater then revenue collected. He said if it really takes off the Park Board always has the ability to amend it charge, as it stands right now they have requested the dogs be licensed in the city of Mishawaka and if they see a spike in the increase of licenses they could then ascertain where the dogs were coming from.

Mr. Deal said he just returned from New York City and in Manhattan there is a number of small dog parks and set up in such a way they limit the number of dogs that use that space at any given time, he was just saying there may be a way the city can bend the recommendations and still accomplish what they want to do. Mr. Prince said he did a lot of research and he will say when you look at a smaller park like that you are looking at less for exercise and more of an outdoor bathroom probably, our park would be an off leash, throw a Frisbee to have a wide open space would be the difference.

Mr. Zwickl said he has been bothered by the lack of signage as he drives into Mishawaka especially on the north side of Mishawaka, by Toscana Park and Fir Road coming into University Drive. He said it appears to him there is a lack of city identity because these areas are not being marked off and another reason is they are using Granger addresses. Mr. Zwickl said he would like to see additional signage put up saying this is Mishawaka, Indiana, not Granger, Indiana.

Mr. Gleissner said more and more businesses in that area are now stating they are in Mishawaka. He said if he hears it on the radio he makes the call to remind them they are in Mishawaka.

George Banner III, 123 ½ West 8th Street, he was concerned about houses being foreclosed on or going up on tax sale. He walks a lot and has seen a lot of houses going up for sale or rent and code enforcement yellow stickers on them; in the South Bend Tribune he has seen 4,500 houses in the area up for tax sale. Mr. Banner stated he understands it is a national problem but he would like to see the city help people deal with foreclosure and tax sale an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. He said when people move out of this area they are not here to shop, or pay mortgages with our local banks, nor use the grocery stores we need keep people here. Mr. Banner said perhaps they could set up work shops on how to deal with foreclosures and tax sales etc.

NEW BUSINESS

President Emmons said School Board applications would be accepted in the City Clerk’s Office from September 21, to October 8, and they need to be returned by noon on the 8th. He said these appointments are both Republican appointments.

President Emmons asked for nominations for appointment to the Transpo Board. Mr. Gleissner said he would like to nominate the current representative Maurice Cocquyt for another term, he has been an intrical part of that board and he appreciates his service, with a second by Mr. Deal the motion carried.

President Emmons said they would need to change the next Council meeting from October 4th to the 6th due to the Indiana Associations of Cities and Towns meeting in Fort Wayne, asked for a motion. Mr. Banicki made the motion with a second by Mr. Gleissner the motion carried.

Mr. Compton said they have set Budget meetings for Tuesday September 28th at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday September 29th at 5:00 p.m. and appropriate departments would be notified of their time and day.

President Emmons said at his last neighborhood meeting Mayor Wood spoke even though he was very busy with renaming the south side of Merrifield Park to Crawford Park but he still spent a good portion of his evening addressing questions at the St. Bavo neighbor hood meeting spending time even after the meeting and he wanted to thank him for that.

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Emmons adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Deborah S. Block _____ /s/

Dale “Woody” Emmons _____ /s/

Deborah S. Block, City Clerk

Dale “Woody” Emmons, President Presiding Officer