

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, May 16, 2011

Present: Kerridge, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Frank & Dawn Rodriguez; Judy Horton; Bill Lulham, Jr.; Donna Kerridge; and Helen Granger, The Independent.

The meeting was called to order in the council chambers of Corunna City Hall by Mayor Kerridge at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated May 2, 2011 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Check Presentation After Vendor Disbursements and Item No. 6) Consider Appointment of Steve Miller to the Corunna Downtown Development Authority.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert, Mehig, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION APPROVING VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to approve the vendor disbursements for 05-12-11 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Haskins, Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CHECK PRESENTATION: Carol Spaniola presented the city with a check from its fundraising efforts. The Corunna DDA also presented a check to the city. Councilperson Johnson asked what the check amounts were. Mr. Sawyer advised the check from the committee was for \$19,000 because Judy Horton gave \$5,000 so the windows could be started and \$1,000 was raised at Kith and Kin. Mayor Kerridge advised the DDA contributed \$20,000; \$10,000 for the \$25,000 that was raised and \$10,000 which was advanced because of the number of things that have to be accomplished. Ms. Spaniola thanked the DDA for their contribution. She advised the committee was given four years to pay back the loan and half of it has been raised in a year.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings Street, stated he was at the meeting to talk

about the letter he sent to the city council about the World War II Monument. The bottom line is the monument was never Corunna's. It was instituted by the Rotary Club and then some other organizations got involved. The City of Corunna donated the land for the monument. It was something unique to those veterans and they did not want the names of people from Owosso added to it. It was a project that they could be proud of and it has stood for 66 years with no fanfare or names added to it. He spoke to some of the veterans and they want the parameters left as they were. You had to live in a Corunna mailing address and/or went to school in Corunna. They do not feel adding names of people who are buried in the cemetery constitute what was set out to be accomplished with the monument. The veterans are very proud of the monument and if the city wants to continue adding names even though they did not live here or go to school here then how many names does the council want him to garner that will object to that reasoning. He does not think anyone should have the power to take something away from a group of individuals or citizens of this town and change the parameters of what they wanted. It is saying the city owns the cemetery and he owns a stone and lot but the city can change what is on the stone if it wishes. He told the veterans he would knock on doors till hell freezes over to get the signatures needed to maintain the monument with what the people of that time wanted and asked council to give him an idea on how many signatures were needed.

Bill Lulham, 305 S. Norton Street, stated this might be asking too much but did not think it should be. He would like to see a city email address designated if someone has something they want to say or see done it can be done through that route. The person writing the note should get a response within two days and if there is something that needs to be taken care of like construction, it should be done in 30 days. He does not think this council or the government here is listening to the people. They only listen to certain ones. He would like to see that opened up and all of the complaints or notes given to the council with each step taken. He would like to see that set up as a policy.

CONSIDER USDA-RD WATER/SEWER PROJECT INVOICES: Mr. Sawyer advised this is the way the USDA want the invoices processed. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded to approve RD Water Invoices No. 52611 in the amount of \$558.89 and 52808 in the amount of \$14,184.01 and RD Sewer Invoices No. 52610 in the amount of \$1,334.27 and 52807 in the amount of \$16,106.53.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING – 2011/2012 BUDGET: Sarrazin moved, Jessen seconded to leave the regular session and enter a public hearing for 2011/2012 Budget.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Sawyer advised it has been a difficult budget process. The budget recognizes the loss of one-third of the city's state revenue sharing, which is about \$30,000. The budget maintains the current service levels up until October 1, which will see a reduction in police coverage if a budget amendment is not in place by that time.

Bill Lulham asked how much more money will be put into the casino. The city has put a lot of money into it because it has gone through the DDA, which is an entity of the city so the money is being moved back and forth. He thought the city was investing in a lost cause because it will never pay the city back. The money should be spent on sidewalk or road repairs instead of the casino. He does not see how the city is going to benefit so if the DDA has a lot of money to play around with in the casino then it has too much money. He asked the city council to review this and put the money back into the city. Councilperson Haskins stated it is very clear to him that the argument is not against the DDA; it is against the community center. By taking away the ability of the community center to make decisions for itself, it would satisfy what Mr. Lulham actually wants which is to stop putting money into the community center. Mr. Lulham stated it looks like a lot of money is going into the community center that could be used elsewhere. The DDA was set up to help the downtown merchants improve their businesses or buildings. Apparently, they do not need any more money. He questioned if the DDA is going to do anything to make the downtown better. Councilperson Haskins asked Mr. Lulham when the last time he was inside the community center. Mr. Lulham advised six or eight months ago. Councilperson Haskins asked to Mr. Lulham that he take another look at the building. Mr. Lulham asked Councilperson Haskins if the building will pay for itself. Councilperson Haskins advised yes. Mr. Lulham questioned how the building will pay for itself. Councilperson Haskins advised by fixing it to make it usable. Mr. Lulham advised it has been a white elephant for years and it will take a lot of convincing otherwise. Councilperson Haskins stated there is a group of people in this town who have been volunteering so much. When he looks out his window in the morning, he has seen two people in this room donate over \$100,000 in labor. He asked Mr. Lulham again to take a look at the building to see the valiant effort being put in the building. Mr. Lulham asked if any marketing has been done to make it pay for itself. Councilperson Haskins advised the building is not ready for that yet. Mr. Lulham asked how much has been put into the building now. Councilperson Haskins asked Mr. Sawyer for that figure. Mr. Sawyer advised between the volunteer labor, concessions and gifts by contractors about \$150,000 to \$200,000 has been put into the building. The money spent includes two \$50,000 advances to the committee and \$75,000 has been paid back. Mr. Lulham asked who is paying the money back. Mr. Sawyer advised the community center committee from their fundraising efforts. The \$100,000 has nothing to do with the DDA. The DDA has given \$40,000 and the city has spent about \$20,000 over the past three years. Councilperson Sarrazin stated the council made a commitment to either raze it or fix it. There are some big hearted people in this town that came forward and stated they were going to fight for the building. These people have made a gallant effort to make it happen. If Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Kerridge give up and don't give a damn anymore and the building has to be torn down, the city has blown over \$300,000 it has spent on that building over the last 20 years. Buildings cost money and are cash cows that need money to fix them when they fall apart. We made a commitment and shame on us all, but it was a yes or no decision. Councilperson Jessen stated there was no commitment. The

council voted not to put a dime into it. Mayor Kerridge advised no. Councilperson Jessen stated the council has bent over backwards to loan the committee the money, but the council said they were not putting a dime into it. Mayor Kerridge advised he was not going to argue that. Councilperson Jessen asked if he remembered the vote. Councilperson Sarrazin stated it was when the advance was offered. Mr. Sawyer advised there might have been a statement by an individual councilmember but there was never a motion. Councilperson Sarrazin stated he feels bad that cuts are going to have to be made. Mr. Lulham asked the city council to cut the spending back a little and put more money into the city. Councilperson Sarrazin stated there has been discussion about setting a limit and it is very close to that. Councilperson Jessen asked why the city would give the DDA \$10,000. There was \$10,000 taken out of the city improvement fund and given to the DDA. It might not be connected but that is what he is asking. Mr. Sawyer asked what page Councilperson Jessen was on. Councilperson Jessen advised page 5 funds 245 and 248. The city improvement fund went down from \$202,000 to \$192,000 whereas the DDA fund went up from \$187,000 to \$197,000. The city improvement fund lost \$10,000 and the DDA fund gained \$10,000. Mr. Sawyer stated there is no correlation between the two funds and have nothing to do with Councilperson Jessen's question. Councilperson Jessen advised he supposes that is one explanation. Mr. Sawyer stated he was unsure of what he was looking at. Councilperson Jessen advised it looks like \$10,000 is coming from the city, is going to the DDA and the DDA then gives it to the community center. Mr. Sawyer advised the DDA captures a certain amount of city taxes, county taxes and school taxes, but the city does not fund the DDA. The city has the ability to dissolve the DDA and there is no requirement to have a DDA. If there was no DDA, the city would get an additional \$19,000 in the general fund. There is no direct money appropriated from the general fund to the DDA.

Dawn Rodriguez, 411 S. Shiawassee Street, stated she heard the council approve almost \$9,000 out of the general fund for the casino so her question is how much more money is going to come out of the general fund to go into the casino because she believes most of the city services come out of the general fund which takes care of the cemetery, parks, etc. She is concerned about taking money out of the general fund especially if the city is going to take a big cut from the state. Councilperson Sarrazin stated the council approved \$9,000 worth of expenditures. Mr. Sawyer advised the expenditures approved were from all the funds and not just the general fund. Ms. Rodriguez stated she is concerned about what is covered by the general fund and asked if anyone could explain that. Mr. Sawyer advised the general fund is comprised of several departments such as the city council, city manager's office, internal services, city clerk/treasurer, assessor, elections, municipal building, police department, fire department, public works department which includes all areas that are not in other funds such as leaf & brush pickup, planning commission, zoning board of appeals and property and liability insurance. City services is a department and it transfers various allocations to the various funds for support. Parks and recreation and cemetery are supported by the general fund or they would not exist because they do not generate enough revenue. The parks improvement fund is where the money being donated is going into including the DDA contributions. The city has budgeted \$2,500 going into the parks improvement fund next budget year. The municipal building fund is where the \$9,000 came out of for the community center tuck-pointing. The dam fund has general monies going into it for legal bills. The largest

transfer from the general fund is into the retiree benefit fund which is paying for existing and future retiree related benefits. Ms. Rodriguez stated as a resident she would be cautious that there are no hidden line items for the casino in the general fund.

Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings Street, stated he has no doubts that the casino looks nice but has not been down to see it. He came before this body a year ago and asked for one thing as an investor in this corporation; he wanted to see a check and balance paper which shows how much the building has taken in over the past several years and how much was paid out, and he was told there were no figures. As an investor, that shook him as it should have the council. This information would have told the council how it would pay for things in the future. The second thing that bothers him is the DDA was extended down to the park. The downtown area has 11 vacant buildings that the DDA cannot see because they are spending too much time at the casino. The city needs people in the buildings because it looks awful. The city centre has one renter and it should bother people especially the DDA. The last thing he would like to say is he hopes the city's essential services are not going to be cut. The city does not have enough people to maintain it, and if council does not believe it, they should take a walk around the city. It is beginning to look pretty bad. He also wants a police officer when he needs one whether it is day or night, and if the city has to hire another one, he does not care. If he needs the department of public works, he wants one available. That is what small towns are all about. If he was running the budget, he would start cutting the non-essential services and there are a lot of them in the budget to make sure the people in this community have the services they are paying for. There was an ad in the paper tonight that the city wants people to take care of the sled hill which is another project on the list that cannot be taken care of. He asked the city council not to slash the police department and fire department. He asked the council to give Mr. Crawford an extra man because there are only four people to take care of this town. People are complaining because there are not enough people to do the work. He asked council to take a look where people can be added instead of getting rid of them. Councilperson Reichert stated he had a procedural question. There was talk at the last meeting about how to handle the police department contract concessions. He felt the city needs a budget based on department of public work concessions that may or may not be offered. He asked what the procedures will be on July 1 if there are no concessions and if there would be immediate layoffs or if it would come to the council. Mr. Sawyer advised very little of the long term saving plan will be affected July 1. There will be no economic impacts for the first six months which will allow time to research cheaper health insurance plans and contract concessions. Councilperson Johnson stated at the last budget workshop she thought the department of public works was included when the council gave the police department concessions until October 1 and asked if that was part of Councilperson Reichert's motion. Councilperson Reichert advised it was only the police department. He further advised he felt the whole council should be kept up to speed on the negotiations and should have a say in the decisions. It should also give management direction on them. The whole council should have a say in those decisions. Sarrazin moved, Jessen seconded to leave the public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Johnson, Reichert, Mehig, Sarrazin, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:06 p.m.

CONSIDER 2011/2012 BUDGET ADOPTION: Sarrazin moved, Mehig seconded to adopt the following 2011/2012 general fund budget in the amount of \$1,648,934 as presented:

RESOLUTION 051611-01 TO ADOPT THE BUDGET

**WHEREAS**, The City Charter of the City of Corunna states that “Not later than the third Monday in May the Council shall, by resolution, adopt the budget for the next fiscal year and shall in such resolution appropriate the money required for such budget and provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes....”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget appropriations for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 after recommendation by the City Manager and as adopted by the City Council as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
		\$1,648,934	
<b><u>Dept. #</u></b>	<b><u>Dept. Name</u></b>		
101	City Council		\$30,118
172	City Manager’s Office		\$124,081
203	Internal Services		\$91,672
255	City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office		\$104,796
257	Assessment/Planning & Review		\$86,583
262	Elections		\$2,500
265	Municipal Building		\$45,862
301	Police		\$377,677
302	Crossing Guard		\$1,772
336	Fire		\$63,372
441	Public Works		\$287,479
721	Planning Commission		\$750
731	ZBA		\$250
851	Insurance and Risk Management		\$18,883
967	City Services		\$413,139
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,648,934</b>	<b>\$1,648,934</b>

**BE IT**, the same is hereby adopted, and the amount therein provided as recommended; appropriations are hereby appropriated according to the departmental totals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to carry out the provisions of the above described budget, the following tax rate shall be applied to the completed assessment roll with a taxable valuation of 56 million, 423 thousand, 174 dollars as approved by the City of Corunna Board of Review, and as required by Michigan Constitution, and be applied

to all properties subject to the Industrial Facilities Taxes which have a complete assessment roll valuation of 3 Million, 760 thousand, 800 dollars at one half the tax rate.

Total City Tax Levy for General Fund Purposes July 1, 2011 = 13.3044 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment.

Total City Debt Tax Levy for City Improvements July 1, 2011 = 4.8342 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment.

Total City Debt Tax Levy for the Community District Library July 1, 2011 = 0.5000 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment.

Total City Debt Tax Levy for the Public Transportation July 1, 2011 = 0.2500 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment, subject to all related provisions of the Truth in Taxation and Headlee Amendment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to adopt the following budget appropriations:

**INDEPENDENT REVENUE FUNDS**

Pine Tree Perpetual	150	\$9,000
Major Street Fund	202	\$176,241
Local Street Fund	203	\$100,232
Fire Equipment Capital Fund	206	\$72,250
Fire Operations Fund	207	\$110,764
Parks & Recreation Fund	208	\$183,730
Cemetery Fund	209	\$36,775
Parks Improvement Fund	211	\$25,940
Municipal Building Fund	213	\$136,069
Forest Management Fund	215	\$1,000
Centennial Fund	219	\$500
Fourth of July Commission	220	\$29,050
Softball Commission	223	\$33,300
Historical Commission	224	\$18,000
Economic Development	244	\$60,131
City Improvements Fund	245	\$290,534
DDA Operating	248	\$238,584
Building/Zoning Fund	249	\$28,700
DDA Parking	251	\$5,025
DDA/County Parking	252	\$10,075
1996 Equalization Facility Bonds Payable Fund	365	\$50,080
1998 MTF Bonds Payable	368	\$21,813
2000 G.O. Limited Tax Bonds	370	\$88,790

2001 G.O. Limited Tax Bonds	372	\$10
2005 G.O. Limited Tax Bonds	374	\$81,218
'06 G.O. Limited Tax Bonds	375	\$83,011
'10 G.O. Limited Tax Bonds	376	\$39,958
'11 Water Supply System Revenue Bond	377	\$72,663
'11 Sewer Collection System Revenue Bond #1	378	\$55,875
'11 SWQIF Revenue Bond	379	\$46,125
'11 Sewer Collection System Revenue Bond #2	381	\$3,975
North Shiawassee Street Construction	415	\$0
East Corunna Avenue	416	\$38,000
West Corunna Avenue Enhancement	419	\$0
Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Fund	420	\$25,000
Industrial Development Fund	422	\$27,500
Dam Construction	423	\$15,000
DDA Custodial	424	\$47,500
'11 Water Supply Construction	426	\$1,000,000
'11 Sewer Collection Construction	427	\$1,200,000
'11 SWQIF Construction	428	\$600,000
Waste Water Repair/Replace/Imp Fund	490	\$453,084
Water Repair/Replace/Imp Fund	491	\$215,946
Transportation Fund	588	\$14,229
Waste Water Collection Fund	590	\$486,666
Water Fund	591	\$491,194
Rubbish Collection	596	\$83,525
Motor Vehicle Pool Fund	661	\$152,281
Tax Collections Fund	703	\$2,873,031
Retiree Benefits Fund	731	\$215,104
OPEB Trust Fund	736	\$5,100

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager as Chief Administrative Officer be allowed to exceed any line item within any specific department or fund including both revenues and expenditures providing that the total end of the year expenditures titled "Total" or "Grand Total" for the department or fund at issue does not exceed the original appropriation, and if the total department or fund appropriation should exceed either of the above prior to such exceeding, the City Council must make a supplemental adjustment to the appropriation.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Sarrazin, Haskins, Mehig.

No: Jessen, Johnson.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER 2011/2012 FEE SCHEDULE: Mr. Sawyer reviewed the changes to the proposed fee schedule concerning water and sewer rates, cemetery grave spaces and openings, foundations and niche openings. Bob Delaney reviewed the proposed building/zoning, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permit fees as well as the applications. Councilperson Reichert stated he was concerned that the city is going to make more money with the revised fees and did not think this is the time to make money. He was

bothered that the fees will be doubled if a permit is not pulled. Mr. Delaney advised it is state law to double the fees if a permit is not pulled before work begins. Mr. Sawyer advised the building inspector is given some discretion on whether to double the permit fees. Mr. Delaney advised he treats people the way he wants to be treated. Ms. Lawson advised the rental inspection program is something the council needs to talk about. Most of the people are in compliance but there are people who do not respond and the office staff needs to know what to do with them. She informed the city manager that the ordinance needs to be revised so some meat can be put into it. The city has a lot of people who do not pay or have their homes inspected, and it is costly to take people to court. She has found some ordinances that address this issue, and when the ordinance comes to the council, she hopes the council will embrace it. The houses not being inspected are the ones that need to be inspected and the owners know they have an issue. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded to approve the 2011/2012 Fee Schedule as presented. Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Haskins, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF COUNCILPERSON DON MEHIGH: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to accept the resignation of Councilperson Don Mehig effective June 1, 2011 with regret. Councilperson Johnson stated it has been an honor. Councilperson Mehig stated it has been an honor and pleasure being on the council for 10 years. It has been a real joy working with the city staff that has done an outstanding job for the city. Councilperson Jessen thanked Councilperson Mehig for his commitment. Mr. Sawyer stated a plaque has been ordered and Councilperson Mehig will be invited to a future meeting so he can be presented with the plaque.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Jessen, Mehig, Sarrazin, Johnson. Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MILLER TO THE CORUNNA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded to appoint Steve Miller to the Corunna Downtown Development Authority serving at the pleasure of the council with term to expire December 31, 2013.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Mehig, Jessen, Johnson, Reichert, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bill Lulham stated as a former councilmember and citizen he commends Councilperson Mehig for his years of service. A lot of hours are put in for the little pay a councilmember receives.

Dawn Rodriguez thanked Councilperson Mehig for all of the help he has given the city and it is appreciated.

Judy Horton stated she sat and listened to the citizens who spoke about the community center. She knows there are those on the council that are not real forthcoming with this, but a remarkable job has been done down there with the money that has been given to work with. She spent a lot of hours down there this winter with the mayor and Mr. Sawyer. She cannot remember what the building use to be rented for, but she has been told the building is the largest building in the area to accommodate a crowd. She believes the upstairs will seat 400 people and the downstairs will seat close to 200 people. She hopes when the building gets to the point where it can be rented that it is rented at least one day every weekend. It looks like a mess right now, but it is a mess that everyone will be proud of once it can be rented. She further stated she felt the building could be rented for \$700. She asked everyone to please bear with us.

Merilee Lawson stated this has been her community for many years and as a city planner she tries to create ordinances that will improve the quality of life for everybody. For her family, the community center is a quality of life for this community. She has read in past minutes that there has been support from previous councils for that building. She agrees that the sled hill and sidewalks take more maintenance, but last week, she spoke to someone who was interested in purchasing a house at the corner of Norton Street and Converse Street. He asked her what the property taxes would be because he and his wife want to be next to the park. It really hit her that the park is a huge gathering place. She begged to have the community center supported because she sees it as a break even or money making venue. She will continue to give \$400 or \$500 to the community center for as long as it takes. She further stated there were many years that nothing was done to the building and now the city has to back track.

Councilperson Mehig stated he thought it was going to be quite expensive to tear it down. Mr. Sawyer advised about \$15,000 or \$20,000. Mr. Sawyer stated per Councilperson Reichert's request, he provided a 15 year history on the building. He believes the building was returned to the city from the county around 1990 when Mr. Johnson was mayor. It had been maintained by the county and the fair board. Councilperson Mehig stated the city was paid \$1.00 per year plus any damages done to it.

Helen Granger stated the city has a community center that can become the center of this community. This is a community that has come together as a community. The volunteerism is amazing considering the amount of money that has been raised by individuals and is unheard of. One of the reasons she moved to Corunna was for quality of life issues.

Councilperson Jessen stated as far as the community center he is only going to say this one more time. It is not that he is against the community center. It is the fact that he felt the money could be better spent other places. He would hope that the community center would make money but it is a gamble. It could be the most beautiful place in Oz and not make a dime. As far as being the center of the community, he did not know about that. Ms. Horton asked him to go down there on a busy day. Councilperson Jessen stated it

might be the center for the day but not the center for the community. Donna Kerridge asked if he had ever been down there for a breakfast, Easter or Halloween. Councilperson Jessen advised yes.

ROUNDTABLE: Councilperson Mehigh advised it has been a pleasure working for the community and thought it was better now than it ever has been. He thanked everybody.

Councilperson Jessen thanked Councilperson Mehigh and wished him well.

Councilperson Sarrazin thanked Councilperson Mehigh and advised it has been a pleasure working with him. Councilperson Sarrazin stated he cannot believe the amount of people in the park every day. The park is buzzing with people and he does not know where they come from. The playscape is covered with kids. It is nice to see people come here and play while people are getting shot 20 minutes from here. He is happy to be here and it is a great community.

Councilperson Johnson stated she is probably one of the people Ms. Horton is talking about, but she has been upfront with everybody. She voted to lend the committee the first money, but she felt the money needs to start being put somewhere else. The committee has done a fantastic job and nobody has ever said the committee has not worked over and above and she hopes it does do well. The department of public works and office staff are number one for her and that is who she is going to fight for. Councilperson Johnson further stated she would like to commend the three police agencies that were at the apartment building fire. They saved the lives of those people because they were all sleeping. She thanked Chief Johnson, his officers and firemen for doing a fabulous job. It does not look like it, but they did a fantastic job. She thanked the department of public works for what they encountered. She sat and watched them and they did a fantastic job too. The city has a great bunch of departments here, and when it is time, we should thank them. Councilperson Johnson thanked Councilperson Mehigh and advised it has been a pleasure working with him and she has learned a lot from him.

Councilperson Haskins thanked the fire department and advised after the apartment fire they had to go to another fire and they just carried on even though they were exhausted. He advised Councilperson Mehigh it has been a privilege serving with him and he is an absolute gentleman who is a quiet giant when it comes to knowledge. Councilperson Haskins stated he has the best seat in town to see the community center. He sees people working there every morning and cannot help to stress that the volunteers are remarkable. It helps to define a community when there is a project and felt the community center is a very important place. He encouraged people to take a look inside the building with an open mind. It is a good project and the city will have a wonderful platform. He hopes he and his band mates can contribute something this summer to help raise money. He has done a lot of charitable work in Chelsea and Clio and it is time to do something for his community. He is sure there are musical groups in the area that would do the same thing.

Councilperson Reichert thanked Councilperson Mehigh and advised his time is greatly appreciated. Councilperson Reichert stated now that the budget is behind us, he wanted

to commend the citizens, employees, administration and council. It has been a horrible process for everyone involved and he thought the council has done a pretty decent job of getting things fair for everyone. The budget is reasonable considering the money the city has.

Mayor Kerridge thanked Councilperson Mehig for serving and advised he will be missed. He further advised he hopes the city can do everything the budget says the city can do and make everybody happy as much as possible. It is not easy, but we have a real nice community. He lived in another community before moving to Corunna and was never involved in the community. When he moved here, he got involved. This is a nice community to be in. He hopes everyone can work together because this is what it takes.

ADJOURN: Mehig moved, Jessen seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Mehig, Sarrazin, Haskins, Johnson, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:55 p.m.

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Charles Kerridge, Mayor

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Merilee Lawson, Recording Secretary