

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer

Mayor Renner requested those present to remain standing for a moment of silent prayer.

4. Roll Call

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin and Karen Schmidt.

David Hales, City Manager; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; and Jeffery Jurgens, Corporate Counsel; Steve Rasmussen, Asst. City Manager; and other city staff were also present.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. He added that there would not be a response from the City under the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Renner noted that fourteen (14) Public Comment Cards were received.

The following individuals provided comments during Public Comment:

Bill Spencer
Bruce Meeks
Frank Schuler
Steve Bridges
Dave Magers
Patricia Martin
Gary Lambert

Jeanine Shaw
Alton Franklin
Elizabeth Greber
Marty Seigel
Robert McBeath
Judy Stearns
Donna Boelen

6. Recognition/Appointments

The following was presented:

Item 6A. Recognition of Chief Brendan Heffner receiving an award from the NAACP organizations Merlin Kennedy Community Service Award.

Item 6B. Proclamation Golden Prairie Public Library District 25th Anniversary
September 16, 2015

Item 6C. Award of Certificate, Diana Krieg and Dawn Peters for Heritage Recognition
for
the restoration of the property located at 402 E. Grove Street.

Item 6D. Award of Certificate, Stephen J. Burkart for Heritage Recognition for the
restoration of the property located at 607 S. Clinton Street.

Item 6E. Award of Certificate, Mike and Judy Evans for Heritage Recognition for the
restoration of the property located at 701 W. Wood Street.

Item 6F. Award of Certificate, Joe and Ruth Haney for Heritage Recognition for the
restoration and adaptive reuse of the property located at 407-409 W. Washington Street.

Mayor Renner acknowledged the reappointment of Thomas Good to the Public
Building Commission (McLean County).

Mayor Renner acknowledged the appointment of Jeff R. Brown to the Board of
Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Renner acknowledged the appointment of Tristan Bullington to the Board of
Zoning Appeals.

7. "Consent Agenda"

Mayor Renner called on the council to see if any items could be eliminated from the agenda.
Alderman Lower requested Item 7C. Alderman Buragas requested Item 7G.

Mayor Renner called for Motion to Approve Agenda as presented with exception of 7C and 7G.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black move to approve the items on Consent with the exception of Items 7C and 7G.

Alderman Fruin, With regard to consent or regular agenda, I have not received monies or financial benefits from any of the individuals or organizations referenced in the specific agenda items. Thank you.

Ayes: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin and Karen Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Council Proceedings of August 24, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Proceedings of August 25, 2015 be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Black, Fruin, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Proceedings of August 24, 2015, be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially sound City providing quality basic services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

BACKGROUND: The Council Proceedings of August 24, 2015, have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk.

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings must be approved within thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the Council's second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings are made available for public inspection and posted to the City's web site within ten (10) days after Council approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Cherry L. Lawson, C.M.C., City Clerk

Recommended by:

David A. Hales, City Manager

The following item was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of approving Bills and Payroll

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Bills and Payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Black, Fruin, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the bills and payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially sound City providing quality basic services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total disbursements to be approved \$ 9,632,947.28. (Payroll total \$2,488,796.57 and Accounts Payable total \$ 7,144,150.71).

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Patti-Lynn Silva, Director of Finance

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following item was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of approving an addendum to the Bills & Payroll report identified Electronic Payments. (Pulled from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that Council formally approves the addendum to Bills & Payroll Report - identified electronic payments made for City expenditures.

Alderman Lower requested clarification on this item, noting that some of these were before he was elected. Said that we needed to slow down, look at all of these, and conduct more due diligence as he and Finance Director Patti Lynn were coming in the middle of this issue.

City Manager Hales stated we asked the Council to retroactively approve the wires transfers of funds to meet contractual and statutory obligations. These include: employee benefits extensions, taxes, insurance, service payments, non-discretionary payments, etc. These were all approved items contained within the annual budget for the City Council. At one point, they were deleted from the bills and payroll, and no one caught this. It was brought to our attention, and we need to make sure that this accidental deletion does not happen again. Accidents happen, but we just need to learn from it and fix it, especially considering our few manpower resources.

Alderman Black, read a sentence from the background report; "If an expenditure is not within the existing budget or budget authority, the expenditure reverts back to the City Council to approve for a budget amendment". Clarified that this a reporting issue and not a financial issue. Approved the motion as presented.

Alderman Black motion to approve, Alderman Schmidt seconded the motion to approve Item 7C as presented.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: Alderman Lower

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That Council formally approves the addendum to the Bills & Payroll report - identified electronic payments made for City expenditures.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially sound City providing quality basic services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1a. Budget with adequate resources to support defined services and level of services.

BACKGROUND:

The City's Finance Department is required to report to the City Council all payments made for City expenditures. This is done by presentation of the Bills & Payroll Report normally seen on the consent agenda at each meeting. Unfortunately, it was recently brought to our attention that some electronic payments (wire transfers, automated clearing house (ACHs) and direct debits) stopped appearing on the Bills & Payroll Report as they had in the past. This included electronic transfers for certain contractual and statutory obligations, employee-benefit expenses (taxes, insurance), debt service payments, investments, and re-investments after maturity and credit card expenses. Including these items on the Bills & Payroll Report was a practice in place several years ago that unintentionally stopped at some point during staff transitions.

Even before making it to the Bills & Payroll Report, the Finance Department first verifies that all expenditures have been approved by Council during the annual budget process, and expenditures that are bid and/or require contracts above certain dollar amounts come back to Council for additional approval. If an expenditure is not within the existing budget or budget authority, the expenditure reverts back to Council to approve a budget amendment. Accordingly, these electronic transactions go through a multi-level internal approval process and are reported monthly in the monthly financial report to Council. In addition, these expenditures are included in the City's annual Treasurer's Report as required by state law and filed with the County. Also, all financial transactions, including all expenditures, are subject to the City's annual financial statement audit.

For transparency and auditing purposes, this memo is requesting approval to the Bills & Payroll Addendum Report listing the sum each year, by vendor of electronic payments for the last three fiscal years through August (see attached listing).

Finance has reviewed its process and has now corrected this procedure. Accordingly, these expenditures will again be included specifically with the Bills & Payroll Report as they are incurred going forward.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Financial & budgetary review by:

Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by:

Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving a Reappointment to the Public Building Commission (McLean County), and Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that Thomas Good be reappointed to the Public Building Commission (McLean County) and that Jeff R. Brown and Tristan Bullington be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

SUBJECT: Consideration of approving a Reappointment to the Public Building Commission (McLean County) and Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That Thomas Good be reappointed to the Public Building Commission (McLean County) and that Jeff R. Brown and Tristan Bullington be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 4. Strong neighborhoods.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations.

BACKGROUND: I ask your concurrence in the reappointment of:

Thomas Good of 1314 Crown Court, Bloomington, IL, 61704, to the Public Building Commission (McLean County). His five (5) year term will be 10/1/15 – 9/30/20. Application is on file in the Administration Office.

I ask your concurrence in the appointments of:

Jeff R. Brown of 408 Leland, Bloomington, IL, 61701, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He will be fulfilling the unexpired term of William Zimmerman who resigned his position effective June 20, 2015. Jeff's term will be effective immediately and expire 4/30/16. Application is on file in the Administration Office.

Tristan Bullington of 1310 Beverly Lane, Bloomington, IL, 61701, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Amelia Buragas who was elected to the Bloomington City Council in 2015. Tristan's term will be effective immediately and expire 4/30/17. Application is on file in the Administration Office.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Mayor contacts all recommended appointments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration for approval.

Prepared by: M. Beth Oakley, Executive Asst.

Recommended by:

Tari Renner
Mayor

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of approving a Resolution calling on the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Union Pacific Railroad to Address Construction Issues at Market Street Railroad Bridge Crossing.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Resolution Calling on the Illinois Department of Transportation and Union Pacific Railroad to Address Construction Issues be passed.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the Resolution Calling on the Illinois Department of Transportation and Union Pacific Railroad to Address Construction Issues be passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 2: Upgrade Infrastructure and Facilities

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective d. Well-designed, well-maintained City facilities emphasizing productivity and customer service.

BACKGROUND: The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is in the process of using federal funding to upgrade the Union Pacific (UP) railroad tracks from Chicago to St. Louis in order to provide High Speed Rail (HSR) train travel along the corridor. As part of that project, the UP railroad bridge over Market Street, at Morris Avenue, has been replaced. That bridge replacement work began at the end of March, 2015, at which time Market Street was closed to traffic and has not yet been re-opened. The HSR project work to replace the railroad bridge also includes work to replace the Market Street pavement near the structure because the new bridge is longer than the old and allows for additional lane width under the new bridge. The original proposed schedule called for completion of the UP bridge and Market Street pavement work by June 13, 2015. The UP Contractor did experience delays because underground fiber utilities were in conflict with the new retaining wall at the northeast quadrant of the project. However, once those conflicts were resolved, the retaining wall was not completed in a timely manner.

The retaining wall northeast of the bridge is now complete and the pavement contractor has begun work on underground drainage structures in preparation to begin pavement work. The current work schedule provided by the HSR Project shows a completion date for all work of October 24, 2015.

Because of past HSR Project schedule overruns and delays in work completion, and also because the closure of Market Street continues to impact local businesses and the public, this proposed Resolution urges the HSR Project owner and funding organization, the UP Railroad and IDOT respectively, to perform work in completion of this project with all due diligence until Market Street is opened again to traffic.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Greg Kallevig, PE, CFM, Civil Engineer II

Reviewed by: Jim Karch, PE, CFM, Director of Public Works

Reviewed by:

Financial & budgetary review by: N/A

Legal review by:

Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales

City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of review, analysis of Bids, and the approval of a Contract with Mid-Illinois Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$192,400 for the replacement of hot water heating boilers in the Lake Bloomington Water Treatment Plant, (Bid#2016-07).

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the contract with Mid Illinois Mechanical, Inc. for replacement of hot water heating boilers in the Lake Bloomington Water Treatment Plant through Bid#2016-07 in the amount of \$192,400 be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the staff recommendation be accepted, that the contract with Mid-Illinois Mechanical, Inc. for replacement of hot water heating boilers in the Lake Bloomington Water Treatment Plant through Bid#2016-07 in the amount of \$192,400 be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 2. Upgrade City Infrastructure & Facilities.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 2d. Well-designed, well maintained City facilities emphasizing productivity and customer service.

BACKGROUND: The original water treatment plant building (now designated the Water Plant Annex) is an integral, functioning, part of our treatment facilities campus. The building houses the pumps that withdraw water from Lake Bloomington, our primary chemistry and microbiology laboratory facilities, our machine shop, approximately 10 million gallons per day of filtration capacity, along with storage and office space.

In 2014, one of the two boilers in the facility failed. The Base Bid involves replacement of the failed boiler. Alternate 1 includes replacing the second boiler. Fortunately, we were able to operate using the remaining boiler last winter without incident. Prudent standard operating practice requires a backup boiler to prevent damage to the building and the water treatment

systems housed therein in the event of a failure. In extreme, long duration, frigid conditions both boilers can be operated to maintain adequate temperature. Since the functioning boiler is the same age as the failed boiler, Staff recommend including the Alternate in the project.

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATE 1	TOTAL BID
Mid Illinois Mechanical, Inc.	\$97,500	\$94,900	\$192,400
Pipeworks, Inc.	\$120,500	\$118,800	\$239,300

Mid Illinois Mechanical's submittal was technically incomplete since it did not include a copy of the Addendum issued during the bid process. The addendum mainly provided clarification about building access and heating controls and did not change the original scope of work. In this situation, as the addendum did not change the original scope of work or increase any contractual requirements, staff believes the failure to include the addendum was a minor technicality that gave them no advantage in the bidding process and would not have been at the detriment to any other bidder. Accordingly, as the bid documents allow the waiver of technicalities, such a waiver is recommended in this case. The remainder of their submittal was in conformance with the City's procurement policies. Their submittal included references which were contacted as part of the evaluation process. Contacted references provided positive reviews of Mid Illinois Mechanicals project performance and quality.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: This work was advertised in The Pantagraph on August 17, 2015 and a pre-bid meeting was held at the Water Treatment Plant at 10:00 a.m. on August 21, 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The FY2016 budget includes funding for this work. Pending Council approval, payment will be from Water Purification-Capital Outlay Equipment Other than Office Account (50100130-72140) after a transfer of budgeted funds in the amount of \$192,400 from Water Purification-Other Professional & Technical Services (50100130-70220). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on page 102.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Russel Waller, P.E., Facilities Manger
Rick Twait, Superintendent of Water Purification

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Interim Director of Water

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla Murillo, Budget Manager

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for Design and Construction Plan Preparation of Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation, RFQ No. 2015 - 26 (Ward 4). (Pulled from the Consent Agenda)

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. (FGI) for engineering survey, analysis, design, specification and plan preparation, and bidding services for Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation in the amount of \$220,336.58 be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Alderman Lower asked how much more this project will cost just for the possibility in the future of using this for an underpass for the Constitution Trail.

City Manager Hales: Memo states that it is going to cost an additional \$300,000.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: Alderman Lower

Recuse: Alderman Buragas

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. (FGI) for engineering survey, analysis, design, specification and plan preparation, and bidding services for Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation in the amount of \$220,336.58 be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 2 - Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 2a "Better quality roads and sidewalks", and 2d "Well-designed, well-maintained City facilities emphasizing productivity and customer service".

BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW: The Linden Street Bridge is located approximately 250 feet north of Emerson Street. Severe deterioration along the center longitudinal joint, on the underside of the deck, has required traffic to be barricaded off of the middle lane. Concrete and steel reinforcing bar deterioration is also evident on several other areas of the deck as well.

In October of 2013, FGI prepared a report of inspection for the Linden Street Bridge that concluded IDOT analysis procedures recommend replacement of the bridge deck. Because of the future proposed alignment of a branch of Constitution Trail along Sugar Creek, Council direction was sought for including a bike trail underpass with the Linden Street Bridge rehabilitation project. A bike trail underpass presentation was given to Council at the Work Session held May 11, 2015 where Council gave Staff approval to include design for a trail underpass with the bridge rehabilitation project. The additional cost to construct a trail underpass was estimated at \$300,000 above the cost of bridge deck replacement construction, totaling \$900,000 for all construction costs.

FGI was selected using the Professional Services Qualifications Based Selection Process. This process involved:

- (1) Sending out Request for Qualifications (RFQ) specific to the project,
- (2) Reviewing the submitted Statement of Qualifications based on the criteria outlined in the RFQ and narrowing the thirteen (13) submittals down to the top three consultants,
- (3) Interviewing these three consultants, and
- (4) Selecting a top consultant and negotiating a fee with them.

These four tasks are often referred to as a two-step professional services selection process. The City's procurement agent reviewed this process and confirmed that the procedure was performed in accordance with applicable standards.

A list of the engineering firms that submitted Statements of Qualifications and the three engineering firms that were selected for interviews are attached. FGI was selected as the best firm to perform the bridge rehabilitation design because of their structures experience, and local knowledge of affected stakeholders such as the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District and other utilities.

In accordance with The Brooks Act - Federal Government Selection of Architects and Engineers (Public Law 92-582), the Illinois Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510) and the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act (30 ILCS 535), the Qualifications Based Selection Process must be followed if federal or state grants, loans or any other federal or state monies are used to fund any portion of the project.

During project scoping and design fee negotiation it was necessary for FGI to thoroughly examine all potential aspects of the work involved. During this process it was determined that a probable required increase in deck thickness would necessitate raising the Linden Street pavement to match the new bridge elevation, requiring reconstruction of a substantial portion of Linden Street pavement in each direction from the bridge deck replacement work. The additional pavement work would be necessary with or without the trail underpass work. All expected work included, the budget estimate of construction cost to replace the bridge deck is now \$1,336,000, and the budget estimate of additional cost to construct the bike trail underpass is \$247,000, for a total of \$1,583,000 for all bridge, trail underpass, and pavement construction. It is expected that engineering design will be completed with MFT funds already budgeted in FY2016 and construction work completed with MFT funds to be budgeted for FY2017.

The contract amount included in the Professional Engineering Services Contract for design will be a not-to-exceed amount. The final overall rates and fees proposed by FGI are fair, appropriate and competitive for the scope of work included.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Bloomington Citizen and Council input were sought regarding construction of an underpass for Constitution Trail.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds were budgeted in the FY 2016 Adopted budget for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000. Pending Council approval, the design and construction plan preparation will take place in FY 2016 at a cost of \$220,336.58. The construction will be re-budgeted by Public Works in the Proposed FY 2017 Budget. Stakeholders can locate this item in the FY Proposed 2016 Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" under the Motor Fuel Tax-Street Construction & Improvement (20300300-72530) on pages 10, 199, 203 and 223-224.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:	Greg Kallevig, P.E., CFM, Project Engineer
Reviewed by:	Jim Karch, PE CFM, Director of Public Works
Reviewed by:	Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager
Financial & Budgetary review by:	Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst Carla A. Murillo, Budget Manager Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director
Legal review by:	Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel
Recommended by:	
David A. Hales City Manager	

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of review, analysis and approval of proposal award and contract with PDC Laboratory, Inc. for Water sample analysis and primarily nitrate and nitrate related compounds in an amount not to exceed \$105,225.80 (RFP # 2016-02).

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that RFP No. 2016-02 and contract be awarded for additional issued for water sample analyses, and primarily nitrate and nitrate related compounds to PDC Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$105,225.80 and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order, and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That RFP No. 2016-02 and contract be awarded for additional issued for water sample analyses, and primarily nitrate and nitrate related compounds to PDC Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$105,225.80, and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1: Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1d: City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

BACKGROUND: The Water Department opts out of the IEPA lab program because of the price, as well as timeliness of reporting and accuracy in adhering to our compliance sampling schedule. Additionally, IEPA is not set up to analyze environmental samples that aren't part of a regulatory compliance schedule. The Water Department is required to perform coliform tests on eighty distribution system samples per month to ensure our water system is safe, and also perform the required microbiological testing for new construction of water mains. Bacterial tests are routinely run on samples from customers with water quality concerns.

In order to maintain certification, time and effort is required to perform the required quality control/quality assurance testing to demonstrate our reported results are valid. The volume of microbiological samples analyzed per month, and the immediate public health consequences in the unlikely event of possible contamination, justify the time and expense of maintaining certification. To maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act regulations are required to be analyzed by a laboratory certified for analysis of those chemical constituents. We are approved for certain in-house testing activities that need to be analyzed immediately, like pH, turbidity, alkalinity and hardness, and we routinely run those tests.

Due to the time required by the extra processing and the need for additional specialized instrumentation, the Water Department generally has the outside lab perform those analyses. The Water Department has a certified lab run lake and watershed samples for data consistency and validity, for additional parameters, and because of the sheer numbers of samples we need analyzed from storm runoff events and in times of rapid changes in nitrate concentration in the lakes and streams.

The City of Bloomington issued Request for Proposals for the laboratory sampling service and received two proposals back. PDC Laboratories, Inc. was the lowest proposal. Staff recommends

awarding the service to PDC Laboratory, Inc. for the following reasons: PDC has provided analysis services for our regulatory compliance and environmental samples for over a decade. They also provide services that IEPA and other laboratories do not offer, like email alerts of results and on-line access to preliminary and final test results. Those services help us address issues in a timely fashion, allowing us to maintain compliance. Below is a breakdown of the two proposals that the City received back for the services.

RFP 2016-02

PDC Laboratories	Eurofins Easton Analytical (EEA)
\$105,225.80	\$125,870.00

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: This work was advertised in The Pantagraph on May 22, 2015 and the RFP opening was held at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on August 21, 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The payments to PDC Laboratories will be made from Water Purification-Other Professional & Technical Services account (50100130-70220). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on page 102.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Brett Lueschen, Superintendent of Water Distribution

Reviewed by: Robert D. Yehl, PE, Water Director

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla A. Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of approving the purchase of one (1) Komatsu WA200-7 Wheel Loader from Roland Machinery of Springfield, IL using the Houston Galveston Area Council Joint Purchasing Bid No. EM06-15 Product Code 26D Earth Moving Equipment in the amount of \$188,255.50 scheduled replacement for the Public Works Solid Waste Division, and authorize the 2001 John Deer TC54H Wheel Loader be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the purchase of One (1) Komatsu WA200-7 Wheel Loader from Roland Machinery of Springfield, IL using the Houston Galveston Area Council joint purchasing Bid Number EM06-15 Product Code 26D earth moving equipment in the amount of \$188,225.00 be approved, authorize the 2001 John Deer TC54H Wheel Loader be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the purchase of One (1) Komatsu WA200-7 Wheel Loader from Roland Machinery of Springfield, IL using the Houston Galveston Area Council joint purchasing Bid Number EM06-15 Product Code 26D earth moving equipment in the amount of \$188,225.00 be approved, authorize the 2001 John Deer TC54H Wheel Loader be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Objective 4 – City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

BACKGROUND: Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department has a 2001 John Deere TC54H Wheel Loader with 14677 hours that is due for replacement in Fiscal Year 2016. The maintenance cost to date for this unit is \$261,243.73. FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates Dated August 15, 2015 Code ID number 8392 (Wheel Loader, Bucket Capacity 2 Cubic Yards, 105 Horse Power operating cost is \$34.50 per hour. The FEMA rates on this Schedule of Equipment Rates are for applicant-owned equipment in good mechanical condition, complete with all required attachments. Each rate covers all costs eligible under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121, et seq., for ownership and operation of equipment, including depreciation, overhead, all maintenance, field repairs, fuel, lubricants, tires, OSHA equipment and other costs incidental to operation. The City's cost of operation for this wheel loader is \$28.81 per hour. The City of Bloomington collects Bulky Waste, Brush, and Leaves from resident's homes. Wheel Loaders are used to remove these materials from the resident's yards into dump trucks located on the routes. During snow and ice events this unit can be used to plow snow, run a snow blower, or load salt in to dump trucks. The new unit will be equipped with a 4 in 1 bucket to grab Brush and large bulky items. It will also have a 10 foot snow plow and a spare 4 in 1 bucket. This purchase includes a Komatsu Care Customer Preventative Maintenance Agreement for sixty (36) months or 4000 hours. This agreement starts after the first 36 months or 2500 hours.

Maintenance during this time is covered with machine purchase. The Customer Care Agreement provides a Komatsu trained service technician to perform all Factory required scheduled maintenance for 72 months or 6500 hours. There is no travel charge. Normal wear items, misuse, and abuse is not covered. This includes S.O.S. Fluid Analysis oil sampling to monitor for excessive wear or contamination, visual inspections, and all fluid changes required by the manufacturer. The City uses these plans on heavy equipment to provide the maximum uptime of the equipment for the first six (6) years. This has been standard purchase on heavy equipment.

The replaced unit will be declared surplus and be sold on public auction at Publicsurplus.com. It is expected to bring \$20,000.00 at auction.

Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

In 1971, the Texas Legislature passed the Interlocal Cooperation Act [Texas Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791] to promote activities among local governments across Texas. Any local government or non-profit providing government services may contract or agree with one or more local governments under the terms of this Act to conduct purchasing and other administrative functions. The following excerpt from the Act states that... "The Interlocal Cooperation Act's purpose is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing the fullest possible range of inter-governmental contracting authority at the local level including contracts between all political subdivisions of the state and agencies of the state.

All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with state statutes. All units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funds totaling \$210,078 were included in the FY 2016 Budget under Capital Lease-Capital Outlay Equipment Other than Office (40110133-72140). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on pages 79 and 83.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Rob Krones, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance

Reviewed by: Jim Karch, PE CFM, Public Works Director

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of approving the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 from Bob Riding from Taylorville, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract No. 4017340 in the amount of \$38,734.00 scheduled replacement for the Water Meter Service Division, and authorize the 2006 Dodge 2500 Sprinter van be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 from Bob Ridings from Taylorville, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract No. 4017340 in the amount of \$38,734.00 be approved, authorize the 2006 Dodge 2500 Sprinter van be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 from Bob Ridings from Taylorville, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract No. 4017340 in the amount of \$38,734.00 be approved, authorize the 2006 Dodge 2500 Sprinter van be declared surplus and be sold on public auction at Publicsurplus.com, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Objective 4 – City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

BACKGROUND: Water Meter Service Division of the Water Department has a 2006 Dodge 2500 Sprinter van that is due for replacement in Fiscal Year 2016. The maintenance cost to date for this unit is \$29,748.85. This unit is used in the day to day operations for repair and maintenance of the city's water meters and water system. These operations include: new meter installation, water meter replacements, water meter repairs, water shut offs, water meter reconnects, as well as repairs to the City's water pipe distribution system. This unit will be equipped with a service bed that has a crane for lifting heavy parts and equipment.

The replaced unit will be declared surplus and be sold on public auction at Publicsurplus.com. It is expected to bring \$5,700.00 at auction.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The purchase of one (1) Ford F350 from Bob Ridings from Taylorville, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract Number 4017340 in the amount of \$38,734.00. This is included in the FY 2016 Budget under the Capital Lease-Capital Outlay Licensed Vehicle Account (40110133-72130). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on pages 79 and 83.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Rob Krones, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Superintendent of Water Distribution

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of approving the purchase of one (1) Dodge Grand Caravan from Wright Automotive from Hillsboro, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract No. 4018027 in the amount of \$19,985.00 scheduled replacement for the Water Purification Division, and authorize the 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup truck be declared surplus and be sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the purchase of one (1) Dodge Grand Caravan from Wright Automotive from Hillsboro, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract Number 4018027 in the amount of \$19,985.00 be approved and the and authorize the 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup truck be declared surplus and be sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website. Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the purchase of one (1) Dodge Grand Caravan from Wright Automotive from Hillsboro, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract No. 4018027 in the amount of \$19,985.00 be approved, declared the 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup truck as surplus and be sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Objective 4 – City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

BACKGROUND: Water Purification Division of the Water Department has a 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup up truck that is due for replacement in Fiscal Year 2016. This unit currently has 105,850 miles on it. The maintenance cost to date for this unit is \$15,121.07. Due to operational changes this unit will be replaced with a van. It is used for meetings and training in and out of town. It is also used for informational tours around the lakes, Watershed's and other parts of the water distribution system.

The replaced unit will be declared surplus and be sold on public auction at Publicsurplus.com. It is expected to bring \$4,400.00 at auction.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The new Dodge Grand Caravan from Wright Automotive from Hillsboro, IL using the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract Number 4018027 in the amount of \$19,985.00. This is included in the FY 2016 Budget under the Capital Lease-Capital Outlay Licensed Vehicle Account (40110133-72130). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on pages 79 and 83.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Rob Krones, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Interim Water Director

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by:

Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of approving the purchase of one (1) Ford F550 from Currie Motors from Frankfort, IL using the Northwest Suburban Cooperative Contract Nos. 146 and 141 in the amount of \$61,121.00 scheduled replacement for One (1) Dump Truck for the Water Department Lake Maintenance Division, and authorize the 1999 International S4700 be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the purchase of one (1) Ford F550 from Currie Motors from Frankfort, IL using the Northwest Suburban Cooperative Contract Numbers 146 and 141 in the amount of \$61,121.00 be approved, authorize the 1999 International S4700 be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the purchase of one (1) Ford F550 from Currie Motors from Frankfort, IL using the Northwest Suburban Cooperative Contract Numbers 146 and 141 in the amount of \$61,121.00 be approved, authorize the 1999 International S4700 be declared surplus and sold at public auction on Publicsurplus.com website, and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Objective 4 – City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

BACKGROUND: Lake Maintenance Division of the Water Department has a 1999 International S4700 that is due for replacement in Fiscal Year 2016. The maintenance cost to date for this unit is \$58,544.85. This unit is used in the day to day operations for repair and maintenance of the city's water system and grounds keeping at Lake Bloomington. These operations include: water main

and service repairs, ground maintenance, and storm clean up, wood chipping, gravel, dirt, and mulch hauling. During snow and ice events this unit is used to plow snow and spread salt as needed at Lake Bloomington. This unit will be equipped with a snow plow, dump bed, and a salt spreader.

The replaced unit will be declared surplus and be sold on public auction at Publicsurplus.com. it is expected to bring \$11,000.00 at auction.

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative is a cooperative of 150 municipalities in the six county areas of Northern Illinois. Every municipality and government agency in the State of Illinois is authorized to participate in this program. The City of Bloomington has successfully used this Cooperative in the past.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Ford F550 from Currie Motors from Frankfort, IL using the Northwest Suburban Cooperative Contract Numbers 146 and 141 in the amount of \$61,121.00. This is included in the FY 2016 Budget under the Capital Lease-Capital Outlay Licensed Vehicle Account (40110133-72130). Stakeholders can locate this in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget Book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement Program" on pages 79 and 83.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Rob Krones, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Superintendent of Water Distribution

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7M. Consideration of approving an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment to allow for the purchase of a new Fingerprint Scanning device to replace the existing system in the amount of \$29,192.00 to replace the existing system, and authorize the disposal of the existing Fingerprinting Scanning Device.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that an Ordinance be passed amending the Budget Ordinance to allow for an increase in expenditures to purchase the Fingerprint Scanner at a total cost of \$29,192.00, authorize the disposal of the existing Fingerprinting Scanning Device, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That an Ordinance be passed amending the Budget Ordinance to allow for an increase in expenditures to purchase the Fingerprint Scanner at a total cost of \$29,192.00, authorize the purchase of the new MorphoTrust livescan system, authorize the disposal of the existing Fingerprinting Scanning Device, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1a. Budget with adequate resources to support defined services and level of services

BACKGROUND: The aforementioned monies are comprised of remaining unspent JAG grant funds to carry over from FY2015 and monies from Drug Enforcement fund balance. This money will be used to purchase a new finger and palm print scanner for the police department for a grand total of \$29,192.00. All but \$3,074.00 of this is via a GSA Contract; three items are not covered by GSA and are sole source software from the company. The software is required to allow the system to work with the State of Illinois and other systems currently being used by the Bloomington Police Department. This purchase will be funded by a combination of federal grant money and forfeited drug funds.

In 2008, the Bloomington Police Department purchased a fingerprint scanner, which has improved the department's ability to quickly identify suspects from latent prints found at the scene of crimes. The current system, now reaching its seventh year of service, has been having intermittent hardware failures and is no longer eligible to be covered under a service plan. After March 2016, support for this particular scanner will be discontinued. If a new print scanner is not purchased, and the existing one fails, the loss of capabilities will negatively impact department operations and investigations.

The new scanner will have an added feature of scanning palm prints, which would allow the police department to identify palm prints as well as fingerprints thus increasing effectiveness. The

proposed device is similar to the current system therefore staff is familiar with the basic operation of the device which reduces the amount of training required for the new system.

The proposed system will communicate directly with the existing report management system used by law enforcement in McLean County. This system is also compatible with our current AFIX Tracker system allowing input of unidentified latent prints, known elimination prints, or known suspect prints collected from a scene for comparison. This system is not limited to local prints but also cross checks data from other agencies using AFIX tracker across the nation.

The combination of these two systems exponentially cuts down wait time when identifying suspects. Traditionally it can take 8 to 10 months to identify a latent print; however with our fingerprint scanner complementing our AFIX system, a preliminary identification can often be made within 24 hours, provided the data exists to compare against, thus saving time on both ends of the investigation. It is critical to maintain the ability to take scanned prints; if this system is not purchased, we run the risk of losing some of the aforementioned abilities and efficiencies.

To date, with the existing system, the Bloomington Police Department has been able to make identifications in approximately 135 felony cases. Additionally, the department has a few hundred cases uploaded in the system which could result in identifications if future matching prints are uploaded locally or elsewhere. These numbers do not take into account the amount of time saved by the system by quickly eliminating a set of prints from scrutiny due to explainable reasons for their presence.

The existing system has little or no value as is, but the police department will attempt to locate and transfer to another agency that can potentially use the current system, otherwise it will be disposed of.

IN SUMMARY:

- The current scanning system is over seven years old, having intermittent hardware failures, is not eligible to be covered by a service agreement, and will no longer be supported after March 2016.
- The proposed system will be entirely paid for using grant and seized funds.
- The proposed system has the added feature of allowing for palm prints.
- The proposed system and its peripherals are available via GSA pricing, excluding three software components which are proprietary to the company and are required to facilitate communications with the State of Illinois and existing department systems.
- Continued use of the system adds to departmental efficiency by potentially reducing the time required for preliminary latent print identification significantly.
- The proposed system will communicate with both local and external systems.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Attachment #1: Vender Quote

Attachment #2: Sole source letter for three items on quote not available via GSA

Attachment #3: Limited Source Justification Form

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Pending Council approval of this purchase and budget amendment, the FY 2016 will be updated as follows:

- Increase in the amount of \$21,553.00 to FY2016 revenue line 10015110-53155 (Police Administration-JAG Grant Revenue).
- Increase in the amount of \$21,553.00 to FY2016 expenditure line 10015110-72120 (Police Administration-Capital Outlay Office & Computer Equipment).
- Increase in the amount of \$7,639.00 to FY2016 expenditures line 20900940-72120 (Federal Drug Enforcement-Capital Outlay Office & Computer Equipment).

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Kenneth A. Bays, Asst. Chief of Police

Reviewed by: Brendan O. Heffner, Chief of Police

Financial & budgetary review by: Chris Tomerlin, Budget Analyst
Carla A. Murillo, Budget Manager
Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director

Legal review by: Jeffery R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

The following was presented:

Item 7N. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 3, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 3, 2015 be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 3, 2015 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 5. Great place – livable, sustainable City.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 5.d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents.

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2015, the Bloomington Liquor Commissioner, Tari Renner, called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Chris Barger and Jennifer Corban to allow moderate consumption of beer and wine at their October 3, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Present were Commissioners Tari Renner, and Jim Jordan. City staff present were Asst. Corporation Counsel George Boyle, Asst. Police Chief Wheeler and Chief Deputy Clerk, Renee Gooderham.

Absent: Commissioner Tompkins.

Jennifer Corban addressed the Commission. She stated that Hy-Vee would cater the event. She anticipated 130 guests. Beer and wine would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Renner that the request of Chris Barger and Jennifer Corban to allow moderate consumption of beer and wine at their wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: The Agenda for the August 11, 2015 Meeting of the Liquor Commission was placed on the City's web site. There also is a list serve feature for the Liquor Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Interim Water Director

Reviewed by: George D. Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

Tari Renner, Mayor

The following was presented:

Item 70. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on November 28, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on November 28, 2015 be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on November 28, 2015 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 5. Great place – livable, sustainable City.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 5.d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents.

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2015, the Bloomington Liquor Commissioner, Tari Renner, called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Brad Brooks and Elizabeth Inks to allow moderate consumption of beer and wine at their November 28, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Present were Commissioners Tari Renner, and Jim Jordan. City staff present were Asst. Corporation Counsel George Boyle, Asst. Police Chief Wheeler and Chief Deputy Clerk, Renee Gooderham.

Absent: Commissioner Tompkins.

William Inks, brother of Elizabeth Inks, addressed the Commission. He stated that Times Past Inn would cater the event. He anticipated 120 guests. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Renner that the request of Brad Brooks and Elizabeth Inks to allow beer and wine consumption at their November 28, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: The Agenda for the August 11, 2015 Meeting of the Liquor Commission was placed on the City's web site. There also is a list serve feature for the Liquor Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by: Brett Lueschen, Interim Water Director

Reviewed by: George D. Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

Tari Renner, Mayor

The following was presented:

Item 7P. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Miller Park Pavilion on December 12, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Miller Park Pavilion on December 12, 2015 be approved, the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Miller Park Pavilion on December 12, 2015 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 5. Great place – livable, sustainable City.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 5.d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents.

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2015, the Bloomington Liquor Commissioner, Tari Renner, called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Andrew Pennock and Sarah Sibley to allow moderate consumption of beer and wine at their December 12, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Present were Commissioners Tari Renner, and Jim Jordan. City staff present were Asst. Corporation Counsel George Boyle, Asst. Police Chief Wheeler and Chief Deputy Clerk, Renee Gooderham.

Absent: Commissioner Tompkins.

Andrew Pennock and Sarah Sibley addressed the Commission. Famous Dave's would cater the event. They anticipated 150 guests. The reception would be from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Renner that the request of Andrew Pennock and Sarah Sibley to allow beer and wine consumption at their December 12, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: The Agenda for the August 11, 2015 Meeting of the Liquor Commission was placed on the City's web site. There also is a list serve feature for the Liquor Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by: Jay Tetzloff, Parks Recreation & Cultural Arts Director

Reviewed by: George D. Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

Tari Renner
Mayor

The following was presented:

8. Regular Agenda

Item 8A. Consideration of approving a Proposal for the Comprehensive User Fee Study and Cost Allocation Plan, and Awarding a Contract to Fiscal Choice Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$66,924.25.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Sage that the proposal for a Comprehensive User Fee Study and Cost Allocation Plan be awarded to Fiscal Choice Consulting, LLC the prices accepted, in the amount of \$66,924.25, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: Aldermen Lower and Fruin.

Motion carried.

Assistant to the City Manager Alex McElroy explained the purpose of the study is to understand the level in which our services provide. The scope is going to include every service that the City of Bloomington provides with the exception of Water, Sewer, and Sanitary Sewer. It will also include a full cost allocation plan, in which staff can continuously update for City Council approval.

Regarding Fiscal Choice Consulting, LLC, they have built more user fees studies than any other firm in Illinois combined, including several studies in the Chicago area. This is their sole area of expertise.

Alderswoman Painter, ask with the exception of water, sewer, and sanitary sewer to provide what would be included in the study.

Mr. McElroy, it would be all other departments--City Clerk, Code Enforcement, Police Department, Parks and Recreation fees, etc.

Alderman Fruin stated he plans to vote no on this item. However, understands the comments about staff resources, but thinks it would be best completed by people that are knowledgeable about City services, users, and previous changes—in-house people.

Alderwoman Hauman ask whether Fiscal Choice will make recommendations or give the City a comparison, and then we make the recommendations.

City Manager Hales stated, Fiscal Choice will be making the recommendations, as well as determining the costs and indirect costs of each of the services, the poll cost reimbursement fee, etc., which we will bring back to the Council and vote on an action plan of the results. At this time, we do not have this kind of level of expertise in-house, especially regarding grants and indirect cost. It is critical that the fees we charge are comparable to the costs of the services. We would also get the software necessary to maintain these items, as well as an avenue to discuss and establish a policy that would continue these practices in the future.

Alderwoman Hauman, there is a benefit to using an outside consultant, particularly for objectivity and to address any outdated fees.

Mayor Renner, this was done in 2002 and we brought in a lot of revenue to the various departments.

Alderman Lower stated that we should do this at some point, but is now the time considering that we are going through a tough economy. Until we get leverage, not sure if this is the time. I do not think that we should do this to small businesses and the taxpayers.

Alderman Sage stated the City's desire to clarify that we are not implementing anything at this time; just establishing benchmarks and framework around what our costs are, and the City Council votes on what to intact after that.

City Manager Hales stated it will be up to the Council to make any changes on these fees.

Alderman Black, in order to "pay as you use", we truly have to understand what the costs are. People will want to know how we arrived at those cost numbers, especially if they are finding the fees hard to afford. I would rather have the facts before we get to that point.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of approving a Resolution adopting the City of Bloomington Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Fruin that the Resolution approving the City of Bloomington Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans be adopted.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Karch gave a presentation regarding Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans. Thanked everybody for coming out. We try to be very intentional for all aspects of our services, including the continued maintenance.

The benefits of this plan: public health—keeps sewage overflow out of streams and basements; public safety—reduces potential for sinkholes; economic strength—keeps sewage overflow out of business which keeps in the economy flowing.

We are asking for clear direction. We did a survey that reached out to citizens, and we caught all facets of the community. The core part of the town, which have the older sewers, also had the most complaints—which we were not surprised about.

This plan asks the question: are we at the right level to tackle the infrastructure that we have?

We also need our streams, lakes, and rivers to be clean as they are recreational opportunities and it becomes a public safety/health issue if they back up. Example: We currently have a project on the East Side of Bloomington, making sure that things are filtrated correctly, as well as dealing with erosion.

Alderwoman Hauman moved to direct the motion for discussion, Alderman Fruin seconded the motion.

Alderman Lower, this is probably the most intensive infrastructure study that you guys have done, and there is still a lot more to do. From a numbers standpoint, my concern is that we need to do most of this as quickly as we can, but it's a \$450 million dollar project altogether, correct?

Mr. Karch, for the Sanitary and Storm Sewers, it's actually \$136 million in totality over a...

Alderman Lower asked for a break that down of the cost stating, I calculated the sanitary issue looking like \$8.2 million for the first 5 years.

Mr. Karch, this is a \$136 million dollars' worth of work. We will have a much better idea after the Council approves this and we can go into the sewers and actually see how much work needs to be done.

Alderman Lower asked what how much will this cost the City to implement this on a yearly basis.

City Manager Hales, ultimately, that cost and the length of the project is going to be your decision. This plan is only a guide to identify the concerns and actual conditions of the sewers.

Keep in mind that about half of our current debt will be paid off within the ten years, and that may help us accomplish this project without asking for more taxes from the taxpayer.

Alderman Lower, this is obviously the most pressing issue. What do you think it would actually cost us to implement this on a yearly basis over a 20 year period?

City Manager Hales: I'm not sure...

Mayor Renner, we could get you follow ups on the estimates.

Mr. Karch, the major sewer overflow is the Locust-Colton sewer system and that project was to be in nine (9) phases to completely eliminate that overflow, but there are two others on Maysfield as well. Luckily, we do not have a descent decree from the EPA, so now we are just being proactive.

Alderwoman Painter, stated she has learned more about the sanitary sewer system in the past year. In my ward alone, there are numerous problems with this issue, and we need to get started on this. The emergency repairs are several times as much as the preventative maintenance plan, so it will save us money in the long run to be proactive.

What is rip rap? You mentioned that you would like the streams with rocks and rip rap.

Mr. Karch, Big rocks. It depends on if the stream has a concrete bottom or not.

Alderman Black stated this is really an important project, especially infrastructure projects. On page 263, there are Frequently Asked Questions that can answer some of these basic questions about the project. This is a priority for our City.

Alderman Mwilambwe ask whether this project will require additional staffing for this project to be successful.

Mr. Karch stated it will be dependent on which level you decide to fund. This master plan actually does take in account the extra staffing it might take at the Street and Sewers and Engineering Divisions, as well as the geographic information system.

Alderman Fruin, there are certain areas with complaint density, as well as complaints in almost all neighborhoods—does that surprise you?

Mr. Karch, this map is a pretty good representation of the community and its' sewer issues.

Alderman Fruin, the center in the red—is that Bloomington Country Club, Eastland Mall, Towanda Plaza?

Mr. Karch, it is actually the old part of town with the old sewers.

Alderman Fruin, it's so telling that it's so widespread.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of approving a Resolution Approving a Consent Decree to Settle all Claims in a Citizen's Complaint Filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board by the City of Champaign and Coalition Members Against Clinton Landfill, Inc.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Buragas that the Council adopt a Resolution Approving Consent Decree to settle all Claims in a Citizen's Complaint Filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board by the City and Other Units of Local Government Against Clinton Landfill, Inc.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Lower, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: Alderman Schmidt.

Motion carried.

City Manager Hales, David Wentworth, the lead attorney from the Mahomet Aquifer Coalition will be presenting about the Consent Decree.

Mr. Wentworth stated he represents the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, as well as eleven (11) other defendants. We lost that case and were thrown out of the Pollution Control Board, but we were able to get the Pollution Control Board to refer the case to the Illinois EPA. The Illinois EPA took a look at the citizen complaints and all of our work, and thought that they "had better take a look at this". The Illinois EPA realized there was a bait-and-switch done by Clinton Landfill for the permit on chemical waste that they had received. It was a victory, but it was done through sheer will versus actual legal work.

With that said, we were approached in March by the landfill to settle the case on the eve of the appeal to the Appellate Court, but they did so, basically to say that they had given up. We want to document that fact if we ever need to enforce it. To do that, we need to file it at Dewitt County Circuit Court. In that case, we will put into black and white all of these prohibitions that you have read and it will hold ground on what we have gained. The Town of Normal and the County of McLean approved this last week. Some state laws and federal designations have changed, and thus, still leaves some gaps, but this gives you a voice to ensure that each of those gaps are filled in to the best of our ability. By doing this, you are gaining a voice in front of a circuit court to put their feet to the fire in case they go against their word.

Alderswoman Schmidt, we heard a number of concerns regarding the Consent Decree and that we are giving up some rights, not being able to protect our water source, and if some municipalities have tabled this.

Mr. Wentworth, the Illinois EPA is the chief regulator and the chief enforcement entity for landfills. The Consent Decree provides that neither the Illinois EPA nor the Illinois Attorney General give up the right to ever force them take that waste away. We were asked to give up our rights for the local governmental units by the landfill, but we negotiated a compromise that if it ever leaks, there is an enforcement mechanism that we can take to Dewitt County Circuit Court and enforce liability. If that includes the remedy geared toward preventing environmental damage, then that is something we can ask indirectly.

As for your second question, there are seven (7) that have officially approved, there are two (2) that are yet to hear it for the first time; one is the Mahomet Valley Water Authority that has had a longstanding battle with Clinton Landfill—they have tabled it twice now, and the other three (3) have tabled it pending meetings set for September 21-October 22.

Alderwoman Buragas asked what happens if we do not approve the Consent Decree.

Mr. Wentworth, if the City of Bloomington does not approve it, you would be one of the fourteen (14) local government units that has a case pending with the Fourth District Appellate Court. You would ultimately probably have to hire a new lawyer, considering the conflict of interest if I represented some people that settled and some people that did not, to argue the appeal when it is set for oral argument, which may be difficult to find somebody willing to do that. The inter-governmental agreement between the municipalities does not have a unanimity requirement, so you could still pursue it if others did not want to do it. From a Clinton Landfill perspective, we have not been told if it is a take-it-or-leave-it case, so I am not sure from that perspective.

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Public Presentation, Public Input and Council Discussion on proposed Home Rule Sales Tax Increase. *(No action will be taken on this item.)*

Mayor Renner announced a presentation from City Staff, McLean County Board Chair Matt Sorensen, as well as the McLean County Administrator Bill Watson, then opened the meeting to receive public comments on this issue.

City Manager Hales asked for serious consideration to vote yes for the proposed City's one percent (1%) increase for Home Rules Sales Tax which will match the ordinance adopted by the Town of Normal. Our Mental Health dictates multiple source for financial support. Safety and security is our #1 goal and the cost for providing this safety has continued to go up and the budget has increased. Revenue is no longer efficient at this point with the labor costs.

We can also use this revenue for street resurfacing. We started this project in the 2000's as the budget in the 1990's for street resurfacing was very low. This currently results in a backlog of street resurfacing projects at the rising costs of today. The estimates are in the \$50 to \$60 million dollar range. From the Home Rules Sales Tax and the Motor Fuel Sales Tax, we hope to get the street resurfacing budget back to about \$4 million dollars with the incoming revenue.

We would be earmarking a one quarter percent to Mental Health, one quarter percent (.25%) to Street Resurfacing, and the other half percent to the General Operating Fund to cover Public Safety among other costs. Public Safety is the most significant driver of the General Operating Fund.

Finance Director Patti-Lynn Silva, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the General Fund Projections and the Deficit.

In 2016, we will balance that deficit and in 2017, we have a \$17.4 million dollar deficit. We have some positive updates, thanks to the Lauderbach Study completed. We had \$1.5 million dollar budget to keep up with the Police and Fire Pension Funding Plan and we are now going to have \$800,000 left that we need to pay in seventeen (17) In-State on plans, so very positive news.

I am going to show you what that Home Sales Tax would look like in conjunction with our deficit. I wish it was a better picture, but it makes a good case for this revenue.

Of our Total General Revenue Fund, 22% or 28%, those rates are state mandated, so we can only change about 70% of our revenue. The State Sales and State Income Tax—we cannot change those rates. The Property and Home Rule Sales Taxes have not been increased in over five (5) years—which is 32% of our main Operating Fund where revenues have not been kept with expenditures. As for the Department Fees, Alex was just speaking about doing a study to determine what cost recovery we are needing. There are some fees there that have some statutory limits.

All of this tells me that we have been balancing the budget through expenditure cuts. We have raised some recent revenues, and that was wonderful. As I was reviewing the money that we raised last year for those pensions, it looks like we are going to be able to pay for that contribution until 2020, before we would have to make any further increases. Under our original plan with Lauderbach & Amen, LLP, we were going to need an additional \$2.8 million dollars in revenue.

The Finance Department is in full support of this increase. We also agree that a review of the operations is much needed. Just wanted to reiterate that the 50% does not get us the whole way, and I am sure that we will hear more on the planning of the expenditures within the next few weeks.

Alderdwoman Schmidt stated, I have heard from a number of people that it is very strongly likely that we will have a cap on property taxes imposed on us retroactively from the state. She asked Ms. Silva to comment on this concern as she heard something different as maybe we had a year before it took effect?

Finance Manager Silva, referred to Corporate Counsel Jurgens; however stating, the last time that I received an update, we had one last levy to increase our property taxes. Should we decide to do that, and it would be frozen for two (2) under Home Rule, and it would not be able to be raised again without referendum, even though we have Home Rule status. But, I do not know if there is a retro clause.

Corporation Counsel Jeff Jurgens, I do not think that anybody knows 100% yet, but certainly I would assume that you would not be able to raise the property taxes, but again, I do not think that has been fully flushed out yet.

Finance Manager Silva, we are regularly monitoring updates that are provided to us through Springfield. As you know, what is built into that legislation is very difficult, and why we do not have a state budget...I have not heard anything about it. I am hoping for one more year.

Alderman Fruin, this sure is getting a lot of attention. I appreciate David giving a staff recommendation of that one percent (1%), because obviously there are a lot of people who would like that one percent (1%). I think this is going to get so much attention that we need to have our numbers right. I have seen a couple numbers here of 9.6 and 9.3; I see another reference in here that we have a history of loving the same tax rates for both communities (referring to Normal) since we are closely intertwined, but that is not consistent with the historical chart that is provided in the notes here about how Bloomington and Normal have entered their tax rates. I think it is just important that we have our facts together; not to be critical, just to have them together. Something that is missing in this whole thing, and I do not think that we do a very good job with it, is the amount of shifting that the state is putting on the municipalities; I do not think that it getting enough attention on the local side and I think we need to talk about that a little bit.

Finance Manager Silva: We estimate \$2.4 million dollars a year for quarter point, so that is a double point and at one point, we have a 9.6.

Alderman Fruin, I think one example that might be in the August 11 memorandum. You are saying that the City of Bloomington's calculation is 9.6?

Finance Manager Silva, they are estimates, but yes, we are saying a full point would be 9.6. If there is 9.3 in there somewhere, then that would not be correct.

Alderman Fruin, I think it is in the Normal Report on page 4. We just have to be careful when we say that they are intertwined, and if they are done at the same time, then please correct me. I think that is obviously the intention now; to do something at the same time, and I am all for it.

Finance Manager Silva, on the State Sales Tax in that memo, actually part of that is the county rate in the other communities. In most of the other communities, there is a county cost for public schools and facility sales tax that have been raised—not in ours—but in Champaign, Decatur, and Urbana.

Mayor Renner introduced County Board Chair Matt Sorensen, as well as the McLean County Administrator Bill Watson.

County Board Chair Sorensen, spoke to Council regarding Mental Health and Public Safety. I represent hundreds of citizens who do not understand how to come out and talk to you.

Quite a few years ago, McLean County had a caregiving deficiency for mental health patients. The State of Illinois had typically bore the financial responsibilities of mental health services. In recent years, they have stopped providing their services and cut their funding, in which counties were forced to address this issue and the responsibilities, which stretches the counties. For example, in some situations, a mental health patient needs to be accompanied by a first responder to go to the emergency room. The local jail has become the largest provider of the mental health services for the county.

Not only do we have a need for mental health services, but it becomes a public safety issue. A little over 40% of people that have mental illness are going to be arrested at some point. Sometimes outbursts are in public.

We had someone evaluate our gaps in services. To summarize, it is an excellent piece of work. The findings were divided into four (4) categories: medication and medical management, juvenile and youth services, additional community housing, and crisis services. We opened a crisis center a few short months ago and it was at capacity last week. We already know that it is not enough to meet the needs in this community.

Why are we in such a rush to do this?

1. The County Board and a lot of engaged citizens have been involved with this topic for two (2) years and we finally have momentum, especially with the agencies and the service providers, eager to work together.
2. There are hundreds of people out there that need these services and they cannot wait. We would be neglecting our duties as their government.
3. Our fiscal year is different, is a calendar year that starts on January 1. We are in budget process now. Bill will introduce a recommended budget tomorrow morning, and we are anxious to learn how we are going to pay for these services by the end of this year.

This is a community issue that will require community resources, including people, services, and finances.

Alderwoman Schmidt, I agree that we need to address this problem together. The #1 question that I get asked about this sales tax for mental health is: What are you going to spend it on? Can you give us a high-level response? It looks like about \$2.4 million for Bloomington. What are we buying into?

Mr. Sorensen, what we have been doing structurally needs improvement. So, 25% will likely be earmarked for Capital Expenses associated with the Law and Justice Center renovation. That will likely include facilities and additional technology for folks that cannot be moved around easily.

The second 25% (quarter of a quarter) will be largely Operational and Staffing in nature within the countywide justice system. We need more money for drugs. We spent about \$1 million dollars last year on psychotropic drugs and it keeps going up. It will include enhanced training for

the State Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office, as well as in the countywide justice system.

For the last half of the quarter, our goal is to drive as many of those dollars as we possibly can, into core service delivery into our community. Collaboration and coordination are important and necessary. Egis, the technological system that is used in the police cars in the county have to be updated to be able to bring in collaborative data and information about folks in our community who need services, which would be helpful for the Police to know before going to an address. The services piece is the primary focus here.

Alderwoman Schmidt, it would be helpful to have a one-page information sheet that we could share with those questions and answers.

Alderman Sage, we sat down last week and talked, and I wanted to share some of that with the public. On the delivery of the core services, for the last couple of years, you have had a couple of different efforts under way. For example, United Way did an analysis of services offered in McLean County. Can you share how to create a more efficient and less redundant (offering the same services) service provider?

Mr. Sorensen the first part is: we strive to be inclusive and include everybody, including United Way and League of Women Voters—to make sure we had all of the potential learnings from their work product.

On the part of redundancy; there is redundancy and competition. Redundancy is truly duplicative services with you could do with only one; which is a waste, especially using the same capacity grants for different organizations for same services. Competition among the service providers may not be bad, especially if the person is not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, no private insurance, etc.

Alderman Sage asked for an explanation of the process of how the front end and back end of this focus on services plan works.

County Board Chair Sorensen, in our process, out of necessity, we brought into over 60 folks. Some were from the Advisory Board and some were resource people. Once those papers on "Best Practices" and "Community Gap" were completed, we pulled a smaller group in for their feedback. Chestnut has been a great resource, but we could not let them draft the final documents.

Alderman Sage asked whether the County anticipate asking the City for any more revenue beyond the quarter percent sales tax.

County Board Chair Sorensen, we do not anticipate that we would. We are optimistic about this sales tax, as well as the county's authority to levy a property tax, along with billing other sources, like Medicare and Medicaid. We think that this makes some of the agencies not aggressive enough regarding the third party revenue services that they could be billing. This is a big part of funding as well.

Alderman Sage stated this is a countywide effort and service package, that the tax would be a City of Bloomington tax.

County Board Chair Sorensen: Yes. But typically people come from not only Bloomington, but the surrounding towns like Downs, LeRoy, etc., and they would also be paying the tax when they came in to spend money.

3. Mayor Renner opened the forum to a Public Comment.

The following people spoke:

- Andrew Johnson, Manager of Connect Transit
- Gary Lambert
- Donna Bollan
- Barry Reiley, Superintendent of District 87, Board of Education
- Alton Franklin
- Mark Daniels, Superintendent of Unit 5 Schools
- Kevin Fitzgerald, Chief Judge of 11th Judicial Circuit, Resident Judge of McLean County
- Tom Barr, Director for Center of Human Services
- Chris Maecks?

Mayor Renner then called for Council Discussion.

Alderman Lower stated that he has spoken with the County Board Chairman at length and do believe there is a need. I have been looking at trying to make some prioritization cuts for the past couple of years. The firefighters, the people that put themselves on the line should be funded first. The mental health issue is very close to that.

Although the sales tax is a regressive tax, I am not sure that is the proper way to go about that. Mr. Sorensen and I will be speaking about that. I wish they would be more inventive in terms of funding. A new building for the jail, for example, could be funded by municipal bonds, for example. I am hoping a building like that could last for 100 years or so. The current building was built around the 1970's or 1980's. Things change and I understand that, but we need to be more creative with how we fund things in the future.

I am familiar with how the school systems work and I know that they need funding and they are affected by this mental health issue as well. I would be more supportive of doing something like this if it actually made those cuts.

We need to look very seriously at our priorities. We have very large two entertainment venues that we are currently funding out of the General Fund every year. Either they need to start funding themselves or we need to get rid of them. The folks that will be affected the most with this decision most likely cannot afford any of those venues. They are caught in the middle. He asked Mr. Hales for a line-item budget to get a handle on the places where our money is going.

Alderman Buragas stated she want to address some of the concerns that this is taking the easy way out by collecting the sales tax. It is clear from Patti-Lynn's presentation today, that that

is not the case. Our problems and deficits will not go away; in fact, they will continue to grow. What this will allow us to do is buy us some time while we make those very difficult decisions and how to best allocate those resources. I do not want it to seem like Council is not continuing to look at our city services and expenses and find a way to balance the budget on a continuous basis, and that is the most important thing we can do in the City of Bloomington.

As for the mental health aspect that we spoke about tonight, the plan proposed will change our community for the better.

As for the education piece, it is a fundamental problem that our schools' superintendents are asking the City of Bloomington for money. It is troubling as every child in our country deserves a quality education and we as a country and state are not living up to those promises. I am not saying that I have the solution to that problem tonight, but I think we need to recognize how unusual it is for them to be here and to give the conversation the weight it deserves. We need to be able to have that conversation as a community.

Mayor Renner, our costs have gone up about two to three (2-3%) percent each year, and we have not raised the taxes in five (5) years. We have about 650 full-time employees now, and we had about 750 full-time employees about five (5) years ago. That does not mean that we cannot take advantage of economy scale; we are always trying to do that. At this point, those difficult decisions are always what we have to make, even if this tax does pass. We also are going to have other analyses by the Budget Task Force, and we are still going to have to make additional cuts. This is a fundamental transition and we cannot focus on the past. We have a lot of problems and messes that have many different stories/causes and we are charged with fixing it.

Alderwoman Schmidt, it is a little difficult to have this conversation without a report from the Budget Task Force showing us the potential cuts and potential for revenue. I have a couple of questions: Can you (Mayor Renner) or the City Manager help us understand how we are going to approach this conversation. We have been given a recommendation by the City Manager for basically four (4) different items of expenditure for this particular revenue. What happens if we want to consider what they have told us?

Mayor Renner, that depends on the Council. To clarify, Normal's ordinance, who recommended money for transit, their ordinance only earmarks money for mental health and the rest is continued coverage. It could be with intergovernmental agreement after the fact; it does not have to be specifically specified by ordinance and it could be a couple of years, etc. If we were to pass the tax and it was not identical to Normal's, then Normal would have to react to what the City of Bloomington did. What the tax is spent on is also up for debate. We are needed to react quickly as it is the county's timetable that we are needing to follow if we make this decision. The Council makes the final decision.

Alderman Schmidt, the last time we passed a penny sales tax, it was for the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. It was supposed to be a 100% dedicated to the BCPA and it continued to be hiked off, so now it is paying for the Pepsi Ice Center, for the Coliseum Parking Garage, and now we have ideas that we might even sell the BCPA. My question is: from a high-

level, how do we assure ourselves that the money is going where we want it to go for as long as it is needed.

Mayor Renner, we can put it in an ordinance. The subsequent Council that is elected or subsequent mayors are going to be accountable to the voters in the future.

Mr. Jurgens stated, I just want to note that with specific regard to the mental health component of this, an intergovernmental agreement will be drafted and what has been discussed is that that will come back before the town, city, and county and that there will be some kind of agreement specifically as it relates to the mental health component for a period of time.

Alderman Black, what makes me angry about this conversation is: Where are the representatives at the state level? This is all getting thrown back to us. Mental health resources and Connect Transit are community goods and we are having to shoulder the burden of this and we elect the same state people, and the problems continue us. Please direct your rage at the state level.

That does not get rid of the problem. As part of the Budget Task Force, I have spent a lot of time digging into these issues and in that conversation, we have focused a lot on cuts and what that would look like. Some people have this erroneous idea that there is a singular program out there that we are spending money on and if we get rid of this program, it will get rid of our problems. That does not exist. We talk about getting rid of the BCPA, golf courses, etc. We have to be considerate of those opinions. These are tough decisions that will require a wide variety of solutions.

I have spoken in the past about property taxes, and I consider that to be a more fair way of taxation because people in my Ward sometimes have water bills that are more expensive than their city tax portion, and I believe that to be unfair. I grew up in Chicago and when I would go Christmas shopping, I would shop in various counties to get the cheaper tax rates. I do not ever want to see us in that situation, but we have some undeniable problems at our doorsteps. Neighborhood groups and community coalitions are on board and agree that mental health is an issue. We are also seeing other groups coming up and I consider those lower priorities, including what we spoke about tonight: a soccer complex. I understand those needs, but we cannot accommodate that at this time.

My voters are asking about consolidating the school districts as well as the park districts. I had a past experience in my hometown and I do not want that to happen again. These are discussions we need to have.

Mental health is top priority, streets are something we can get behind; I am committed to economic development, and Connect Transit, that is another priority—residents need to get to work, good for businesses, etc. I hope to see these items in the final proposal.

Alderman Fruin stated this is really about a communication, and we need to balance that with our expense situation. No one wants to pay more taxes and no one wants to give up anything we have. The unpleasant part is going to come in the weeks ahead when we have to make these cuts. When we talk about Springfield, I do not think the residents understand what has been shifted

and what has fallen into our laps. We need to find a way to tell that story of how we got to that point.

The other thing that is silent tonight is that we have not heard from any small businesses. These type of things do affect our small businesses. This tax might be driving more people to online sales.

Alderman Sage, I am supportive of the 2.5% for mental health. Part of my rationale for that is that the amount of first response time in dealing with the mental health issues, and we should start to recoup or avoid some of those costs if we avoid some of those repeat calls. I do not want there to be a perception that the Budget Task Force has the silver bullet. The final recommendation is not going to be fundamentally different than that—they are a large number of high dollar cuts coming back to investigate and review.

Historically, it has been difficult for this Council to make cuts. There is always a swift and severe blowback. My concern with being forced—and I say forced as I feel forced right now to have this conversation. This is not my preferred timing, which would have been for the Budget Task Force to have their report and for the council to have meaningful conversations regarding the findings, and be able to craft something to our City Manager and staff. It is difficult to make difficult decisions. My concern for this tax is that we are reacting too quickly, and that is what the State of Illinois has done. The reality is, that the balanced budget did not happen. We need legitimate accountability and political will for the cutting and tax and we need to discuss that within the next week.

Alderman Mwilambwe, the McLean County Board has made a compelling case for mental health. As far as the street resurfacing, that is also something that I would support as well. I do wish we had opportunities to hear from other entities sooner who were concerned about their level of funding, such as Connect Transit and the school boards. I am not sure where the disconnect was, but I would have liked to have seen the makeup of that 1% ahead of time. I would like some conversation about any mending of the 1% and what that would look like. When it comes to the soccer fields, I am not recommending we go that way because of my personal interests in soccer, but I would say given the magnitude of the issues in the infrastructure, it would be difficult for me to support the soccer fields at this time. We do not necessarily need a major soccer complex. They can always fundraise as well. I do understand the public's opposition to that.

We have had times before in this area where we have had to do more with less. For me, it is not a personal thing, but we need to know what you need. Just know that if we do not want a tax increase, some of the things you love may not be there. We have talked about Highland Golf Course, and how some people were advocating for cuts, but when that golf course was mentioned, it became an issue and those people were no longer interested in cutting that. We run into a lot of those items in these discussions and we have to take all perspectives into these cuts.

Mayor Renner: Just a reminder that we are not blaming this on the county, but we are trying to run on the county's timetable--where this came from is the Budget Task Force.

Alderwoman Painter: I am supportive of the 1% increase. I have no hidden agenda. I do not just want to spend it on things. We have a serious mental health issue in our county, and since we are the county seat, we are the hub for all of the social services. We also have streets and sewers that need to be addressed. Public safety and Connect Transit also requires some of our attention as well. Transportation without a car is a challenge in this area. Cuts will have to be made and people will be upset, but we have to deal with that. As far as the tax, we need to clearly earmark where the spending is going.

9. City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales had "nothing to report in the interest of time".

10. Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner had "nothing to discuss in the interest of time".

11. City Aldermen's Discussion

No comments.

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment

[10:09 PM] Minutes:

Mayor Renner directed the motion to adjourn, moved by Alderman Sage, seconded by Alderman Black. Mayor Renner called the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Fruin, Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Schmidt and Painter.

Nays: None

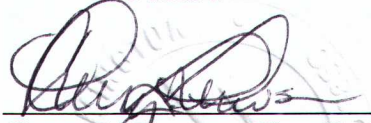
Motion carried, (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk