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JULY 3, 2001 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton. Councilwoman Joyce Thompson was excused.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with Councilman Downey leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported he received the City income tax report and taxes are down \$158,000 from last year at this time. He added that Income Tax Administrator, Patty Strickland, assured him that it would catch up by the end of the year. He stated he hopes she is right, but he is afraid the economy is in a recession and everyone may be hit hard.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper reported the position for extra office help in the Auditor's Office has been advertised in the newspaper. Applications are due by July 13, 2001. President Reed asked what happened to the person Council approved hiring at the last meeting. It was stated that both people Auditor, Harvey Whaley, had talked to about coming to work for the City, were offered better pay by their current employers and chose to stay where they were. Councilman Blakeman stated he still has concerns about hiring someone because of economical issues. He added that he is pleased Mr. Whaley is following proper procedures by advertising in the paper. He also mentioned it is sad that we are not able to offer enough to find someone interested in the job. President Reed agreed that the pay scale is obviously not high enough and he added that he would like to be able to pay the City employees more.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton stated he was notified prior to this evening's meeting that there is a bad spot on State Route 220 (West North Street) as you go up the hill that needs repaired. President Reed added there is another spot further out 220 at the corporation line that is just as bad. Councilman Kempton stated he would get in touch with Street Superintendent, Dean Knight, regarding both these spots that need repair. Councilman Kempton also stated he is looking into information he received about a handicapped spot that is no longer needed. He will check with Law Director, Buz Bevens, and find out if the City needs a resolution to remove it and he will let Council know at the next meeting. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to add Ordinance #38-01 to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye. This is an Ordinance to vacate the alley at the intersection of Vine and Second Streets.

Councilman Jones asked about the cycle for the street light at Clough Street and Route 23 coming from State Route 335. He asked if it would be possible to lengthen the cycle. He added the cycle is so short sometimes that only one or two cars are able to get through the light and this causes backups on 335 and Clough even when school is not in session. Mayor Kelly explained that if there are not enough cars to go over the actuators at the intersection within a certain period of time, the light changes to yellow. He added that he has talked to Bob Gausman, City Engineer, about this and he is aware of the problem and is working on a solution.

Councilman Jones also stated he had received a phone call from a resident on Fifth Street near the pool complaining about all the dust and dirt in the neighborhood due to the part of Fifth Street used by the pool for their parking lot. Mayor Kelly mentioned that this portion of the road at one time had been scheduled to be paved, but for some reason it did not work out. There was some further discussion about the ownership of this property and it was stated the City owns the area used by the pool for parking. Mayor Kelly suggested the City could pave more of Fifth Street toward the parking area if Council would want this done. President Reed asked the Street committee to take a look at this issue.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones did not have any report, but did want to mention the Planning Commission reviewed the information on the alley at Vine and Second Streets being vacated and the Planning Commission did recommend this action.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson was excused from the meeting and there was no report from her committee. Councilman Downey, however, asked about the public hearing, which was held for the sewer plant expansion project. He asked how soon the sewer rates would go up. President Reed stated he did not think they would be increasing until construction starts. He added that he wished some residents had been in attendance for the meeting. He also said he had been concerned about the increase because our rates have always been low compared to the rest of the area. At the meeting he was told most of the other cities in the area are doing similar projects to comply with EPA guidelines and after their rates increase; Waverly will still be on the low end of the surrounding cities. There was some discussion about increasing the rates gradually or stair stepping the increase. Mayor Kelly stated John Voorhees, Wastewater Superintendent, may end up stair stepping the increase, but he is not sure yet. The mayor added that Mr. Voorhees has been very concerned about not charging residents any more than the City absolutely has to and he is making sure the increase is done with that in mind. Mayor Kelly suggested having another public hearing on television for the residents. The EPA would

not have to attend this one, but Mr. Voorhees could explain to everyone what has been done and how hard the City has tried to keep the rates low.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly gave some updates for City projects:

- 1) the City received a grant for the school road study in the amount of \$25,000.
- 2) an agreement has been made with BBS for the engineering on the YMCA road.
- 3) an agreement, also with BBS Engineering, has been made for engineering on the Depot Road reconstruction project. The City has applied for Issue II money for this project.
- 4) The City will start getting bids next month for the waterline extension for Route 23. Jones and Henry Engineers are handling this project.
- 5) The Green Acres drainage project has been funded and the design work will be done in September. Jones and Henry are also the engineers for this project.

President Reed asked if anything could be done now on Victory Drive, the entrance to Green Acres, to repair the rough road. Mayor Kelly said some patchwork could be done. Councilman Blakeman asked about the depot building located on Depot Road and Second Street. He said he has had several people express concern about keeping the building from being torn down. He asked if the City plans to tear it down. Mayor Kelly said as far as he knows, the City does not have any plans to tear it down. He added the only problem he could foresee would be if ODOT made Depot Road into part of 220, at some point down the road, they could make the City take the building down.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Kelly stated he has been approached by members of some local service clubs to put their club signs back up at both ends of town. He said he had this put on the agenda because he would like to get some public input for ideas on a nice background for the signs, not necessarily using chain link fencing. He would also like a new welcome sign. President Reed asked anyone that may have ideas for this to pass them on to Community Development Director, Nathan Davis.

ORDINANCE #38-2001 (FIRST READING) – VACATE ALLEY AT THE INTERSECTION OF VINE AND SECOND STREETS. Councilman Kempton read Ordinance #38-2001 in its entirety for the first reading.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Whaley was excused from the meeting. Mayor Kelly stated there would be a public hearing held on the budget on July 13, 2001. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Mayor Kelly added that the Fire Department had tried something new for the holiday weekend. They had several fire fighters work at the station and be on call at the same time. This way they were on hand and ready if needed. There has been a lot of positive response from the community regarding this and it will probably be done more often.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

JULY 17, 2001 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with Larry Chitwood leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported the city income tax receipts are down and the City is going to have some income problems this year and next year may be worse.

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to add Ordinance #39-2001 to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper reported the Auditor's office has finished advertising for the full time position in the office and there are three applicants Auditor Harvey Whaley plans to interview.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported that the street committee would be meeting next week and one of the items they would be addressing would be Fifth Street near the pool and all the dust that has been a problem there. President Reed asked Councilman Kempton to also looking into a problem on Saint Mary's Lane. He stated he has been in contact with Gary Baker, a Saint Mary's resident, whose curb was damaged when the City did some work in that area a couple years ago, on the water lines, and it has never been repaired. Mayor Kelly said that would be taken care of.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman reported he received a request from the Waverly Girls Youth Softball League for \$4050.00. He added that the City had given the boys league \$4500.00, but \$2600.00 of that was for mowing and the other \$1900.00 was for supplies. He added that he spoke with his committee and they agreed the City should give the same amount to the girls that were given for supplies, so they would like to give \$1900.00 to the girls. There were three people in attendance representing the league. They went over some of the expenses they have that could not be met without the City's help. They added that they do not receive as much money in concessions or sponsorship fees as the boy's league does, but they are working on some changes in these areas. However, it will not help until next year. Councilman Kemper said he would like to see the City honor the request for the full amount of \$4050.00 for this year. Mayor Kelly suggested the league make some improvements for next year in their fees, so there is not the same problem at that time. Councilman Blakeman added that he would like to meet with the league earlier next year, such as April or May to get this donation made before the season starts. Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to donate \$4050.00 to the Waverly Girl's Youth League. **Roll Call:** Jones-Aye, Blakeman-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Downey-No, Kemper-Aye, Kempton-Aye, Reed-Aye.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson had been requested by Fire Chief Randy Armbruster to hire four people as trained, probationary volunteer firefighters. She made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hire Mark Mullins as a volunteer firefighter. **Roll Call:** All Aye. She made another motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Kazeem Richmond as a volunteer firefighter. **Roll Call:** All Aye. She made another motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Rob Deering as a volunteer firefighter. **Roll Call:** All Aye. She made another motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Ross Porter as a volunteer firefighter. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilwoman Thompson also had a request from Police Chief, Mike Corwin, to hire a part time dispatcher and two auxiliary police officers. She made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Clint McGraw as a part time police dispatcher. **Roll Call:** All Aye. She made another motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Andrew Gibson as an auxiliary police officer. **Roll Call:** All Aye. She made another motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hire Anthony Hoskins as an auxiliary police officer. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson also reported the new water tank is being filled and will hopefully start being used next week. She also reported she received a call about some potholes in the alleys behind Walnut Street between Mullins and Clough. Councilman Kemper stated he had also received calls about potholes in the alley behinds Wendy's Restaurant. President Reed asked the street department to look into this.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly reported that a public hearing had been held regarding the wastewater treatment plant expansion project and there was not very much participation, so John Voorhes, Wastewater Superintendent, will be appearing on Frank Swearingen's news show to answer

questions and go over some of the information discussed at the public hearing to allow citizens to become more aware of the plans for this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #38-2001 (SECOND READING) – VACATE ALLEY AT THE INTERSECTION OF VINE AND SECOND STREETS. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to read the title only of Ordinance #38-01. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #39-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR 2002. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #39-01 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to pass this ordinance as an emergency measure. Councilman Downey explained this budget is submitted to the County Auditor for approval. He added the County Auditor is very cautious when approving budgets. Councilman Downey added he feels the City is going to have to decide some crucial issues by the end of the year regarding spending. He stated the City is going to have to learn to say no to spending because revenues are not holding up, he doesn't care what the Tax Administrator says, he feels the income tax will be very low this year. It is all a guessing game. He does not think we will receive what we did last year in income tax. The City employees are going to want a raise and the money is not going to be there. President Reed stated the City has been blessed for years with a good financial situation, we knew there would be a time when belts would have to be tightened. There was some discussion again about donating money to sports leagues. Councilman Downey added that when word gets out about the amount donated to the girl's league tonight, all the teams would want the same amount. President Reed stated he knows the City may have to cut back, but don't cut money out for recreation projects for kids. **Roll Call:** All Aye

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor Whaley had no report, but asked that the bills be paid. Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to return to Regular Session. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to hire Chris Crocker as extra labor (summer help) to be shared by all departments. **Roll Call:** All Aye. It was stated he would work up to 30 hours per week. Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

AUGUST 7, 2001 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton. Councilwoman Thompson was excused.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with Jack Jones leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported income tax receipts are still down. He added that looking back over the past few years that the tax has been in place, we would have to go back to 1998 to match the amount that has been taken in so far this year. He added that Tax Director, Patty Strickland, is more confident that the revenue will go back up by the end of the year, but he is still skeptical. He added that he has read some information about the cost of health care insurance increasing more than normal next year. He added that the City's revenue is declining, but costs are going up. He stated he feels that a pay raise for employees should not be taken away this year, but he is not sure where the money will come from. He added the City could raise taxes, but he does not think that will happen. Department heads need to be thinking about where the money can come from for pay raises.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper stated that Auditor, Harvey Whaley, has made a decision on the person he wishes to hire as extra help in the Auditor's office. Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to hire Tara Tackett as extra office help in the Auditor's office effective September 1, 2001 with her starting date to be September 4, 2001 at the rate of \$8.18 per hour. There was much discussion concerning this. Councilman Blakeman asked how Council could approve hiring someone new with the present financial situation the City is in. It does not make good sense. He added that is his opinion and he has nothing against the person being hired, but he will have to vote no for this hiring. Councilman Downey stated he thinks Councilman Blakeman's attitude about spending is excellent, but he added that it is doubly important that Council have good strong fiscal information from the Auditor's office and they need some help to continue giving Council this information and they need help to continue to keep track of finances. This is what Auditor Whaley has requested to keep up with the workload and Council should back him. Mayor Kelly stated he feels more optimistic about the revenues for the City and the City's finances than Mr. Downey stated in his report. He added that Tax Administrator Strickland has given him more optimism regarding tax receipts. The City may need to sharpen pencils and tighten budgets if the revenue does not meet what was received last year. He also stated that Mr. Whaley knows the City's finances and he feels he would not be asking Council to hire someone if there was not a need for it and if the City could not handle the expense. He added the reports from the Auditor's office have been looking great. He agreed with Councilman Downey that if Mr. Whaley has requested extra help, Council should back him up. Councilman Kempton added that hiring another person for the Auditor's office has been discussed for months and Council needs to back Mr. Whaley up in his decision. **Roll Call:** Jones-Aye, Blakeman-No, Downey-Aye, Kemper-Aye, Kempton-Aye and Reed-Aye.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton had no report.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones reported the Planning Commission met in July and Ray Overmire from the Waverly Pride Day Committee was in attendance at that meeting. It was decided at that time that the Pride Day Committee would take over the beautification project for the Route 23 embankment. He also reported he spoke again with Mr. Anderson regarding the drainage on this property near Bristol Village and he is very upset the City is not going to do anything to take care of the drainage problem.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilman Kempton reported in Councilwoman Thompson's absence. He stated the Route 23 waterline extension project has been advertised for bids, which are to be opened September 5, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. He also reported that Jim McCourt, Water Superintendent, has been looking at possible ways to improve the logo printed on the new water tower. There have been several complaints that it is too small. He is checking with the painters to find out what can be done to improve the look.

Councilman Kempton also reported that Police Chief Mike Corwin received a resignation from Officer Dan Krystyan. He added that Officer Krystyan is moving to Florida to take a position in the Sheriff's Office there. Chief Corwin would like to hire Tom Minor to replace Office Krystyan. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Tom Minor as a Police Officer. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Mr. Minor has been on the Police Auxiliary for five years. He will not be able to start for two weeks, because he has to give notice to his current employer. Councilman Kempton also reported that Chief Corwin has installed a weather center terminal at the police station in the dispatcher's area on a trial basis to see how

it works. This allows the City to receive weather information at the same time the weather service receives it and there is no longer a delay in getting it from the weather service. Chief Corwin gave some further information on this. He stated the cost is only \$85.00 per month. He added that since the time the weather sirens have been in place, the City has had some instances where we received weather alerts from the National Weather Service for severe weather that had already passed through our area. Having this system will eliminate these delays. He added that he has nothing against the National Weather Service, but we need to know faster than they are able to provide the information to us. Mayor Kelly said he has instructed Chief Corwin to go ahead and keep the system for \$85.00 per month.

Councilman Kempton also reported that meter reader, Betty Mulhair, plans to retire in September and Chief Corwin has made plans to retire in October as Chief of Police. Chief Corwin has decided to resign immediately as the City's Safety Director. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to accept Chief Corwin's resignation from the position of Safety Director. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly reported on the Planning Commission meeting that Councilman Jones mentioned. He added that the Waverly Pride Committee would like input from anyone on the placement of the service club signs and the Welcome to Waverly sign. If anyone has suggestions on the placement of these signs or the type of backing for the service club signs, please let the committee know. Mayor Kelly also added that it is the week for the City to receive resignations. He added how much the City will hate to lose Dan Krystyan, Betty Mulhair and Chief Corwin. He also stated that along with these resignations, Jason Sanders has resigned from the water distribution department. The City will also hate to see him go.

Mayor Kelly also stated that according to the charter, he could appoint a new Safety Director and he would like Council's vote to approve the appointment of Randy Armbruster to this position. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to appoint Randy Armbruster as the new Safety Director for the City. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Mayor Kelly swore in Mr. Armbruster as Safety Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #38-2001 (THIRD READING) – VACATE ALLEY AT THE INTERSECTION OF VINE AND SECOND STREETS. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to read the title only of Ordinance #38-01. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Ordinance #38-2001. **Roll Call:** Jones-Aye, Blakeman-No, Downey-Aye, Kemper-Aye, Kempton-Aye and Reed-Aye. Councilman Kempton explained that the alley dead ends into the creek and is not of any use to the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Reed explained that Zach Pfeifer was on the agenda, but would not be in attendance due to a serious car accident his sister and her children were in. He asked for prayers for the family as one of the children was killed in the accident and others injured.

Barbara Hays from the Pike County Humane Society was next on the agenda. She explained that Councilman Downey had requested her presence at this meeting regarding the possibility of the City establishing a dog pound. Councilman Downey stated the City has had frequent complaints about stray dogs and Mayor Kelly added that the County is no longer picking up animals for the City. Mayor Kelly also stated the City is looking at all their options right now, and everything is in the preliminary stages at this point. Mrs. Hays went over some of the expense that might be involved with establishing a pound and many of the other things to be considered. She also brought some literature for Council to look at. President Reed asked the Public Services Committee to look into this and he told Mrs. Hays that Councilwoman Thompson would contact her. There was also some discussion about the Pike County Dog Pound not allowing the City to take animals there any longer, and Mrs. Hays said they are no longer working with the Humane Society, either. Mayor Kelly stated he plans to get in touch with the Commissioners to find out what is going on concerning this issue.

RESOLUTION #40-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$80,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND. Councilman Downey read Resolution # 40-01 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman asked Council about the Depot Building. He stated it has been sitting empty since June 1, 2001 without any rent coming in. He feels the City should get that building rented back out to start receiving some rent income again. Councilman Downey said he thought a decision had not been made until the City decides whether or not this building will be torn down due to widening Depot Road. Mayor Kelly added that he is pretty sure it will not have to be torn down and if it ever came to that point, it would be somewhere down the road. Councilman Kempton stated there would have to be some repairs made before the building

could be rented. President Reed agreed and stated the building is a hazard. He asked the Zoning Committee to look into this.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor Whaley thanked Council for their support in hiring a new person for his office.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to pay the bills. **Roll**

Call: All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn. **Roll Call:**

All Aye. Being no further business, Council was adjourned.

AUGUST 21, 2001 REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Kelly spoke before the meeting was started and expressed the sorrow of everyone in the City regarding the loss of Waverly Police Officer, Don Minshall. He explained that Officer Minshall passed away on August 20 from a heart attack. He said he might have been the first active duty Waverly Police Officer to pass away. The funeral will be held on August 23, 2001 at 10:00 at Botkin Funeral Home. Mayor Kelly told everyone what a loss this is for Waverly and what a fine person and Officer that Don Minshall was. He then asked everyone for a moment of silence.

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with David Roosa leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey had no report, but made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to add Resolution #41-2001 to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper had no report.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported his committee discussed the issue of paving Fifth Street near the swim club to help eliminate all the dust in that area. They decided, since the summer is almost over and the area where most of the dust comes from will not be driven on very much after the pool closes for winter, this issue would be tabled until next spring. At that time, it will be decided whether or not to pave the area.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones reported his committee met and feel that the City should allow the Depot Building to be rented as-is on a short term basis or with some minor modifications. Councilman Blakeman suggested advertising for bids to rent the building. Mayor Kelly said the City could go ahead and advertise and see if anyone is interested. City Engineer, Bob Gausman, suggested there be a clause in the contract to allow the City to get out of the lease if we need to.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson stated she met with Larry Chitwood, Water Distribution Supervisor, and he had an application from William Mays, whom he would like to hire to replace Jason Sanders. Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hire William Mays for the water distribution office, effective September 1, 2001. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson also introduced Jeremy Beekman and stated she attended a meeting with the County Commissioners and Mr. Beekman regarding the county dog pound. It had previously been discussed that the dog warden was not allowing the City to bring animals to the pound. At the meeting, it was agreed the City could take animals to the pound and Mr. Beekman would be given a key to get in after hours. It was also stated at the meeting that the dog warden would work with other groups, such as the Humane Society, to allow animals to be dropped off. Following this meeting, the Commissioners met with Dog Warden, Gary Mustard, regarding this information. Councilwoman Thompson also stated her committee plans to meet with Mr. Beekman about future plans for animal control, licensing, etc. for the City.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly introduced Jay and Barbara Early and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service to Bristol Village and the City. Mr. and Mrs. Early recently retired from Bristol Village and Mayor Kelly expressed his appreciation for all the hard work they have done. Mr. Early thanked the Mayor and spoke about the remarkable support they have gotten from the City and all the people associated with the City.

Mayor Kelly reported he has interviewed some outstanding candidates for the position of Police Chief and would like to present to the community the person chosen for the position – Waverly Police Lieutenant Larry Roe. He introduced Larry, his wife Michelle and son Jared. Mayor Kelly asked for a vote of support from Council. Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Mayor's appointment of Larry Roe as Police Chief. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Mr. Roe said he appreciates this opportunity and stated Chief Corwin has been a great Police Chief and friend and he wished him the best in his retirement.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #41-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BRIDGE AND STREET FUND.

Councilman Downey read Resolution #41-01 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Mayor Kelly stated work has been started on the new YMCA and the road the City is putting in will need to be named. He asked anyone that had suggestions, to please get them to him. A decision will be made at the next Council meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to pay the bills. **Roll**

Call: All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to adjourn.

Roll Call: All Aye.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton. President Dale Reed was excused from the meeting.

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to appoint Councilman Jack Jones as the Acting Council President in the absence of President Reed.

Roll Call: All Aye.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with Councilman Blakeman leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilwoman Thompson had one correction for the August 21, 2001 regular meeting. She noted that on page 2 under the Public Services Committee report, it was stated that Dog Warden, Gary Mustard, was in attendance at the meeting Councilwoman Thompson and Jeremy Beekman attended with the County Commissioners. Mr. Mustard was not in attendance at that meeting, but met with the Commissioners afterwards. Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the August 21, 2001 minutes with the one correction. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported the City is still falling behind on revenue. The general fund is low right now. He asked the Auditor's office to get some information on the health care costs for the City and it looks as though there will be an increase of about 20% for next year. He stated expenses are increasing, but revenue is not. Next year will be a rough year.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper reported the new employee in the Auditor's office started work today and it was good timing because one employee is out of the office this week and another employee will be off next week.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported he has been approached regarding a request for sidewalk replacement and he will get together with Bob Gausman, City Engineer, regarding this request.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson reported that her committee met prior to this evening's meeting with the Mayor and Larry Roe, future Police Chief. Mr. Roe had two applications he asked Council to approve for the position of Police Officer. One is to replace Office Don Minshall, who passed away and one will replace Larry Roe as he moves into the position of Chief.

HIRING OF TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS: Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to hire David Roosa as a full time Police Officer to be effective September 19, 2001 (or at his convenience if that date is not possible). **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Tracy Evans as a full time Police Officer to be effective October 1, 2001 (or at his convenience if that date is not possible). **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson also thanked Dean Knight, Street Superintendent, for taking care of repairing the alley behind First Avenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly reported he has a 2 page petition with names of Police Department, Fire Department and City employees who would like the City to name the road between Second Street and Route 23, near the YMCA, after Waverly Police Officer, Don Minshall, who passed away in August. He added that he had asked for ideas at the last Council meeting. The only other idea received was to name it "Y Street". Acting President Jones asked the Street Committee to review this and come back to Council for a vote.

Mayor Kelly also stated he was informed that there was some interest by the FOP in leasing the Depot Building, so he had not advertised for bids on this yet. Councilman Blakeman suggested they come to Council with a proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREET LIGHTS & SIDEWALKS: City Engineer, Bob Gausman, brought up sidewalks. He reported the City is currently working on redoing all the city street corners located on State Route 220 to make them handicapped accessible, in preparation of the repaving project ODOT will be doing on 220 this year. The next project will be the sidewalk on Second Street directly across from the Court House. He added that anytime sidewalks like this are discussed, the subject of streetlights comes up. He told Council that a decision needed to be made prior to starting this project as to whether or not the City wants to install street lights in this portion of downtown. If so, now is the time to do it, while the sidewalk is all torn up. Councilman Downey asked where the money would come from for this and Mr. Gausman stated that is a good question. He added that for the time being the conduit could be run and the lights would not have to be installed yet. This would keep the cost to a minimum. Community

Development Director, Nathan Davis, asked if the City runs conduit in this area, are we committed to doing this all over the downtown area. Mr. Gausman said that running the conduit on Second Street would make the statement that is what the City wants done on all the downtown streets. Mr. Davis added there is a grant available from the Ohio Department of Development for downtown development and he suggested the City could make Second Street a display project. This may possibly get the downtown business owners energized to start working on trying to get this grant. It would take a lot of work, as it is a very competitive grant. Councilman Kempton stated that in German Village the City put in streetlights and the property owners were assessed the cost. He added that it was not a popular decision at the time, but it looks great and people are pleased now that it was done. Mr. Gausman added the work could be done and our ordinance states property owners can be assessed. Mayor Kelly asked Mr. Davis and Mr. Gausman to come up with some cost figures to add the streetlights. Mr. Knight asked about the people on the list for sidewalk replacement. He said there is no way you can leave the people on the list behind. Mr. Gausman said the owners of the area on Second Street are at the top of the list. Mayor Kelly added that area is in bad shape and someone has already been hurt on it. There was more discussion about areas that take priority for replacement. Some of the areas of priority that were discussed were: downtown, areas where kids have to walk to school, residents on the replacement list, etc. Councilman Kempton said he would like to look at the list and prioritize it and get an idea of the cost of each project. Mayor Kelly stated he would have Woody Schaeffer, Engineer's Assistant, work up some cost projections. He added that Woody has done a great job working on these projects and on the list. The discussion went back to streetlights and running the conduit when the sidewalks are replaced. Mr. Gausman asked again if we run the lights in this area, are we going to make everyone run the wiring for lights, such as the funeral home on Second Street that is also having their sidewalks replaced. Councilman Downey stated he did not feel it was right to make the funeral home do this. Mayor Kelly added if we start wiring for lights in one area, we would need to make everyone do it. Mr. Gausman stated he felt it would be too hard to make everyone do it and we should probably scrap the whole idea about the lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #42-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR DEPOT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION. Councilman Downey read Resolution #42-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve Resolution #42-2001 as an emergency measure. Councilman Blakeman asked if there was any cost to the City for this. Mr. Davis stated the estimated cost of the project is \$455,000 and the grant being applied for would be for 70% of this cost. The paperwork for the City's matching share was turned into the Auditor's office three months ago. The City will apply in the fall of this year and will get an answer in the Spring of 2002 with the money being available in the Summer of 2002. He added the engineers have proceeded with the assumption that the Depot Building will remain, but there is a chance that it may have to be torn down. He added that it does cause some problems with the line of vision for trucks pulling out onto Second Street. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #43-2001 (DISPENSE WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS) – APPROVE ANTICIPATED REVENUE RECEIVED AND EFFECTIVE TAX RATES ON CURRENT TAX LEVIES AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION. Councilman Downey read Resolution #43-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to dispense with the second and third readings of this Resolution. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #44-2001 (EMERGENCY) – DESIGNATE THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAVERLY, OHIO AS THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE CITY OF WAVERLY. Councilman Downey read Resolution #44-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve this resolution as an emergency measure. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

ACCEPT LOW BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS: Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to accept the low bid for the wastewater treatment plant improvements from PAE & Associates, Inc. as the General Contractor and Q.O.B. Electric, Inc. as the Electrical Contractor. The bid from PAE was \$3,134,000.00 and the bid from Q.O.B. was \$450,181.00 for a total combination of \$3,584,181.00. **Roll Call:** All Aye. All bids submitted are as follows:

Combined Bids – General & Electrical	
Ameritcon, Inc.	\$4,006,000.00
Adams Robinson, Inc.	\$4,246,000.00
Crace Construction Co.	\$4,462,924.00
Separate Bids - General:	
PAE and Associates, Inc.	\$3,134,000.00
Adams Robinson, Inc.	\$3,768,000.00
Building Crafts, Inc.	\$3,919,924.00

Ameritcon, Inc.	\$3,596,000.00
Crace Construction Co.	\$3,925,324.00
King Contracting, Inc.	\$4,631,400.00
Separate Bids – Electrical	
Q.O.B. Electric, Inc.	\$ 450,181.00
SOS Electric, Inc.	\$ 519,750.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to pay the bills.

Roll Call: All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to adjourn.

Roll Call: All Aye.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey and Roger Kemper. Greg Kempton was excused.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with Devin Kelly leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

JINGLE BELL COMMITTEE: President Reed introduced Sharon Manson of the Jingle Bell Committee to address Council. Mrs. Manson gave some information on the Jingle Bell weekend to be held November 16, 17 & 18 in Pike County and the parade to be held on the 17th. She asked Council for a donation of \$2500.00 to help with expenses for the Jingle Bell festivities. She listed several items they would use the money for. Councilman Downey asked what the City donated to them last year. Mrs. Manson thought it was around \$1300.00. Councilman Downey looked at the finance report and noted all the accounts, which are down from last year and asked where the money would come from for this donation. He added he knows this is a worthy cause, but this is twice as much as we gave last year and he asked again where the money would come from. There was some discussion as to when the committee needed an answer. She stated she would like to know in the next week or two so they can order the items they need. Councilman Blakeman added there is still money in the recreation fund that can be used for this if Council would like to. He agreed it is a worthwhile project and he recommended Council make this donation. Councilman Kemper asked if there were any other expenses coming up for the recreation fund and President Reed and Councilman Blakeman agreed that most organizations have already requested their donations for the year. Councilman Kemper stated he feels the City should do this. He added this event is probably the most visible one the City has and it impacts very favorably on the economy. Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to donate \$2500 to the Jingle Bell Committee. **Roll Call:** Jones-Aye, Blakeman-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Downey-No, Kemper-Aye, and Reed-Aye.

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to add Resolution #51-2001 to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper had no report, but thanked Council for allowing the use of the Council Chambers for a meeting he had earlier this evening.

Street Committee: Councilwoman Thompson spoke in the absence of Councilman Kempton. She reported the committee had questions about the ordinance on this evening's agenda concerning some stop signs being added at several locations throughout the City. Councilman Blakeman agreed and said this is the first this committee has heard about these signs and usually something like this is presented to the street committee first to discuss and then brought before Council. They asked Street Superintendent, Dean Knight, to address this. Mr. Knight stated the first five stop signs listed on the Ordinance are being installed because these are intersections that have no stop signs at the present time and it has become a safety issue. The other stop sign on the list is changing Third and Market Streets from the current two-way stop sign to a four-way stop intersection. This is also due to safety concerns, especially due to the fact that the new fire department was built on Third Street and their vehicles now have to go through this intersection from Third Street to respond to emergencies. The cars on Market Street do not always stop to let them out. Mayor Kelly stated it is his fault Council did not know about this prior to this evening, but he felt due to safety concerns this needed to be done immediately. He added that because of this, Council could pass that portion of the Ordinance as an emergency and leave the four way stop part of the Ordinance to be done as a separate Ordinance with three readings. Council agreed to do this when the Ordinance is voted on tonight.

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey said he had already discussed the City's finances and had no other report.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson stated her committee met this evening and there was a lot of discussion about the Ordinances on the agenda regarding the wastewater treatment plant expansion project and she would speak about them when those Ordinances are addressed.

USE OF CITY BUILDINGS AS POLLING PLACES: Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to allow the use of the Police Building and Municipal Building as polling places for the November 6, 2001 election. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

CHANGE MEETING DAY IN NOVEMBER: Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to change the first Council meeting in November from November 6, 2001 to Monday, November 5, 2001 due to the election. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

F.O.P. PROPOSAL FOR DEPOT BUILDING: Jason Fields of the Waverly F.O.P. addressed Council with a proposal for the F.O.P. to lease the Depot Building. He spoke about some of the things the F.O.P. does in the community and that they do not presently have a building of their own. The proposal asked if they could lease the building for \$1.00 per year and they would be responsible for liability insurance, utilities, repairs, etc. There were some comments about the possibility that the building may have to be torn down when Depot Road is redone. Mr. Fields said the F.O.P. is aware of this. Bob Gausman, City Engineer, stated Mill's Pride had approached him that they might like to move the Depot Building to their location to use as a guard shack. Council agreed that it would be very difficult to move the building. President Reed told Mr. Fields that Council would have Law Director; Buz Bevins draw up an agreement for the lease.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly stated that the Pike County MR/DD has a levy on the ballot this November and it is very important that it passes. He asked for everyone's support for this. He also wished Harold Finney a Happy Birthday. Mr. Finney will be 100 years old. He informed Councilwoman Thompson that Mr. McCartney of the Waverly Crime Watch would like to meet with the Public Services Committee sometime regarding the Waverly Crime Watch group. Apparently there has not been much interest in the group lately and he would like to meet with the committee regarding some ideas he has to renew interest in this organization. Mayor Kelly reported that a meeting was held today with Ron Cuckler concerning the easement the City needs on Mr. Cuckler's property to do the drainage project in Green Acres. The Mayor stated an agreement has been reached and he added that Mr. Cuckler was very cooperative and easy to work with and he appreciated Mr. Cuckler's help and cooperation very much.

Mayor Kelly also reported he received a request from the YMCA Board with a proposal to name the new road beside the YMCA either Pride Boulevard or Pride Drive. Mayor Kelly mentioned the petition the City employees had passed around asking the road to be named after Don Minshall. Mayor Kelly said he was working on a plan to possibly come up with a scholarship fund in the names of City employees that had passed away while working for the City. He said there have been a couple employees that have passed away while they were employees of the City, and he feels it would be very hard to single out one of these individuals for a street name, but a scholarship fund could be a nice way to make sure they are all honored. He asked Council to think about these options.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #45-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN OHIO TRENCHING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE US 23 WATERLINE EXTENSION.

Councilman Kemper read Resolution #45-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve this Resolution as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Southern Ohio Trenching submitted the lowest and best bid for this project.

RESOLUTION #46-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS, LTD. TO PROVIDE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR NEW SEWER LINE SERVICE TO SECOND STREET.

Councilman Kemper read Resolution #46-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve this Resolution as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

ORDINANCE #47-2001 (EMERGENCY) – APPROPRIATE \$3,584,181.00 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND AWARD THE BID TO PAE & ASSOCIATES FOR THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR PORTION OF THE PROJECT & Q.O.B. ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR PORTION OF THE PROJECT.

Councilwoman Thompson read Ordinance #47-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to approve this Ordinance as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye. PAE and Associates and Q.O. B. Electric, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bids for this project.

ORDINANCE # 48-2001 (EMERGENCY) – INCREASE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES TO PAY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.

President Reed asked John Voorhes, Wastewater Superintendent, to address everyone about his Ordinance. Mr. Voorhes went over with Council and guests the wastewater treatment plant project and the work that would be done. Mayor Kelly stated Mr. Voorhes has done a great job on this project and the rate increase is going to be \$1.15 per thousand gallons and it was originally discussed that it would be at least \$2.00 per thousand gallons. He added that Mr. Voorhes cut out a lot of extras to save on the project cost and the bids came in lower than expected. He added there still is a rate increase, but it will not go into effect until January 2002 and our rates are still lower than the State average. A public hearing was held to discuss the

rate increase. This Ordinance needs to be passed as an emergency to allow the City to start the paperwork to get the loan. Mr. Voorhes added that the City saved almost \$3,000,000.00 on this project. Councilman Blakeman asked what the completion date would be. Mr. Voorhes said approximately July 2003. Councilman Downey asked why the City is doubling the capacity when we are not growing. Mr. Voorhes explained some of the work being done is in preparation for the future and the EPA mandates some of the work being done. Mr. Gausman said he would have to disagree with the statement that the City is not growing. He said there is room to grow in the area of State Route 335 and State Route 220 and development has been discussed for both areas. Mayor Kelly added that capacity is also needed in case a manufacturing plant may want to move into the area. He also stated it would be silly to upgrade and not increase the capacity. The plant has been band aided for years. Mayor Kelly said Council would be asked a lot of these questions by the residents when the increase takes effect and it is good to know this information and to look over the information Mr. Voorhes presented them with. Councilwoman Thompson read Ordinance #48-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve Ordinance #48-2001 as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

ORDINANCE # 49-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BBS CORPORATION FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ALL PHASES OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT. Councilwoman Thompson read Ordinance #49-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to approve this Ordinance as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

ORDINANCE #50-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
ON EAST STREET AT ELIZABETH LANE
ON GRANDVIEW AVENUE AT SAINT MARY’S LANE
ON THE EAST END OF STAFFORD DRIVE AT COLUMBIA DR.
ON SUZANNE LANE AT COLUMBIA DRIVE
ON SUZANNE LANE AT STAFFORD DRIVE

Councilman Jones read Ordinance #50-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to approve it as an emergency. It was added that the four way stop sign listed on this Ordinance would be removed and listed by itself on a separate ordinance. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #51-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$75,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND. Councilman Downey read Resolution #51-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

OCTOBER 2, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with Larry Roe leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey had no report, but stated he would not be sure how the City was doing financially until the end of November.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper had no report.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported he was in a meeting this afternoon with City Engineer Bob Gausman, Street Superintendent Dean Knight, Community Development Director Nathan Davis, Law Director Buz Bevins and Mayor Kelly. He reported the meeting was in regards to the special assessment policy for sidewalks, curbs and gutter replacements. At the meeting, Mr. Davis was appointed to be the administrator over the sidewalk projects. Mr. Davis will be developing a criteria list to be used to evaluate each project. Mr. Knight will then evaluate each project and this information will be brought back to the committee for them to make a decision.

Councilman Kempton also reported that Mr. Knight would like to hire one of his temporary summer employees as a permanent employee. He added there is another employee in the street department that has been off on disability for one year and it does not look like he will be back. It was stated that if he were able to come back, a position would still be available for him. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Walter Fugate as a permanent, full time employee for the Street Department. **Roll Call:** All Aye. President Reed asked about the curbs on Gary Baker's property located on Saint Mary's Lane. He had mentioned at a previous Council meeting that the curbs need repair due to some damage the City caused several years back. He stated he wanted to make sure the City did not overlook this. Mayor Kelly asked Mr. Knight if he knew where Mr. Baker lived and he was not sure. President Reed said he would get the address to Mr. Knight.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman stated he understood that Law Director Bevins was preparing the lease for the Depot Building which the F.O.P. wants to lease and that it should be ready by the next Council meeting.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson stated she had a request to hire a part time dispatcher for the Police Department. She made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hire Tisha Shoemaker as a part time dispatcher. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson also reported there will be a meeting of the Waverly Crime Watch on Thursday night at the Lion's Club and she hoped that everyone will come and support the group.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly discussed with Council the Police Cruiser purchase program. He stated it is time to plan the purchase of new cruisers again. He added that the City has been purchasing 5 new cruisers every year and selling the old ones each year. Due to the fact that the cruisers have low mileage on them, they usually bring about \$80,000 for all five. Mayor Kelly stated he has met with Current Police Chief, Mike Corwin and future Chief, Larry Roe and both agree they would like to continue the program. Mayor Kelly's question to Council is whether they wish to purchase five new vehicles at \$100,000 or cut it back to 4 new vehicles for \$80,000, which would produce no net loss. He added the problem with only buying four would be that there would be more miles on each vehicle, which will make them less valuable when they are sold. After further discussion, Council agreed that they liked the idea of only purchasing four vehicles.

Mayor Kelly presented Chief Corwin with a plaque for all his years of service to the City. He stated this is Chief Corwin's last Council meeting as Chief due to his retirement. The Mayor expressed the City's appreciation to the Chief for his years of hard work and dedication.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Downey told Council there would be a meeting at 6:00 on October 16 prior to the regular Council meeting to go over the budget and wage ordinance. He asked everyone to be there. He added the department heads have cut the budget to make some room for raises. President Reed asked if the City knew how much the health insurance would increase.

Auditor, Harvey Whaley, said he would not know until April. Mayor Kelly said he would call the agent and try to get some information on the increase.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kevin Gildow, from Morningside Drive, and some other residents of Morningside were in attendance to address Council about some problems in their neighborhood. Mr. Gildow stated there are two rental properties in the neighborhood that the tenants and their children are causing constant problems with the other neighbors. He gave several instances where the children have caused damage to other properties and he added there have been problems with trash piling up and rats being found. Mr. Gildow and the others in attendance said they have called the police, but the children do not listen to them. Mayor Kelly asked Police Chief Corwin what the City could do. Chief Corwin said the parents have been talked to, but it does not seem to help. Mayor Kelly suggested a meeting with the parents, himself and Chief Corwin and future Chief Roe. Another neighbor expressed concern about one of the children living in these homes that is only about 2 years old and is out walking along the sidewalk alone for long periods of time. She is concerned that he will get out in the road and get hurt. Mr. Gildow also informed Council that he had a petition with 26 signatures on it from neighbors who have also had problems. President Reed said the City would try and work on a solution to this problem. He asked for a little time, but he added the City wouldn't drag their feet. Mayor Kelly added he would like to come up with a peaceful solution.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor Whaley stated his office has been working on the wage ordinance and budget and they look good. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

OCTOBER 16, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Kelly leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey said we still wouldn't know until about the end of November how the finances for the City are going to be for the year-end.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper had no report.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported he has talked with Community Development Director, Nathan Davis, regarding the sidewalk projects and they will be meeting again next week and should have some information to bring back to Council by the next meeting.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson reported that she attended a neighborhood watch meeting and she stated they are trying to get the neighborhood watch program revived. She asked everyone to get involved. The next meeting will be November 1 @ 7:00 at the Lion's Club. Councilman Blakeman mentioned that he was also in attendance at that meeting.

President Reed wanted to mention that due to involvement by neighbors, his son's business in Green Acres was kept from being robbed. He wanted to thank Chuck Valentine, who called the police when he saw someone trying to break into the business. The police came quickly and stopped the robbery.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kelly mentioned there is an important issue on the November ballot that he asked everyone to support. MR/DD has a levy on the ballot. He added signs are available if anyone would like one for their yard.

The Mayor also reported the design for the YMCA road is about 60% completed and should be done by Thanksgiving with bids to be advertised at the first of the year. He also noted the YMCA building is scheduled for completion approximately September 2002.

Mayor Kelly also mentioned the City does have a policy in place for any suspicious packages that would be received.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #52-2001 (FIRST READING) – WAGE ORDINANCE – TO ADOPT THE WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WAVERLY FOR THE YEAR 2002. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #52-2001 in its entirety for the first reading. Mayor Kelly informed everyone that this Ordinance was pretty much the same as last year with a slight pay increase and some wording has been changed. President Reed thanked Auditor Whaley and his staff along with the Mayor and Councilman Downey for all their work on getting this wage ordinance put together.

ORDINANCE #53-2001 (FIRST READING) – PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2002. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #53-2001 in its entirety for the first reading.

RESOLUTION #54-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PIKE COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE 61 OF WAVERLY, OHIO FOR THE LEASE OF THE OLD DEPOT BUILDING. Mr. Davis asked Council before reading the Resolution if they were aware that he has submitted an application for Issue II money for Depot Road construction and the engineer bid includes cost for the destruction of the Depot Building, if needed. He added that if it does have to be destroyed it will not be until July or August of 2002, but he would hate for this to become a problem at that time. President Reed stated the FOP is aware of the possibility and Council hopes it does not have to be torn down. Mayor Kelly stated the City would do all it can to keep the building. Councilman Jones read Resolution #54-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to pass this Resolution as an emergency measure. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Whaley said his office felt good about the budget and that he was pleased that it was below county appropriations. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

NOVEMBER 5, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton. Councilwoman Joyce Thompson was excused.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with Councilman Blakeman leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey stated things are not looking good as far as income tax receipts are concerned. He added he saw in the paper that Masco Corporation went from a profit to a loss and he stated that would also hurt Waverly. The total receipts for this year could be as much as \$200,000 below the amount received last year.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper did not have a report, but asked everyone to get out and vote yes for the MR/DD levy.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton reported for Councilwoman Thompson that she had received complaints about semi trucks on Gordon Street. He called Police Chief, Larry Roe, and he said the Police Department would take care of it. They also may get some signs for that neighborhood banning vehicles over a certain weight. Councilman Kempton also mentioned the street committee met with Superintendent, Dean Knight and Development Director, Nathan Davis regarding the sidewalk program. He said Mr. Davis would be the administrator over the program. Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to add Resolution #60-2001, which pertains to the sidewalk program, to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman reported that he attended the Waverly crime watch meeting along with Councilwoman Thompson and he said they received several concerns from residents at the meeting. There were complaints about speeding on Saint Mary's Lane, curb and gutter concerns and a few others he passed along. The next meeting will be held on December 6 @ 7:00 at the Lion's Club.

Public Services Committee: Councilman Blakeman reported in Councilwoman Thompson's absence. He stated Police Chief Roe would like to hire Tisha Shoemaker as an auxiliary officer and he made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire her. **Roll Call:** All Aye. Councilman Blakeman also added that he did not mention in the Recreation Committee report that he was in the process of ordering 12 banners that say, "Welcome to Waverly". The cost is \$1800 and there is \$2000 in the fund. He also said he and Woody Schaeffer, Engineer's Assistant, have picked out an additional piece of playground equipment for Canal Park. Mayor Kelly suggested he run this information by Street Superintendent Knight before purchasing it. Councilman Kempton also mentioned that Councilwoman Thompson had received more complaints about rental properties on Morningside Drive. President Reed said he has also received complaints and passed them along to Chief Roe who said he would be talking to the property owners.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly asked Council to remove items 3 & 4 from the agenda, which dealt with police cruisers. He stated Chief Roe has decided not to buy new ones this year due to the City's finances. Chief Roe said he would feel better about not creating more debt for the City. Mayor Kelly reminded everyone that doing this will diminish the resale value of the cruisers, but he does agree this is a good idea.

Mayor Kelly also asked Council to go into an executive session at the end of the meeting regarding a personnel matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #52-2001 (2ND READING) – WAGE ORDINANCE – TO ADOPT THE WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WAVERLY FOR THE YEAR 2002. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #52-2001 in its entirety for the second reading.

ORDINANCE # 53-2001 (2ND READING) – PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2002. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #53-2001 in its entirety for the second reading.

RESOLUTION # 55-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND. Councilman Blakeman read Resolution # 55-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to pass it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #56-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BRIDGE AND STREET FUND. Councilman

Kemper read Resolution #56-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #57-2001 (EMERGENCY) – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL D. CORWIN TO PERFORM POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS FOR THE CITY. Councilman Blakeman read Resolution #57-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #58-2001 (1ST READING) – TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION AND REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY. Councilman Kempton read Resolution #58-2001 in its entirety for the first reading. He added the new rating system for each project will start at the first of the year

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

President Reed reminded everyone about Jingle Bell weekend the weekend of the 17th of November. He added it is nice to see the new decorations along Route 23. Mayor Kelly thanked the fire department for putting the decorations up on the light poles.

Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to go into Executive Session. Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to return to Regular Session.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

NOVEMBER 20, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton. Councilman Jack Jones was excused.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with Harvey Whaley leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Reed asked that the salt bids be opened. The Clerk opened sealed envelopes from Central Salt, Cargill Salt, Morton Salt and IMC Salt. All four companies stated in their letters that they were unable to submit a bid for salt at this time, but to consider them for future opportunities.

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported the income tax receipts were not any better and will probably be about \$200,000 below last year. He added next year could be brutal.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper congratulated all the City employees on the great job they have done this year. He added the parks look great, the decorations look great and he wanted to let them know Council appreciates all their hard work.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton stated the 2nd reading of Resolution #58-01 was not on the agenda and he made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to add Resolution #58-01 to the agenda. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones was not present.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report, but wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson reported she has received a request from Police Chief, Larry Roe, to hire three new people for the Police Auxiliary.

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hire David Taylor for the Police Auxiliary. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blakeman to hire Travis Williams to the Police Auxiliary. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to hire Christopher McGeary to the Police Auxiliary. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly was not present, but President Reed asked for prayers for Mayor Kelly's family as they deal with family illness concerns.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #52-2001 (3RD READING) – WAGE ORDINANCE. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #52-2001 in its entirety for the third reading and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve this ordinance. **Roll Call:** Blakeman-abstain, Thompson-Aye, Downey-Aye, Kemper-Aye, Kempton-Aye and Reed-Aye.

ORDINANCE #53-2001 (3RD READING) – 2002 PROPOSED BUDGET. Councilman Downey read Ordinance #53-2001 in its entirety for the third reading and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve this ordinance. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #59-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TRANSFER \$30,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE FUND. Councilman Downey read Resolution #59-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the resolution. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

ORDINANCE # 60-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TO AMEND ORDINANCE #07-2001. Councilman Downey read Ordinance # 60-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to approve this Ordinance. **Roll Call:** All Aye. This Ordinance amends the annual budget appropriations for the year 2001.

RESOLUTION #61-2001 (EMERGENCY) –AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO BORROW \$150,000 FOR THE RENOVATION/REMODELING OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilman Downey read Resolution #61-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. Councilman Downey explained the City could get an interest rate of 3.9%, which is very low, to have this work done. The reason the Mayor wants it to be done, as an emergency is that some of the work can be done while the weather is still nice. Chief Roe is acting as the contractor for the project and has 4 or 5 other people helping him work on it. President Reed invited anyone that is interested to go down to the Police Department and see the work they have done so far. He stated they are making the Police Department much more usable. Chief Roe went over some of the work to be done and he added the full \$150,000 might not be needed to complete the project. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

RESOLUTION #58-2001 (2ND READING) – TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION AND REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY. Councilman Kempton read Resolution #58-2001 in its entirety for the second reading.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor Whaley reported his office had to purchase new computers and due to the switch over from the old, the report his office usually gives Council was not available for tonight's meeting. He also wanted to let Council know that Rita Dunham, from his office, would be filling in as clerk at the December 4 meeting.

Councilman Kempton made a motion, seconded by Council Downey to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Downey added that he spoke with the President of Adena Health Center at a meeting he attended and asked him how much health insurance rates may go up next year. His answer was approximately 12% or more.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to adjourn.

Roll Call: All Aye.

DECEMBER 4, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with Devin Kelly leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2001 regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey reported that he had not received the income tax report and asked if anyone knew. Auditor's secretary, Rita Dunham, stated the amount received for November was \$143,322.00 making the total for the year to date \$915,000. Mr. Downey stated that this would make us about \$200,000 short from last year.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper congratulated the people who were re-elected.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton stated the street committee had received some requests. The Hello Shop requested a loading zone. This request was not received in time for the street committee to review, but should be ready to address at the next Council meeting. Another request was for residential only parking at Lock and Second Streets. This is due to construction vehicles parking in front of houses. There was also a request to put the dead end sign back up on Grandview because of an increase in traffic on that road. The final request was for repairs to a section of sidewalk at the Crooked Creek Bridge by the U-Haul lot. City Engineer, Bob Gausman, said ODOT has been contacted on this problem and if they do not repair the sidewalk, the City will have to.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report, but he did want to thank the people involved with decorating Canal Park. He added they did a great job and it looks very nice.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson reminded everyone of the Crime Watch meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at 7:00 at the Lion's Club in Green Acres. Councilman Blakeman added he hoped they would have a good turn out like they did at the last meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly thanked Mill's Pride for the cabinets and counter tops and the help given to the Police Department. He also reported that Mill's Pride met with Trevor Roe and Holly Taylor, Waverly High School students, and will be building them a set for the TV show they produce. The engineers for the Depot Road project have told the City that the Depot building will more than likely have to come down. This is due to future plans for the area. Councilman Blakeman expressed concerns from citizens about tearing down the building. He suggested having a public hearing to allow the citizens to voice their views. Mayor Kelly stated his main concern is public safety and leaving the building could jeopardize that, the way the plans are drawn up. Mayor Kelly stated the City received the information on the increase for health insurance and it will only be increased 5% beginning January 1, 2002. He added he had expected the increase to be much greater.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #58-2001 (3RD READING) – TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION AND REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY. Councilman Kempton read Ordinance #58-2001 in its entirety for the third reading and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve this Ordinance. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #62-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND. Councilman Downey read Resolution #62-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Mayor Kelly stated the City had received and opened bids for the Canal Park restroom. Ingle Barr submitted the low bid of \$58,000. Council needs to approve this bid, so work can commence. Discussion was made on the cost and concerns were made about vandalism and the upkeep. Councilman Blakeman said he thought that once the restrooms were completed, we would see more and more families using the park, which is a good thing. Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to accept the low bid submitted by Ingle Barr of \$58,000. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor, Harvey Whaley, was excused from the meeting. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to pay the bills. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

DECEMBER 11, 2001
SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilmen Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Jack Jones and Roger Kemper.

The meeting was opened at 4:35.

RESOLUTION #63-2001 (EMERGENCY) – ADVANCE \$110,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND. Councilman Downey asked Auditor, Harvey Whaley, about the money being transferred and he explained the advance of funds. He gave Councilman Downey the breakdown of the funds being transferred as follows:

Employee Line	-	\$57,263.00
Fringe Line	-	\$12,000.00
Police/Pen/PERS	-	\$40,737.00

Councilman Downey asked if the Police Department would have the same problem and be in the hole next year also. Mr. Whaley said he felt the new police chief was making some cutbacks that would prevent this from happening next year.

Councilman Jones entered the meeting. Councilman Downey read Resolution #63-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve the resolution. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.\

DECEMBER 18, 2001

PRESENT: President Dale Reed, Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Councilmen Jack Jones, Forest Blakeman, Lynn Downey, Roger Kemper and Greg Kempton.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 with Harvey Whaley leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES: Councilman Kemper made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2001 Special meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2001 Regular meeting. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Downey commented on the report he received from the Auditor's Office and stated it looked as though the City spent \$300,000 more than we took in. He stated Council needs to identify places to cut costs and try to come up with \$300,000 to cut for next year or maybe look at increasing taxes. Mayor Kelly said he does not feel a tax increase is needed and he feels the tax revenue next year will rebound. He feels the school construction project will help and he added that he has talked with people and he feels the income taxes will rebound next year.

Personnel Committee: Councilman Kemper thanked Councilman Downey and the members of the finance committee for causing the City to refocus on finances. He added the City has the best workers and we are lucky to be in a community with such dedicated employees.

Street Committee: Councilman Kempton had no report.

Zoning Committee: Councilman Jones had no report.

Recreation Committee: Councilman Blakeman had no report, but wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Services Committee: Councilwoman Thompson said she has received complaints as to why there is no turn lane at State Route 335 and Clough Street. Mayor Kelly explained that a turn lane at that intersection is on the City's wish list and we have talked with ODOT about getting this when they do some work next year, but we are not sure it will happen.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kelly reported Police Chief, Larry Roe, has been working on cutbacks at the Police Department. He has cut overtime, schooling, etc. He has also been working on some reorganization of personnel and hopes to bring this to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Kelly also reported the City has been working with the schools and engineers to come up with some plans for a new road for the new schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kay Hamilton was present to address Council about the Canal Days festival. She said they are working on their plans for the 2002 festival and would like permission to use Canal Park for the event in 2002. She went over some changes they may be making such as cutting out the amusement rides and having more historical attractions. She also asked for any volunteers that would like to serve on the committee because they are losing some members. Mayor Kelly said she would have to check with his office and make sure the park was not reserved for that weekend. Community Development Director, Nathan Davis, also expressed concern as to whether the construction that just started for the park's new restroom facility would be complete by that time. Mrs. Hamilton told him the festival would be in June and he felt the construction should be finished by that time. There were some concerns about whether or not there would be enough electricity at the park and Mrs. Hamilton said they would take care of the electricity. Mrs. Hamilton then asked for help from the City for the Canal Days finances. President Reed and Councilman Blakeman both said they would like to wait until closer to the event and see how the City's finances are doing. Councilman Blakeman asked her to come back with a request in March and Councilwoman Thompson asked if she could submit a budget with her request.

ORDINANCE #64-2001 (1ST READING) – TO ADOPT A STATEMENT INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY WILL PROVIDE TO THE TERRITORY ON KENT LANE PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION UPON ANNEXATION. Councilman Jones read Ordinance #64-2001 in its entirety for the first reading. Councilman Blakeman said he had several questions to ask about this Ordinance. He asked if the other residents of Kent Lane are in favor of this. He also asked if the County Commissioners and Trustees are in favor of this and he asked about the cost of development. Mayor Kelly stated this request was made by the owners of this particular property to be annexed into the City. He also added there is a public hearing scheduled about this at the Court House on January 14. Mayor Kelly also added that the information he is receiving shows people in the area do not want this annexation. Township Trustee, John Seeling, was in attendance along with Kent Lane residents. He had several questions for Council, including who pays for the sewer installation. He added that all three

trustees oppose this. President Reed stated all that is being done tonight is an Ordinance which shows what services will be provided if the property is annexed. He added our Law Director, Buz Bevens informed Council this has to be done. Before the City makes any decision on annexation, the County Commissioners have to act on this. That is the reason the public hearing is being held, to allow residents to voice their concerns. Councilman Kempton stated he has talked with the property owner requesting this annexation. Mayor Kelly asked if Councilman Kempton felt they would still develop this land if they were not annexed. Councilman Kempton said he is not sure. Mayor Kelly stated one good thing about annexing this property would be the property owners would have to abide by City zoning regulations, which would keep them from putting in trailers. There was further discussion about the types of homes the property owner plans to build. The trustees felt it was low-income housing and Mayor Kelly said the Zoning Director, Bill Wonnell, has talked to the developers and the homes would not be low-income houses. Mr. Seeling stated the trustees are not opposed to development, but are opposed to annexation. It was again suggested that anyone with concerns about this annexation project should make sure and attend the public hearing.

RESOLUTION #65-2001 (EMERGENCY) – TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM GENERAL FUND TO BRIDGE & STREET FUND. Councilman Downey read Resolution #65-2001 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kemper to approve it as an emergency. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

Councilman Jones asked if we needed to change the date of the next Council meeting because it is scheduled for January 1. Councilman Downey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to hold the first meeting in January on Thursday, the 3rd at 7:00. **Roll Call:** All Aye.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor Whaley commented on the discussion regarding annexation. He stated the visitors had asked how the City could provide services to the area being annexed and Mr. Whaley asked how the township would be able to provide services. Mayor Kelly agreed and said the consensus is that the trustees do not want this property annexed, but when people start putting up trailers on this land, the trustees and commissioners will be the ones that have to deal with it.

Mr. Whaley also mentioned next year will be an interesting year as far as finances go, but he is keeping a positive outlook and hoping it will be an even year. Mayor Kelly stated we are very fortunate compared to other cities in our area. President Reed added that all councils and commissioners are dealing with financial problems this year and there is nothing wrong with being wise with our money. Councilman Kemper also added that we would need to be careful when organizations ask for donations. Councilman Kempton agreed and said we should ask for receipts and proof of expenditures from organizations after they have used the money. Councilwoman Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kempton to pay the bills.

Roll Call: All Aye.

Councilman Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Downey to adjourn. **Roll Call:** All Aye.