

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2014

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Scott Lipps	present
Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Denny Centers	present
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were two members of the press and 24 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Representative Ron Maag.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal, with noted correction by Mr. Wilcher, and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the September 15, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr.

Bray. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION - GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Mayor Centers presented 'Good Neighbor Awards' to the following for volunteering their time and to the banks for their cooperation, for the Farmer's Market started this year which was very successful. Awards were presented to: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Joe Jeromos, Mary Nenninger, Bob Alexander, Susan Stewart, Mark Newkirk, Donnette Fisher, Wesbanco Bank and Huntington National Bank.

PRESENTATION - JUDGE RUPERT RUPPERT

Judge Ruppert stated he wanted to discuss drug problems in the community and that the problem is also throughout the State and Country. He noted the following:

- Significant increase in drugs, especially heroin, the last 5 years; attended Drug Conference 6/30/14 and learned people are hooked after couple of uses of opiates (heroin), and they will steal anything to get it; can be lifelong fight for addiction; toured a plant that is making one of the new drugs, vivitrol, used for addiction
- Typo's in the report that he gave to Council

- Looking at stats (not broken down between City & Township) – much worse here than I thought
- Contacted Supreme Court about making this a Drug Court & being a full-time Judge. They did a study, which has been given to Council, and they say they will support a full-time Court for drugs
- Methadone & suboxine have been used for treatment; newest drug, vivitrol, is now being used to treat addicts, is expensive
- Medicaid will cover the cost now
- Have a couple of people here tonight to speak. First, is a person who is on the vivitrol program, is 7 months clean, is drug tested two times a week, been on drugs since 18 years old, 29 years old now, and is doing well
- County has a grant to pay for the first shot while in jail, good for 30 days, then we need to get them on insurance/medicaid to cover the cost, also, need follow-up with meetings, etc.
- Drug Courts are not anything new – have been around last 20+ years. Retired Judge Milt Nuzum, who had a Drug Court, is here tonight to speak to Council
- Currently here, 84 are on probation for drug use now; 72 could possibly be involved in the program; 37 on probation that are alcoholics are also eligible for the program
- Counseling and Court intervention is also needed in addition to the drug.

Judge Ruppert stated he has been an attorney helping people for 37 years, has enjoyed it & is satisfying, at the end of his career, 3 years left as a judge, either going to work another 3 years or if Council recommends, will serve as a full-time Judge; we have people that can be saved; if in the Court system, we can reach them and be highly successful. With that many people on probation, there's no way he can do that. He works full-time at the law office and is here 2 days a week for court. This will be a labor intensive project, implementation etc. and fulfilling the program with will probably take at least 3 days a week. It will take a lot of work and Judge Ruppert asked to be the one to do this, as he has the experience and knows most of these people, to be a full-time Judge.

Judge Ruppert stated the following will be needed:

- Part-time Secretary/Assistant Probation Officer – will be paid out of General Fund budget, might have to be full-time.
- \$17,995 increase in his salary, paid out of Special Project Fund
- Cost to City won't be great
- Those on program will be monitored closely; the vivitrol program is for 18 months
- Don't feel comfortable doing this with a Magistrate, never been a Judge and won't know the people, are part-time, work in their practice and will be more expensive; if have them for 3 days a week will be over \$60,000 year; if he does it, additional cost will be \$17,000+ out of his program
- Special Project Fund has approximately \$230,000; can use this to assist someone in jail, who can't get on the vivitrol, for screening costs & the vivitrol shot expenses while they're in jail
- If run out of money, he can increase Court costs by \$2 to \$5 – generates \$110,000 now for the Special Project Fund

Judge Ruppert stated that he has talked to all of Council. He's going to implement a Drug Court regardless if he is full-time or not. We have to have it, kids are dying and maybe we can save some of them, but we have to get them in the court system first. Judge Ruppert stated that he will be asking, but not tonight, for a recommendation to make the Franklin Municipal Court full-time, the County Commissioners are all in agreement with this and are waiting for Council to proceed, and then the Supreme Court will work our State Representatives and hopefully, pass a bill for this.

Mr. Bray stated if they are in jail for two weeks, when do they get the first shot. Judge Ruppert stated they have to be clean 14 days and then they get the shot while they are in jail, instead of treating someone for 150 days or longer.

Mr. Aldridge asked if getting the drug vivitrol is voluntary. Judge Ruppert stated a lot of people want help and don't know how to get it and then there are those you don't want help. Judge Ruppert stated there are those who won't comply. Judge Ruppert stated most addicts want help and he sees no problem getting most of them on the program. There will be those that can't be helped.

Mr. Faulkner thanked the Judge for coming. He asked if the Magistrate can be paid out of the Court Improvement Fund. Judge Ruppert stated he could, but he is using it for drugs and other costly things. Mr. Faulkner stated the vivitrol program is another tool that sounds good to have, his concern is you're asking us to make a permanent change for something we haven't tried yet. We haven't received any documents that show what numbers to expect. I've read the documents you me that talks about Drug Courts, lot involved probation, counseling - what is the cost of all of that- have to have some kind of impact on the Law Department.

Judge Ruppert stated we use Talbert House and Solutions now and there is no charge. Mr. Faulkner asked if the Prosecutor will do more. Judge stated no, will remain as is. Mr. Faulkner stated we subsidize the Court \$300 - \$400,000 now – lots of questions, who administers & pays for the shots. Judge Ruppert stated a doctor is paid to go to the jail & to write the prescription – covered by insurance/Medicaid, approximate cost \$150.00. Only qualified personnel can give the shots and the Special Project Fund will pay for costs not covered by insurance/Medicaid.

Mr. Faulkner stated that this is like an open checkbook. Judge Ruppert stated yes, but it is a tremendous problem that's going to continue and not get any better. Drug Courts have been successful all over the country and no reason it shouldn't be.

Mr. Faulkner stated he has read all the information and researched it and in the recent study done by the Commissioners, they favored a County Central solution. This will be s burden on the City. The court serves 28,000 people, City has 12,000 people – we are 40% of the population you're serving, but we will pay 100% of the cost. Mr. Faulkner asked shouldn't we consider a County Drug Court and it could be held here – to help with the cost. He added he has a problem saddling future Council's with this cost.

Judge Ruppert stated a Judge can't break the bank or he won't be re-elected; he hasn't done that, there is a deficit, but it has been consistent. City shouldn't foot the bill for vivitrol, Court costs can be increased to help cover costs; Medicaid & insurance will cover their costs, can't predict when Medicaid will end, can predict the drug problem is going to continue to get worse; a Central Court won't fly as we've tried before, also, don't have mass transit and most people don't have jobs etc. and needs to be administered locally.

Mr. Bray stated he agrees with the cost concerns, lots of unknowns, have talked to Judge Ruppert, contacted Rep. Shannon Jones and they are working on a drug program with State grants available; we don't know what the costs are; looking at overtime with the Police, EMS runs, what are those costs; need to look at everything.

Mr. Faulkner stated we need more County resources. Mr. Faulkner stated you can't make people do this, and when we talked, you agreed that we might have 20 people in this program. Judge Ruppert stated he does not agree with that number; he thinks the vast majority of people will want to be part of it; will be some that won't apply; will be a lot of work, have to be certified as Drug court, grant money will be available and cost to Council won't be significant.

Mr. Faulkner asked what the cost of certification is. Judge Ruppert stated no cost for certification, paperwork will be handled by Court personnel. Mr. Faulkner stated he'd like to try this for a year, with a Magistrate, before deciding, as we can't undo this.

Judge Ruppert stated he's not running again, he can't. His nephew, Ron, is in the wings, currently Township Trustee. Judge Jim Ruppert served before him. If it is a part-time Court, Ron will probably run and get elected. There is no financial incentive for him to change it to a full-time court. If we don't do it now, it won't happen.

Mr. Faulkner stated we don't know what's going to happen after him – who the next person will be. Once we do this we can't undo it. We have an opportunity to try this and think we have the responsibility to try.

Judge Ruppert stated having a magistrate is not ideal – they don't have the experience, the understanding or the power, better to have a Judge. He understands his concerns, think costs are overstated, believe will be successful and will make it successful. Also, have talked to Mr. Runge and if he runs and is elected, he will want to keep the Drug Court. Ron also will want to keep it if he's full-time and if he's not, if it is a part-time court, he will keep the Magistrates on to handle it.

Mayor Centers stated we all have read and been researching this. He along with Mr. Lewis, have meet with Judge Peeler. He's also meet with Representative Maag & Judge Ruppert. This program is going to go. Mayor Centers added he understands the concerns, but it will cost us more money if we have a Magistrate.

Mr. Faulkner asked, if you are a full-time Judge, how many additional Court days will there be. Judge Ruppert stated 3 days, but not formal court days as now.

Mayor Centers stated when he meet with Judge Peeler and Ms. Burnside and they told of instances involving mothers, fathers, children, etc., that would make a believer out of you – that hit home to him.

Mr. Faulkner stated he doesn't disagree, that once we do, we can't undo it – want to try before we go full-time, need to have documents with costs. Judge Ruppert stated that he has given documents with costs to Council before.

Mr. Wilcher stated after talking with the Mayor Centers and Judge Ruppert, he made calls and excited what this could do. He has the responsibility to taxpayers what financial impact this will have. He wants to help these people, don't want to kill the City's finances in the process, Drug Court sounds like a good deal, as Mayor Centers said, want to make sure we can afford a Drug Court now and forever; not knowing what effect on future Council's scares him; would support you today if you said we're having a Drug Court and hiring a Magistrate, to try it; reached out to Judge Peeler for information and info sounds good, but what happens if Medicaid dries up, we have no control over that. Judge Ruppert stated if the court can't pay for it out of Special Projects Fund & Medicaid stops, we'll continue the Drug Court and go back to using the older drugs used before vivitrol.

Mr. Aldridge stated he appreciates Mr. Wilcher's concerns and we are conscious of the costs, etc., As far as trying something, there were some unknowns too when we transitioned fire & ems. That was taking on a big service, we didn't know exactly what was going to happen.

Mr. Faulkner stated we had a lot more data then. Mr. Lipps responded we had 5 years of study, budgets and it also went to Safety & Finance Council committees.

Mr. Wilcher stated there was more financial date on EMS – to make a decision he needs to see a roadmap of financial obligations – also concerns about the availability of Medicaid in the future.

Judge Ruppert stated if you don't have the funds, you don't do it. That's good government, you can't spend what you don't have.

Mr. Lipps stated he feels we have to study this; we don't have financial info on; promised no more levies for ten years. Mr. Lipps asked how many are in Judge Peeler's program. Judge Ruppert stated it is a pilot program, no relapses, 16 or 18.

Mr. Wilcher stated, if it wasn't for the money, I don't think there would be any problem if we knew the dollar amount, if we knew there wasn't an increase - we want to help.

Mr. Lipps asked what if we try this for a year on a part-time basis to get some cost data.

Judge Ruppert stated it may or may not happen, I've tried this in the past, I'm going to be involved in the Drug Court, regardless if we have a Magistrate.

Mr. Bray stated we've recently told the Police Chief you take whatever resources you need to fight the drug problem. For \$18,000, even if it doesn't work and goes full-time, drugs aren't going away & will still have cost of \$18,000 and part-time secretary. Judge Ruppert stated his salary and any additional, will be funded out of the Special Fund.

There was some discussion if his salary can be paid out of this fund – Judge Ruppert stated that it can, i.e. as he pays security costs now out of that fund, not is his responsibility but he does it so the General Fund doesn't have to pay it. Also, noted that after this is done, it can't be undone.

Mayor Centers stated he read an article about spending for the vivitrol program upfront will likely save money in the long run. We won't know until we try.

Mr. Wilcher stated he's attended meetings where Judge Peeler and Prosecutor Fornshell have spoken at. Both have said if just some of the drug problems were solved, they'd have a lot less to do. He's also read the documents that were provided by the Judge, one situation said at some point the costs start to offset because the cost of \$55,000 year to put someone in jail vs cost of vivitrol, is 1/3 of that. He wants to make sure the City see those costs, so the City is not in debt for them. Judge Ruppert stated the drug is manufactured in Wilmington, getting ready to open a second facility; when the patent runs out, the cost will go down.

Mr. Faulkner stated we don't know if this drug, heroin, will be the drug of choice in the future and what will work for it.

Judge Ruppert introduced Retired Judge Nuzum, Director of Court Services and former Drug Court Judge in Marietta, to answer any questions.

Judge Nuzum stated he was a Municipal Court Judge for 13 years, with a Drug Court the last 4 years, retired 8 years ago, before vivitrol existed and had opiate drug addicts in his Drug Court. He stated there are problems all over the State and here also. There are more tools available today than we he ran the Drug Court. He explained how he implemented the program and it did help some clients. Being a Judge, not a Magistrate, is critical to the success of the Drug Court program. He noted the following: had about 80 people in the program, about 75% of people succeeded that he put through the program; speaking from his experience, it works, if only its one life; Ruppert's heart is in the right place; more tools today (counseling, vivitrol, Medicaid) than what he had; can apply for a State Grant for salary; is a full-time job; did a caseload study and it shows about average caseload, which warrants a full-time Judge. Mr. Faulkner asked, Judge Ruppert's caseload is 7,000-9,000, which 2/3 is traffic, so he sees about 4,000 actual cases – is that comparison the same as other areas. Judge Nuzum stated his highest caseload was 18,000 and lowest around 12,000; and vast majority of caseload was traffic tickets which still requires a lot of work.

Mayor Centers stated it could be one of our children or grandchildren; Council gave \$40,000 to a local business to get started & didn't think twice about it. The Judge is now asking for some money to start this program and he's covering the majority of the cost – I think this is great program, thanked both Judges for coming tonight and grants are available.

Judge Nuzum stated he just wanted to share his experiences and he is fully invested in Drug Courts. Judge Nuzum introduced Stephanie who he works with. She is Director of Court Services, he is Director of Judicial Services. They work together, the Drug Court is under her supervision. He shared one statistic: overdose deaths in 2012 - 1900; traffic deaths in 2012 - 1200.

Mr. Bray asked where he is from and were there any savings in overtime for the Police Department.

Judge Nuzum stated he is from Marietta; they had a federal grant; doesn't have any stats with him; takes a while to learn to be a Drug Court Judge and the vivitrol blocks the high for 28 days.

Judge Ruppert introduced Jamey Smith who is on the vivitrol program.

Ms. Smith stated she a heroin addict, started on OxyContin when she was 16. She switched to heroin because it was cheaper at age 18, she is 29 years old now and she didn't grow up around this. Her father is a Police Officer in Franklin and her step-father is firefighter in Franklin and her mother is an EMT. She started drugs with the father of her kids; been in jail 4 times; and now has a relationship with her kids. She has been 7 months clean and has had one relapse, don't know why she did. She has no cravings, feel normal and happy. She said she has never been clean this long and has her kids & family back. It does work.

Mayor Centers thanked her for coming tonight.

Ms. Smith answered questions from Council about her recovery.

Representative Maag stated he came tonight to hear the discussion and there is pending State legislation. It has been very helpful.

Mayor Centers thanked everyone for coming tonight and he thinks it is an outstanding program and money is the issue.

Mr. Faulkner stated he is concerned about the financial aspects, possibility of working with the County and wants to know what the City Manager & staff have to say about this as they've known about it for two weeks.

Mr. Lewis stated he, along with Mayor Centers, meet with Judge Peeler and he scared him. He said the program could run into \$1 million - \$1.5 million – a quote from him. Mayor Centers stated he thinks that was more of a figure of speech – think he just tossed that out as they don't know exactly what the program cost is. I think the State is going to come up with more money for grants and County will eventually may have some kind of central support, i.e. doctors, assessment groups, etc. We don't know where it will go, but do know the program works and we have a serious problem.

Mr. Lewis stated when you see the statistics, it's just the numbers, but when you hear from someone, as Ms. Smith tonight, it brings it to life. It goes under the radar, unless it is your child or someone you know. As City Manager, it's my job to look after the 12,000 residents. There are some unknowns; there may be grants; concern have to pay entire bill for all, 12,000 paying for the 28,000; heroin is a serious problem, and is a problem everywhere. In 2013, 85 EMS calls overdoses; 45 heroin, 37 patients, 2 deaths (City) out of 9 total. So far in 2014, 87 dispatches; 32 heroin, 28 patients, 2 deaths, 4 pending deaths, 3

deaths multi-intoxic. For the City, we are as bad as it seems, unless it affects you personally. Know you want to do what is right, to help the community and to help anyone to get off of a drug and the Judge does too, but we have to look at the money, will be unknowns, you have to decide.

Judge Ruppert stated he called Judge Peeler about the million dollar cost. He said he applied for a One Million Dollar grant; was granted \$800,000+; they have received two payments of \$200,000 each so far; no additional personnel; pay some drug costs; and \$50,000 spent last couple of years.

Mr. Aldridge asked if there are any stats on drug related crimes in the City. Judge Ruppert stated he didn't know & asked where Mr. Lewis came up with numbers. Mr. Lewis stated his stats came from our EMS runs. Mr. Aldridge referred to Mr. Brays remarks about giving the police Department whatever they need, we can continue to do that and they will continue to react to the same offenders, crime etc. Judge Ruppert added the numbers are larger as they there are some circumstances that aren't in that number.

Chief Whitman stated anything we can do to save a life, he's for it, if it works will affect the Police Department – will also effect EMS and crime. Mr. Bray asked if he knew the % of drug related crimes. Chief Whitman stated at least half.

Mr. Wilcher asked out of 72 screened, how many will be willing to go into the program. Judge Ruppert stated he thinks 75-80% of them.

Mr. Lipps asked why Judge Peeler has only 17 people in the program as he has grant money available. Judge Ruppert stated that is a good question - but they don't have the numbers we do. Mr. Faulkner stated with the costs involved, the money probably will be used.

Mr. Bray asked how many overdose EMS runs did we have last year: 85 OD last year; 45 were heroin (includes other drugs & alcohol).

Mr. Aldridge stated the 45 number over a year doesn't sound bad, but while we focus on rehabilitation we also need to focus on crime. There was some discussion on drug related crimes.

Mayor Centers thanked Judge Ruppert, Judge Nuzum and Ms. Smith for coming tonight.

After comments on how to proceed, this request will go to the Safety & Finance Council Committees for further discussion.

Discussion followed on the proposed Drug Court - how to proceed, costs, full-time Judge, and County involvement.

Mr. Aldridge asked what he (the Judge) can do without our okay.

Ms. Fisher stated he can add another Court day; he can add Probation Officer & Administrative Assistant with their salary set by Council; he can't pay any increase in his salary out of the Special Project Fund (Mayor Centers added that he did say he would off-set the cost) any money out of that fund has to be by Court order & he can't order money to himself; Magistrate can be paid out of the Special Project Fund; currently has a Small Claims Magistrate, top step \$10,000; do have a full-time court now – is open 5 days a week and has 8 Clerks and the question is, if there is a full-time Judge or a part-time Judge.

Mr. Bray asked if she knows how often the salaries for full-time Judges are increased. There has been no salary increase for Judges since 2008 and are set by statute; may be an increase this year– salary for part-time Judge is \$65,500; full-time Judge \$114,000.

Discussion continued on the salaries; overtime costs in Police Department; need to look at a County solution; money is the issue; can't undo this once it is done; and whether this is a temporary problem; drug of choice may change, but drugs will always be around; and need to test drive for a year to see what the cost is – will cost more to do that.

Mr. Lewis asked what information do that what for the committee meetings. Mr. Faulkner stated he needs an executive summary of costs from the Judge. Mr. Bray stated for the Finance meeting, we need a detailed breakdown of drug costs; expenses per person; cost of part-time person & full-time person; % of Police Department overtime spent on drug problems; EMS costs; narcon cost and how much is being used; and an outline of what is being spent.

Mr. Lipps requested Judge Peeler to be at the Safety Committee meeting, along with both Chiefs and EMS & Police reports.

Ms. Fisher asked if they would like to talk to the Prosecutor. Consensus of Council is they don't need to talk to the Prosecutor. Mr. Faulkner asked Ms. Fisher if she agrees with the Judge on how this works. Ms. Fisher stated she doesn't know, tonight is the first she has heard of some of this and hasn't seen some of the handouts mentioned tonight.

Discussion continued on Drug Courts in the area; grants available and that it takes one year to be certified as a Drug Court.

Mr. Lewis noted that it will take some time to get this information together – may be November. Mayor Centers added if we go forward, need to be at the forefront to get grant money.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

LIQUOR PERMIT - TRANSFER OF D-1 (BEER - ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OR CARRY OUT) AND D-2 (WINE AND MIXED BEVERAGES - ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OR CARRY OUT) PERMITS FROM R&R TAKHAR OPERATIONS, INC., TO SHRI HARI 1, INC., FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6651 FRANKLIN-LEBANON RD.

Chief Whitman stated that a background investigation has been done and there are no objections. There being no motion requesting a hearing, this will be returned that the City does not request a hearing on the transfer.

RESOLUTION 2014-31 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL MAP-21 FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Lewis stated that this authorizes applications for funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for funding in 2020. Projects are:

Bikeway	\$1,184,350 Total Cost	\$252,870 (21%) City Share
South Dixie Highway	\$1,055,000 Total Cost	\$282,500 (27%) City Share
Downtown Signals	\$1,420,279 Total Cost	\$508,933 (36%) City Share

Mr. Lewis noted on the bikeway project, that we had been working with Middletown on a joint project. They capped their share of the project, making us responsible and didn't feel comfortable with that. This is for our part to the City limits. The South Dixie Highway project is to repave South Dixie Highway from Riley Blvd. to the City limits, below Baxter Drive. The Downtown Signals project is the second phase replacing traffic signals at Riley Blvd/Fourth St. intersection, Riley Blvd/Sixth Street intersection and Sixth Street/Anderson St. intersection. Mr. Lewis stated that at the next Finance Committee meeting, funding sources for our share of these projects will be discussed.

Mr. Lipps asked about the cost of the bikeway. Mr. Lewis stated the cost includes a concrete wall, tree removal and environmental.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-31; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced:

Ordinance 2014-10 Amending Section 1337.03 of the City of Franklin Property Maintenance Code

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The tactical shop on Second Street, is closed
- Dogs in the park has been placed in the Police reading file
- The motor home is gone on Hemlock

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on the following:

- Thanked Council for the Good Neighbor Award. The Farmers Market has a great reputation in the area and it is a great community

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated need to talk to Pacey about fixing his fence.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; the homecoming parade was a huge success but did have traffic issues and have talked to Mr. Lewis about maybe having the parade start at the Park and end at the High School; and the Scholarship Fund Dinner is October 16th and Jerry Lucas will be the speaker. Mr. Bray stated there was confusion at the homecoming parade, it was better starting at the High School, he drove in the parade and there was a problem on 6th Street going to the Park. Mr. Lewis stated there were complaints last year that people couldn't get home and haven't had any this year; have received a complaint about the streamers on the bridges, someone called the State. Mr. Bray stated we need to work

with the School and the road repair by the Park looks good; the trees cut on Millard look good, and don't know anything about Drug Court or costs, will have to look at.

Mr. Lipps thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanked Ms. Smith who spoke earlier and shared her problem; recently had out of State guests and took them on a tour of the City and noticed the mural needs fixed; ran a half marathon and finished; daughter Stacey got married Saturday, outside wedding, thanks to those who were there; and appreciate the discussion tonight.

Mayor Centers offered congratulations on finishing the marathon and to Stacy.

Mr. Wilcher apologized for being so passionate tonight – want to help solve the problem.

Mr. Faulkner stated ditto; thanks for coming tonight; congrats to Mr. Lipps daughter, Stacy; there is a hole in front of the Marsh Building (Chief Westendorf stated the property owner was been notified this morning); and thanks to Ms. Fisher and all the volunteers who worked on the Farmers Market.

Mayor Centers stated he's glad to see the passion on the podium, we work well together and can disagree, excited about the program, know it works and we have to be stewards of our money.

Mr. Faulkner stated there's a problem that certain Council members were contacted in advance by the Mayor and he wasn't. At the same time, the Judge was also contacting Council members. Feel the issue should start in the public (Council meeting) first, instead of one on one calls/conversations with certain Council members.*

Mayor Centers stated that Mr. Mears told him that he has talked to the owner of the old paper mill and we need to find out what is going on with it. Mayor Centers asked when will the paving project on Sixth Street be done (will be done next year); not a very good turnout for the Bike Show, asked if residents are questioning if any City funding is involved, need to reconsider the event next year and heard that Randy may be involved with it next year; and a resident asked about the turn signal at 2nd Street/Riley Blvd., being very short.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council

*corrected