

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2000

7:15 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Karen J. Angelou

Sherie James-Arnold

Michael O'Brien

L. Nicholas Hogan

Thomas R. Kneeland

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Thomas R. Kneeland, L. Nicholas Hogan, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

McGregor, Mumma, Wetherholt, Komlanc, Hall, Choung, Murphy, Singh, Rittner, Dunn, Patton, Eader, Allen, Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0116-2000

TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, CONSISTING OF 0.125 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF 4.053 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY KANWAL N. SINGH AND LYNN W. SINGH, FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 727, AS DESCRIBED IN PLANS ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, HERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Weber stated there were 2 ordinances and a resolution; these suits have been filed; one of them has an ongoing lawsuit that has been going on for several years; these suits have been filed as to taking of the properties; these ordinances support the actions; Mr. Singh raised a case of writ; don't think that case is depositive; do have authority to have a taking inside the township; state constitution authorized this; Britt case which Singh quoted had peculiar facts that don't apply to this case; are lawfully authorized to go ahead with the appropriation suit; doesn't mean it can't be settled in the process but does need to keep moving; have legal authority under the state constitution; are having ongoing discussions with Mr. Singh; city will be making a proposal in writing; all these resolutions and ordinances do is permit the city to go ahead with the land appropriation and can be withdrawn if it is settled. Wetherholt stated we do this type of legislation occasionally and it rarely goes completely through the process.

Angelou stated that these were postponed to tonight because of the meeting scheduled for last Thursday. Weber stated there was no resolution at that time; a written proposal to Singh is being developed; all these ordinances and resolutions do is allow the process to continue while we are in good faith negotiations.

Mr. Singh stated there is no eminent domain power for sanitary sewer purposes. McGregor stated the City Attorney says we do have the legal authority to do.

Stinchcomb stated that negotiations can proceed; possibilities are there to settle and would prefer to do that; these pieces of legislation are on the special meeting agenda.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0117-2000

TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, CONSISTING OF 0.972 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF 26.375 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY LYNN W. SINGH AND KANWAL N. SINGH, FOR EASEMENT FOR THE SOUTH EAST SANITARY SUBTRUNK SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 277, AS DESCRIBED IN PLANS ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, HERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

See discussion on previous legislation.

Recommended for Adoption

SR-0004-2000

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, CONSISTING OF 0.125 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF 4.053 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY KANWAL N. SINGH AND LYNN W. SINGH, FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 727; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion on previous legislation.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0125-2000

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, TO ALLOW PAYMENT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR CLERK AND THE DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR CLERK AT MORE THAN THE BOTTOM OF THE RANGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mumma distributed a copy of the resume of the individual being considered for the position; posted the position on Channel 10 web site as well as the Ohio Municipal League web site for 30 days; our hope was to find somebody that had government experience; had 11 applicants and we did not call 3 for an interview; did interview the other 8; this individual was second lowest pay range requested; others were upper thirties and above; some were over qualified; does have experience in other financial industry - cutting checks, general ledger entries, and other duties on a daily basis; that's why we chose this individual; by far the most impressive; feel she will be very capable; interviewed her separately from Isler so had my own independent opinion. In response to question from Stinchcomb, Mumma stated applicant had requested between \$30,000 and \$32,000; has no college degree but felt experience outweighed that. In response to question from O'Brien, Mumma stated Excel is used frequently; have our own software for finance that no one would have previous training on unless they have worked for a government entity that has used the CMI package; isn't that difficult to learn.

Stinchcomb stated it was fine to post on web sites; but to attract the mass, feel you need to advertise in the mass media for help wanted postings; concern that I have. Jernigan stated that recent advertising for court clerk had 46 applicants with advertising done in Dispatch, RFE and Minority Communicator. Stinchcomb reiterated that her concern was that main stream media was not used for the search. O'Brien agreed. Kneeland stated it could be looked at two ways; only someone with computer skills and who is computer savvy would look on a web site so we know we are getting someone with skills. Hogan stated he would not agree we need someone who is computer savvy but need someone who is business savvy. Payne stated she agreed with Kneeland; someone who is checking a web site for job listings is a person who would be expected to be computer literate; also agree that we should not limit to just web sites; don't throw away traditional advertising mediums. Hogan stated he would feel more comfortable if 47 people had been pre screened rather than just 11; do know people who are computer literate but not Internet savvy ; don't agree that this should be the only advertising media; use more sites and traditional media for an important job; that search was really narrow.

Angelou stated we have an excellent Finance Director and Administrative Assistant; they found this applicant who would fit into the scheme of City Hall; looked at several people and they say this is the person they want; this is the person they feel will work out well and only asking to be allowed to start them above the minimum which we have done many times.

Payne stated that any future searches should use the traditional means in addition to the web opportunities; is an added bonus but should not be the only one used. O'Brien agreed noting that advertising is always done in a minority newspaper; appears to be a good candidate for the position but agree it was a narrow search.

Mayor noted remarks by Council members and will advise Department Heads for future searches.

Stinchcomb noted this legislation was on the special meeting agenda.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0103-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH REYNOLDS INC., FOR THE MORSE ROAD 36" WATER LINE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 699; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$1,308,222; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Stinchcomb noted that changes needed to be made to this legislation; administration had requested; had some concerns and wanted to talk about the possibility of running conduit in the pipe itself in order to have the ability to run fiber optic lines; also wanted to discuss boring instead of open cut.

McGregor stated we have not heard back from Mayor Coleman; Engineering Department staff will not consider; stated there are policies that prohibit; unlikely to change; don't see City of Columbus allowing us to do that; Mayor Coleman has not had a chance to review.

Jackson stated that with an open cut process we can lay a conduit for fiber optic in that trench; if there is a problem with the pipe then fiber optics are in danger; but there is nothing that stops us from doing; open cut was original proposal and Mayor wanted to investigate boring; have not had a good response from Columbus; open cut is their recommendation and do concur with that; discussions with Columbus didn't come through at this time.

In response to question from Angelou, Jackson stated that with boring we could also use part of the space in conduit for fiber optic. Stinchcomb stated she thought we were concerned with road closure with the open cut. McGregor stated we wanted to see if we could use the open cut for fiber optic but can also be done with boring; did not receive any response.

O'Brien stated he liked the idea of directional boring; Columbus wanting to have an open ditch doesn't surprise me; took them 3 years to rebuild James Road and 15 years to do Goodale expressway; directional line boring is viable. McGregor stated the project had a \$2.1 million estimate and came in at \$1.5 for the direct cut and \$1.6 for boring; they agreed to split cost for boring; our share of this project is 10%; if we go with boring we need to split that increase 50-50. Jackson stated that would mean \$50,000 for us. In response to question on whether we are adding fiber optic at this time, Jackson stated that this is Columbus' water line when it is done and it does go diagonally across Morse Road and Rt. 62 intersection; Gahanna's boundary is on south side of Morse Road at this point and not at center line; there is a 16' corridor on both sides; is pleasure of Council as to what we want to do. In response to question, Jackson stated Columbus will reimburse us half up front and then as bills are presented; original completion date for this portion was September; now it looks like they will start as soon as we pass and it should be completed in January; have the same deal coming up with New Albany for the second portion. O'Brien asked if this was in writing; will we get reimbursed. Jackson stated it was. McGregor stated this was complex; MS engineering saved us a lot of

money in the process; also saved us putting in another water tower; we have to appropriate before we can let the contract.

O'Brien stated he felt we had changed to directional boring in legislation. McGregor stated that if we award as directional bore it would be one company; if we award as open cut it would stay with Reynolds; anyone who buys supplies before Council has awarded a contract does so at their own risk. Jackson stated pipe was order based on your first recommendation; did that on his own and is his problem; Igel would be the award for directional boring; alternate 1 is the directional boring.

Jackson stated that the open cut can be done in one night; noted that originally it had been said it would take 4 days; had ms Consultants look at and their estimate was 1 night to do open cut; is 80' across the road; line will be about 15' deep with trench about 18' deep; this is the beginning of the job; is only 80' of a total of about 9,200'. Stinchcomb stated she thought we were talking several days. Jackson stated bid was let out on open cut; can be done at night so there is no traffic disruption. Payne asked if penalties could be included if it was not done at night; have had trouble with people living up to their word. Jackson stated it would be an additional \$50,000 to us to bore this; road will be torn up in next 2 years for intersection improvement. Several Council members expressed concern with contracts in general; whole lot of them are sliding; say they will be done by certain time and they are not ; no way to hold accountable; given them a pile of money and not performing. Weber noted that payments can be held back. Angelou stated possibly an escrow account.

Question was raised again if we want to move forward at this time for the conduit for fiber optics. Kneeland stated that initial discussion was for desire to look at a diverse path; this was an opportunity to try to take advantage of an improvement to lay the conduit. In response to question, Komlanc stated he felt it would be better to do it with intersection rebuild within the next couple of years. Hogan stated it was only plastic pipe; it's so cheap why not put it in. Komlanc stated there are manholes on both sides; as part of the intersection improvement would have additional cost to move them; line is not going anywhere yet. O'Brien agreed that it would be inexpensive to put in 5" heavy wall PVC and cap both ends; why not lay it while it's open; talking about \$100 worth of 5" pipe. Jackson reiterated that Columbus is saying no to the casing; is just sitting next to the pipe; when we rebuild the intersection two bridges have to be replaced; will have ample opportunity to put in at that time.

Hogan requested that City Engineer let us know when it is ready to put conduit it place. Wetherholt stated they will be looking for those opportunities.

Stinchcomb requested that Jackson provide Council office with information for the substitute legislation. Item to be placed on regular agenda.

Recommended for Adoption

RES-0016-2000

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN "EAST SIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER"

Kneeland stated that he has had another meeting with Reynoldsburg ; couple of minor items in the resolution needed changed; discussed and made some changes to the last two whereas clauses; will e-mail to everyone; several folks had concerns about those two paragraphs specifically; Reynoldsburg is preparing their legislation; need to advise them about any of our concerns from tonight; they are drafting the same piece of legislation to pass.

Angelou asked if realistically this was just Reynoldsburg and Gahanna initially. Kneeland stated that some townships are interested in participating. Angelou stated that

when push comes to shove will they say it is too expensive. Kneeland stated that could happen but we don't know as we have not had enough discussion with them yet; we are the big players; Pickerington and Violet Township have backed out from initial interest; New Albany, Plain and Jefferson are still interested.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES:

Fiber Optics

Rittner introduced Greg Dunn from Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn, Pete Patton from Fishel Company, Marlene Eader from School Board and Randy Allen from the High School.

Dunn stated they have worked in the field of economic development for the DubLink project and each city is different; telecommunications needs are all different and opportunities are different; find out what cities need and work towards a solution; you have a right of way ordinance; need to determine how important telecommunications is to you; in Dublin looked at two situations; they wanted to control right of way; wanted as little disruption as possible; they have \$94 million in their 5 year capital project for street and street improvements; second thing was to look at it as an economic development tool to entice businesses; wanted as much access as possible; they took their business district and designed a conduit system of 28 miles in heavy business district; contracted with Fishel to franchise and build; amended right of way ordinance to use Fishel conduit; result is that streets aren't getting cut for telecommunications purposes; much bigger development tool than we expected; anticipated that everybody would want access but did not count on how many companies would use to connect themselves; Nationwide is putting 9,000 jobs in over 3 years; they are leasing space in different buildings and can use conduit to connect buildings; was an unexpected bonus; are 12 conduits in there; Dublin got one for their own purpose; that worked for Dublin but are a lot of other approaches; Dublin did building and is operating; DubLink has been effective; whether it would work in Gahanna or not is another matter.

Patton stated that Fishel Co proposal is to work with your department heads to analyze your needs and categorize these wishes; may be dreams but some may be realities; each department has different priority; bring all that together and figure out how the network can be created; does it want to be revenue generating; with revenue comes risk; no single solution will work for everyone; solution for you may be to work to establish overbuilds that cause them to give you fiber throughout their route; technology is moving quickly; have talked to community leaders and access carriers; wanted smaller duct; wanted inexpensive duct; wanted alternate access; different benefits to every department; connecting all schools becomes an advantage; are a number of things that can be done; get all people together and have them express their desires; devise some kind of preliminary plan with options to get you there; Dublin didn't have money to build but had people willing to invest in Dublin; whether that would work here don't know; competitive access carriers are coming in; do you want to migrate your utilities; more poles the worse it looks and more chance for outages; are a number of options available.

Angelou asked if underground was where everything should be going; need to analyze that. Patton stated they would probably make a recommendation to go underground as opposed to aerial, Angelou noted that when Granville Street was redone it was probably an error not to put utility wires underground; would like to see some kind of analysis on this; where would school component fit in here. Patton stated that school would fit in as a separate entity; need to be all interconnected; is very desirable. Angelou stated that schools are not in this scope of services. Rittner stated this was an oversight and they

should be included. Stinchcomb stated she felt this needed further analysis. Hall stated that something needs to be done; am holding two requests currently; one starts at Morrison and comes down Hamilton; Adelphi is telephone; are ready to go if I signed; would be off and running without any study; other is from Fishel.

Kneeland asked if the company responded to a solicited request. Patton stated that they did; request came from Rittner. Kneeland stated he did not feel it quite met our needs; what prompted this request. Rittner stated that it was based on conversations at committee meetings on fiber optic; looked at DubLink also; thought we were looking for more than infrastructure piece. Kneeland stated he was looking at the networking part; notice page on professional and technical services; also about making proposal for architecture needs.

Patton stated that Fishel Co. attempts to locate in municipal structures where you desire your services to be; where static equipment would eliminate; where empty duct equipment is already in place for your relay. Kneeland stated he felt that is over what we were going to have an outside contractor propose; possibly fiber placement. Patton stated he did not feel it was a great deal further than that; is only the hard wired piece of this; only reason we put that in is that we have found that network without structures was worthless; am building a network from here to there but nevertheless question arises as to where to stop along the way and where we were going to meet on new structures; have an empty duct system in place and work with your building compliance division; an empty duct system on review would answer your issue.

Hall stated he did not know how this will fit into overall picture. Stinchcomb asked if we have a time constraint on what you are holding. Hall stated it was for fiber optic cable on poles; Adelphi is the 4th largest cable company in the country; Fishel is engineering in Columbus for Ameritech networks and MFN. Stinchcomb asked if he had requests to string on poles. Hall stated they came to us as and asked as part of the right of way ordinance; Adelphi's would be local. Patton stated this would be an analysis of this type of networking; they address this sort of thing; address and analyze what the needs may be; this is what prompted Dublin to start their analysis; most municipalities place value on their right of way; want some method of getting something; question is time line on this; if started immediately, could have a complete analysis back to you in 60 days. O'Brien stated that when this comes to us in final form would like to see Exhibit A amended to include schools. Patton stated that another thing you need to be aware of is space; typically what you get into is that each pole needs to be looked at; some of the unknowns have to do with area of pole; as well as subterranean; also what pole is originally engineered for.

Discussion held on Fishel request pending in Service and their proposal here tonight; could have 20 companies come in and build communication facility; build them all the time. O'Brien stated he was aware of Fishel's standing in that business; educated ourselves in talking to competitive access carriers; didn't want that at all; redesigned; less expensive and competitive; city could control those rates by putting this conduit in the ground and city owning ; is an advantage for the city; alternative revenue source; bringing in revenue without going to tax payers; asking someone to give us advice that we may be in competition with; that is a concern I have.

McGregor stated that Wetherholt is seeking proposal from Stilson & Assoc. and Venturi to look over the information that Fishel could provide us. O'Brien stated that to go along with Hall not sure we can hold those requests up; put on notice that we may be in competition.

Council requested that included in Exhibit A, Item 1 that consultation with City Council in needs analysis is required; want to give input before it comes back to us in final form.

Stinchcomb stated we would carry this discussion to next committee meeting; need to speak among ourselves on what direction we want to go; this presentation came as a surprise to leadership of Council tonight; need a little more clarity among ourselves;

Dunn stated his firm would be retained by City to work through legal solutions and not by Fishel. Stinchcomb stated there are two applications pending; continue discussion in Committee of the Whole in two weeks; will evaluate your proposal; any questions feel free to call.

Kneeland stated a quick meeting had been held this morning on the fiber project; Eader is here and schools are faced with issue of how they could pay for connectivity; are real interested in that; we are also concerned with our expenditures; need to look at other means and methods to deploy the system; not sure they are on target yet; wanted to clarify that I asked Allen and Eader here tonight; thought this was going to be an internal discussion; cognizant of our overall costs; are ways we can benefit by using these folks; don't want to give away right of way; certainly need to look at a lot of these issues; just wanted to clarify that for schools as they thought we were going to have the ability to discuss. Allen stated that some of the things we heard were correct; a partnership between schools and city is unique; we can't afford to lay the conduit and string the fiber; would take at least 5 years to happen; can move ahead much more quickly; excited about the opportunity; could look at a vehicle where a company may lay the conduit and we would hook to that. Eader stated the City and schools are willing to negotiate; don't know how far you want to go; when we look at spreading fiber to all the schools it is so cost prohibitive that we need to look at other options; some question on whether public or private and what we would do ourselves; networking in the schools; did not ever feel we were not in the picture. Kneeland stated this deviated from the original proposal; looking at alternative of this nature allows us to do other things; need to see what kind of creative agreement they could come up with; internally look at that; discuss further. Allen stated these folks are talking to others; this is a singular project and by joining everything together we have our opportunity to apply for grants now or that unique idea will be gone; time is critical. O'Brien stated we have to be careful not to give away the store; Fishel is not being benevolent; need to look at the best interest of Gahanna; don't want to act hastily; is our right to manage that conduit system.

Kneeland stated they are a leading; company in this area; but there are other options there that we may want to pursue; as a unique community need to look at unique applications; may not work for Gahanna; Dublin chose to be revenue neutral; we may choose we don't want to go that route; what is our position; what do we want; by making this revenue generating will we be able to give to them at lowest cost possible. analysis will tell us that. O'Brien stated there was no reason to belabor this; need to move forward quickly. Kneeland stated he would not recommend that; feel we need several weeks of study yet; somewhere between what we have seen in the past and this proposal. Angelou stated it needs to be created in such a manner that some of it is in industrial area or Creekside area; don't want to give up store but need to look at realistically.

Stinchcomb stated it seems we all need to talk among ourselves; have a lot of different viewpoints; look at scope of services; needs analysis and that sort of discussion that would involve all our entities. Kneeland stated that we have addressed needs; company that will donate equipment has done the needs; folks that made presentation were not aware of other; aren't aware of the architecture; not to the point; discuss again in 2

weeks.

Eader stated she feels strongly that we need an analysis; feel if we are going to collaborate have to collaborate with costs also; have already gone back to schools to do that. Payne stated that her concern to do a needs analysis is where Fishel can be the end recipient; talked about a separate proposal from Stilson; can they do a needs analysis. Hogan stated he agreed that schools and city need to work together on this project; can talk about separation of church and state; we don't talk about separation of government and private industry; we are an entity of a government; have ability to tax; non profit corporation can collaborate with schools; not looking at turning this into a business competing with private sector.

Stinchcomb stated that's for discussion when we have time; continue in Committee of the Whole in two weeks; have administration look at needs analysis. McGregor stated from his perspective we should talk to Stilson; this is a utility; Lebanon had own electric plant; meant they had electrical engineer, a whole series of linemen, trucks, etc; need to know what we are talking about; this is a whole new utility. Kneeland stated that we already have a resource in the company that has committed on the hardware - Applied Innovations; they have people on staff that might be willing to help with a needs analysis; can pursue that. Stinchcomb requested that Kneeland and McGregor continue that conversation; scope was barebones; see it a little more fleshed out. O'Brien stated he was advocating we be a utility; have an opportunity to run line from A to B and can sell that in the future; that is money we won't have to tax people for some day; this is alternative financing.

Shane Riedel - Gahanna Dispute Resolution Center

Stinchcomb introduced Shane Riedel. Riedel stated he would give a brief update on where we are; just here for you to explore and answer any questions; entering funding cycle; a lot of funding will become available in next fiscal year; belief of the board that is coming together that it is of monumental importance that this type of service is offered; have responsibility to work towards the best community we can have; we can facilitate that process; the amount that this community and other communities will save by not having to use valuable police resources will be significant; haven't been operating for a year yet so can't give you solid numbers; can give you numbers from other centers; we are housed in police substation; are settling in to that location; putting board together; doing a lot of things necessary to get non profit going; mediation services will be started shortly; by last week of July hope to have mediation training sessions; contacted a few principals in the schools to see if interest is there; from my perspective there is a very comprehensive approach to conflict management in our schools; open to questions; request is for \$5,000.

Murphy stated this will be a valuable resource; will help with doing repetitive calls and doing remediation before going to court system; see a lot of referral services; jointly located will be wonderful; win win situation right now. McGregor stated they have talked and have made in kind contributions; originally hoping that there could be some cover like Northeast Counseling; are payroll issues, liability issues, fringe benefits and those kinds concerns; certainly a one time grant is a reasonable way to help this project. Weber stated that by giving a grant it doesn't become an official city organization; by giving them \$5,000 we are stating a valid public purpose. Riedel stated he and the Mayor had discussed a number of these issues and how it will work out best for everyone; those are avenues we are open to exploring; not saying we are today what we will be 12 months from now; city stands to gain a tremendous amount from having this presence; constant collaboration with police.

Hogan stated he had a 45 minute conversation with Riedel today; one thing was different than when we talked on phone; not just a police issue; this is a community issue; one of the things we discussed was a dispute with City of Gahanna; can they come for resolution; is that a problem since we are providing 5% of your funding. McGregor stated that the City has a dispute resolution process; we would not be taking advantage of this regardless of details. Riedel stated that they are simply a place where people can go to facilitate communication; something arbitrated; both parties are able to talk; if you don't come to an agreement then you take your other recourse; we are an impartial 3rd party to all disputes; need to maintain the integrity of the center; we facilitate communication and take no sides.

O'Brien stated they try to get two parties together; not making a decision; no binding arbitration. Weber stated this is a valid public purpose even if city is involved, don't see a problem with it; \$5,000 has been given for a stated purpose; based on guidelines they are not making a decision; is an opportunity to just being able to speak.

Hogan stated this is for any two parties who have a dispute; don't see why anybody couldn't use the service. McGregor stated we already have processes in place like the Water Review Board for disputes on water bills; administration has no authority to enter into negotiated settlement on issues like water bills; one board has clear authority; two neighbors who have no responsibility is another matter; achieving something there; somebody that has a bad check and ignored all letters from vendor might be a situation where they could be used; Riedel could call and say they have the ability to stave off that charge being filed; if don't want to they we can go to the next step which would be court; could keep some things out of court system possibly; that;s an issue that could be mediated; lot of work from Police Department standpoint; heading those off would be of benefit; are areas we could work together.

Payne stated she would be in support of giving a grant on this one time but understand it would not be an ongoing funding source; if you desire that we grant this every year we would not necessarily do. Weber noted that it may be an evolving relationship in the future but because we grant this for this year, do not assume we will automatically do each year.

Angelou asked if there would be accountability back on how this money was used; maybe a quarterly memo in the first year. Riedel stated he will be doing an annual report. Payne reiterated that we don't want to become the primary funding source; if you come back and are getting money from other sources that is fine and we may consider another grant; but don't want us to become the funding source.

In response to question from Clerk, Council stated they felt a new account should be set up. Mumma stated she would check with Isler and get the information to the Council office.

Angelou requested that three items be put into the legislation: 1) He has the Board; 2) There will be a financial management plan that we will see; and 3) There will be oversight management.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back to committee, 2nd reading, consent.

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council, reporting