

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE, INDIANA 47305

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Smith.

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Dan Ridenour. Councilman Polk asks for a Moment of Silence in memory of Dylan Stafford, a 2020 graduate of Muncie Central that tragically passed away last week. Dylan, #22, you will always be remembered.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Councilman Smith expresses how much of an honor it is for Council to participate in the Citizen Recognition Award, which is an award that was started by previous Councilman Doug Marshall. "One rep closer to a full recovery" is the motto of Big Time Barbell, which, is a full service gym that instills healthy lifestyles through support, community, meal plans, individual and group exercise and counseling. Big Time Barbell was incorporated in May 2017. The workout groups, activities and counseling give the opportunity for anyone wanting to change their lifestyle to participate. This participation is limited or not limited to anyone looking for a full recovery, including veterans with PTSD all the way to people recovering from alcohol and other addictive substances. Big Time Barbell helps people make and achieve goals and surround themselves with people that share the same ambitions to make healthy lifestyle changes. Big Time Barbell shares a vision of recovery by using a portion of their memberships to go towards scholarships for individuals and families. What Councilman Smith loves about Big Time Barbell is you do not need a penny in your pocket to attend this gym and recovery program. President of Big Time Barbell is Mac Hines and is who is being honored tonight. Mac is a Muncie native who prides himself in being strong in the gym and in the community. Smith explains Mac has made our south side proud by raising to the levels in which he has. As a coach at the Pal Club and the previous Muncie Southside High School, Smith states he is even prouder of him. In 2015, Mac was 300 lbs and wanted a change in his lifestyle so he traded the alcohol bottles for barbells at the gym. Today, Mac prides himself on a weight loss of 70 lbs and 7 years of sobriety. Mac aims to share his love for weightlifting in the community and use his story to help struggling addicts and alcoholics and helping those people find their dopamine rush at the gym rather than at the bar. Big Time Barbell, one rep closer to a full recovery. Smith is honored to present the April 2021 Muncie City Council Citizenship Award to Big Time Barbell President Mac Hines.

Mac is honored to be here and honored to accept this Citizen Recognition Award for himself and Big Time Barbell. His wife, son and son's girlfriend (or the "crew" as he refers to them) join him at the podium and he expresses he could not do it without their total support. They have worked countless hours and do not pay themselves. There is one reason that they do this and that is to help the community. Right now, they are about 3 years in and currently really growing. They could not do it

without the support. He is not sure he has ever had any recognition from the City or anything but expresses how humbled they are by this. Thank you.

In closing, Councilman Smith explains that Mac works days with the Muncie Sanitary District while working evenings and nights at Big Time Barbell.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Aaron Clark	X	
Ro Selvey	X	
Troy Ingram	X	
Ralph Smith	X	
Jeff Robinson	X	
Brandon Garrett	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Jerry Dishman	X	
Anitra Davis	X	

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Polk to Approve the Minutes from March 1, 2021 as presented. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Robinson reports that the Land & Traffic Committee along with the City Engineer will be hosting a public forum at Cornerstone Center for the Arts located at 525 E. Main St. on the 1st floor on Tuesday April 20th at 7:00 PM. Robinson has been talking with Brian Stephens-Hotopp, City Engineer, for multiple months about Muncie's traffic ordinance. For those that don't know, any traffic changes such as adding a stop sign, taking a stop sign away, changing speed limits and things like that all happen through city ordinance. In collaboration with the City Administration and Brian Stephens-Hotopp, the Committee wants to get public input on that process. Nobody knows the traffic issues in your neighborhood more than you do so Robinson has begun to reach out to all the Neighborhood Associations that have Facebook and websites with email addresses. He thanks all the councilmembers as they attend Neighborhood Association meetings for giving those associations a heads up, it is much appreciated. What they will be looking at is stop signs, yield signs, crosswalks, speed limits, one-way traffic, signage, etc. It is encouraged for residents to come out on April 20th at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Center for the Arts and have your voice heard so it can be figured out how to keep the streets as safe as possible. President Robinson takes this opportunity to remind everyone to slow down as you drive through the neighborhoods, especially as the weather changes and gets nicer, there are a lot of children out playing. That is probably the biggest complaint that many of the councilmembers receive. Slow down and be mindful of our residential areas. Later, there will be more information that can be found and the Council will put out a press release. In closing, Robinson asks if the Council has any further questions, which they do not.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS: Ethan Browning, Animal Control Director and Director of Muncie Animal Care and Services, introduces alongside him the new Assistant Director, Anna Adams. First, he thanks the Council for allowing him the time today to do the quarterly report, as it is required by ord. 23-17 for the Animal Shelter to report annual and quarterly. For the record, the 2020 annual report was provided by email to the Council in January. If anyone is ever curious about their animal numbers from previous years, they are all posted to the City of Muncie website under the Animal Shelter Department. Browning has prepared a slideshow presentation to go along with his report.

March 2021 Animal Statistics

Intake				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	102	130	19	251

1045: 42 (animals brought in deceased from roadways, etc.)

Adopted				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	18	28	0	46

Reclaimed				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	51	2	0	53

Transferred				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	15	116	2	133

Euthanized				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	1	1	0	2

Died in Care				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
March	0	0	1	0

On Hand 3/5/2021			
	Dog	Cat	Total
Cat	50	12	62
Dog	38	15	53
Other	0	0	0
Total	88	27	115

On Hand 3/31/2021			
	Dog	Cat	Total
Cat	39	19	58
Dog	57	2	59
Other	19	0	19
Total	115	21	136

Total Outcomes			
	Live	Dece.	Total
Cat	146	1	147
Dog	84	1	85
Other	2	1	3
Total	232	3	235

Euthanasia Details

3/24/21 Dog: Owner decision at Vet clinic after deemed "Vicious" by MACS Board

3/24/21 Cat: Hit by car, taken to Vet clinic. Vet recommended, suffering

Died in Care Details

3/30/21 Snake: Hatching snake from neglect case passed away overnight. Very sick, malnourished. See Vet report

The first (above) slide shows the March 2021 animal statistics. The Shelter brought in 102 dogs, 130 cats and 19 other or small type of animals for a total of 251 animals in March alone. Of that, 46 animals were adopted out and 53 were reclaimed by their owners and 133 were transferred to rescue by the Rescue Coordinator, Dana Salkoski. Currently, for the month, the Shelter is at a 98.72% live release rate. Again, anyone at home that wishes to review these records here can view them on the City of Muncie Website under the Animal Care & Services department.

Year to Date Animal Statistics

Intake					Adopted					Reclaimed					Transferred				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total	Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total	Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total	Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Jan	52	72		124	Jan	14	24		38	Jan	48	8		56	Jan	13	84		97
Feb	49	63		112	Feb	8	15		23	Feb	21	3		24	Feb	3	29		32
March	102	130	19	251	March	18	28	0	46	March	51	2	0	53	March	15	116	2	133
April					April					April					April				
May					May					May					May				
June					June					June					June				
July					July					July					July				
Aug					Aug					Aug					Aug				
Sept					Sept					Sept					Sept				
Oct					Oct					Oct					Oct				
Nov					Nov					Nov					Nov				
Dec					Dec					Dec					Dec				
Annual	203	265	19	487	Annual	40	67	0	107	Annual	120	13	0	133	Annual	31	229	2	262

Euthanized					Died in Care				
Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total	Month	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Jan	0	3		3	Jan	1	0		1
Feb	0	1		1	Feb	0	0		0
March	1	1	0	2	March	0	0	1	1
April					April				
May					May				
June					June				
July					July				
Aug					Aug				
Sept					Sept				
Oct					Oct				
Nov					Nov				
Dec					Dec				
Annual	1	5	0	6	Annual	1	0	1	2

On Hand 1/1/2021				On Hand 12/31/2021			
	Adopted	Reclaimed	Total		Adopted	Reclaimed	Total
Cat	86	109	195	Cat			
Dog	19	37	56	Dog			
Other	0	0	0	Other			
Total	105	146	251	Total			

Total Year-To-Date Outcomes				
	Live	Decd.	Total	LRR
Cat	309	5	314	98.41%
Dog	191	2	193	98.96%
Other	2	1	3	66.67%
Total	502	8	510	98.43%

The year to date Animal Statistics for the year consist of taking in 487 animals, adopting 107, owners reclaiming 133 and Dana transferring to rescue 262 animals. They are sitting right at a 98.43% live release rate for the year. What that means is out of all of the animals that have outcomes (whether they have been adopted, reclaimed or the unfortunate circumstance passed away), that of all the outcomes the live number of outcomes divided by all outcomes equals this live release rate here.

Budget Performance YTD



011046 PART TIME (Scheduling Element) High level of the time full time time a lot of part time time for being paid. The subject looks from 011046 GROSS OF 97.00 per hour for the full time PART TIME is more than 100.

● **422323 NUTRITION & MEDICAL** Spending appears to rise to many levels. But the big one is "nutritional products" that have caused medical treatment. But the big one is "nutritional products" that have caused medical treatment. But the big one is "nutritional products" that have caused medical treatment.

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Budget Performance Report

Date Range 01/01/21 - 03/29/21

Include Rollup Account 1 and Rollup 2 Account

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Regarding their budget performance year-to-date, Browning believes they are in a really great place. There are a few notes he wishes to bring to the Council's attention. The Part-Time spending does appear a little high and that is just because the Dog and Cat Tech Full-Time positions created at the beginning of the year experienced a little bit of a delay in creation along with a delay in filling those as they want to make sure they find the right people for those positions. The unused funds from the Full-Time positions line item can be transferred into the Part-Time line item to make it up pending Council permission. Institutional & Medical spending may appear a little high as the Shelter has had a lot of neglect cases and dogs with heartworm disease that have required additional medical treatment. They have Medical Funds in their non-reverting funds and have also applied for grants. They hope for reimbursement from those criminal neglect cases. Side note, the Rescue Coordinator salary is a little bit higher than the \$15,000 that was budgeted. She is actually paid \$18,000 that comes out of that line item. Some other miscellaneous services come out of that, as well, such as Comcast (internet), Covertex (pre-employment drug screens), the lease for their copier, etc. Browning hopes to use some of the non-reverting funds to help supplement that difference but the money is definitely there, it is just a matter of shuffling.

Report of Collections

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS

To CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
(Title of Office)

CITY OF MUNCIE
(Governmental Unit)

DELAWARE, Indiana
(County)

Collections for Period 3/31/21 to 3/31/21

Description	Fund to be Credited	Collections This Period	Prior Collections	Year to Date Collections
ADOPTION FEES 80%	780-00-345012	80	00	450 00
ADOPTION FEES 20%	278-00-345018	20	00	1125 00
RECLAIM FEES 80%	101-00-345011	56	60	12871 53
RECLAIM FEES 20%	278-00-345018	14	00	717 88
DONATIONS	274-00-357011	130	00	16895 10
Total Amount Collected		300	00	116401 51

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of collections due the above named governmental unit for the period shown.

TOTAL SHELTER
"REVENUE"
YTD:
\$13,481.98

For the Report of Collections, it is broken down into where the collections go. The Shelter obtains 80% of all Adoption Fees and that money goes into the Spay/Neuter Fund and the other 20% goes into the Capital Improvement Fund. The same thing occurs with the Reclaimed Fees except they go into the General Fund. The Shelter obtains 100% of all donations so if that is broken down into what is received directly in revenue, it is a little over \$13,000 that has been received so far. Browning says "revenue" lightly because, to put it into perspective, last year their revenue was about \$60,000 however expenses were over \$800,000. They are far from a moneymaking operation, obviously, but the goal is to never be profitable.

Challenges

- Staffing
 - Two part-time ACOs resigned due to health issues
 - Still looking for the right candidate to fill the new Cat Technician Manager position
- Animal Control calls increasing
 - More than 2 dozen bite cases YTD
 - Several abandonment/neglect cases
- Flashing needs replaced to resolve leak
- Repairs and Project Wishlist

Some of the challenges the Animal Shelter is currently facing consists of the fact that 2 Part-Time Animal Control Officers resigned due to health issues, non-COVID related. Also, they are still looking for the right candidate to fill the new Cat Tech Management position. They are currently still hiring for that position and the job post is still up on the Human Resources website if anyone is interested. Moving on, the Animal Control calls are increasing, as there were more than 2 dozen bite cases and several abandonment and neglect cases. They at the Shelter are staying busy. A couple things regarding the roof consist of the flashing needing repaired and is going to cost about \$2,800 so nothing major in that aspect. That was not something previously repaired (last year) as it was actually connecting a joined building to the main building there.

Repairs and Projects Wishlist

Ongoing Maintenance:

- ★ Pull weeds, trim bushes, and mulch around building.
- ★ Mow and trim Dog Play Yards – biweekly.

Projects:

- ★ Dog Play Yards: Level inside perimeter of 4 play yards, install railroad ties and pea gravel. Install railroad ties and pea gravel in walk ways.
- ★ Education Room: Install FRP panels on the back of existing shelves, or, build divider wall.
- ★ Repair broken kennel gates and reinforce.
- ★ Repair/replace broken door latches and closers throughout building.
- ★ Replace broken Intake door in West Hallway.
- ★ Install cameras.
- ★ Remove dead tree from NW corner of property.
- ★ Repair/replace exterior lights and sign.
- ★ Replace Cell doors with clear reinforced doors.
- ★ Fix exit sign and ceiling tile grid at South end of West Hallway.
- ★ Create Plexiglas cage dividers for Cat Rooms.
- ★ Obtain and install treat dispensers in Adoption Kennels.
- ★ Repair Catio.
- ★ Replace broken floor tile in Laundry Room and Dishroom.
- ★ Wrap logo on Van and Tahoe.



Browning has also attached a Project and Repairs Wish List that they are asking of any skilled volunteers that would be interested in donating some of their time. Some of the ongoing maintenance they need help with are pulling weeds, trimming the bushes, mulching around the building, mowing and trimming the Dog Play Yards along with several projects that they would love to see done in the next couple years (at least). These are things that they try to work on themselves but that is pulling an Animal Control Officer off the road or a Kennel Tech out of the kennels and away from the animals to perform these

duties. Browning does plan to post this to the Animal Care & Services Facebook page if there is anyone interested in some community service hours or volunteer hours.

Accomplishments

- Assistant Director – Anna Adams RVT, Feb 1st
 - Two Staff Meetings with training
 - Increasing efficiency of medical care and treatment
- Volunteer Jerry Wright installed wall panels in Kitten Korner and Kitty City A adoption areas
- Staff member Lynnae Betts started painting the old Isolation Cells
- Volunteers Debbie Norrick and Sherry Schwab-Richardson, and all Staff Members have worked together to repaint the East Hallway
- Lindsey Wright and family put on a Kitten Shower fundraiser
 - Raised \$780 for kitten supplies and recruited new fosters
 - Always looking for more fosters! Visit our Facebook page!

The accomplishments thus far entail welcoming Assistant Director Anna Adams on February 1st. She is a registered Vet Technician with 14 years of veterinary medicine experience. She has been a great asset and is very crucial to their operations moving forward in becoming more medically efficient. So far, they have had 2 staff meetings with hands-on veterinary medicine training that Anna has led. This is working to increase the efficiency of the medical care and treatment in which they provide. Volunteer Jerry Wright installed wall panels in their Kitten Korner and Kitty City A adoption areas. Browning explains Those areas had been under renovation for quite some time. Staff member Lynnae Betts started working on the old isolation cells. As many already know, this building the Animal Shelter is now located in what used to be a former Juvenile Detention Center. Some of the old areas were (somewhat) drab and not very stimulating to the eye. She is the resident artist and painted some nice little scenes in there with critters and other things for them to look at. In addition, Volunteers Debbie Norrick and Sherry Schwab-Richardson and all of the staff members have worked together to repaint the east hallway. It has really brightened it up in there. Lindsey Wright and her family and volunteers put on a Kitten Shower Fundraiser that raised \$780 for kitten supplies and recruited new fosters. They are always looking for more fosters as they are getting ready to be hit hard with kitten season (there will be hundreds of kittens in the building, most of them orphaned). If anyone is interested in fostering, please reach out to them Muncie Animal Care & Services Facebook page.

City of Muncie Employee of the Month April 2021

Dana Salkoski!

- Dana applied for the PetCo grant and we have been awarded \$25,000 for dog and cat spay surgeries in 2021!
- Dana has already placed 262 animals into rescue this year.
- She placed a total of 1151 animals in 2020!



Dana Salkoski
Rescue Coordinator
Muncie Animal Care and Services
5.5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reasons for nomination from her supervisor Ethan Browning:

Dana has been a crucial component of our success as a No-Kill Shelter. She has single-handedly placed over 1100 animals into partner Rescues this year alone. Dana works day and night, on-call, weekends and holidays to save as many animals as possible whenever the need strikes. She consistently places more animals into Rescues per year than our adoption and reclaim numbers combined. In her five and a half years serving as the Rescue Coordinator for MACS, she has placed over 6,000 animals into Rescues! Dana has also written dozens of grant proposals for MACS that has allowed us to receive funding for critical services. Dana is truly a blessing for the City of Muncie's animals!

The Shelter's Rescue Coordinator, Dana Salkoski, was actually awarded the City of Muncie Employee of the month for April. Dana has applied for the PetCo grant and just informed yesterday that they were indeed awarded \$25,000 for said grant. They are very thankful for her and she is a superwoman for sure. That \$25,000 will go towards dog and cat spay surgeries in 2021 which will help supplement where they may have fallen short in the line of Institutional & Medical due to all of the extra treatments that has been needed for heartworm surgeries and whatnot. Again, Dana has already placed 262 animals into rescue this year alone and last year placed a total of 1151 animals. That was more than half or close to half of their entire intake.

Current Focus and Goals

Current Focus

- Hiring and Staff Training
- Fine-tuning SOPs, forms and processes

2021 Goals

- Digital database
- Volunteers and BSU partnerships
- Community outreach, education and fundraisers
- Continue to improve standards of care, building and services

The Shelter's current focus and goals is focusing on hiring and staff training. In addition to fine-tuning standard operating procedures and taking a step back to take a better look at everything such as forms and processes to see how efficient they can become. In 2021, one of their goals is to finalize a digital

database. Right now, the ones they are looking at are a couple of thousands of dollars so they want to make sure they are making the right decision when they are going digital and make sure that it is something they can keep up with and is sustainable and affordable. They hope to welcome back volunteers here soon and partner with Ball State University (for some additional volunteers). Browning explains he had a meeting with their Volunteer Coordinators last year via virtual meetings and it went really well. It seems like there is a lot they can do for the Shelter but it is just going to take some structure and some time to do so. Now, with the COVID restrictions lifting, he is hopeful the Shelter can start to welcome volunteers back. They plan to have more community outreach along with education and fundraisers this year and aim to always improve the standards of their cars, building and services. That concludes Director Browning's presentation and he is willing to answer any questions anyone may have.

Councilman Ingram asks what the process is that is gone through when they find a stray or someone's animal has gotten out. Director Browning explains the same ordinance that dictates they have to come and do the annual and quarterly reports, ord. 23-17, also specifies that they are to hold all stray animals that come in with identification for 4 business days while they look for their owners. If the animal comes in without identification, as many of them unfortunately do, they are held for 3 business days. Often, they are much longer than that because they do not enter Animal Shelter property until that 3 or 4 mandatory day hold. It also takes a couple weeks, sometimes, to schedule that animal to be spayed or neutered because it is also according to ordinance that the Shelter adopt out animals that have been spayed or neutered (as in they can't adopt out any unsplayed or unneutered animal). Typically, animals are there for a couple weeks. Ingram asks if an owner was to come up within a certain amount of time, more than the 5 days, there is a good chance that their animals would still be there and they would still be able to reclaim that animal. Browning answers that it really depends and you would have to look into the ordinance there. It does specify that after the 4 days if the animal has been rehomed or transferred to a rescue then after that mandatory hold period then that animal has already been transferred. Ingram understands and states he just wanted to clarify due to some of the concerns he has heard from others. Browning appreciates that and explains he was actually looking back at some of their hold periods and when the Shelter went no-kill in 2017, part of that was decreasing the stray hold because no-kill shelters with long stray-holds typically end up warehousing animals and it becomes counterintuitive. You are keeping the animals alive but are keeping them in substandard condition because you have hundreds of animals. He mentions, again, the small amount of animals that do get reclaimed and that only 2 cats were reclaimed this whole month when the Shelter brought in 130. Only 51 dogs were reclaimed and the Shelter brought in 102. It is unfortunate but they do see quite a lot of stray animals.

Councilman Dishman would like to personally thank Director Browning and his staff for the job they do. He hasn't heard any complaints this year from the people of his District, which is where the Shelter is located. Everybody thinks they are doing a wonderful job. Browning thanks Dishman in return and states that is great for the staff to hear as they work very hard and are a very good group, he could not be any happier with them.

Councilman Clark refers to Rescue Coordinator, Dana, and her efforts to rehome some of these animals. He asks how far her reach is because that is an amazing number she was able to do. Browning explains she has a few stable rescues that she works with and she can go state-wide all the way to

country-wide. Clark comments that is great. President Robinson thanks Directory Browning for his report and all the work he does.

Brad Marshall, President of the Parks & Recreation Board, wants to thank all members of the Council for their feedback on the 5-Year-Plan as many of the councilmembers personally reached out to him. Several councilmembers were also at their Park Meeting last week. They are on track to get an updated draft of the 5-Year-Plan this week and still intend to approve that at their April 13th meeting. If there is any feedback from the Council or the public, the Parks Board is still open to hearing that. He thanks them for their time.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: President Robinson explains they do not have any appointments to Boards or Commissions this month and will not have any next month. However, at the June meeting, there will be an appointment to the MITS Board as well as 2 to the Human Rights Commission Board. He just wants to give everyone plenty of advanced notice on those Board appointments that will be made in June. Any member of the public who is interested in serving can send any member of the Council an email with qualifications and why so and so could serve that board. He mentions the Council emails can be found on the City website.

Councilwoman Selvey corrects there will only be one appointment to the Human Rights Commission as she can report that the Commission got satisfactory answers from a person who was not attending. With their Counsel's advice, it was decided to keep that person. President Robinson thanks her for the updated information and questions the classification. Councilwoman Selvey states the classification is a white male.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 4-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING SECTION 34.87(F)(3) OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO SERVICE ANIMALS.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Ingram to Adopt.

President Robinson reminds everyone they heard from Dr. James Turner and his service dog Gracie about this last month. This was to bring the City's ordinance more in line with federal guidelines as it relates to the ADA compliance, this one specifically relating to service animals. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 5-21 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO EDIT FUNDS.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Selvey to Adopt. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 6-21 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, AND CREATING A RIVERFRONT PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Davis to Introduce.

Mayor Dan Ridenour starts by stating the Council should have all received maps with descriptions listed because when the Administration reviewed it, there are a couple changes. It was meant "both sides of the street" on Main Street and so he has 2 minor changes he would like to share (and passes out a revised Exhibit B). Exhibit B-2 was supposed to include parcel #18, which is 1515 W. Kilgore and 1501 W. Kilgore. Then, on B-17 in the Downtown area, the previous exhibit showed it was Main Street North but it was supposed to be both sides of Main Street and then North. It says "at the intersection of High Street and a point one hundred twenty five feet south of Main Street" so it includes both sides of Main Street across that section. Mayor Ridenour will need the Council to amend this to include the revisions and changes they have received.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Selvey to Amend Ord. 6-21 to include to changes made to the map and Exhibit B-2 and B17. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED.

Mayor Ridenour explains the purpose of this Riverfront District is economic development. The IRONMAN is a perfect example, with just under 4000 participants coming to town, all 808 hotel rooms are already booked. A major concern about being here and coming here in the future is the number of restaurants. They cannot feed that amount of people plus the normal population so what this does is creates an area – via state law that allows cities to create riverfront districts if within 1500 ft of the river. As it can be seen, the yellow is the only section that the Mayor explains they included but they did, however, go from the east side of town to the west side of town. It goes from the Tillotson bypass (the furthest west section that is within 1500 ft of the river) in hopes for some economic development, primarily restaurants in that area to come in play. This is a liquor license. It also impacts Kilgore and that there are some possible major developments that could be positive for the Kilgore area when it comes to restaurants. There have been some there in the past and some are not being operated currently so this is another opportunity. Considered was also in and around the Ontario System, state-certified tech park, as there is not a lot of lunch option in that area. The Mayor explains he would love to see something there down the road that a person could walk to (from those 900 employees that work in that section of the City). He explains it was also thought it was important to move throughout the City so that includes much of downtown, if it is 1500 ft of the river, that is allowed to get this particular liquor license. In addition to also looking at Martin Luther King Blvd, it was determined that street can extend north. Going East, the Kitselman Park along 32 all the way to Delawanda Ave qualifies. This provides businesses the opportunity to come in and get an inexpensive liquor license because they are part of the Riverfront District. The Administration spent a lot of time working on this and that entails a small group of people but one in particular, Vickie Veech from Downtown Development. Mayor Ridenour explains there were some issues with a restaurant downtown with a liquor license and they were trying to figure out what they were going to do. The decision was made to contact some other cities and Mayor Ridenour made personal visits to several other cities to find out what their success and positives have been and decided to select from each of those particular cities. Since New Albany started their Riverfront District, they have opened 18 new restaurants and only cover in their downtown area. Evansville has had tremendous results besides the fact that they have a casino. President Robinson jokingly asks if a casino is in Exhibit C. The Mayor assures there is no casino coming and that is not on the plan. The final city was South Bend and the Mayor explains a lot of what was decided on for us came from what South Bend has accomplished. They started downtown and are now expanding it south beyond the river. When informed that Muncie's idea was to do the whole City, the other cities they

talked to claimed that was a good idea and those cities recommend that. Anderson is another city that has this. However, New Albany, Evansville and South Bend were the cities that the Mayor personally visited and talked with the people that set it up including other members of the government to make sure that when we did it here, it will be done right. The Mayor states they feel this will bring some economic development and hopefully, further events our way. Primarily, this is to set up restaurants to succeed. The liquor license is a big part of that. It would be rather inexpensive and the other part of that is setting up a Committee. One of the cities the Mayor visited recommended that he set up all the appointments but Ridenour confirms that is not what he is going to do. Being a former councilmember, 2 of the appointments will be Council appointees. One appointment, the Mayor recommends it being a councilmember and the other an appointee from the Council of someone at-large. All have to live in the City, as this is only good for city limits (and is whom it is trying to help here) and the Mayor appoints 3. One has to be in the restaurant and/or hotel industry, one at-large and a neighborhood president. They will be 3-years terms and will get staggered. This Committee will be the ones that review the applications. There is a number of things he assures he does not want happening with this, such as adult businesses or private clubs. They want restaurants. He would like to see a minimum food revenue requirement, therefore, no restaurants on wheels. They want permanent locations with tax revenue. They are looking for opportunities for the events that come to town to have additional places to have food. This could take 5 to 10 years to add a number of restaurants but other cities have had great results with a Riverfront District and the Mayor thinks Muncie will too.

Councilman Clark refers to the amendments to Exhibit B and the map being Exhibit A and questions if the map is still accurate. Mayor Ridenour answers the map is still accurate. It is just because schools were listed and some of the guidelines consist of not being able to be 200 ft in front of a school, it was placed on top of the District and you couldn't really see it. The map does not change and is still accurate.

Councilman Polk asks for procedure purposes that the amendments were made but there was no motion to introduce it as amended. Attorney Gibson confirms they still need a Motion to Introduce as Amended. A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Ingram to Introduce as Amended.

Councilman Ingram thinks this is a great idea and asks if there is a way they can do something similar to this to bring back industries. The Mayor agrees and explains this is based on a state law so if they can get the State Representatives and State Senators to put that in play, we can get it put in play for Muncie.

Councilwoman Selvey questions as this project moves forward if all this information be published on the city website for every citizen to see and who would be the contact person if a citizen has a question on how this project is going. Mayor Ridenour explains when the Committee gets set up, they will set a President of the Committee and a Secretary from among those 5 appointed so the President would be that contact person. They would be the one making the recommendation and the Mayor would either approve or deny. Again, there are certain things they are not looking for but restaurants are mainly what they are looking for.

Councilman Ingram questions if this Committee is going to have public meetings. Mayor Ridenour had not really considered that and does not really know yet. President Robinson confirms Vickie Veech is shaking her head "yes" from her seat in the audience. Ingram would prefer public meetings, himself, and thinks it is much easier for people to get out to a public meeting and give their

opinions and ideas and stuff. The Mayor states once this gets approved, he will start pushing it with restaurants and making sure they are aware it is available. It is not something where someone can take an existing liquor license, stop it and take the new one. That is not the purpose. The purpose is to bring in new economic development. Someone that has a license, even if they got it a difference way, are going to have to continue with their particular license. But, they can open a second location somewhere in the Riverfront District. Ingram questions if there is an idea of how many current establishments Muncie has within these boundaries that have paid the large amount of sum for their liquor license and aren't going to be able to take advantage of this. Mayor Ridenour states he does not know. However, there are several who have just beer and wine and they will be able to do this three-way license. Ingram confirms on the cheaper price. Mayor Ridenour states yes.

President Robinson states for the public's information, this ordinance along with Exhibit B can be found on the City of Muncie website on City Council, you can find all of the ordinances and resolutions, if you so choose. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 7-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING SECTION 35.02(A) OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO THE FIRE MERIT COMMISSION.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Smith to Introduce.

Mike Whitted, President of Muncie Firefighters Local #1348, expresses they support this. A brief history lesson, back in 1964, the City Council of Muncie was one of the first ones in the state to adopt a Merit system for Police and Fire. In 1982, the General Assembly was doing away with Title 19, which that was the law of Police and Fire Merit Commissions and they were then going to go to a State-model Merit. They said anybody that has this is grandfathered in. So, what Muncie done in 1982 was adopt Title 19 out of the Indiana Code and put it into a City Ordinance. Now, the State adopted the model Merit system under Title 36. In 2003, Whitted, who was Local President at that time, recalls the splitting of the Police and Fire Merit Systems and keeping the grandfathered status. In looking at some of the rules in this ordinance are antiquated so this ordinance brings it up. They are still under the old grandfathered system but updating on some of the selections for the Merit Commission members. That is what this does.

Councilman Ingram questions in doing some research on this that since they kept Title 19, they are allowed to adopt certain portions of Title 36 in order to update those rules and regulations. Whitted explains the Council can adopt pretty much anything. He did bring this up to his membership by sending an e-mail with these changes to the entire membership (active firefighters) and said this is what the City Council is looking at doing and if anyone has any concerns to let him know. He only got 3 emails in response which were all positive saying they liked it. In March's Union meeting, he published this and informed them that they will be voting on it and voted in March unanimously to accept these changes. To answer Ingram's question, because it is grandfathered, the Council can adopt rules. It doesn't have to be out of Title 36. It is because of the grandfathered status. This, here, is coming out of Title 36.

Councilwoman Selvey refers to the points where it discussed certain people that are appointed to the Merit Commission that don't have to follow certain certifications (for example, being from a business). Since they are erasing all that, she questions what the certifications will be replaced with. Whitted mentions that is why he gave the history lesson to show how this is antiquated but back in the

60's, there was a lot of business people in Muncie that wanted to do this. Now in present day, they are having a hard time finding people that want to be on the Merit Commission. The rules consist it being a 5-member Commission, the firefighters with 2 appointments and the Mayor with 3. The appointees had to be someone from the business community, school community and a regular citizen. They also had to be of different political faiths. The firefighters, too, had to be Democrat or Republican and the Mayor's appointments couldn't be 3 of the same party. This will split it up to where the Council gets 1 appointment, the firefighters get 2, the Mayor gets 2 and now, the appointee has to live in the City and they can't be of the same political faiths. There needs to be a mix on the Board. Whitted can assure that it is hard to find someone if they are looking for one certain group of people that is a Democrat or Republican. It is hard to find them. When they have their elections and are short, it is usually all about who they can find to take the spot. Councilwoman Selvey questions how they go about letting the public know that they need somebody on the Merit Commission. Whitted answers it depends on whose appointment it is. If it is a firefighter appointment, they would put the word out. They just so happened to recently get a realtor that was one of their appointments that is on the Commission and Whitted believes when he ran, he was the only one that ran. He does not know how the Mayor goes about it if it would be one of his appointments but he knows they try to put the work out and have people talk.

Councilwoman Davis thanks President Whitted for always being outstanding, upfront and very informative when they have had questions about anything with the fire department. He also reaches out to his members of the fire department to get their opinion on these things so she appreciates that. He thanks her in return.

Councilman Clark assumes that in January's meeting it was brought to the Council's attention that Andrew Dale was not being eligible to serve on both the Redevelopment Commission and the Fire Merit Commission. When reading through this draft, Clark sees a part of it that (to him) would seem to allow Mr. Dale to be eligible to serve on it, sec. B, part 2, qualifications. He asks if that is true under the previous Title 19, Title 36, he would not be able to serve. President Whitted states that is actually what brought this to light when he was wanting to be on the Redevelopment Commission and was appointed to that then he might have been in violation of the ordinance. Looking at that, of the 5 people on there, there was probably 3 in total that were questionable if they should be on there also. Clark confirms that was the initial reason this was brought up and asks if there were any other members ineligible based on that fact. Whitted states it depends on how you would look at it, if they were in the business sector or if they were in the school sector. One of which is now retired, so he would wonder if that person would still be considered to qualify under the school certification or not. Clark understands. Whitted states it would be the opinion of an Attorney on that to determine if they are eligible. Clark questions if the Fire Merit Commission has legal representation at every meeting. Whitted confirms. Clark questions if that legal representation drafted this ordinance for the Council. Whitted assumes so and confirms that the Fire Department/Union did not draft it.

Dan Gibson, Council Attorney, explains he was copied on an email discussing these and confirms he offered to draft it. He sent it to Mark Ervin who is the attorney for the Merit Commission and he has approved it from a legal perspective. Councilman Clark explains in his opinion, from accepting Gibson's legal perspective, he is okay with that but on the surface, it looks to be a rule to allow Dale to continue serving. Whitted states he thinks it is a rule to allow all of them or at least the ones that were

questionable, if possible. Clark asks if those individuals are planning on staying and are currently on that Board. Whitted believes so, yes.

Councilman Smith clarifies that the 5th member of the Board is an appointee of this Council and asks if that person could be of any political faith. Whitted answers as long as there is not 4 people of one party and 1 of another. It has to be a 3-2 ratio. Smith assures that should never happen if the other 2 entities do their part correctly. Whitted adds that the firefighters have to have one of each, a Democrat and a Republican. So, the other remaining 3 cannot be 3 of the same. Smith confirms the Mayor, too, would have 2 with one of each being a certain political faith.

Councilwoman Selvey questions Whitted if he thinks diversity is really important on that Merit Board. Whitted answers absolutely. Selvey asks if they can agree on one of the amendments tonight but not the rest then how would he feel about that. Whitted states that would be up to the Council and reminds this is for Introduction only so they still have time. Attorney Gibson advises the Council can make any motion to amend. Whitted adds for anyone with amendments to get with him on it but in current form, that is what his membership voted on. If the Council makes any changes, he will have to take it back for his membership to re-vote on. Both the membership of the firefighters and the Council have to approve this. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 6 yeas (Dishman, Davis, Robinson, Smith, Garrett and Ingram) and 3 nays (Polk, Clark and Selvey). INTRODUCED.

ORD. 8-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AMENDING CHAPTER 35, DIVISION 3 OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Davis to Introduce.

Dan Gibson, Council Attorney, states the prior Council in 2019 adopted a fee schedule when the City started its EMS service that was simply adopting the County's fee schedule by reference. It has since been recommended by the State Board of Accounts that Muncie Fire EMS create its own fee schedule. He worked with Fire Chief Miller and EMS Chief Rachel Clark and Attorney Mark Ervin in preparing this ordinance setting forth their own fee schedule. There is also a small change for member qualifications that was something from the 1960's where Gibson believed it has certain qualifications, which is now set by the Merit Commissions and has been for quite some time. He went ahead and updated that along with including the fee schedule. President Robinson thanks him for the update and the work he has put in on this ordinance as it has been a couple of months in the making.

Audie Barber questions if the fees are in line with what the County was charging before or if the amounts going up. Gibson informs that is a question for the Administration but he believes they are the same if not very close. Barber confirms there is not a big increase to makeup "downfall" of an EMS project that was going to fail.

Chief Miller states the fees are exactly the same as they were when first took over EMS. They didn't go up or go down but stayed exactly the same. Some of the wording had to be changed because it said Delaware County EMS and needed to be changed to Muncie Fire EMS. That is the only changes made and the fees all stayed the same. Barber thanks him and states he just wanted to make that clarification because he didn't want people to think they are trying to raise the fees now all of a sudden. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 9-21 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Polk to Introduce.

Carl Malone, Parks Superintendent, would like to speak a little bit about the introduction to their Program Director opportunities. For the last 30-40 years, they have been operating without a Program Director and felt like in working through their 5-year-Plan that they needed to identify an individual(s) to handle that part for the City and to move that Plan in the direction that they felt it needs to go. They have always had volunteers and other agencies to handle their program directorship but at the end of the year, there is never any accountability. This year, working the interim role was their Office Assistant Manager, George Foley, who was working and helping out in trying to put something together. They felt like in order to move forward with this Administration, they needed to identify a Program Director. The work they have done, this year alone, speaks volumes as they move through their 5-year-Plan, and 1-year-Plan. What they have planned for in the future is having that person of contact and a person that can handle that load and push their programming in the direction it needs to go. It is a lot of work. Our community has been without a Program Director and has not had any accountability. One of the things they identified early on with this Administration was that they needed to establish a Program Department with our Parks and Recreation Department. Malone asks that the Council support the directorship of this Administration going forward.

President Robinson confirms that this was budgeted for in the 2021 proposed budget. Malone states yes, that is correct. He has also spoken with Craig Wright, City Controller, about that as well. This is just crossing the t's and dotting the i's to make sure that things fall within guidelines. They have looked over the budget and believe they are fine.

Councilman Polk questions if this position will go through the hiring process via the HR Department here in City Hall. Malone states yes and that he has actually spoken to HR Director Nancy Larson about it just today. It will go through the posting and hiring process.

Councilman Smith confirms that Mr. Foley is currently filling this position. Malone informs Mr. Foley has been in the acting role doing a lot of work for the Parks Department. He has done a great job and is familiar with the Park 5-year-Plan and is on board with it. Malone adds they have had other individuals who have interns working on that same area of responsibility but he (Foley) has done a lot of the work that the City Park Department is in need of. Smith explains he personally has worked with Mr. Foley and thinks he has done an outstanding job. He then asks if this is going to be advertised and would he (referring to Foley) have to go through that hiring process. Malone explains he will have to go through the hiring process. Smith confirms the same hiring process with everyone else. Malone answers yes. Smith then mentions the requiring of an Associate's Degree. Malone states yes, at minimum. Smith questions if that is waivable. Malone states it can be discussed but he thinks they are fine in that area. Smith mentions the Army and knows about everything is waivable and that there is about 11 different qualifications that these people need so who will be the one doing that assessment. Malone answers it will be himself and the HR office (there are some excellent people in there that has been in that office for several years of doing HR work so they feel it will be fair and an opportunity for individuals to apply) and they will pick the person they feel is capable of doing the job. Smith asks when they foresee that happening. Malone brings up the discussion with HR Director Larson and she communicated that they need to get it done soon, ASAP, as far as the posting. Smith knows that they

are not supposed to get in the personnel business but Mr. Foley has done an outstanding job, in his opinion.

Councilwoman Selvey believes Muncie has some beautiful parks and she has met and spoke with Mr. Foley and she is very fond of all the great ideas that he is going to be able to provide for the Parks and the Programming. She is strongly in favor of this ordinance and thinks he would be the ideal candidate for this position. She thanks Malone for considering him. Malone appreciates it.

Councilwoman Davis remembers this being a similar situation with the reservoir. There was a woman who had been doing job responsibilities so they created a job description and gave her, promoted her, to that job without doing any extra hiring or interviews. She questions if there a way they can do that here if Mr. Foley is already doing the job. Malone thinks the City HR office will move them in the right direction to make sure they are following whatever guidelines they should be following. As far as the work itself, it is just the direction they have been going to try to create that opportunity for him to take on those responsibilities without being paid and compensated, which he hasn't for a whole year, and then decided they can just create that and give everybody the opportunity to go through the hiring process. Davis expresses that she just hates wasting anybody's time during a pandemic, but that is just her opinion. She thanks him for listening.

Audie Barber questions how much a year this position pays since nobody has really said. Ingram states it is \$35,000 – \$42,000. Barber confirms it was already put in the budget. He then questions who has the final say in who is hired, the Mayor or Mr. Malone. President Robinson would presume it to be Mr. Malone, being his department. Barber does not have a problem with that but was just curious. Robinson confirms with Malone, which whom states that is correct. Barber, again, just wanted to make sure.

Kristopher Bilbrey mentions this was in the budget so questions if it is being said that this was budgeted for in 2021. President Robinson states it is currently in the budget for 2021 although he does not believe it is listed under a line item for a Program Director but it is budgeted for. Bilbrey then asks if this is going to be a union position. It will not be. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 10-21 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE MUNCIE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MUNCE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2021.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Davis to Introduce.

Craig Wright, City Controller, explains the Administration went through and made all the amendments to the salary for this year, 2021. Moving forward, if this is passed, he will say they will be retroactive to the date of January 1st.

Councilman Polk states for the record, this will replace Ord. 30-20, which the Council already approved last year. Therefore, they are amending those figures because of the newly negotiated contract.

Mike Whitted, President of Muncie Firefighters Local #1348, informs the Council that the firefighters support this.

Richard Ivy, Deputy Mayor, requests the Council please accept this and jokingly mentions all the time he has spent with Mr. Whitted regarding this. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 8-21 A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2020 CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAPS FOR THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA.

A motion is made by Ingram and seconded by Polk to Adopt.

Marta Moody, Executive Director for the Delaware Muncie Planning Commission, explains how this is an activity that they do every year. For those that have been here awhile, you have seen this many times before. It is sort of like a crosscheck ordinance to ensure that any rezoning's that are adopted in the previous year get incorporated into the official zone map for the City of Muncie. Last year, there was actually only 1 and that is an attachment to the resolution. It was located in the 900 block of West 1st Street in the Old West End Neighborhood. Moody explains it is a lot easier these days to do these zone map changes since all of the zone maps are now digital. She adds it was in front of the Planning Commission in March and approved and is now in front of Council for their approval (basically stating that yes this correctly reflects the rezoning's that were adopted in the previous year).

President Robinson asks what would typically go in Intense Industrial, in general terms. Moody answers industrial uses that would be considered intense like limited industrial are uses that are typically done in totally enclosed structures and people may refer to it as Light Industrial. Intense Industrial would allow factories and foundries as well as manufacturing and assembly of pre-manufactured parts and things that you typically would associate with industrial usage. Robinson questions how large this lot is. Moody brings up the realization that this was already adopted. Robinson states he is just asking and that does not meant he has to vote in favor of a resolution. Moody questions if he is saying that the zone maps are not correct. Robinson states no, he is just asking for clarification. Moody states the dimensions are not shown but she would say it's probably the South part of this parcel that's on the mapping was already Intense Industrial and has been for some time (as are a lot of the properties along the railroad tracks) and the addition looks like it was probably about a little over an acre. Robinson thanks her for entertaining his questions and that the only way we learn is by asking questions. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

Marta Moody has some additional information that relates to the Planning Commission. She informs for the Councils information, they are involved in a major project now called Together DM (Delaware Muncie). That is for the creation of a new Comprehensive Plan for Muncie and Delaware County and a new Strategic Investment Plan for the City of Muncie. They have a consultant on board that has begun work on that. The togetherdm.org is the website that you can go to and you can go to it from the Citys Facebook page as well. That will provide some basic information along with a survey and Moody encourages everybody to complete. Also, the project manager for the consultant along with Moody will be in touch because they want to check in with all of the councilmembers to give an overview and also to get one-on-one input from them in the process.

RES. 9-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDANA TO PARTNER WITH THE MUNCIE ACTION PLAN, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE

ENERGY USE, AND TO CREATE A RESILIENT MUNCIE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO BENEFIT THE ECONOMY, PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

A motion is made by Selvey and seconded by Ingram to Amend.

Councilwoman Selvey would like to make some amendments. In Sec. 1 it should read, "the Common Council acknowledges that climate change is a critical public issue that threatens to negatively impact the public health and the world's economy and therefore, action is necessary to lessen those negative impact into the future." Sec. 2 it should be added at the end, "and other related information." It originally mentioned utilizing data from the Resilience Cohort's greenhouse gas inventory completed for the Delaware County Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission in 2019. Sec. 5 should have added "the Common Council, via its Environmental Review Committee," which should collaborate with the Planet Muncie Committee. Sec. 8 to be amended to say "the Common Council will encourage and support the Mayor of Muncie," in cooperation with Planet Muncie Committee to create an annual recognition awards program...

President Robinson believes Council Attorney Gibson sent a copy of the revisions to everyone with those amendments. He confirms the Council Secretary has obtained a copy, which Gibson presented to her this evening.

Councilwoman Selvey would like to add that she had conversations with Mr. Donati about his proposal and she feels her input has been heard in the process of this resolution. She thinks this resolution is a big step forward for our City with the Mayor's planting of "1000 trees in 1000 days." She has asked Mr. Donati and his group to amend the few sections she mentioned and they have listened and cooperated to her feedback and she really appreciates it.

Councilman Polk questions if they have to make the motion to Approve and then Amend and then asks Attorney Gibson for clarification. Gibson informs that beforehand they can just amend it and then make a motion to Adopt as Amended.

A motion is made by Davis and seconded by Polk to Adopt as Amended.

Jason Donati, one of the organizers of the Muncie Climate Coalition, greets everyone and thanks for the opportunity to say a few words about res. 9-21. Pointing to his young daughter, Donati mentions he has his lawyer with him to make sure he is speaking correctly. Councilman Smith comments the most important person in the room. Donati appreciates President Robinson for sponsoring this resolution and coming to the meeting of the Muncie Climate Coalition and hearing them out and Councilwoman Selvey for bring her suggestions to the Coalition. They were able to work together on that which is very exciting. He, too, appreciates Councilman Ingram for reaching out and mentions also having a great conversation with Mayor Ridenour. Donati appreciates all the collaboration and it has really helped put this document together. He wishes to say a few words and there's some other members of the Coalition that are going to speak afterward. In his opinion, this is a really exciting and historical moment for Muncie as we have talked about the river and Riverfront development today; they wanted to do this in April because it's actually the 51st year anniversary of Earth Day. The plan was to do it last year (until the pandemic hit) for the 50th anniversary. Some of them have been working on this since 2019. April is significant because of Earth Day. Those that know our local history may know the work of people who work for our environment in our community. Someone that Donati has always looked up to and considered an important leader in our community is people like Marjorie Ziegler, who was instrumental in the White River Greenway and protection of it. Then, of course, John Craddock who is the founder of

the Bureau of Water Quality and the work that he did to clean up Muncie. Many people may not know that John was actually a student at Ball State in the late 1960s who had a class project where he went to the river and was upset with how nasty it was so he set up some testing sites and actually did tests. He eventually convinced the Muncie Sanitary District to create a Division of Water Quality that eventually became the Bureau of Water Quality and because of his work, we have more data from that time period until now far advancing any other community in the United States (from what he has heard). Therefore, his work is significant and the work that Muncie is doing is significant in our community. Even though we put a lot of work into protecting our planet and reducing our carbon emissions, there's a recent report of Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Release Inventory that sadly declares that Indiana has more toxic releases per square mile than any other state. Indiana also ranks first among states when it comes to toxic releases per square mile to the air water and land. That is disappointing and unacceptable in his opinion. He feels like the organizing the Coalition has done and the reason why they're here today is to make a statement and take the next logical step. There is lots of community input that has been given to the Muncie Action Plan planning process for the last 10 years (by finishing three Plans). Every single one of those Plans mentions reducing carbon emissions, more sustainability initiatives and projects and doing our part to help protect the planet and our community. Really, the next step is this resolution and putting together a Climate Action Plan with community input. That is really what this resolution does. Donati appreciates the opportunity to be up here and working with all on Council, the Mayor and many other Coalition members. Lastly, Donati would like to say that a lot of this work is in memory of John Gibson who was the founder of Earth Charter Indiana. He passed away recently and made many trips to Muncie and Ball State to try to get something like this to happen. So, a lot of this work is in memory of the people who have put lots of work in before us and now, we're just carrying that torch for the next logical step. In closing, Donati urges the Council to vote in favor of this resolution.

Andrew Pilat is a student at the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics & Humanities. For those that don't know, the Indiana Academy is a 2-year residential high school on Ball State's campus that draws Indiana's best and brightest students from all around the state to the City of Muncie. It is already too late for his hometown of Martinsville, Indiana. One of the 53 EPA Superfund sites in the state of Indiana runs underneath Martinsville's downtown area. Instead of expressing support for environmental protection when they had the chance, an opportunity the City of Muncie currently has, his town must deal with remediation. Environmental negligence is a risk to the livelihood of all citizens. There are an estimated 400,748 people within a quarter of a mile from the Superfund site in Martinsville with over 200 properties at risk of slow vapor exposure from the contaminate. Exposure to the contaminate can cause an increased risk of cancer and other undetermined health problems. How does this pertain to the presented resolution? Pilat refers to going back to his hometown, there is one thing they still refuse to do, publicly acknowledge the problem. Res. 9-21 shows that the City of Muncie understands that climate change is a real problem. It encourages businesses and citizens to continue taking actions that protect the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Most importantly, it means local government cares and is willing to recognize climate change as more than just simply a federal problem. Pilat hopes that the City of Muncie prioritizes prevention over remediation and passes res. 9-21.

Samantha Davis, Board Member at the Indiana Academy Environmental Club, has a short poem she would like to read in support of this resolution. "The sun is shining, the sky is blue. The birds are flying and the breeze is so cool. Mother Nature is trying her best to give nothing but beautifulness. But what do we do, we make her a mess. Let's make her the best by polluting less and less and preserve her green dress for the kids and the rest." If there is any reason to be in favor of this resolution, Davis believes it is an investment. An investment in our future, our education, our youth, our City and our community.

Etoile Boots, a senior at the Indiana Academy and Co-President of the Environmental Club there (with Carly Butler) just wanted to say a few words in support of res. 9-21. One of the things she loves most to do, however strange it may sound, is to plan and organize. She has dozens of bullet journals and so many notes on her app dedicated to organizing her tasks in everyday life. This same love becomes fear when she knows she cannot plan for a future that will be so erratic in a changing climate. She asks how she will plan for an increase in extreme weather events and a lack of clean water and air. She is hopeful, though. In passing res. 9-21, we will be planning for and creating a greener, safer and happier future for Muncie.

Julie Pichonnat, a junior at the Indiana Academy and also a member of the Environmental Club Board, explains when you are a student there is a lot of pressure to do well in school, to get good grades and be in a lot of extracurricular activities. However, there is another type of pressure that isn't really acknowledged and that is climate change. She questions how her generation is expected to save our species and to undo all the damage and pollution and build the sustainable future. That being said, when they have class discussions at her school on climate change, there are always a couple of kids who say things like "why does it matter whether or not I am using plastic bags because I am one person out of a population of over 8 billion people?" Pichonnat states that always tears on her a little because for her, environment is connected to everything and you can tell a lot about a person and how they see themselves and their role in society and on earth from a comment like that. Mostly, that they think that they don't matter. She thinks that mentality is perpetuated by a strenuous school atmosphere and a pandemic which has only further alienated us from each other. She also thinks that everyday, we as a community do not address climate change. We tell people that they do not matter. Sustainability is not a luxury, it is a necessity, just like taking care of yourself, your family or looking after your friends. We need to be taking care of our environment by reducing our carbon emissions, increasing our energy efficiency and so on. We can do that. We have the passion, the people, the resources to make Muncie not only resilient in spirit but also resilient in infrastructure. That is why Pichonnat supports this resolution because it says that she matters, you matter and that Muncie matters.

Seth Rawlings is a citizen of Muncie has lived here his entire life having gone the entire way through the Muncie Community School system and now being a student at Ball State. This resolution is important for the future of Muncie. Climate change is real and he is not here to drown on what everybody before him has talked about. We can agree to disagree but climate change is real. What he is here to talk about is jobs. This plan can provide jobs for the citizens of Muncie. Muncie in its past day was the manufacturing hub of the Midwest being one of the regional towns. We are now in the Rust Belt. Why, to turn the rust and make it into steel again and go back to being a manufacturing hub of the community, when we can manufacture green energy. There is going to be so many jobs opening up. If you follow the news, you have seen that jobs planned electric vehicles are on the rise so Muncie could

be the electric vehicle hub of the Midwest. No one knows. This is why this plan is important. It is important for jobs in our community and sustainable jobs, at that. We need to get this climate in order but jobs are what is really important here. Once we get the jobs, the climate will come hand in hand.

Terry Moore is in support of this resolution and starts off stating kudos to these young people for their support of the environment. In looking around the room, there is only a handful of people that are old enough, Moore included, to remember the 1st Earth Day. He recalls he was in 9th grade and has been an environmentalist ever since, now owning 4 vehicles that have environmental plates. His worry is that anything that the City tries to do that's trying to get away from carbon emissions, like maybe going to solar, our Republican State Legislator tends to overrule it. He explains that the City of Bloomington tried to outlaw plastic bags and the State Legislature and Governor Mike Pence signed a law that no city in the state can do that. There is presently a law they are trying to get enacted down at the State Legislature involving a city that was wanting to start banning new hook-ups of natural gas to try to cut down on carbon emissions. State Legislature is trying to outlaw that so cities cannot do that. We have an Anti-Environmental State Republican Legislature and until we can move away with that, Moore is afraid anything the City Government does is going to go down the drain because the State Republican Legislature is going to come in and overrule it.

Councilman Ingram thinks it is great that the high school-aged kids are getting involved in the community and environment. Great job to them and Mr. Donati.

Marta Moody, Planning Commission and also known as the Task Force 5 leader for the Muncie Action Plan, explains it is within Task Force 5 that the Planet Muncie Committee will reside. This has been a focus area and identified emphasis area by the huge amount of citizens that feed into the Muncie Action Plan. They have had 2 immersive learning classes that have dealt with these issues for MAP. The first one came up and said we should deal with sustainability issues. The second one is the one that came up with the Planet Muncie tagline and everybody loved it. That is what they are calling it now and even have a little logo. Since Mr. Donati joined the Board of the Muncie Action Plan, she asked if he would be Chair of the Planet Muncie Committee and he agreed. In that, Moody thinks we are on the road to doing some really great things.

Councilman Clark mentions earlier speaking with Mr. Donati briefly but has some other things he would like to ask him. Clark explains his day job is doing energy-efficiency walks with customers, ultimately taking them down that path of sustainability. He has worked with dozens, if not hundreds, of local businesses, churches and schools that over the past 8 years have already taken this approach. In hearing talks about a plan, he questions what this Committee will really do, what the authority of this Committee will have and what buy-in have they gotten from the local businesses so far. Donati answers the Committee, itself, won't have necessarily any authority. The idea is taking the existing work that has been happening – years of work consisting of lots of community leaders such as Moody alluded to. There is already a Committee that is doing sustainability initiatives. The pandemic hit and things changed for everybody. The idea is and what is written in the resolution is that the City Council would appoint a member (and it can be a councilmember or just a citizen the Council would like), the Mayor would appoint someone, there is already existing members of the Planet Muncie Committee. All members would come together to work with Ball State and other entities to build a Climate Action Plan. There are lots of really great resources out there on how to build one. During that process, that is where they would start to get feedback from the local business community as well as feedback from as many

constituents and groups of people that they can get feedback from. After a year of putting that together, they would come and present (with the amendment Selvey made) to the Environmental Review (Impact) Committee. They will go through the Plan and it is up to the Committee and the Council to decide if there is anything within that plan that they would like to create an ordinance for or officially like to adopt in any sort of way or fashion. Then, they would get into more discussions on how to move forward as a community in the future. So, this Committee would not actually have any sort of authority, other than presenting the Plan that the community built. Clark confirms that Donati does not see it as providing any undue burden on existing businesses, some that may have already expounded capital to relight a facility or improve process or reduce carbon emissions. Donati states no and again, if they put together a Climate Action Plan and present that to the Environmental Impact Committee which then presents that to City Council who would then develop some sort of ordinance that codifies anything then he could see where there might be a lot more interest from different community members but no. He does not see this in a burden in anyway. He sees this as a hopeful plan and adds today, a lot of youth have climate anxiety, honestly. This is something that should have been done yesterday and today, they are really trying to move this forward to work together. Clark states he believes it is better late than never when it comes to the environment and knows of many corporations, businesses and individuals who have done it for years. So, if we can walk that path and do it in unison, he thinks it is ideal. Donati agrees and thinks that even this resolution speaks to the collaboration of people coming together with different thoughts and opinions because that is what this was. They worked on it for a year, presented it and then got feedback from members. They then came to the table, agreed on some things and that is the way this Plan will work moving forward. It is a really good thing. Clark has one last thing and explains when you think about the environment, you think about toxic emissions, both global emissions and then there is local emissions. He questions if the focus will be on local type things or will this Committee try to reach out beyond that. Donati thinks they will have to focus local and that is why they will utilize the data from the greenhouse gas inventory that was completed a couple years ago so they will look at that. Donati mentions that Councilman Ingram had suggested other related data as well. That is what they will be tasked in doing is looking at a lot of local data and trying to figure out the best plan for our community as that pertains to the broader global issues and concerns.

Councilman Smith states he was seriously not in support of this for a couple of reasons. He does not need to name the person responsible for removing the phrase “a threat to National Security” but that got his attention and turned him around. He received a few letters from professors and departments at Ball State, which carry some weight, but not much, no disrespect intended. Smith requests the students that came up and spoke on this to stand from their seat in the audience. Directing his words to them, Smith states those students changed his mind. They changed him from a “no” vote to a “yes” vote. He considered all the discussions and little bit of email traffic but when it comes to this, those people are the most important people in the room. If they had not been here tonight, he still may have been a “no” vote. But, the National Security removal and these students have changed his mind. Job well done. Outstanding. Smith hopes they all stay involved and keep pushing in the government arena. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Before moving on, President Robinson does wish to point out that Sec. 3 of this resolution indicates “the Common Council will participate in the Planet Muncie Committee by, at minimum, appointing a Committee member who will serve at the pleasure of the Council.” From his standpoint,

the most logical choice to serve on that Committee would be the President of the Environmental Impact Committee by virtue of that position and questions if everyone else agrees with that. A motion is made by Robinson and seconded by Smith to nominate Councilman Troy Ingram as Chair of the Environmental Review Committee to serve on the Planet Muncie Committee. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 abstain (Ingram) and which Councilman Ingram is hereby APPOINTED to serve on the Planet Muncie Committee.

RES. 10-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDANA APPROVING A THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH MUNCIE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #1348, I.A.F.F.-A.F.L./C.I.O.,-C.I.C.

A motion is made by Polk and seconded by Selvey to Adopt.

Craig Wright, City Controller, just wanted to let the community and everybody know that the Mayor is behind this 100% and this is pretty much what he was in favor of since the beginning. The Administration is in full support of this agreement.

Councilwoman Selvey questions the key elements of this agreement. Wright explains the key elements were the salaries, longevity and the fact it is a 3-year contract so that is the most important thing that it is set for 3 years. That is what everybody was going for.

Mike Whitted, President Muncie Firefighters Local #1348, expresses they support this. This was in regards to contract negotiations that were started last year that were delayed because of COVID. It took a while but when they started, Deputy Mayor Ivy was a councilmember and Craig Wright was not the City Controller. He does want to thank the Mayor and explains it was a long drawn-out (but good) negotiation that did not need to go through arbitration. In other words, they did not have to pay a bunch of high-priced attorneys to make decisions for them. Both sides left something on the table so that is a win right there on both sides.

Councilman Polk mentions his kudos to the Fire Union as well as the Administration for working together. As it was mentioned, this is a 3-year contract and refers to it being the longest one he has seen of his 14 years on Council. Whitted explains they used to do 3-year contracts a long time ago and have been doing 1-years for more than he would care to... He jokes he enjoys talking to these guys but not that often. Councilman Ingram adds that is what Deputy Ivy mentioned earlier.

Councilman Smith acknowledges the City losing its experienced employees and questions if this is going to help with that. Whitted answers yes, like the Police Department reported last year that they made some changes that will help try to recruit and retain. When Whitted first came on the Fire Department, his class had over 300 people apply. This last class, they had to extend the application process to get at least 20 people to apply for the Muncie Fire Department. This contract is going to go a long way in helping with that. Smith expresses if there is anything they on the Council can do to help with that effort they will because he hates losing our experienced workers to other municipalities. It might be competitive to help people apply for our base rate, we have got to make those things happen. Whitted refers to his first 20 years on the Fire Department, there were 2 firefighters that left the job for other reasons other than retiring. In the last 5 or 6 years, they probably lose 2 or 3 a year going to other departments. Smith states hopefully this helps with that. Questions called.

Mike Whitted expresses that Local #1348 hosts their retirement party every December for the ones that retire in that year. In 2020, they had 10 firefighters retire. It was scheduled for December and

because of COVID, it was rescheduled for May 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM Cornerstone Center of the Arts. Whitted would like to invite all of the councilmembers to attend. If they want to bring a guest, that is fine. However, the event will be catered. Whitted asks that between now and the next 2 or 3 weeks to let him know if that they are attending and/or bringing a guest. That way, they can make sure they have them down for food. Otherwise, again, all of the councilmembers are invited. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Wayne Scaife mentions he has more than 3 minutes worth of discussion. He also provides handouts regarding the Hope VI Grant to the Council. In 2008, he moved back to Muncie. What the Hope VI Grant was dealing with was the refurbishing of the Muncie Housing Complex on South Madison Street, formerly known as Munciana Homes. The issue Scaife has is that this was in the plan from 2002, so 19 years ago, they tore down their Community Center known as the South Madison Community Center that was included in this \$12.3 million grant. They tore down their Center and put up housing there and said a brand new Center will be built. The problem is that never happened. It was in the planning that included that \$12.3 million grant that they got for this program. The 3 entities involved were Flaherty & Collins (the builder), the Muncie Housing Authority and the City of Muncie. They are responsible for this. Scaife has been arguing this since 2008 under then Mayor McShurly, then Mayor Dennis Tyler and now in this new Administration. He is here to ask what the City Council can do to get their Center built because they owe them this Center. He expresses they don't want an existing Center as part of this grant was a brand newly built Community Center. Next to the last page of the documents Scaife provided, it can be seen that in addition to the money that they were supposed to put up at the time, Congressman Mike Pence earmarked \$343,000 and quotes "City of Muncie, Indiana Unity Center for a new Community Center" (again, not refurbish an old building) from the fiscal year 2008 budget. Now, this was \$343,000 that he earmarked. If you know anything about government earmarks, when something is earmarked, it is supposed to be used for that specific purpose and nothing else. This money, right here, was given to a subcontractor to refurbish Garfield Middle School. What they refurbished was the side where the school was, not the side where the Unity Center was. So, even if they would have done that (refurbished the Unity Center) that is still not what that money was earmarked for. That came out of the Community Development fund and that can be checked under the former Community Development Director. Again, Scaife has discussed this with former Mayor McShurley, former Mayor Tyler and now Mayor Ridenour as well as councilmembers. Scaife pleads to be made whole. There is no Community Center in the black community. None. There are no programs going on in the black community. None. They tore down that Center with the promise of building a new one. The land was free because they went to the Park Board who gave the okay for acres of land in the park to build there. They had a \$343,000 grant to work with so that was less money that those 3 entities had to come up with but they didn't do anything. Before there was the Riverfront Project, the Canal Project, and the bathhouse at Prairie Creek, there was the Millennium Hope VI Grant that was supposed to build a Center. Scaife express he has sat and watched City Council meetings and knows all kinds of money is being spent but none is being spent on a Community Center. Our kids are suffering. If you look at some of the kids that are running around with guns, they are 15 and 16 years old. Well guess

what? They grew up without a Community Center. They have nothing else to do. Scaife explains he grew up with the Buley Center, the South Madison Community Center, the Boys and Girls Club and the Pal Club. Now, our kids have nothing. The promise was to build a Community Center, a Child Care Center and (in between the 2) a public plaza with a food court. Also, they were going to build a \$40,000 sqft grocery store that was going to have a coffee house, a street café and a cooking school. If that \$12.3 million was spent and all this was included, the community has none of that so he wonders what happened to that money and believes City Council has to do something. The City of Muncie is responsible for this. They need their Center and, again, he is not talking about giving them some old school or old building. They need a new Community Center and he hopes the Council reads through all the Hope VI Grant documents he provided to them tonight. The problem was they had a time frame to complete this so they waited it out and waited it out so they wouldn't have to complete it. People are saying that the time is over with but there is a responsibility of the City to our community to build a new Center. He is willing to come back next month and give the Council time to read and look over the grant. The City and the Housing Authority owes the community a Center.

Councilman Dishman refers to the last time they discussed that property here at a City Council meeting where he asked the gentleman that runs the Millennium Homes if he was going to build a multi-center or Community Center and he said no. Dishman adds he has been pushing for this for a long time. Every Administration does not do anything about it but he brings it up all the time. He recalls having a conversation with Councilwoman Davis about how we need those centers to keep these kids out of trouble. Dishman was there, under the Dan Canon Administration, when they tore the old one down and the community was promised a new one. Kim King, from the back of the auditorium, does not want to speak out of terms but that is not the focus, a black Center. The focus is a Center for all the kids. Dishman understands. King just wanted to put that out there. President Robinson calls Point of Order. Scaife wonders why there isn't any more questions. Robinson informs him that what he thinks is best to do would be to call a meeting between a couple of councilmembers and perhaps Deputy Mayor Ivy. Scaife disappointedly states he has done all that. Robinson tells him to stay after the meeting and they will exchange phone numbers and get a meeting scheduled. Scaife would be glad to take 1 or 2 questions and asks if he can do so. Robinson explains they are a little more than 2 hours into the meeting tonight. Scaife expresses how he sat in the audience for 2 hours listening to the Council giggle, laugh and ask questions. Robinson explains there are people behind Sciafe that have been waiting just as long as he has and are currently waiting to speak. Scaife utters unbelievable. Robinson is happy to give him his phone number afterwards and they can get a meeting scheduled but they do need to move on with their business. Scaife asks if he can at least come back next month after the Council reviews the documents he provided. Robinson states absolutely. Scaife closes with that being all he asks.

Kim L. King would like to see a STEM program. He turns around and states to the Mayor that he would like the Mayor to put his name on it because what previous speaker Mr. Scaife was talking about is we don't having anything for our kids to do. So, they can make that an educational focus, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. President Robinson requests that King address the Council. King assures the Council can hear him. Back to talking to the Mayor, King suggests calling the STEM Program the "Ridenour STEM Program." And, make it large to even include the County for all of our kids. That is all he asks.

Kristopher Bilbrey has some points he would like to make. He said it at the Park Board meeting and he will say it again but there has been an ordeal recently about the Tuhey Park and the YMCA situation. Hopefully that is taken care of but he will say again, on the record here, that the Mayor informed during a Community Update that he had a promise to the YMCA and Bilbrey agrees with that. However, he also made a promise to the citizens and Bilbrey feels the promise to the citizens was first and should outweigh the promise to the YMCA. He hopes that the Mayor is reminded of that. Also, he is a little concerned because he does not feel that it is transparent for money to be hidden or (he is not sure how else to say that) stored away or put back in a department budget that is meant for a line item or a possibility for another job to be created. Bilbrey has looked through the Park budget while we have been sitting here. The Park Budget has 40 line items. Of those 40 line items, there are only 18 of those line items in which there could be money that could possibly sustain another position. If it is going to be a full-time position, there are even less than the 18 line items. He is confused which one of these line items this money is going to come from. Lets be very honest, this doesn't seem right. This doesn't seem normal and seems shady – where an appropriation wasn't asked for and it is being said a budget was put forward and somehow, people knew this was going to be created. This was put someplace in here to be put back for this position that is now being created. Until the Council discussed this and voted, no one knew that they were going to approve it or not. If the Council was not going to approve this then what was that money budgeted for? That does not look transparent and does seem to be concerning. The other things is, and he requests everyone to please go back and read online during that discussion because a lot of people are commenting online that the Council was very discouraging to anybody that could possibly feel like applying to that position. He understands wanting to give kudos to the person who may currently be in that position doing that job. But, he feels the Council walked very dangerously close to talking about something that may have needed to be talked about during an Executive Session, talking about someone for filling that role. Keep that in mind because the public seemed to be discouraged as if the City's mind is already made up. Bilbrey knows this may not be answered right now but at some point, he is going to want an answer on where this money is coming from and why it is there.

Matthew Peiffer, representing a Voice for Kids and the Muncie Smile Man, thanks the Council President for allowing community members to have a moment to speak. He has some exciting news so for those interested, get a pen and paper ready. Wednesday at 5:00 PM at 701 S. Walnut (by the Muncie Housing Authority) they will be distributing baby food that is used for infants, 6 months and older. He holds up some of the baby food and explains it can be purchased at Wal-Mart for \$1.22 but they will be giving them away free. One of the flavors available of beechnut brand is mango peach, which Peiffer hears is a hot item. They picked up 3,000 lbs in South Bend and will be distributing it that day. Citizens of Muncie can get to the MITS station and take the Heekin Park bus to that stop over by the Muncie Housing Authority so it will still be accessible for those that do not have any form of transportation. He then thanks the Muncie Police Department for confirming that they will provide diapers, baby wipes and other infant needs that they will be able to distribute there. Also, he would like everyone to remember that the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Being an abused child himself and a foster child here in Delaware County, Peiffer knows the importance of a village and a

community supporting himself and others. He would like to thank the community for helping make this event happen, from Pizza King to their corporate office for allowing them to use the parking lot that they own for that event as well as the Dalton Company for donating the storage space while waiting for the event to be put on. In closing, Peiffer would like to encourage everybody in this room and watching online to smile at 1 child a day because that might give them the hope that they need for them to feel and know that somebody cares about them. He expresses all it took for him to get out of his situation was one person in the community that saw them and would always ask them every time he saw them was "who loves you?" and they would always know to reply "you do." That was the one person they trusted enough to go and get help from. They was able to confide in him about the abuse that was occurring in their home. Referring back to smiling at 1 child a day, it is something simple and something that each and every one can do. Anyone that is willing to volunteer is more than welcome to come out at 4:30 and meet in the parking lot. He asks that the Council and everyone share the event on Facebook as well.

Kent Blair provides copies of the noise ordinance as it relates to his discussion. He also has provided some pictures that show a common occurrence outside his house so he requests those be passed around to the Council. Apart of his own documents, Blair holds up a stack (about an inch thick) of instances that date back from 2018 since he has been calling the police to get his neighbors to turn their music down. The music isn't always so loud but it's the doggone subwoofers. He illustrates it by sitting in your house and hearing this 'whomp-whomp-whomp' that is just constant. There are guys that come and maybe stay 15 or 20 minutes, get out of their vehicles and leave their subwoofers blasting, do their little business, get back in their vehicle and go. Somewhere in this noise ordinance he read that after so many times, citations are supposed to be issued. Like he said, he has records that date clear back to 2018 so he is going into his 4th year of trying to get this matter taken care of. The problem is for one, dispatch and police officers don't know what the ordinance is. Blair has been told that the police can't do anything until after dark or the ordinance doesn't kick in until 11:00. The ordinance states anytime you are disturbing a neighbor or someone else that is a violation of the noise ordinance. He hasn't been able to get the most recent copies because of COVID but mentions the copies he has going back adding he has probably called 20 times since 2018. It is starting up again for this year. Blair mentions that Councilwoman Davis is his councilmember and he lives in the Industry neighborhood. He is a member of the Industry Neighborhood Association and mentions the President would have been here tonight but had other obligations. The problem is, somehow, these people are able to either monitor the police calls or somebody is informing them when they are getting ready to come. A lot of times it is a group of them and Blair will call the police at (for example) 8:00 but police won't show up until 8:30 or 8:45. Within 10 minutes of them showing up, they'll disburse or turn down their music. Then, officers will say they didn't catch them. Blair adds that when it's the young officers responding, they are more empathetic towards the guys trying to have a good old time and conclude that Blair is just some old crazy man. In addition to the noise, he gets the Black & Mild wrappers, beer cans and liquor bottles in his yard. He is aware it is his responsibility to take care of the ease-way between the sidewalk and street but he has to take care of more than half of it because people have torn it up (as can be seen in the pictures). His thing is what it will take to get the City of Muncie Police Department to start doing their job and start issuing citations because it is way passed that. Plus, he would like to see the police be

more pro-active then reactive and would like to see them coming down throughout the neighborhood. He recalls 2 very nice families that have since moved out of the neighborhood because they couldn't tolerate the noise. There is another elderly family that is currently trying to move because they can not tolerate the noise. This is taking place on Penn St between 5th and 6th and also in the 900 block of East 5th street where there are gatherings. Blair explains a lot of the people that live there grew up in that neighborhood so they are old-timers who have been in this neighborhood for a long time. None of them have subwoofers in their vehicles. What he wants to know is how can the City Council get on the Muncie Police Department and say "you are not doing your job, you need to start issuing citations." President Robinson confirms that is Councilwoman Davis' district and that she might want to follow up with the Police Chief. Councilwoman Davis refers to some meetings she has already had with Mr. Blair, which he confirms and appreciates her trying and attempting to talk to them. Davis states she did go over and try to talk with them as well. There was a meeting with the Police Chief and Mayor so they did take some steps to try to remedy the situation. She hates that it is still going on but yes, they can have another meeting with the Police Chief. Blair explains since the weather is warming up, he has already had to call the police 3 times this year. It is getting ready to get busy again and Blair just can't do it anymore. It frustrates him and frustrates him and gives him stress because he is waiting for the police to come for 2 hours while he is continuing to listen to his windows rattle and his pictures vibrate across the table. The noise ordinance is a very low priority and he understands that but if the police would start writing citations and tickets, he would not have to bother the police in the first place. Councilwoman Davis assures him they will talk after the meeting. Blair agrees and wants to make sure he gets his pictures back.

Stacey Buck is a Volunteer for World Vision, which is a Christian Humanitarian Agency that supplies aid all over the world. In 2012, she and her neighbor and dear friend Kristen read a book that changed them, it was called *The Hole in Our Gospel*. They had an activity of walking for water and walked around Prairie Creek with their 8 children who ranged in age from 12 to 6 at the time. They carried dirty water back to their house and asked them "what if you had to drink this and this was your water for the whole day?" It was a moving thing for their kids and they began to dream. They thought what if they invited the community to come and understand the world water crisis and 3 years later, there was a walk at Prairie Creek. They partnered with World Vision to build a website and now they have done 5 water walks. It is called the World Vision Global 6K for Water. They have raised over \$125,000 for clean water projects in countries in Africa, India and Haiti. 2 years ago, they actually traveled to see some of the wells and meet with water engineers in Kenya to see where this money went. Many people do not know that this is a worldwide race now that actually started in Muncie at Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Kristen presents an invitation for the councilmembers to be a part of it because Muncie is ranked #2 in fundraising out of the 550 host sites in the country this year. Also, every year they have done it, Muncie has been in the top 5. That just goes to show that Muncie cares and they are so proud of our community. She explains she and Stacey did not do this, Muncie and Delaware County did this. They want to make it bigger because every person that walks gives clean water to a child. They both have bibs of a child that is actually going to get clean water this year because of their walking. Every person

that participates gets a t-shirt and a bib of the specific child. They just want to invite everyone to be a part of it and are excited and hopeful to raise \$40,000 and have 400 participants this year. It is both virtual can you can come at Prairies Creek Reservoir and walk with them in person and carry water. Stacey holds up the jug of water they carry and says it is about 40 lbs. It is very common for kids to walk an average of 6k and miss school. It impacts so many things in their lives and is such an important part of being a part of the community, the world and understanding clean water.

Audie Barber refers to the budget that has a surprise employee and reminds the Council that 8 of the 9 councilmembers voted in favor of that. He asks how many more full-time positions are in the budget that is not specifically designed for a full-time position or is hidden somewhere to where it comes out all of a sudden and now we have another employee of the City of Muncie? He turns and questions a remark made from Terry Moore in the audience. Barber claims that is what he is asking and he is not talking to him, he is talking to the Council. President Robinson calls Point of Order. Barber refers to before he was interrupted, and wishes to rephrase that 7 out of the 9 councilmembers voted in favor of the budget. The 2 that didn't were Councilman Garrett and Councilwoman Selvey because they weren't on the Council yet. Councilman Smith comments that is not correct as he did not vote in favor of the budget. Barber asks if Smith was on the Council, though. Robinson calls Point of Order, again. Barber claims anyways, it was passed by this Council and asks how many more people are in this budget that they don't know about that are going to become full-time employees of the City of Muncie. Robinson doesn't know and suggests emailing the Controller. Barber explains it is in the budget so all the councilmembers that voted on it should know about it. Robinson doesn't have the budget in front of him right now to be able to tell one way or another. Barber confirms that Robinson read it before he voted on it and asks if that is right. Robinson states yes but questions if he remembers however many million dollars' worth of line items. Barber comments he, himself, isn't a councilman and just wants to make sure that there is no more hidden employees coming out of the budget that aren't line items for. Councilman Ingram also makes a point that they voted to Introduce ord. 9-21, not yet Pass. They still have due diligence that they all do in order to find out and make sure that this is legitimate and something that they would want to happen. Barber agrees. Ingram confirms those questions will be asked and to trust him.

Althea Hart, a Licensed Bachelor level Social Worker (LBSW) with Lifestream Services, provides some handouts and explains they are planning to partner with Church of the Living God to give out food and vaccine information. She also passes out the registration form for the vaccine with the flyer. Lifestream is an Aging and Disability Center that works alongside home health agencies to provide nursing home level care to those who would qualify. They are noticing in the urban communities, people are (kind of) afraid of the vaccine so they were trying to think of ways to get them vaccinated as well as give them free food and let them know about Lifestream. She explains one of the events they are going to have will be on April 12th at 11:00 for those that are 60 and over. If you know anyone who is 60 and over, it is free. They have to fill out the registration form and if needed, they can call Lifestream (765)759-1121 and Hart can do the registration over the phone and they can come out and get free food and information. Hart informs she, herself, has been vaccinated and her second vaccine is actually scheduled on the 20th. She is willing to answer any questions anyone may have. Councilwoman

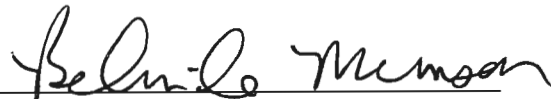
Selvey questions which strand of the vaccine, as in what will they be providing. Hart informs they don't provide as the process is you call and she will schedule. It depends on whichever site they decide. She is aware the hospital is Visor, and he believes Moderna is at Wal-Mart and Open Door. There is Johnson & Johnson as well but if you call her at Lifestream, she can get you scheduled and let you know who is offering what. Again, their number is (765)759-1121. The end goal is to have a meal site in District #6 because they currently do not have a meal site there (although they have one at Forrest Park which is 8th Street but is still not District #6).

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Smith to Adjourn. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 nay (Robinson) by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.



Jeff Robinson, President of
the Muncie Common Council



Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of
the Muncie Common Council