

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A BUDGET HEARING VIA ZOOM.COM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mrs. Collier, Mr. Caesar, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Dr. Knable and President Phipps.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Stein, Shane Gibson, Linda Moeller, Joe Ham, George Shureck, Fire Chief Juliot and Vicki Glotzbach

President Phipps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Mr. Gibson stated that for those of you who haven't met Mr. George Shureck, he is on the meeting today and he is now our Building Commissioner and has been working for us for several months. He said that he was a contractor for a while as an electrician and owned his own company. He also said that he got certified and is now our building commissioner. He then stated that normally in the past he has usually highlighted any major differences or slight changes here or there in the budget from the previous year's budget. He said that they have programed in 2% raises into the operating budget for our employees. He also said that postage for the departments that are moving to the new city hall have all been consolidated into the controller's budget because we have a mail room there with a postage machine and other necessary things. He stated that the building commission has 7 full-time employees including Mr. Shureck. He said that there are no changes in his budget at all other than the highlights that he mentioned.

RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION DIVISION

Mr. Gibson stated that this is a newer budget and if you recall in the zoning code that passed, there was a rental inspection component of that so we are trying to ensure that we are complying and building in a mechanism that will allow us to do those rental inspections. He said this is going to be a joint kind of department with Mr. Shureck overseeing some of it as well as Mr. Scott Wood with planning and zoning. He stated that he thinks that Mr. Shureck was asked by the mayor to put something together for this budget to get it up and running.

Mr. Shureck stated that is correct and they are basically going to have 2 full-time employees in this department. He said that one is a manager and one is an executive assistant to the rental manager's position.

Mr. Gibson stated that this is obviously going to be a little bit of a learning curve so they did some budget estimates on 2 employees and what they would relate to as far as social security and PERF. He said that they have some other items down in services and charges which include contractual services because it has been discussed that their plan would be to hire those inspectors. He stated that would be either home inspectors that are out there using their expertise or it might be someone else.

Mr. Caesar asked if these people have to be employees of the city or do we do these people as 1099s.

Mr. Gibson replied probably yes on the first 2 employees because we want more of a full-time manager and an administrative assistant to keep track of the paperwork. He said obviously if we get this thing up and running the way it is anticipated, there will be a lot of paperwork. He stated that they do anticipate at least the 2 employees being full-time in some fashion, but their plan for

the actual inspectors at this time is 1099 and contract that component out. He said that there are home inspectors out there that do more things more intensely than we are going to be doing with this program. He explained that this program is to help ensure that the homes that we have that people are living in are habitable and not below living norms and standards.

Mr. Turner asked if this has to be a separate department created or can we add a couple of employees to code enforcement because it is going to be \$205,000.00 for this new department to run.

Mr. Gibson stated that is anticipated and they don't unfortunately know for sure because this is all brand new. He also stated that it could be put into another department, but until we get some experience, we aren't going to know exactly what the costs are associated with that. He explained that the internal thinking was that if they put it in its own department, it will allow them to be able to track it a little better and see what, if any, adjustments need to be done in the following years.

Mr. Turner asked if there is a job description available to them and if these employees will have certain standards that they have to follow or certification that they will need to have to have this position.

Mr. Gibson replied not yet. He stated that this is for next year so they will be completing all of that necessary groundwork between now and then. He added that there will be job descriptions for the manager and the administrative assistant.

Mr. Applegate stated being a new department and having to look at rental inspections, do we expect that there could be potential litigation that we don't have figured in here. He said that he can see landlords saying that they don't agree with this and fighting it. He asked if we needed to add a line item for litigation.

Mr. Gibson replied no and stated when there is some type of litigation, it will be handled in his department and his budget. He also stated that he feels they will be able to handle any costs associated with that.

CEMETERY

Mr. Gibson stated that Mr. Ham with the street department oversees the cemetery. He said that you might remember that we used to have two budgets and we thought that it didn't make sense to have two budgets for the two separate cemeteries so we put them ultimately into one. He stated that you do see some slight changes in service and charges here and there from last year, but the overall component of service and charges still totals \$28,600.00 so there is really no additional money in that line item. He said that Mr. Ham moved some totals around just to get their line items correct this year moving forward. He also said that these are budget estimates so sometimes they are the best they can do based upon what they have. He stated that there is a new expense that they are requesting which is \$9,900.00 for some additional lawn mowers and new weed eaters to help maintain the facilities and the grounds.

Mr. Turner asked if we pay telephones and home internet for these times during COVID, especially for department heads.

Mr. Gibson replied as far as internet, he doesn't believe they have. He said with respect to cell phones, most department heads have a city-issued cell phone and obviously the city pays for that because it allows the administration as well as the council to get in touch with them when they need to.

Dr. Knable stated that in the last couple of years there has been a nice leap in electric equipment for this and whenever possible, he would like to see them convert over to that because it would be less noise, less pollution, less gas expense, etc. He asked if they are picking up any electric equipment when they are purchasing.

Mr. Gibson asked if he was talking about battery operated equipment.

Dr. Knable replied yes and stated that the durability has gone way up and the power has gone way up so it might be worth trying a couple of them out. He said that the price is pretty comparable to a gas unit as well and it will require less maintenance.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't mind them taking a look into that. He said that he doesn't know whether they have yet or not. He added that some of the stuff they get into requires heavy duty stuff so they would probably still have to use some gas but he will ask them to look into it.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks for the heavy duty shrubs or brush they will still need gas but for around headstones and whatever, he thinks it would probably work. He said that it is worth a try.

Mr. Ham stated that his only concern is the longevity of the batteries because they start at 7:30 a.m. weed eating and go all day.

Dr. Knable stated that they would definitely have to have backup batteries and be able to switch them out, but over the long haul, it may be worthwhile.

Mr. Ham stated that they could look into it.

Mr. Caesar stated that the council is pretty green minded so that is something that he would like to bring up later on even for police cars as we go forward. He said that we need to be doing a little homework on how long these batteries last and how efficient things are. He added that electric is going to be the way to go and he thinks it should be on the forefront of all of their minds.

Mr. Applegate asked Mr. Ham if they have dog bags and bins at each of the cemeteries because they get a lot of walkers and he just wondered if there was an issue with that. He said that if they don't have them, he believes it would be pretty simple to put some in.

Mr. Ham stated that they haven't had any complaints of that type of a problem in their cemeteries. He said that the only area that the street department gets involved in is keeping Bicentennial Park picked up. He said that is the only place where they see that type of a need.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Ham if they have any initiatives to do headstone restorations. He said that he did get a request regarding some of the headstones in our cemeteries being hard to read and he wondered if there was anything they could do about that.

Mr. Ham stated that during the winter time they have the Friends of Fairview supply them with all of the materials to repair stones if they are cracked or have fallen off of their base, but as far as repairing stones that have cracks, they haven't gotten into that.

Mr. Turner stated that he agrees with Mr. Caesar as well about the green initiatives. He said if only we had a commission to look into these things that would be great.

Mr. Gibson stated that when there are headstones that are old and need to be replaced, they will take action on those but they usually hire that out because that is an expertise that is pretty well specialized. He said that they have had that done in the past and asked Mr. Ham if that is correct.

Mr. Ham stated that it is.

Dr. Knable stated that there is a little bit of a jump in part-time and he knows that they are not even close to using up all of the part-time for this year. He asked if there is an anticipated need for more part-time labor next year.

Mr. Ham stated that if they can find them, he will hire them. He said that is his biggest problem. He stated that with what they pay and what people get to stay home for, it is hard to find people. He said that they pay \$13.00 per hour and they advertise it on the gate at Fairview and the only ones they have had to actually come back are the ones that were working for him last year.

Dr. Knable stated that there is about a 10% increase between the 2020 and 2021 budget.

Mr. Ham stated that he would like to get the 4 additional for summer help, especially later into the year.

Dr. Knable stated so you would have liked to have had it this year but you just didn't get it.

Mr. Ham stated that is correct.

Mr. Turner asked if there are any age restrictions to those jobs.

Mr. Ham stated that they have to be over 18 years old because they will be working with power equipment.

BOARD OF WORKS

Mr. Gibson stated that there are 5 people in the salary line item with 1 additional which is why you see an increase. He said that is a manager for the new city hall to make sure contractors come in and make sure maintenance is done on the necessary equipment, etc. He stated that you will see the line item added for copiers. He explained that they consolidated because it used to be paid from each department but they decided to consolidate it since moving to city hall. He stated that there is another line item added for other services. He said that opposed to hiring people at this time to clean the city hall and some of the other parks properties and other buildings, they are going to use contractual services. He stated that they are going to try to use that and experiment with it. He said that is why you see an increase in that line item.

Mr. Turner asked how many employees are in board of works total.

Mr. Gibson stated that Mr. Mickey Thompson, Mr. Larry Summers, Mrs. Sherri Baker and some part-time staff that do manage the phones for us are in there. He said that he does feel like he is missing one or two others that he can't remember off the top of his head right now.

Mr. Turner asked what the actual schedule is for restrooms being opened in our parks. He said that he uses the greenway pretty often and at times they are locked when you think they would be opened.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't know offhand but he could find out that schedule for him. He said that the ones on the greenway are actually handled by flood control because that structure is within the flood zone.

Mr. Turner asked who our new flood control director is.

Mr. Gibson stated that at this time, Mr. Philip Aldridge is handling the department and kind of pinch hitting for us. He said that Mr. Brandon Sailings who has some expertise is helping out also.

Mr. Blair asked what the additional cost is for building management.

Mr. Gibson stated that a line item was added under other services for cleaning and he thinks that will be \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00. He said that they didn't want to hire full-time employees at this point because everything that we have at city hall is new.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Blair if he was referring to the management at the top.

Mr. Blair stated that he was referring just to the increased operating costs of moving to the new building.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have a cost of about \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00 potentially for the cleaning services for the whole year.

Mr. Blair asked if they added the building manager's salary in.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Gibson stated that you'll see no major changes in this budget but he did want to point out that the biggest one, if there is one, is in PERF because they made sure that they recalculated that correctly so there is a slight increase from the year before. He said that the salaries line in the budget is for 82 firefighters and they usually make it on everything else in their budget. He added that it has sometimes been tight, but they have found ways over the years to make it.

Mr. Turner asked Fire Chief Juliot if we ever got around to using the Safer Grants for more firefighters.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they are in the process and waiting to hear back from FEMA. He said because of COVID everything has been extended but he and Mr. Gibson along with Mrs. Moeller have been trying to get the actual dates. He stated that with the hurricane that just happened, they can't get anyone to call them back at this time.

Mr. Turner stated that makes sense and then asked how many guys he has retiring soon.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he believes there are 3 next year and he had 1 this year that retired in August.

Mr. Turner congratulated Fire Chief Juliot on the new apparatus that is coming. He then asked if there is a way to get the other 2 squared away which are Quint 2 and Engine 3.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he has been in discussions with Mayor Gahan and Mr. Gibson on those and they are coming up with a plan.

Mr. Turner asked if those are definitely a priority.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes.

Mr. Turner asked about watercrafts and if we have anything more than just the Zodiacs.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they have 2 of those and they seem to be doing the job now but they still have pending grants with FEMA.

Mr. Turner stated that there are a couple of stations that are in disrepair and asked if there are any line items to get some repairs done to those facilities.

Fire Chief Juliot asked him if he could be more specific on the facilities.

Mr. Turner stated that he has heard about Twin Oaks and the station on Market Street.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that the Market Street Station was totally remodeled a few of years ago as well as Station 2. He said that Station 4 is new and Headquarters is in pretty good shape. He said that he would let Mr. Gibson touch on Twin Oaks.

Mr. Gibson stated that Twin Oaks is on the radar and there are a bunch of things there that are priorities but it does come down to prioritizing. He said that the entire list that we are talking about there would be numerous millions and millions of dollars to do, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be planning for it. He stated that part of the handling of the equipment is that they have asked them to kind of start putting together a rotating plan so these don't come as \$1M surprises. He said that they are working with the chief's department to come up with almost like a non-reverting concept of funding that yearly so that way when it comes, it may be looking at borrowing \$500,000.00 versus \$1M. He stated that with respect to Twin Oaks, it has been examined and looked at and they are looking at various options of whether that would be a complete remodel or looking at an alternative site just down from the station that the city does own and simply relocate that station. He added that location is the old Sonic that the city owns.

Mr. Turner asked if we are looking at closing down any houses before we make that potential move if that comes up as an option.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that if they do the plan at the Sonic location, Twin Oaks would stay open until the building was completed and then they would just move over to that new building so there would be no relocations.

Mr. Turner stated that right now we are under contract with AMR and we only have 1 and ½ ambulances by contract. He asked how many ambulances we should need in a city the size of New Albany and if 1 and ½ is enough.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that it should be. He said that he knows Police Chief Bailey has been in discussion with AMR's management and he believes that he has another ½ ambulance staffed so it's a full 2 ambulances every day for 24 hours a day. He stated that in the past, they only had one ambulance in the city and we managed with that but we now have two at this point.

Mr. Turner stated that he has talked with people outside of the city and other firefighters as well as other EMS providers and they say that a city the size of New Albany should have 3 or 4. He

said that with this budget this year, he is looking at voting in favor of it but he does have one deal breaker with it. He stated that deal breaker is better Emergency Management Services because over the last couple of months he has received many complaints and has been able to listen to scanner recordings of AMR not being available to our citizens. He said that public safety is the number one priority of where he thinks our tax dollars should go. He stated that just last week we had a double shooting and AMR was not available so these people had to be transported in a police car to the hospital. He said that he will probably send a separate email out to everyone looking at places to cut and he would like for the city to go back to AMR and renegotiate a contract to get us the EMS services that we need to provide for our citizens.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they have been looking into that quite a bit and why there are such extended wait times. He said that a lot of it is that Baptist Floyd is holding the ambulances at the ER and not allowing the patients to be transferred into their facility for whatever reason. He said that seems to be what we are seeing is the problem and Police Chief Bailey can touch on that a little more when the council talks with him. He stated that they know what the problem is and they are trying to address it.

Mr. Turner asked that since all of our firefighters get to the emergency scenes quicker and are EMT certified, would there be an option for you guys to have a truck stocked with emergency medical equipment to get to a scene right away in the event that AMR or New Chapel can't come to assist.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they do. He said depending on the nature of the call and if they are called to assist, they respond and have medical equipment on every apparatus. He stated that they respond to every run but the problem is the transport because they are a BLS Non-transport so they are basically at the mercy of an ambulance service transporting the patient to the facility of their choice. He added that if a patient is unconscious, they are taken to the nearest facility but if they are not and want to go to another facility like Norton's or Jewish, that is another delay for the ambulances to get back to their districts.

Mr. Turner asked if it is a standard to be a firefighter to have basic EMT in your department.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes and stated that it is part of the union contract that they have to maintain that through the duration of their career.

Mr. Turner asked if it was an ordinance.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that it is in their union contract.

Mr. Turner thanked Fire Chief Juliot and his guys and said that he appreciates everything they do.

Mr. Blair stated that it seems like every year we are under budget for overtime and over budget for salaries and the answer is always that they are going to try to cut down overtime, but it just doesn't seem to work out. He asked if they should shift those dollars just to make it more realistic.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have talked about this in the years past. He said that the current budget is scheduled for 82 firefighters, but what that doesn't always account for is injuries or something of that nature and if we get several off, the overtime can creep up. He said that he thinks the reason they have stayed where they are is because they were working towards getting to that 82 number and filling that with the vacancies and he knows there are some vacancies

coming. He stated that when we get that there, we should get that back but in the meantime, it can be a little more cost effective to do the overtime rather than hire a new person.

Mr. Blair stated that we have a track record of what we are spending on overtime and it is about double that \$150,000.00 so he was just wondering if realistically we should allocate more to overtime because that is our trend.

Mr. Gibson stated that they can look into it a little more to see what that trend has been.

Mr. Turner asked if it would be more appropriate to hire more firefighters at a lower rate.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is a combination of both. He added that he knows there is a new list getting ready to start and advertising is going out tomorrow he believes.

Police Chief Juliot stated that is correct and they will be advertising all this month starting tomorrow and will take applications all of October on the city's web site. He said they then will be conducting an aptitude test in November which will set the list for another two years.

Mr. Gibson stated that their goal now should be to get that list up and try to get to that 82 number and hopefully no one gets hurt and that will pull that overtime down to be a little more in line with what they would like for it to be.

NON-REVERTING DEPARTMENT FUNDS

RAINY DAY

Mr. Gibson stated that the first document is something that he started a few years ago and it allows them to project and do a little bit of planning. He said that there is Rainy Day, LRS, LIT/EDIT and Riverboat. He stated that the easy one is Rainy Day because it is upfront and pretty consistent and they pretty much leave it along and don't touch it. He said that the balance is \$676,000.00.

LRS

Mr. Gibson stated that the spreadsheet on this one is going out to 2035 and that is pretty far out for governments to look at to try to see where they are at. He said that he has held the estimated income constant except for 2022, he does have \$701,996.00 because that is the number that they did get from DLGF that we should expect next year. He stated that he takes a 5-year average and that is about \$700,000.00. He said that this is kind of a restrictive fund to a degree because all of the money has to be related to the local roads and streets in some fashion.

RIVERBOAT

Mr. Gibson stated that if you look at the spreadsheet, it gives you balance and the projection moving forward and \$725,000.00 is the projection that he used, which again is a 5-year average. He said that he will adjust that every year and even during the year so that they know what's going on. He stated that the actual 5-year average has been a little over \$800,000.00 but as he is doing these projections, he has kept it at \$725,000.00 just to be conservative to a degree. He said that we use the majority of this for paving, sometimes sidewalks and other infrastructure things.

Mr. Phipps stated with the new ownership of Caesars, he is assuming that they will use the same funding metric that has always been used and asked if that is correct.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and stated that it is his understanding that it is a statutory.

Mr. Caesar stated that they just had a meeting today and he asked that specific question and he was assured that all of the funding mechanisms of the county and state as well as the foundation have not changed.

LIT/EDIT

Mr. Gibson stated that estimated income in 2022 is actually the number that we did get from DLGF as what our expected EDIT income will be which is \$4.2M. He said that it is slightly down from last year, which he thinks was about \$4.35M or somewhere in there, but not significantly. He added that it wasn't the drop that they were kind of told last year that we could expect so it is a slight drop, but nothing like we were expecting. He stated that the paving allocation is budgeted at \$1.5M for the coming year. He said that the other items have been there in the past for at least the last couple of years he believes. He stated that he gave a history also so that the council members can track it for themselves. He said that the last page is a summary sheet and it just gives you an idea of the ramp up that we are working on. He also said that it kind of gives a caption of where that is. He stated that it also shows the available funds for other items if necessary. He added that balance is the accumulated collective balance from all of the funds for that. He then moved on to the supplement and apologized because the paving number didn't get transferred over from \$1M, which was what we budgeted last year, to \$1.5M. He said that the new supplement that he emailed out does have a reflection of that and the other area was the parks reserve maintenance and his finger must have just hit an 8 instead of a 5 and he didn't catch it before he sent it out. He said that the new supplement takes care of that too. He stated that this budget does also include communications which is 911 essentially. He said that 911 Dispatch is housed over in the police department and that's another one that he is trying to create a fund for so that they can update to any necessary equipment they need to communicate and everything else. He stated that Police Chief Bailey primarily handles that department so he will bring this budget back up in a couple of weeks when the chief is present.

Mr. Applegate stated that he wants to do anything that will make life a little easier on those folks because they have to sit in one spot for extended periods of time and can't leave their office.

Mr. Turner stated that he completely agrees with that and it looks like they don't typically use their training fund so it may be a good idea to take \$1,000.00 out of the training fund and move it over to some kind of equipment.

RIVERBOAT

Mr. Gibson stated that the balances basically stay in the non-reverting funds, whereas, the general fund itself is non-reverting but the general fund departments are not non-reverting. He said that means if there are line items in a department that weren't spent, they don't carry over to the next few years or anything else. He stated that he did adjust the amount in Riverboat that we have funded. He said that we have \$2.8M for paving, infrastructure and those types of projects. He stated that he did pull that back just a little because we had spent some of that balance and it was more to line it up with what we projected in income.

RAINY DAY

Mr. Gibson stated that is one that we do additional out of when and if necessary. He said that we did use it last year when COVID first popped up for some appropriations to help out some businesses and for the school lunch feeding program. He stated that's the first time we've used it in several years.

MVH

Mr. Gibson stated that we basically get the numbers from the state on this one and a couple of years ago they increased the funding to a degree, but there is a requirement that half of that funding needs to be directly related to road preservation and/or road projects. He said that you basically have a restrictive amount so if we get say \$1.5M, \$750,000.00 has to be allocated into the restrictive fund for those specific road improvements/preservation type of things. He stated that came about because a community up north got the extra money and essentially bought some police cars with it. He said that when the state legislature redid the formula to get more money to local communities, the idea was to improve the roads and increase the infrastructure and not allow communities to do the purchases that they wanted to out of that fund.

Mr. Blair stated that maintenance of roads is so important and he thinks that we have made really good progress, but still when he looks around, there are a lot of roads that need maintenance. He said that he has talked with INDOT in the past and they are telling him that we should spend \$4M-\$5M a year just on milling and repaving and we are not there this year. He stated that he just thinks that if we could roll another \$500,000.00-\$1M to road paving that would serve us well.

Mr. Gibson stated that we also have the ability to do additional. He said that he agrees that we are not where he would like to be but he is trying to get us moving in that direction. He also said that there are some additional funds available in there at some point if that is the additions that we want.

Mr. Blair asked if that is something that he could look at and he could maybe make a motion or recommendation to allocate additional funds to road paving.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would like to go back through the sheet and double check everything else. He said that paving is impactful to everyone and it is visual so it makes people feel a little better.

Mr. Turner stated that one thing that has worked for Greenville is naming alleys. He said that increases mileage in the city and the state of Indiana gives more funding for paving. He stated that may be an option for us to name some of our alleyways into streets and get a little more funding from the state if possible.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would check on that but that he does have to follow a report every year with the state that identifies every road and alley that we have. He said that he thinks all of our alleys are accounted for but he can verify that. He also said that he doesn't know if they have to be named per say if it's accounted for. He stated that increases the LRS fund for sure and helps in that fashion.

Mr. Phipps stated that he has mentioned that in the past and Mr. Thompson told him that it is almost like a draw because you get additional funds, but then you have to upgrade and add signs that you don't normally have to have on alleys. He added that it would be a great thing to look into just to see.

Mr. Gibson stated that he knows Mr. Wood works on that extensively so he will have a conversation with him on that tomorrow and make sure that every alley we have, whether it is named or not, is being accounted for.

Mr. Phipps stated that with the alley having names, it may help with public safety.

Mr. Gibson stated that as you are moving through the MVH fund you will see fund 203 and that is the restrictive component that he mentioned earlier so that amount is not additional funds, it is just really a part of the MVH component. He said that he has had it set up as more of a department per say but it seems that they kind of want it done this way. He also said that doesn't unfortunately mean that we are going to get more money but it just means when they are accounting for it, they go through it.

Mr. Applegate asked if adding an electrical station would be under this or is that too new to know whether something like that could be included.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is not included as far as any calculations for funding. He said that as an example, they are working with Duke through a program that they have offered to put in some stations that are potentially a year and a half away. He stated that they would be by the YMCA and City Hall. He said that part of their initiative is to be green too so they have reached out and Mr. Staten is working with them on that to add maybe 3-5 new stations.

LRS

Mr. Gibson stated that this had stayed pretty consistent and he is has tried to keep it consistent with the estimated income that's coming in. He told Mr. Blair that there might be some additional funding that he may be able to find because that may have a balance in it and we might be able to allocate some towards what he was talking about earlier.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks so but they also need that money for a match to the Community Crossings Grant. He then said that he would appreciate that.

UNSAFE BUILDING NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that this one was set up several years ago to assist in more or less demolitions. He said that we had several homes that were a problem so it was set up and is its own funding department or fund. He stated that whatever is budgeted in there, they always verify that those fund are available in it. He said that its balance is currently at \$25,000.00 and partly the reason for that is foreclosures, tax sales and all of those various things that we would do after demoing a property and put a lien on a property. He stated that this fund has been affected by COVID because tax sales, etc. have been stalled so hopefully in the next coming year when that is up and running the way it is supposed to, that fund will generate a little more.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

Mr. Gibson stated that this is a perpetual care fund so this allows us the ability to help maintain the cemetery. He also stated that in the past they have used contractual services to hire someone to fix stones when they are at a point to where they need to be fixed or replaced. He said that they have been able to buy equipment in the past out of this fund to assist in maintaining the cemetery.

RENTAL HOUSING NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that this one was started a couple of years ago and we are getting more and more rental registrations as far as he understands. He said this is one that was set up to kind of fund that department and it is not being used at this time because we are running the process and hopefully building the fund up. He stated that it has approximately \$4,500.00-\$4,600.00 in it as of right now and that's funded by the fee we collect when people come and register their properties as they are required to by the ordinance.

AMBULANCE NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that this used to be used when we ran our own ambulance and it was used to fund supplies. He said that obviously we don't run our ambulance anymore and this fund has \$229.00 in it so it is going to be cleaned up within the next few months and probably zeroed out so it won't have a balance moving forward. He asked Fire Chief Juliot if they use this fund for anything because he doesn't want to get rid of it if he still uses it.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they would buy some medical supplies out of it occasionally to replenish their packs on the trucks. He said that fund still receives funds from billing that trickle down and that's why they kept it open. He added that it is amazing that even years after we still receive some money from insurance or Medicaid/Medicare.

Mr. Gibson said to strike everything that he just said and he will probably leave it as is and let it sort of run its course.

FIRE CONTRACT RUN NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that this is funded by Caesars or he should say the new company. He said that we provide backup service. He said that we used to be their main supply of service but he thinks they have their own now.

Fire Chief Juliot stated this is a fire contract and they make runs there when they call them. He said that it usually is a fire in the parking garage, the hotel or something of that nature. He stated that they primarily pay them approximately \$50,000.00 per year and it is basically for their ISO rating. He said that they are a 3 rated department and they are paying us to use our ISO rating for insurance purposes.

Mr. Gibson stated that we provide services to them when needed and will put out fires for them as necessary. He said that this fund is used to help fund the command staff, the battalion chief's vehicles and those types of things.

FIRE PENSION NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that most of our firefighters are actually on the 1977 plan and with that, the employees pay into PERF and the city pays into PERF. He said that the city actually pays the pensioners on a monthly basis and then we get reimbursed every 6 months for that. He also said that death benefits are included because there is a state statute that if a retired firefighter dies, they get a death benefit. He stated that the other items are more administrative type things that are on our plate that we do have to fund. He said this fund is 95%-98% reimbursed by the state through the pension program.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Greg Phipps, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk