

stored at a local funeral home. After that we contacted what relatives we could find. We explained to them what had happened, what we were thinking of doing, and making sure we had their blessing. They agreed. So the local funeral home has donated a small vault and we were going to put the remains back in the vault and turn them back into the ground very soon at the place where they had been. So, it will be closure. We are doing that as respectfully as we can.

Mr. Vincent: It sounds like it was handled very well. So, thank you.

Mayor Tilton: I want to thank DeLong, Baker, and Lanning Funeral Home for all of their help; the coroner's office who was there and all of our city divisions that helped out to make this as respectful as we could.

Mr. Vincent: The remains were from the late 1800's.

Mayor Tilton: 1892 to 1896.

Mr. Vincent: So, wooden casket?

Mayor Tilton: Yes, we actually found parts of the wooden casket and some of the hardware off the casket, both putting it all into the vault and turning it back into the grave site. The relatives were very happy.

Mr. Vincent: It sounds like it was handled well. Are there any questions from Council on that?

Ms. Gildow: Were there grave markers there that would allow you to identify logically who the remains belonged to?

Mayor Tilton: Yes, that is how we got in touch with the relatives.

Ms. Gildow: Okay.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council?

Mayor Tilton: And when I was first called that night they told me it was a veteran so that really made it so we were very respectful.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you. Is there anything from the administration? Law Office? I have a special guest here tonight, Brian Wagner, Director of the Muskingum County Community Foundation. He is here to report and to share with you some excellent news that is going to be happening here within the city. I thought it would be good for you to hear about it firsthand, the lighting project for the Y-Bridge and Sixth Street Bridge. They are using private funds for this from several groups and organizations. So, we have

talked several times, and you probably have also, and the Mayor has been involved. So, good news and I wanted him to share it firsthand with Council, so, Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Wagner: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council, Mr. Mayor, good evening. I am Brian Wagner from the Muskingum County Community Foundation (MCCF) and thank you for allowing me to spend a few moments with you tonight. I represent a collaborative effort of six different organizations: The Muskingum County Convention Facilities Authority, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Conventions and Visitors' Bureau, the Zanesville Noon Rotary Club, the Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club, The Rogge Foundation, and the Muskingum County Community Foundation who have come together to raise enough funds to place decorative LED lighting beneath the Sixth Street Bridge and the Y-Bridge to illuminate the water and the surrounding bridge structures. Once installed it is our hope the lights then can be tied into the same system that controls the Courthouse for uniform views. The full cost of the lighting instruments, the installation, and first year of operation has been raised and depending on weather conditions and availability of the equipment we hope to begin to start work next Monday, August 20, 2018. The work is being done by Russ Nelson, a West Muskingum graduate, whose company specializes in installing those types of lights and holiday displays in multiple states throughout our region.

Any excess funds will be held at the Community Foundation to provide for future maintenance of these lights. Mr. Nelson has met with ODOT for approval and we will be coordinating with the new City Safety Director for lane closures. The work will be done primarily at night to reduce congestion. It is our hope that this is phase one of a larger effort to revitalize the canal bank and the park for the community use.

The Community Foundation has reviewed the last five city, county, and privately funded strategic plans for Zanesville and Muskingum County and these plans date back to 1996. We identified several common themes in the plans. One of the themes that was consistent in all five plans was river-front development. With the development of the Dutro project, the past effort by the Noon Rotary and the Visitor's Bureau and their continued move to light the downtown. We convened the past and present stake holders: including members of the administration and the county commissioners to discuss the collaborative effort to develop the canal bank. With this first stage, hopefully soon to be completed, not only will this lighting provide a very visible sign the downtown development is a priority, but it will add value to the updates already made in the area.

We hope the next phases will include improvements to the park itself including more benches, parking, lighting, flower beds, and other enhancements to increase river access, additional trails on top of the canal bank to connect the Sixth Street Bridge to the park is also a possibility. We look forward to continuing this collaborative effort with these groups for the improvement of the canal bank. We will be happy to provide updates to Council at any given time.

Tonight we do bring some supplemental materials as well. What you have in front of you is the cornerstone charter for our Economic Vitality Group at the Community

Foundation, the canal bank project description including the amounts that have been raised by the organizations, as well as, the original plans that were originally developed by the Noon Rotary Club back in 2013. Again, thank you so much for this opportunity to address Council. We are looking forward to getting this project up, running, and completed to help illuminate Zanesville even further.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Wagner. Does Council have any questions or need further clarification? We welcome that.

Mr. Foreman: I think it is a wonderful project, so thank you very much for all of your hard work and look forward to seeing it.

Mr. Wagner: It surely was a collaborative effort; I can say that about those six partners and hoping to include others as we continue to look at other areas that can be developed throughout that region.

Mr. Foreman: Good work.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council?

Applause was given.

Mr. Vincent: I am sure you will, but please share our appreciation. Thank you.

## **PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Non-agenda item petitions filed**

Mr. Victor N. Dayton, Sr., 1583 Ridge Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio speaking about 1218 Ridge Avenue about the condition of said property.

Mr. Vincent: Mr. Dayton, with that, at the first of the year this is your first time here so you will have three minutes to speak.

Mr. Dayton, Sr.: I appreciate the opportunity. I have been in Mr. Smith's office in the spring. I started this in the spring. Mr. Smith told me that the City Law Director was checking into ways to getting this property taken care of. Mr. Smith also informed me that the Mayor was in charge of boarding up vacant properties. There are squatters in there and I got ahold of Connie (Mrs. Norman) and she was over. She visually saw what was going on. The obnoxious vegetation, the open basement doors, one of them she saw. Something needs to be done with the property as far as cleaning it up so that way come fall maybe the vagrants in there will not decide to start a fire; burn it down, burn my house down next door to it. I own a piece of property right next door to it. I would really hate to lose my property and I have been in your office and your office. Your secretary tells me that if we do board it up people come along and just tear the boards off and we don't have the money to do it. So, something needs to be done with the property so they ought not and the vegetation needs to be taken down and cleaned up.