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The Zanesville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in the City Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Vincent led those present in the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following members of Council answered Roll Call: Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Sharrer, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, Miss Bradshaw, Ms. Gildow, and Mr. Vincent.

Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Ms. Gildow moved to excuse Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts. It was seconded by Miss Bradshaw. A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Osborn moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mr. Sharrer. Motion carried. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

None were presented in time for this meeting. (Note error - New Resolution 19-118 was added to the agenda at the end of Proposed Ordinances as item 5A).

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Mr. Sharrer: Could I ask for an addition to tonight’s agenda? I would like to introduce Resolution 19-118 as Agenda item 5A.

It was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Council should have that in front of them. Is there any discussion? All in favor of that signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Mr. Vincent: We have Item 5A added in.

Ordinance No. 19-103 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to purchase a new Case 580 Super N Backhoe from Southeastern

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Equipment Co. Inc. for the Water Division through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Miss Bradshaw moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Sharrer: I think we have an amended version of that as the original of that was for a new Case 580 Super N back hoe and I believe Council has in front of them and it was recommended by the Public Service Committee earlier this evening to make some amendments to that. We want to do a new 2019 590SN. In the preamble and Section One change to a 2019 590 SN and in Section Two amend the cost to \$106,252.65.

Mr. Vincent: A motion by Mr. Sharrer to amend the year, model and dollar figure.

It was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on the amendment?

Mr. Baker: That is \$106,200 right?

Mr. Sharrer: It is \$106,252.65.

Mr. Vincent: That was being specific to what the invoice says as it should be on the back of your amended version. Is there any other further discussion? All in favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Mr. Vincent: We are now at Ordinance 19-103 as amended.

Mr. Sharrer moved for first reading. It was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? With that, this was at Public Service tonight and considerable discussion. Mr. Bennett, did you want to add anything to this?

Mr. Bennett: Just quickly for the public, it is a water maintenance piece of equipment. Theirs is getting a little bit longer in the tooth. They demoed a 580 which is a shorter version of our usual purchase which is a 590 Case backhoe. The 580 was too short on reach plus the stability of it for our purposes and some of the depth we have to go. They were a little nervous. We came back and looked at the 590 and we are going to make some slight modifications to it and that will fit our needs. It is through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Mr. Sharrer: Mr. Bennett, there was no hurry on that with the one-time discount, no timeframe?

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Mr. Bennett: I think for tonight's purposes, but possibly at the next meeting if we could look at moving that along I think we will be fine.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, we are at first reading so if there is no other discussion. All in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-113 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to execute all documents associated with a State Infrastructure Bank Loan to construct the State Route 60/Wayne Avenue Improvements Project and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sharrer moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

7Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Roberts and Mr. Foreman

Motion carries.

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Sharrer: This was also discussed at tonight's Public Service meeting and it was recommended by that committee to waive the readings and pass it as an emergency tonight.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, thank you Mr. Sharrer. Is there any other discussion? We will have roll call vote.

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-114 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the disposal of personal property that is obsolete, unneeded, and unfit for public use pursuant to R.C. 721.15.

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Mr. Baker moved for first reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Foreman were absent.

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: For anyone who is new here tonight we do something, we do as a carry over, we do vote in first and second readings and it really doesn't matter and that is out of the norm. It is something we have done here and I think or I assume it was originally done so people could get a feel for where Council stood or where their position was earlier in the game. We will always come back for additional readings.

Ordinance No. 19-115 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Muskingum County Commissioners, for the reimbursement of fees paid to attorneys who represent indigent defendants in Municipal Court.

Miss Bradshaw moved for first reading, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-116 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to apply for and accept grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for fiscal year 2020.

Miss Bradshaw moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Sharrer: Again, this was discussed at the Public Service Committee and the recommendation from that committee is to recommend to Council for passage.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Sharrer, and I do know we do have a grant deadline of December 1. Mr. Bennett sent, I think you had a memo, for this one to go for first reading and give a chance for public input, but you would like to move this along at the next meeting. Correct?

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Mr. Bennett: Yes. FAA money, we like 90% grant money of a project, a lot. Then especially when the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Aviation adds 5% to that; so, the three projects for 2020 would be obstruction tree removal on two parts of the airport and then crack sealing on Runway 4/22.

Mr. Vincent: The City's five cents per dollar is a wonderful deal. We like that. Is there anything else from Council? We are at first reading, so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-117 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to accept and administer two grants from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Ms. Gildow moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

7Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Roberts and Mr. Foreman

Motion carries.

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Sharrer: Mr. Toney, this is for grant money for overtime, right? It is designed for traffic related things so are we going to see an increase in police presence with traffic related offenses?

Mr. Toney: Yes, this will provide the money to allow that, because that is the biggest restriction we have is manpower. So this would open it up so more officers could take advantage of it and provide more safety for our citizens.

Mr. Sharrer: Perfect! Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? Thank you.

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Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Mr. Vincent: We are now at a new item added tonight.

Resolution No. 19-118 – Introduced by Council – A Resolution from the Council of the City of Zanesville regarding the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Interstate 70 Reconstruction Project and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sharrer moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? The deadline for submission is the 18th. With that we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries.

Mrs. Osborn moved for passage, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Sharrer: We also discussed this at the Public Service meeting tonight and recommended by that committee for waiving of the readings and passage.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Sharrer. Are there any other comments? I would like to thank Mr. Bennett and Mr. Saunders both for working on this and for doing a very nice job of writing this, being sensitive to ODOT and the relationship we have established with them and a great working relationship. I feel that ODOT is listening to us and it was nice they had the event and opened up to the public so people could come and talk and get their questions answered and find out exactly what is going on and give feedback. I personally, and I don’t think anyone on Council has had anyone say, “Yes, we want Fifth and Seventh Streets closed.” The concerns being for safety and safety forces getting through and for the utilities, but also concerns to what this does to out downtown as far as economically and for traveling the city. We have heard and read many times, if you want a vibrant city you must have a vibrant downtown. That is something we have been working on for a long time. We have invested a lot of money in downtown. We want to keep it improving and I think this is a step backwards. Hopefully, ODOT takes this into strong consideration as far as what concerns we have and what this might do to our downtown. Hopefully that part of the project does not go through. The other part of this is while it will be very inconvenient for four to five years this is much needed as we have bridges that have not been touched significantly for 60 years. They are going to

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fail at some point if we don't get this fixed. I forget the dollar amount they are investing, is it \$75 million?

Mr. Bennett: On this project, that was the last estimate I have seen.

Mr. Vincent: That is a significant investment here and once it is done it is going to be great, but it is going to be really inconvenient and hard for four to five years. I think the plan they have they are keeping two lanes open both directions each time. I think that is a good fair plan to be able to make that happen and still be repairing two lanes each year hopefully. So again, thank you Mr. Bennett and Mr. Saunders for doing this and thank Council and hopefully they are going to pass this here so we can have a say as far as what happens to our city. Is there anything else from Council?

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries. Resolution is passed.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 19-94 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance establishing a “Dig Once” Policy reducing underground excavation for communications infrastructure within the City’s right of ways.

Mr. Sharrer: I move that we postpone this Ordinance for 30 days which will give us some more time to discuss in Public Service Committee. Then we can bring it back before Council on the November 25th meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: All in favor of postponement signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

This Ordinance is postponed until the November 25, 2019 Council meeting.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-105 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the advertising for bids and entering into contract for the purchase of limestone for the City’s requirements during the year 2020.

Miss Bradshaw moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

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All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-107 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance establishing the Permanent Principal Balance of the Cemetery Endowment Fund #851.

Mrs. Osborn moved for second reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow: This was discussed at the Ways & Means Committee that we had previously and the reason for establishing this principal balance was explored at length and the documentation seems perfectly logical so it was the recommendation of Ways & Means that this be passed, but not as an emergency.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Ms. Gildow. We greatly appreciate that. Is there anything else from Council? Okay all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-108 Amended – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to increase the salaries of the City of Zanesville's Elected Officials.

Mr. Sharrer moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-110 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance to amend and revise the Zoning Map and make permanent zoning in the City of Zanesville, Ohio as herein provided.

Mr. Baker moved for second reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

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All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-111 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1105.

Mr. Baker moved for second reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-112 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to enter into a purchase agreement for computer hardware and software for the Income Tax Department.

Mrs. Osborn moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Sharrer.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow: This was a topic at the last Ways & Means Committee and our City Treasurer Mr. Wolfe explained the necessity for this. It seems the company that offers our current software for income tax is not going to support that software any more so we have very little choice but to move this direction and Mr. Wolfe seems comfortable that this will take care of what we need and protect the city in the process.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Ms. Gildow. The sun is setting on this software so if we don't do something we will end up in the dark. Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts were absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-102 – Introduced by Council –An Ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to waive payment of a right –of-way permit fee associated with the permitting of a Blue Avenue Banner project.

Mrs. Osborn moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

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Roll call vote for passage.

6 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Abstention Mr. Sharrer

2 Absent Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-104 –Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City Official to advertise for bids for management and concession services for the Riverside Park Softball Complex.

Mr. Sharrer moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote.

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absent Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roberts

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

TRAFFIC ORDERS

No traffic Orders were filed for this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Tilton: I have a couple of things Mr. President. First off the project information regarding the ODOT I-70 Reconstruction Project is posted on the City of Zanesville's website at coz.org under Community Notices. The residents can follow the instructions on the web-site to provide comments prior to the deadline this Friday. So if they want to make comments they need to get on the website and do so.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you. We greatly appreciate you sharing.

Mayor Tilton: Second of all, I would like to thank Columbia Gas for their quick response on the incident we had on Sunday with the water getting into the main gas line. At one point we had 440 some customers down. They found the problem, fixed the problem, and got them back up by Monday evening. So, I want to thank them personally for what they did. They kept the City well noticed on what was going on. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from the Administration? Is there anything from Council before we move to our special guest? So with that tonight we are honored to have special guest here as our subject matter experts from the health department. We have Dr. Jack Butterfield who is the Medical Director and our Health Commissioner

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Corey Hamilton from the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department. They are going to speak on Safe Point Bloodborne Pathogen Prevention Program

Dr. Butterfield: Thank you, Mr. President of Council and thank you Councilmembers and City Officials for allowing us to come explain Project Safe Point. I will also just tell you I have often found PowerPoint presentations to be the most effective way to insult your audience by reading them, so I don't intent to do that. If I do, please stop me. So, Safe Point is a program we have that simply is a harm reduction program to try and decrease the incidents of blood borne diseases, primarily those obviously where we are talking about needles and syringes or those spread by blood products through contaminated needles.

So, the public health issue is that people who inject drugs (PWID). Those are the people we are talking about that we are trying to limit the spread of these diseases with them and the way they do it is by sharing needles. It is that simple. We do know that six to eight percent of HIV infected people have contracted HIV/AIDS have contracted that disease complex with needles and I think it is like 50%-90% are co-infected with Hepatitis C. Now, how big of an issue is this for us? The lifetime cost for treating for a HIV patient is \$400,000. One treatment course for Hepatitis C which is 99% curative; we have a wonderful product that treats Hepatitis C; however, it is \$40,000 for a course of treatment. The lifetime expense of treating a patient with Hepatitis B is half a million dollars. That is a lot of money. We do know that we have seen the incidents of these particular infections increase since 2010. This is not just here, it is nationally. Coincidentally, that happens to be when we had a crack-down on pill mills and people who take drugs were finding other ways to administer it and primarily through injection. Is it cause and effect? We don't know, but it is an interesting coincidence, but that is when we started to see an increase in this.

We also know that it has been shown in study after study after study that these needle exchange programs decrease the incidence of these blood borne infections. We also know that people are much more likely to seek help for their addiction if they are in a needle exchange program. I will get to that and why that is in a minute. One of the concerns that is often expressed is you are just encouraging IV drug use. No, these people are going to be using IV drugs regardless. What we are encouraging is a decrease in the incidence of these infectious diseases through sterile needles.

We also know that this population of people who inject drugs meet barriers everywhere they go. They have financial barriers, they have money barriers, they have transportation barriers, they have society barriers, and the more barriers we put up for these people the less likely they are to ever enter into a treatment program. We are trying to take away one barrier by at least providing them with sterile needles. There is more to this program than just that which as I said, I will get to that in a moment.

The other big fact that I will leave you with is for every one dollar expended in this program you get a return on investment of seven dollars and fifty-eight cents. I would

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love to have that opportunity in any investment. So, it saves the system, maybe not us individually; but state, federal, and local entitlement programs are saved that kind of money. Now, what exactly happens and why is this more than just a needle exchange? What happens when a new person comes into the health department, a new client, interested in the needle exchange? They come in and they meet with our Safe Point team which is a nurse and a social worker. They fill out a data form. Information is collected on them. The rules of the program are reviewed with them and they are allowed to exchange one dirty needle for a clean needle up to 30 needles per week. Now, also there are other things that are assessed at that time. We kind of assess what some of their needs are. For instance, are you ready for treatment? An addicted person is not going to succeed in a treatment program unless they are ready for treatment. This is a touch point for us with each of these people every time they come in to introduce them to treatment. Most of the time, admittedly, they are not ready, but some time they will be and it is kind of like that story about the man who is walking along the beach and every time he sees a starfish he throws it back into the ocean. The little boy comes and says why are you doing that as there are thousands of star fish on the beach? It doesn't matter what you are doing. The man says it matters to that one. So that one person who comes in and does seek treatment, it matters to that one. To our system, it drops the expenses exponentially when they are out of that environment.

Also, they are told about Narcan. We have a project DAWN, which means deaths avoided with Narcan. That is a very successful program. They are introduced to that and they mostly all know about it, but we want them to know that is available for them. We assess their vaccination status. Admittedly, most of them don't want to get their tetanus shots, flu shot, hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, etc., but they are available and we do have some takers who are willing to do that; again decreasing the incidents of infectious diseases. We also kind of the big thing these days is the social determinants of health which are the non-medical life issues that have impact on the ultimate health and wellbeing of every person. So, our Social Worker tries to address the social determinants of health with that person. If there are needs we can try to hook them up with the right agency to meet some of those needs. Returning participants go through the whole same process except they don't have to fill out the intake form. Basically, they get a number and when that number is called they go back and the process starts with the nurse and a social worker.

What is Safe Point? This one I will read to you because I think this is key: Safe Point is a professional, cost effective and socially responsible means to decrease the incidence of blood-borne infectious diseases, thereby decreasing costs to the healthcare system, while engaging with and offering positive lifestyle and healthcare services to a population that may not otherwise be reached. I think that is the crux of our issue. The other summary point is that this does offer us the opportunity to build a bridge with PWID (people who inject drugs); a bridge of communication. They don't have any bridges. They only see barriers. We want to help them get over some of those barriers.

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How did we get to this point tonight? This is a little bit of the history of the planning and implementation of Safe Point. In 2015 the state allowed local health departments the authority to implement programs like this. Between 2015 and 2017 the health department did their due diligence in talking with the appropriate people in the community about how this might happen. They talked with other programs and how they did it because there are literally hundreds of programs like this around the nation. In 2017 we opened our Safe Point Program. To show you how this population, people who inject drugs, see so many barriers. It was five months before we had our first client come in now, since February 2018. I think it is twenty or so come in a month. We made a lot of in roads when we didn't have any for the first five months. So, that is our Safe Point Project. We did temporarily stop this on the advice of the County Prosecutor because we were not really aware that we had not fulfilled all of the steps necessary to implement this program. One of those steps was in fact informing City Council about this program. So, currently the program is on hiatus. We hope to get it restarted as soon as possible after tonight's meeting. Thursday is what I think our target is. So, the reason is crucial we get it started back is because we have been trying to build bridges with twenty people a month and now they are not coming in and those bridges are starting to crumble. We don't want to put a block under those bridges like you just talked about with Fifth Street and Seventh Street. So, that is why we are here and that is kind of the end of it. If you have any questions Corey is here to answer questions that are political or numbers and I will answer any that might be medical if you have any, but that is what we are doing with Safe Point.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Dr. Butterfield. Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: You mentioned that there are some barriers remaining to recharging the program. What are some of those barriers that remain?

Dr. Butterfield: Actually, if I said that, I misspoke. What I meant was this population of people have one barrier after another and one of the barriers is access to medical care, access to vaccinations, to helping them with their need for solving social deterrents like helping them with safe needles so they don't get these infectious diseases. It will in effect kill them and also put a huge financial drain on our system. So, we don't have a barrier to that, they encounter barriers in their daily life.

Mr. Baker: Well, the County Prosecutor had a problem with this program and it was on hiatus, right?

Dr. Butterfield: No, the reason he had a problem with the program was, he could not find any place in records where we had presented it to Council. It wasn't a problem with the program. Am I correct to say that? So, it wasn't a problem with the program, its purpose, or its outcome. It was a problem with protocol. We had not fully implemented the protocol as in the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Baker: So, this is the last step remaining. That is all you had to do.

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Dr. Butterfield: Well, we had to do this we had to actually send a letter to the zoning board, which has been done, to the zoning office. The prosecutor did not find any place in his records where we had actually informed him. There are about ten or twelve steps that you have to do and those three we apparently had not done although there were multiple instances where the prosecutor and assistant prosecutor were in committee meetings and so forth where we had in fact discussed this, but we hadn't actually directly discussed it with them. So that has been taken care of. The zoning office has been taken care of and this takes care of the third hurdle that had not been.

Mr. Baker: So, after this since you have informed Council you will have the imprimatur of the County.

Dr. Butterfield: That is correct.

Mr. Baker: What is the status of those twenty that you had in the system? What happened when the program went on hiatus?

Dr. Butterfield: Well, when they came we told them that currently the program was on hiatus and we could not supply them with needles.

Mr. Baker: I think you have mentioned this before, but let me make sure I understand this. There is also an outreach program to hopefully wean these people away from.

Dr. Butterfield: Well, there are a lot of treatment programs available.

Mr. Baker: What do you do with this program specifically?

Dr. Butterfield: This program is not a treatment program. There are programs available and we will make the referral to whether it is Genesis or Muskingum Behavioral Health or it's the Zanesville Treatment Centers, or it is Spero Health. There are numerous resources in the community who we make the referral to and our critical piece in that is identifying they are ready and then pointing them in the right direction and giving all the guidance they need to get to where they need to go so they can take that first step.

Mr. Baker: What years was this program running?

Dr. Butterfield: It started in February 2018.

Corey Hamilton: That is when we saw our first client. We started in September 2017.

Dr. Butterfield: September 2017 is when we started and February 2018 is when we had our first client.

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Mr. Baker: Okay, so did they 20 clients that use your service, is that meeting your expectations? Exceeding it? Or not meeting your expectations of what you were hoping for? How does that compare with what you are expecting when this gets re-booted?

Dr. Butterfield: I think that is an excellent question and I don't think we have accurate information on how many people who inject drugs are in our community. There are obviously more than the 20 a month who come to our center or the health department for syringes. I think that as this program has fully grown, I think we will continue to see growth. This is a sub-segment of our population that doesn't trust anybody because they have always been on the receiving end of bad news or something that is generally unpleasant. So, it is a matter of building trust. The only reason we have 20 a month coming in now is by word of mouth of people who inject drugs, that population of people are recognizing that we are not there judging them. We are there offering them help. That is huge for them because not many people want to help this population.

Mr. Baker: I think that the referral part of the program is particularly necessary.

Dr. Butterfield: Yes, it is the cornerstone of what we do.

Mr. Baker: Sure, okay.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you.

Mrs. Osborn: I have a couple of questions and I don't know if Dr. Butterfield or Corey Hamilton I should be asking. I think Mark Baker kind of touched on some of your successes. Did you have anyone take advantage of the vaccines or any of the other services offered?

Corey Hamilton: Yes. We are currently assessing all of our data from 2018 and into 2019, but on a very regular basis we do provide vaccinations to this clientele and we have had I think at least two people who have agreed to go into treatment.

Mrs. Osborn and others: Wonderful.

Mrs. Osborn: Also following up on that, not only just referral for treatment, but is there a referral for mental health if someone is not ready for treatment; but they are struggling with other demons like depression, or what have you, is that a connection made as well?

Corey Hamilton: Absolutely. It is part of the reason why we use a team approach to this program and we have both a social worker and a nurse meeting with the clients at the same time so they can bounce off of each other and try to get the client into all of the appropriate referrals that they need.

Mrs. Osborn: Wonderful! Great! Thank you.

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Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? Mrs. Hamilton if you could, I had shared with you one of my concerns. This program is to prevent the spread of infection between users and that is great as to the cost and it is potentially deadly, but I also had concerns of needles left along sidewalks and kids finding them and getting exposed and getting infection then too. So, if you could share, and it has happened in other cities we have heard that, so.

Mrs. Hamilton: What we have learned during our research as we were looking into this type of a program in other communities is consistently across other communities we were told that by implementing this program and by giving people an option to get clean needles that they are more motivated to bring them to exchange and less motivated to dump them on the ground where they are not safe for anybody around. So we are being very cognizant about that and we are also trying to work with all of the community groups who are doing clean ups in various parts of the community to provide them with containers to collect those needles in and proper gloves to protect the people who are out there picking up those items. If you hear of those things send them our way because we can help provide those supplies for them as they go out and clean up.

Mr. Vincent: So when these groups are going out to do clean ups it is good to get a hold of the Health Department and you can provide them with supplies as far as rigid containers to put any of these syringes that they find in for safety. Okay, great, and these needles, as we have some devices that once you use the syringe it has a safety device that goes down over and covers the needle so no one can get stuck. These are not those types?

Corey Hamilton: I have not looked at them. Have you looked at them?

Dr. Butterfield: No they are not. It just so happens, the needles we have right now were all donated to us and they are not the self-retracting needles. That is something obviously when our supply gets low that is something that we will look into.

Corey Hamilton: We have not currently purchased any of the needles.

Mr. Vincent: Those are of course more expensive, but they are one use and then something comes down and covers over it, somehow it protects the needles to prevent needle sticks and the spread of infections. Is there anything else from Council?

Mr. Tarbert: Corey, in your studies when you were researching this or since you have started it has there been any correlation in these other communities that do the needle exchanges with an increase in drug use or homelessness or crime?

Ms. Hamilton: There has not been. We specifically looked at the North Carolina studies because they have been doing syringe exchanges or needle exchanges for quite some time and have studied it pretty extensively and they have found absolutely no

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correlation of increase of drug use with these programs. In fact, they suspect that the opposite is true that the more opportunities that you give drug users to get help and go into recovery the more likely they are to do that.

Mr. Tarbert: Did that also study the influx then of drug users from out of the city or out of that county or out of that area? How are you not inviting drug users from Guernsey County or Athens or somewhere else into Muskingum County by offering the free needles which would increase our homelessness problem?

Corey Hamilton: That is a concern of ours because we are one of the few exchange programs in our regional area. As we are trying to maintain anonymity of the clients that we serve and we don't collect their name or their specific address. We are trying to monitor whether or not they are coming from within our area or outside of our area. I don't have that data available right now, but when we have that we will be happy to share it.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council of the Administration? Okay, thank you both so very much. We appreciate you coming and sharing this information.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bob Grayson, 38 N. 4th Street, Zanesville, OH speaking on Y-Bridge Arts Festival 2019 to recognize the support from City of Zanesville for making the Y-Bridge Arts Festival so successful.

Mr. Vincent: If you will come to the microphone and you have three minutes, sir.

Mr. Grayson: I have three minutes to talk about something I am passionate about. While I am doing that I realized that I am being heard. Anyway first of all I am coming to you tonight as a downtown business man, as a person who runs an effective art business, and I think also someone who has helped facilitate a very large arts festival. It is not me though. It is a team of people. This year we set a landmark festival in terms of tourism turnout, customer service, we had more traffic than we have ever had and people earned money with their art sales. It didn't come by just coincidence or anything. I wanted to thank, and out of all the eleven years we have been doing this, no one has walked in and thanked the City and the City's departments and everyone that makes this work. The names that we start out with are Tricia Lewis at the Parks and Recreation with Jeff Johnson planning the event with the application and filing the papers. Then we came down to Mayor Tilton's office and Pam Edwards and he helped us get so many things done. We appreciate the waiver fees that were generated by us volunteering all that art work that we did at Kidzville. There is a way in which we were able to get the landing at a minimal cost and put on a world class event; because of that and thank you for doing that. Also, in that event the landing itself it not equipped electrically and all those things to put on the kind of art show that the artists want. So, Craig Stemm and his staff worked many, many hours to put lots of electric around for us. We had an

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evening that was lit up well and all of that. Then the ZPD was excellent. They came to protect us and we had one incident of someone drawing a gun during the middle of the event and it was handled so professionally, so excellently, that it was done without disturbing anybody. It was a BB gun by a homeless person who was just waiving it around, but the way, in which our ZPD handled it, I felt safer when I realized how that worked. Also, Doug Hobson's group came to help us fill up those huge water barrels for the tin company and all of that. Let me say this, the people look at us and what we have done and they keep saying, "This happens in Zanesville"? It happens in Zanesville.

Let me say on the other side that in being a part of the business community we are now under new ownership at the Masonic Temple. They asked me to be sure to tell you tonight they purchased the building downtown because they like the culture, the business, and the invitation you have for spots for businesses to own buildings that are safe and secure. So, they purchased the building on what has been built here by the City. Let me finish up and just share quickly we are at 100% occupancy in the building. We have been there for two years. What I like also about what I have learned in all this experience of being a part of the art community, downtown business, and that is that we have been to several community block grant meetings and we have not gotten on board yet at the Masonic Temple, but we need to because if I study Paducah, if I study Berea, Kentucky and all of these towns and cities that are making it with an art center; they are doing it because the city has made it friendly to participate in those block grants. So, thank you to everybody and I want to tell you this happens in Zanesville.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Grayson, we appreciate that and we appreciate all you do for our community. With that, is there anything else from Council? The Administration?

Mrs. Osborn moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Sharrer. A voice vote was taken with all present members being in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned about 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you everyone and have a good evening.

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Clerk of Council

Daniel M. Vincent
President of Zanesville City Council