

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

June 6, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

*Bob Clark - Chair
Laurie Amick
Jill Amos
Chuck Milliken
Patrick Shea
Mike Walker
Ashley Ward*

- A. **Call To Order** *Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.*
- B. **Roll Call** *Present 6 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Shea to excuse Mrs. Ward from the Work Session meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Clark

C. **Also In Attendance**

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Bill Sims

D. **Request for Council Action**

RES-22-020

Construction Services

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO GRANT A UTILITY EASEMENT TO EVERSTREAM SOLUTIONS, LLC ALONG GROVEPORT RD. AT GENDER RD.

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Walker to move RES-22-020 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Walker, Ward, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea

Sims – This resolution provides Everstream Solutions where they provide fiber services for businesses. They're new to the area. I think recently you saw the right-of-way agreement come through Council for Everstream. In particular this is for them to run their fiber essentially from the West side of Gender Road to the East side of Gender Road at Groveport Road. That would eliminate an overhead crossing which we definitely appreciate on that corridor. This is basically providing fiber service into a piece of their process into town. They have a couple other permits in as well that are in right-of-way. In this case though it was not possible to complete what they wanted to do entirely in right-of-way, we have some parcels there at the intersection so they're on our parcels to get to South Central polls. I'm hoping if you have any questions please ask them otherwise I'd like to move it to full Council.

Shea – This is resolution says city but their paperwork all says village. I don't know if that matters.

Sims – Technically it doesn't but we could have him update the paperwork before we sign it.

Boggs – That is correct Mr. Sims. I believe that the reason that their documents refer to villages because that may be how the now city is referred to in their original grants that gave the city feed of that property.

RES-22-021

Development

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO GUIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IN THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Milliken to move RES-22-021 to full Council with the modification including "Kristin Ankrom and Will Bennett Fairfield County Representative." The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Milliken, Walker, Ward, Amick, Amos, Clark

Haire – This is the group that we had previously discussed with all the members listed who have been nominated by the various committees and homeowners' associations and groups that were asked to nominate residents to do this. That also includes the four residents that were drawn by Council that expressed interest so there is a total of 17 positions on there. There is a position for a Fairfield County resident that is left blank so that would be up to Council to appoint someone to serve in that capacity. We'd ask that it be a Fairfield County resident that was not a resident of Canal Cove. When the public submissions were submitted there were two residents that would fit that criteria, Will Bennett and Kristin Ankrom were the two that would fit that criteria to be appointed to serve in that capacity. I don't believe after speaking with Mr. Boggs, we decided to put this as a resolution just to give them kind of a formal recognition that they're serving in this capacity. We had talked about this not necessarily needing to be an emergency and still being able to go into effect tentatively. We have scheduled the first steering committee meeting with McKenna the consultant performing plan for June 16th and so pending Council formally approving the committee, we'll have that meeting on the 16th.

Shea – Both of those names that we have for Fairfield County are very qualified, could be very impactful. I'd like to see us put them both on there.

Amos – I pondered after talking with Mr. Haire last week about it and the number of Franklin County residents to Fairfield County ratio, having two is not necessarily bad in my books. We have a lot of HOA's or in the Franklin County area. So, to try to balance it, I mean I don't think having two is a bad idea.

Milliken – I don't have any objections to that.

Clark – I don't either.

Amos – And we're still under 20.

Haire – We did ask the Canal Winchester JRD to appoint someone and they said they didn't have anyone that could serve in that capacity. We also had an Old Town resident but there are a number of Old Town residents already represented in being appointed here so we didn't include those two in the list.

Clark – The newspaper said that there was a reference CWICC that was on the committee. I don't remember that being accurate. Did I miss that?

Haire – We don't have anyone specifically listed. We could include someone from that.

Shea – It was discussed. When is your next meeting?

Clark – Not till June 29th.

Shea – Why don't we put a holder in there until you guys can nominate somebody out of your board meeting?

Clark – Okay.

Amos – Can you do it by email to your group and just ask for a volunteer?

Haire – We can still vote.

Clark – I'll recuse myself. I'm on the committee but I'm not going to be on the steering committee.

Amos – That's where we stood on the JRD. There's nobody from the school serving in any capacity, correct?

Haire – Not serving on the steering committee itself, no.

Clark – We might get two for there. Mr. Sotlar would maybe be willing to serve.

Haire – The schools will definitely be engaged in the process. They'll be interviewed in the process so their input will definitely be included.

RES-22-022

Development

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ROUTE 33 NORTH COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AND TO AUTHORIZE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS ESTABLISHED BY SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Shea to move RES-22-022 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Clark

No 1 - Ward

Haire – This resolution would allow the city to expand the Route 33 North community reinvestment area. That was created by resolution 19-024 that was passed in 2019. The current area is 227 acres. What we're proposing is to add an additional 159 acres which includes the recently annexed Schacht and Levin properties. What this does is essentially allows the city to offer a community reinvestment area tax exemption for properties within the district. This doesn't negotiate any terms, it just allows the properties to be eligible to participate in that program. That would be negotiated on a case by case basis, any exemptions or any incentives that are offered in that area. So as part of that expansion, a housing study is required. I performed that housing study as the housing officer that designated housing officer for the city. Part of that we examine the properties within the proposed expansion area as well as the proposed district. There is one residence within the expansion area. It's a farmhouse that was built prior to 1900. Part of having the community reinvestment area established is it needs to contain housing facilities or structures of historical significance. Also, where areas where housing construction or repair of existing facilities or structures are discouraged. When you look at this area north of 33 in the city, the previous district went from the western boundary of Rager Road essentially over to Cemetery Road, this would just extend that further west to 33 and Bixby Road. Looking at that area, some of those properties have been repaired and some of them continue to be a blighting influence on the neighborhood. This area is one of which contains housing that's older than a housing stock in general in the city. It's one where the values are more than 30% less than the values of the properties in Canal Winchester as a whole. In my determination as the housing officer, I've determined that it is an area where housing facilities or

structures of historical significance are located. New housing construction and repair of existing facilities or structures are discouraged and the evidence is in the survey there. So I'd be happy to answer any questions you have in regards to either the CRA or the housing survey that was completed.

Amick – Is the expansion area in the light blue or the more royal blue area?

Haire – It is the dark blue area that's to the West.

Amick – Secondly the owners of the properties, you had sent a couple of photographs. One property is vacant, I don't want to use the word abandoned but has that property been abandoned or is the owner just still aware and have we had any conversations with either or the owners?

Haire – This property I believe the one that is currently vacant that's in here was bank owned so it went through a foreclosure proceeding it was bank owned. It was recently purchased, I don't recall the date of that, I believe it was maybe February or March it was purchased and transferred. There's been no discussions with the owner of that parcel. Typically, on a parcel like that, unless there's you know overgrown weeds things like that, the standard is 8 inches so they're pretty close on there. That would be the only contact we would have with them.

Amick – With respect to declaring an emergency, can you first of all describe what brought this particular CRA to our attention, was this something that was just noted that needed to be done in that area or is there some particular investment that is being planned for that area?

Haire – We have signed an economic development agreement with the developer that's in contract to purchase the Schacht property as well as the Schacht family. As part of that we have agreed to offer a 15-year 100% property tax exemption for development there and so this would be the first step and allowing that to occur.

Milliken – Just to reiterate, this particular resolution that abatement has nothing to do with this resolution, this just opens that door for that discussion and negotiation, correct?

Haire – Correct. This allows the exemption to be available. It doesn't set any of the terms.

Boggs – Council would later see an agreement before that exemption would be implemented.

Shea – Did you do these photos recently or was this done from the original CRA at the beginning?

Haire – These were all taken last week.

Shea – When you did the original CRA, was this the same housing stock that was used?

Haire – No, only one of the same homes.

Shea – There is really no other residences up in the new area other than the farmhouse which is on here?

Haire – Correct. That's being added, there's one other residence on Bixby Road and there's one other residence on Winchester Pike that's west of Gender Road. It was a residence we used in the previous example, it's been completely remodeled.

ORD-22-022*Public Service*

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL ENCROACHMENT OF CITY RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE PROPERTY AT 70 EAST COLUMBUS STREET, ALONG TRINE STREET RIGHT OF WAY

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to move ORD-22-022 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward, Amick, Amos

Boggs – This proposed ordinance is the result of the conversations that Council had both last fall as well as more recently in determining move forward with conditional encroachment into the right-of-way along Trine Street requested by the residents there at 70 East Columbus Street. It does set forth several conditions that would be required part of that agreement with the property owners. All of these are the direct result of law of the previous conversations or are inspired by the special right-of-way permits that are available in the Old Town center for sidewalk dining because they do raise similar legal considerations for the city. Happy to answer any questions any of you may have. This is an ordinance authorizing the agreement, it's not the agreement itself obviously but there wouldn't be a lot more meat to put on the bone to put an agreement in place.

Amick – Can you please kind of talk through that if Mr. Demkowicz property is transferred, my understanding from these bulleted items, is that the removal becomes a condition. If Mr. Demkowicz wins the lottery and take off for Tahiti and never comes back, how do you make sure that gets attached to the incoming buyer's agreement? I guess I'm looking for a little process information there.

Boggs – This places a personal responsibility on the current property owners to remove that when it's transferred. If they were to leave the country and become unavailable obviously it would be difficult but not impossible to collect on that responsibility. Ultimately the issue would be either it would be recorded in the chain of title so subsequent purchaser would be aware of it. So, then it would be up to the city at that time to decide, do we want to give that owner the option to keep it under the same terms that this has been granted to the Demkowicz or the city to remove it and then try to collect from the Demkowicz.

Amos – Do we need to list that in there somewhere that upon fleeing the country for Tahiti, should the city have to remove it?

Boggs – The actual contractual language would provide remedies for these responsibilities. This just shows responsibilities that Council wants there to be in the agreement but we would have just like any agreement, what happens in the event of default those sorts of boilerplate provisions if you will. Fact is if someone goes to Tahiti regardless of what we have on a piece of paper, it's going to be hard to collect from.

Milliken – Just to clarify, I'm reading in section 1A where it speaks of the owners and defense would be removed at property owner's expense. That language, if property were to transfer ownership, it would transfer to new owners. Is that what I'm hearing?

Boggs – 1A goes to just a more general determination if because of some streetscape improvements, some

other project, it is determined by either the Mayor or Council that public interest requires defense to be removed.

Milliken – It says the property owner’s expense.

Boggs – Correct.

Milliken – I guess my question is, if the property owner is a different owner in the future then that language transfers?

Boggs – It could if we reach the same agreement with the subsequent owner.

Milliken – So we would have to do this all over again?

Boggs – We’d have to contract with a new owner in the event that the fence stays in place.

Shea – My understanding is that Mr. Demkowicz originally came to this body before three of us were ever on this body which is a long time ago. I’d like to move forward as an emergency for him so he can get busy and not be befuddled by the wheels of bureaucracy that have rolling over him. Hopefully get it done for Labor Day. Anybody else okay with that?

Walker – I don’t know how that would be deemed an emergency.

Boggs – The question would be whether Council determined that there was a reason for an emergency that went to public interest as opposed to Mr. Demkowicz private interest. What Council could do to move the process along more expeditiously of him is waive second and third readings this evening, that would still leave a 30-day effective day period but in the meantime, we would have the final agreement drawn up so that it can be signed on day 30.

Clark – It’s not technically declared an emergency then it’s just you’re waiving the second and third reading.

Shea – Seems like a good compromise to me.

ORD-22-023
Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 20 SOUTH HIGH STREET, CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO OWNED BY DONALD E. MOODY

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amick to move ORD-22-023 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Shea, Walker

No 1 – Ward

Haire – This ordinance would allow the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase 20 South High Street. That property is currently occupied by an eye doctor’s office. The city is looking to purchase that to potentially look at redeveloping and repositioning the site. The long-term tenant that has been there since the 1970’s is not interested in entering into a long-term lease there and is looking for alternate locations.

The city would look to reposition that property. We are looking to purchase the property for \$280,000 with seller financing at 5% interest for a 10-year period. We did have the property appraised. The property appraised for \$265,000. We've also had a Phase 1 environmental assessment completed on the property. That Phase 1 did show that there was cause to move forward with the Phase 2 because there are abandoned fuel tanks on the property and so that property was a fuel station until the 1970's. Those were abandoned in place at that time, filled with sand and abandoned in place. That period of time was prior to the establishment of Buster which is the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks for the State of Ohio. When you abandon those tanks now you have to do soil sampling and reporting, that was not done at the time. It was done accordance with how things were done at that time period but it's just we don't have records for it so we do have a proposal to get a Phase 2 done on the property which would include soil samples, water samples, from the site and air samples. We have 90 days to complete all the reviews and determine if we want to move forward with the purchase at that time. Be happy to answer any questions that you all have.

Clark – This doesn't lock us up right now, just kind of gets the thing moving for us to purchase it.

Haire – Right. This would be the first reading and by the time we get to the third reading which would be in July, we should have the Phase 2 complete by then.

Amos – On the previous property that we had the storage issue with the fuel tanks, we had to follow that remediation done and that was done I believe through grant money, is that the intention to do the same if we have to do something?

Haire – The hope is the site is not contaminated and there's not been any fuel leaked out on this. It also identified there was a dry cleaner to the South and generally when you have dry cleaning there are potential contamination issues with that. I guess we've done environmental testing for the dry cleaners in the South and there was contamination identified as part of that. Having the Phase 1 and Phase 2 done would open us up to any state grant dollars that would be available for abandoned fuel stations.

Amos – The evaluations do cost us money, correct?

Haire – It does.

Amos – What is the average that we're going to pay for these two evaluations?

Haire – It'll be just over \$13,000.

Amos – If we apply for the grant, is that cost recoverable?

Haire – I don't believe so, no.

Amos – The price of the property was valued at \$265,000, we're offering \$15,000 over and we're already going to be \$15,000 in plus 5% interest.

Haire – Correct. We'll also have a survey cost associated with that and then closing costs.

Amos – So the reason that we're paying over value?

Haire – That was negotiated based on the sellers asking price so reduction from his asking price.

Amos – Are we able to know what the original asking price was?

Haire – \$300,000

Walker – If there were clean up to be done, there's typically a Phase 1 and Phase 2, do you happen to know what that cost would be if we didn't get that grant?

Haire – The Phase 2 proposal that we currently have is for \$9,733 to complete that.

Ward – Are you asking the cost to clean it up if they find that fuel tank contaminated?

Walker – Yes.

Haire – The cost of the clean up or if required would be determined by the extent of any contamination so that would be unknown. It's unknown whether there is any contamination at this point in time. That's what the Phase 2 will determine. If there is any type of impact then you know it would be determining the extent of that impact. It would probably require further investigation and that's where you get into you know potential state funding to help assist with that. If this is a contaminated site, we wouldn't move forward with the purchase at the specified price.

Amick – I don't recall reading how many square feet the building is?

Haire – 1,800 or 1,850 square feet. I don't know that exactly, I would have to look.

Shea – The mortgage that they're going to provide, is there prepayment penalty?

Haire – The mortgage has not been written yet so that would be negotiated.

Shea – Are we purchasing it like this at the seller's request?

Haire – Yes.

Amick – I was curious why in the purchase price section 2, why there's no prepayment for any reason allowed unless you come to terms with that with the seller. Is there a particular reason why that is?

Haire – The seller desires to keep the income stream from the property.

Milliken – I would just like to say really quickly, no question. I think that this particular property just with regards to the any mitigation we might have to take care of with these fuel tanks, being in the heart of town, I think I'm okay with this responsibility being of the city to take care of. I think that's well within our purview and responsibility to do so.

Ebert – If you most of you recall, it is similar to the property next door where the other gas station was at and you know to have a private buyer come in and do anything with tanks, they don't want that liability.

Ward – Wouldn't that lower the price then? If it's not desirable for a private person?

Haire – Yeah. If there is contamination it would definitely impact the value and then we would renegotiate the purchase price based on that.

Ward – Right but even to go to the Phase 2 step?

Haire – It is noted in the appraisal that there is the potential of tanks there and contamination which impacted the value.

ORD-22-024
Public Service

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRINE ST. WATERLINE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN BORING, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Walker to move ORD-22-024 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Walker, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea

Abstain 1 - Ward

Peoples – This ordinance is for the replacement of the waterline on Trine Street from Oak Street up to Hocking Street. It does include a boring underneath the railroad tracks up there. This is the waterline, if you remember last year we had two water breaks at the same time. It is one of our oldest lines in town. We're working through American Boring, we were hoping to get this done. The casing pipe and jack and bore came in much costlier than the original estimate and pushed us over the threshold for the purchasing. So, requesting to the way its competitive bidding on that and authorize the project.

Shea – How much?

Peoples - \$110,000. So, we're hoping to get it done, but we have Trine Street being programmed as part of the street CIP this year. So, it'll be paved, we're trying to coordinate this that way there's no paving costs associated with this project. We'll pay after this is done.

Shea – How much length of pipe are we talking?

Peoples – I believe 600 feet. The bore underneath the railroad tracks is 112 feet. 18" casing pipe with an 8" waterline.

Amick – So I noted that in the emergency declaring it an emergency, it was noted that the construction schedule is what prompted the emergency declaration. Can you say more about that please?

Peoples – That has to do with the paving. So, we're trying to overlap that, to get it paved so we don't have to pay some extra costs to a pipeline contractor to do a paving job.

Amick – Why is that an emergency? It's just a project, right?

Peoples – Money savings.

Amick – How much money are we saving?

Ebert – Do it while the paving crew is in town.

Peoples – I don't have an estimate on it but try to have a boring and pipeline contractor do the paving job is significantly more expensive. I would say it would be \$25,000 cheaper. That is a very rough estimate depending on the size of the bore pit and the receiving pit as well.

Walker – Does the railroad have to be notified on that?

Peoples – We're working through getting a permit from them now.

Shea – When you had those two water breaks at the same time, what happened?

Peoples – Had to fix them. They were both fixed simultaneously. There was just deterioration in the pipe and that led to both of them breaking.

Shea – What happened with homes? Did we lose water?

Peoples – We had to shut water off to I believe one house. There's fortunately only one house on this line but there are two businesses. We were able to coordinate with the property owners. Doing this project, we will have to do the same thing. It will be shut down while we connect and disconnect from the old system into the new. Cut and plug it so there's not an open pipe in there.

ORD-22-025

Finance

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2023 TAX BUDGET

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Ward, seconded by Amick to move ORD-22-025 to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Ward, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea

Abstain 1 - Walker

Jackson – I am not going through this in detail this evening as I previously told you, I'd like to present this to you give you a chance to digest it, look through it, come up with questions for me before I really go into a deep dive as to what this contains. I do want to let you know that this is not, I'm going to repeat this several times, these are not our final 2023 appropriations. This exercise is merely for county auditor purposes to set millage for property tax collection for voted debt. We don't have any voted debt so our millage does not change but we are still required to go through this exercise. So, what it really concentrates on is the general fund and the revenue that we expect to receive during 2023. Obviously, it's June so a lot could change between now and the fall when we look at our appropriations for 2023. These numbers can be changed then if we so desire. I don't want to get into too much detail but please look it over come up with questions. I'm free to chat with any of you between now and the next meeting when I do give the presentation of I can answer questions in two weeks after my presentation.

E. Old/New Business

OTH-22-009

Bed Tax Allocation Ordinance

Ward – I did have a couple thoughts on it. I think last time Mr. Shea mentioned that it would be good to have dollar amounts instead of percentages. I know when I went to CWICC meeting, they didn't know

what they were doing with the money they already had. I'm not sure why you know we should be continuing to give 10% so that was just one thought. My other thought was, I was at a soccer game maybe a month ago and I had people from Cleveland in watching the kids play soccer. Our rec league does bring in people from out of town and I notice there's no allocation for them. It would be great to be able to expand some of the services we offer to things like arts and sciences and things like that.

Clark – I would say on the rec thing, we just allocated \$83,000 a year for the director for the next 5 years. It's a pretty good chunk of change for that organization.

Shea – The rec board can always use more financial love.

Ward – I have a friend whose kid is taking like a bunch of art classes and stuff through their cities re league and I thought that was really cool and something that could benefit our children.

Shea – I agree whole heartedly with my colleague Mrs. Ward.

Clark – I guess my question would be Mrs. Jackson, if we put a dollar amount on these because we don't know what the dollar amount is going to be generated each year. How do we do that and potentially not like put a dollar amount and then not be able to see it through and see if we go over or whatever?

Jackson – If we were to hit another pandemic or something along those lines. I honestly don't know the answer to that question. Mr. Boggs, I don't know if you know the answer to that question?

Boggs – It would be a matter of just drafting the language. Let's say it was you know \$100,000 to X organization but this is your ordinance so you always have the ability to change that. We could have an automatic sort of reduction factor where if bed tax revenues fall below the ability that allows you to sustain that dollar commitment that you would decrease that dollar commitment automatically by the same percentage. We could figure out the phrasing to get that done or Council could just go back in when the time comes and change that commitment. The one thing that I will say in the caveat to that is that there is a breakdown of how these funds have to be distributed under state law.

Amos – That was my next question although I'm pretty sure I remember so it's 100%, 50% goes to the city for general fund, 50% then comes to us. Then its 50% of the 50 so 25% goes to Destination Canal Winchester who runs Ribfest. So, they're already getting 25% of the 50% pocket and then we another 35% distributed evenly between Blues and Ribfest and Labor Day. I kind of think we're double dipping on the Blue and Ribfest. I could see Labor Day, it's independently ran, and so I could see allocating some funds towards a festival that definitely falls under the tourism. I feel like we're double dipping by putting Blues and Ribfest in there twice.

Jackson – The only thing I can say is remember Destination does more than Blues and Ribfest. The funds that we give them that we're required to give them under state law therefore can be used for those other things whereas any money and this is just the way it was written. It is totally up to Council to do what they would like but the way it's written then that specific money from this ordinance would only be able to be used for the Blues and Ribfest. Whereas everything else, we give them can be used for any other event that they choose to put on or currently put on.

Amos – I don't know if you can answer this. Do they still give grants out?

Jackson – No.

Amos – So all the money given to them is used by Destination now?

Jackson – Correct.

Clark – I will say Blues and Ribfest is probably the largest event bringing the most people into downtown Canal Winchester year after year. Whether they need the money or not to do that festival, I'm sure it would help but I don't know if you know where they are. I don't serve on that board.

Amos – Labor Day is our original festival so there's some pride in that Labor Day festival. We watch all these other cities bringing in these big-name bands. This year we're bringing Uncle Kracker who I'm not like I don't know well but at least I can pick some songs out so it's exciting and it'd be nice if we were able to continue growing our hometown festival as well.

Milliken – I would also like to express my support for some of this money going to JRD. Where we pull that from that opportunity costs, I'm up for discussion on that. I would like to know more about maybe Mrs. Ward you mentioned the CWICC and I don't know how you phrase it not knowing.

Ward – Our last meeting there was \$10,000 carried over what the previous Council had given them. They weren't sure how they were going to spend it.

Clark – We have done in the past, we've done façade grants for businesses to get them to kind of match façade. That's one way they typically have used that.

Jackson – I can tell you other than the \$10,000, they have \$374 in the bank.

Haire – They didn't know about the \$10,000 until the last meeting so it's hard to plan for money you didn't know you were getting. I'm sure we'll have more meaningful discussions in the future about where those dollars will be spent.

Milliken – This isn't brought forward yet to Council but my angle on this would be to maybe further explore because you know I don't really know a whole lot about the CWICC budget or when is the last time they had a façade grant program but it seems to me through the discussion here, the opportunities would be CWICC and Blues and Ribfest. I think we've all talked about this before, this fund will continue to grow throughout the years so I'm not necessarily concerned about anybody missing out on any funding.

Ebert – I want to remind you all, 2028 is going to be the bicentennial for Canal Winchester. It's typically a yearlong celebration, something going on maybe every week at least every month of the year. It's not going to be cheap so keep that in mind.

Ward – I don't think we need to pull you know if we took some from CWICC, I don't think we would need to take it to zero. We could always pull 5% maybe for the Blues and Ribfest or 5% for something else.

Shea – How much money do you think we need to start putting away Mr. Mayor for this bicentennial?

Ebert – It's limitless as to what you want to do. Depends what kind of celebration you want to put on. We were originally looking at Alan Jackson for Labor Day but he came down with a sickness. It was going to be close to half a million dollars and that includes everything that goes with it. So just depends on what you

want to do.

Shea – What was the final total for last year?

Jackson – In the bed tax fund, \$155,000.

Shea – That was the receipt or that's what is in it?

Jackson – That is receipts.

Shea – Where are we at for the first quarter?

Jackson – As of right now we are at \$89,000 in the bed tax fund revenue this year.

Ward – So we would be on track to be about double then.

Amick – That considers to brand new hotels that have not fully operated either one for a year. Correct?

Jackson – This revenue as of today does reflect the opening of every hotel that is currently in Canal Winchester. I can look like in a monthly basis to see what our average has been from them to get an idea of what to expect.

Shea – When you're given that 89 number, you already broken in half?

Jackson – Correct.

F. Adjournment @6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amos to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Milliken, Amos, Clark, Shea, Walker, Ward, Amick