

**EPHRATA BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 2, 2018**

The Ephrata Borough Council Work Session was called to order by President Susan Rowe on July 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Borough Office, 124 South State Street.

The meeting began with a moment of silence which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance in addition to the President were Vice President Thomas Reinhold, President Pro Tem Melvin Weiler, Council Members Timothy Barr, Ricky Ressler, Victor Richard, Greg Zimmerman, Linda Martin and Mayor Ralph Mowen.

Also in attendance were Borough Manager D. Robert Thompson, Police Chief William Harvey and Borough Solicitor James R. McManus, III, Esq.

Visitors included:

- Tim Auker, 542 N. State St., Ephrata, PA
- Doug Matthews, 1076 Centerville Rd., Lancaster, PA
- Ginny DiIlio, 30 Kings Ct., Ephrata
- George DiIlio, 30 Kings Ct., Ephrata
- David Boland, 103 W. Main St., Ephrata
- Kory Musser, 340 Washington Ave., Ephrata, PA
- Jim Summers, Ephrata Recreation Center, Ephrata, PA

Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard

Mr. George DiIlio advised that 30 Kings Court is located in The Brickyard with the rear of the property abutting properties on Mortar Drive. Mr. DiIlio further advised that Mortar Drive properties are at the bottom of a steep slope and in the 20 years he has resided at his home the slope has never been cared for. Mr. DiIlio stated he brought this matter to the Borough's attention in 2012 and has email documentation of what steps were taken. Mr. DiIlio further stated letters were sent out to property owners informing them that the weeds had to be removed. Mr. DiIlio advised the property owners responded, "Well when you clean up your property, Borough, then we will clean up ours ..." and as a result, actions came to a stalemate.

Mr. DiIlio stated he had some luck in working with Bob Thompson and Nancy Harris; however, in April 2013, everything was "greening up again" and the weed issue remained. Mr. DiIlio stated time passed and the weeds were at their highest yet.

Mr. DiIlio advised according to the Borough's Weed Ordinance, "... it's unlawful for any person owning, occupying or in possession of any property within the Borough of Ephrata to allow or maintain on such premises any growth of weeds to grow over six inches." Mr. DiIlio further advised he has observed weeds over six feet in growth in this particular location.

Mr. DiIlio further advised 2013 turned into 2014 and he was still looking for a resolution to the issue. Mr. DiIlio stated in 2015, a site visit from a staff member indicated that the concern was mainly the Tree of Heaven growing on the property. Mr. DiIlio further advised the staff member stated since trees are outside the public right away, the Borough could not regulate the growth of the tree. Mr. DiIlio advised this assessment ignored the fact that there were weeds on the property and that the property owners are not cutting the weeds.

Mr. DiIlio provided examples of the types of weeds on the property to date and advised the Tree of Heaven is now in the crosshairs of those trying to control this tree/weed. Mr. DiIlio advised of his concern regarding the Tree of Heaven being the favorite host plant of the Spotted Lantern Fly – a new agricultural threat to Lancaster County. Mr. DiIlio advised additionally there is a weed that cannot be identified within the area which could be either poisonous Hemlock or hazardous Hogweed.

Mr. DiIlio stated the bottom line is that this overgrown situation cannot continue to be ignored. Mr. DiIlio advised it is a nuisance to the neighborhood and has a potentially negative influence in the Borough. Mr. DiIlio advised on a personal note, the situation is negatively affecting his property; further advising the original realtor's fact sheets states that "... MILLION DOLLAR VIEW!!! YOU CAN SEE FOR MILES!!" and that those statements are no longer true.

Mr. DiIlio stated he is begging Council as the governing body to please do their job in overseeing the staff and direct the Code Compliance staff to pick up the ball that was dropped in 2015 in that the hillside needs to be cleaned up. Mr. DiIlio welcomed any Council member and/or staff member who wants to visit his property and view the situation firsthand. In conclusion, Mr. DiIlio thanked Borough Council for their time.

Chief Harvey questioned Mr. DiIlio regarding his identification of Hogweed on the property. Chief Harvey advised if it is Hogweed, it is an extremely poisonous, dangerous and obnoxious weed. President Rowe further stated not to get too close to it as it could cause third degree burns on your skin. President Rowe asked Mr. Thompson to follow up on this issue and inform her if Codes will resolve the matter or if it should go to the Development Activities Committee for resolution.

Mayor Mowen questioned the statement of a neighbor stating, "... we'll take care of ours if you take care of yours" seeking clarification as to what they were referring to. Mr. DiIlio advised he believes it references something along the trail and as this correspondence was from 2012/2013, things have changed along the trail since that time. Mr. DiIlio stated to not confuse the issue as the issue at hand is that homeowners have a responsibility.

Discussion of Committee Actions

Development Activities Committee

Mr. Weiler advised the Committee reviewed a stormwater management plan for 851 Martin Avenue. The applicant is proposing stormwater improvements for a new single family dwelling. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the stormwater management plan subject to the inclusion of HRG's comments dated June 18, 2018. This will appear on the July Consent Agenda.

Mr. Weiler advised the Committee reviewed an Improvement Agreement for proposed stormwater improvements associated with the stormwater management plan for 851 Martin Avenue. The amount of the agreement is \$16,150.20. The Committee will recommend that Council authorize the Council President and Secretary to execute the Improvement Agreement with the owner, Sherman and Walton Inc. This item will appear on the July Consent Agenda.

Mr. Weiler advised the Committee reviewed an Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the stormwater management plan for 851 Martin Avenue. The Committee will recommend that Council authorize the Council President and Secretary to execute an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the owner, Sherman and Walton, Inc. This item will appear on the July Consent Agenda.

Mr. Weiler advised the Committee reviewed a request from Kathy Hoy to serve alcohol at a private wedding being held at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center (EPAC) on September 29, 2018. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council grant the request to serve beer, wine and a signature drink at the July meeting subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.

President Rowe advised Mr. Matthews, 851 Martin Avenue Request, is in attendance if there are any questions. As there were no questions, President Rowe thanked Mr. Matthews for his time and attendance.

Highway Committee

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed a May 30, 2018 letter request from Deanna Paparo, Boy Scout Troop 363 Committee Chairperson, to use the Public Works building parking lot during the Ephrata Fair Parade on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 to park cars as a fundraiser. Three spaces are to be reserved in the event of a Borough emergency. The Committee will recommend that Council conditionally approve the request as part of the Consent Agenda at their July 9, 2018 meeting subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed Municipal Winter Traffic Services Renewal Agreement #3900038016 by and between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Borough. The Agreement area consists of 2.97 linear miles along East and West Main Streets (SR 0322) from Bethany Road to Market Street and compensates the Borough at a rate of \$1,149.23 per travel lane mile for snow and ice removal during the 2018/2019 winter season. The total anticipated reimbursement to the Borough is \$6,826.43 plus any applicable adjustment to offset severe winter conditions. There is no fuel cost adjustment factored into the Agreement. The Committee will recommend as part of the Consent Agenda that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to execute Municipal Winter Traffic Services Renewal Agreement #3900038016 with PennDOT at their July 9, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed a June 18, 2018 e-mail request from Amy MacKenzie, Boy Scout Troop 38 Parking Lot Coordinator, requesting to use the Ephrata Borough Office parking lot and the Major Winters Memorial Trail parking lot adjacent to East Fulton Street and Railroad Avenue during the 2018 Ephrata Fair to park cars as a fundraiser. The Committee will recommend that Council conditionally approve the request as part of the Consent Agenda at their July 9, 2018 meeting subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed a June 18, 2018 e-mail request from Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Ephrata, PA to conduct two (2) street meetings in front of the Ephrata Review building to be conducted Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 7:15 PM to 8:00 PM and Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM. The Committee will recommend that Council conditionally approve the request as part of the Consent Agenda at their July 9, 2018 meeting subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed a June 7, 2018 letter of requests from the Christmas in Ephrata Committee (CEC) in conjunction with Downtown Ephrata, Inc. and the Ephrata Development Organization seeking permission to conduct activities associated with Santa's Arrival and Annual Christmas Tree Lighting including closure of East Main Street from State Street to Lake Street on Friday, November 23, 2018 utilizing the "Ephrata Fair" detour routes between 3:00 PM and 9:30 PM. Also, the letter requested permission to conduct activities associated with a Holiday Walking Tour and Caroling between 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, December 14, 2018 including the use of Whistle Stop Plaza and adjacent parking lot from Main Street to the rear of the Train Station building from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Additionally, the letter requests use of the Train Station building to host Santa Claus from November 12, 2018 to January 7, 2019 (includes time needed for set-up and removal) including use of Whistle Stop Plaza to create a "Winter Wonderland." David Boland with the CEC was invited to attend the July 2, 2018 Council Work Session to answer any questions or address any Council concerns regarding their requests. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the requests at their July 9, 2018 Council meeting subject to Chief Harvey's approval, Borough receipt of a Special Events Permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to close a numbered state route, and Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee reviewed a June 1, 2018 letter request from Bridget E. Shadler, LPG with August Mack Environmental, seeking permission to install two (2) groundwater monitoring wells within Cloverbrook Drive in conjunction with site investigative work at 471 North Reading Road, the Garman property. The monitoring wells will be approximately 20-feet deep and 2-inches in diameter with pavement surface completion using an approximately sized 1-foot by 1-foot protective, metal-cased manway. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the request at their July 9, 2018 meeting subject to the appropriate party(ies) entering into an agreement with the Borough to provide required maintenance and street restoration upon completion of groundwater monitoring activities, said agreement being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor.

President Rowe provided Mr. Boland an opportunity to address Borough Council. Mr. Boland advised there is one change to the original request which is that the Pioneer Fire Company will not be taking Santa Claus off of the roof this year due to some concerns/safety issues with the crowd increasing in size. Mr. Boland advised Santa Claus will come out of the front doors of Ephrata National Bank.

Chief Harvey advised he has had several meetings regarding this event to discuss areas of concern regarding safety. Chief Harvey further stated this event is becoming the Borough's

second or third largest event of the year as it has grown proportionally since it started. Chief Harvey stated this event is a family event and people from all over the county attend. Chief Harvey advised planning has been completed with safety being put at the forefront.

Municipal Enterprises Committee

Mr. Richard advised Director of Operations, Thomas Natarian reviewed a request by Turning Point Energy (TPE), the Borough's solar partner regarding deferred improvements to the solar site. When the land development plan for the solar site was approved by Ephrata Township in 2016 they deferred improvements involving sidewalks, street trees, and street improvements. If the Township determines that these deferred improvements are necessary, they will be the responsibility of the Borough under the terms of the Power Purchase Agreement with TPE. TPE has requested a letter from the Borough acknowledging this future obligation. The Committee will recommend that Council authorize the Borough Secretary to send a letter to Turning Point Energy acknowledging the Borough's obligation to make deferred improvements at the solar site when they meet on July 9, 2018.

Community Services Committee

Ms. Martin advised the Committee reviewed information presented by Rec Center Executive Director, Jim Summers, and discussed the financial need to complete two (2) major capital projects – the pool filter repair/replacement project and the replacement of the HVAC in the assembly room. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approves a \$110,000 donation with available funds in the Capital Budget from the MS4 Project.

Ms. Martin advised the Rec Center has been faced with a lot of major projects recently. Ms. Martin stated one thing she believes needs to be presented is that the Rec Center needed a HVAC system that was approximately \$120,000 and they were able to negotiate to a lower cost from a local vendor to about \$60,000. Mr. Jim Summers, Ephrata Rec Center, clarified the local contractor is going to donate the units. Ms. Martin advised the cost of the pool filter is approximately \$50,000 as well as there is a \$15,000 remaining balance from the locker HVAC project. Ms. Martin stated over the course of the last four years, there has been approximately \$301,000 in fundraising dollars raised which shows the Rec Center's attempt to raise funds to cover a portion of these unexpected costs.

Ms. Martin stated what was discussed in Committee was that perhaps if the Rec Center can get over this hump of these major capital projects, their ongoing fundraising efforts and revenue will be able to help with the aesthetics of the building as well as possibly some new equipment and programs which will be more visible to the public and members.

Mr. Ressler stated the Committee realizes this is a large amount of money; however, the Rec Center have been very good citizens as far as meeting their obligations to the Borough. Mr. Ressler advised the Committee feels by giving this amount of money it will help them get over this hump and that they won't jeopardize falling behind again. Mr. Ressler advised there are a lot of things that need to be done and they are constantly fundraising; however, there is only so much fundraising they can do to get these large amounts of money. Mr. Ressler advised the Committee felt since the money is available without jeopardizing our budget, it is important to do this.

Mr. Zimmerman added that their funds get stretched really thin due to the many activities that need to be done to help within not only Ephrata Borough, but also the surrounding communities.

Mr. Richard stated the prior evening he had the opportunity to attend the Concert Band performance in the Assembly Room. Additionally, Mr. Richard stated he was able to attend the Committee Meeting in where Mr. Summers provided a handout listing what the Rec Center does for the community. Mr. Richard advised he was amazed at some of the items listed on the handout and thought it would be beneficial for Council to view the document. Mr. Richard stated these types of items go “under the radar and we just don’t know about it.”

Mr. Summers advised the Concert Band event was a great outreach example as there were over 200 people in attendance. Mr. Summers stated there are some expenses involved as a staff person is there to set up as well as the electricity and the wear and tear on the chairs. Mr. Summers further stated when you have close to 100 events throughout the year, those expenses add up.

Mr. Richard advised at the Committee meeting Mr. Summers advised he “... doesn’t want to justify their (the Rec Center’s) existence,” but he believes it doesn’t hurt to put that type of information on paper for the community to see. Mr. Summers advised that information will be “put out there” within the next couple of months.

Mr. Richard inquired about the upcoming fireworks and Mr. Summers advised the expenses have been covered; further clarifying the “hard” expenses are covered (i.e., fireworks show, port-a-potties, advertising), but that the staff time is just chalked up to “just one of the things we do for the community.”

Vice President Reinhold advised the document included in the Community Services June Dropbox folder shows all of the money the Rec Center has raised for their projects. Vice President Reinhold stated it is commendable as we are “the landlord,” to put some money back into the facility. Ms. Martin clarified the Ephrata Borough Authority actually owns the building. Vice President Reinhold further advised he appreciates the transparency of the Executive Director and the Board as being open and honest.

President Rowe stated she knows the Rec Center does a lot of fundraising and yet they request a lot of money. President Rowe questioned the reception of the other municipalities that use the Rec Center on a regular basis. Mr. Summers advised that 25% of the Rec Center’s members come from the Cocalico School District. Mr. Summers advised when the pool filter issue came about, they conducted extra soliciting in the Cocalico area (mainly to the civic and social clubs within the Cocalico School District). Mr. Summers further advised they have not approached other municipalities. Mr. Summers stated within the Ephrata School District when the \$500,000 campaign was conducted, support was received from Clay Township. Additionally, Akron Borough included a donation in their budget; however, issues arose regarding the rail trail and they thought they were going to have expenditures resulting in their donation not coming through. Mr. Summers advised there have been discussions with Ephrata Township.

Mr. Summers acknowledged that all municipalities participate in the Ephrata Area Instilments for Recreation Program which serve over 1,300 registrants a year and those programs are free for Ephrata Borough, Akron Borough and Clay Township participants, as well as there is a discounted rate for Ephrata Township participants.

Special Projects Committee

Mr. Zimmerman advised Borough Manager Thompson and solicitor McManus reviewed with the committee the edits made to the Special Events ordinance, application and checklist. In addition Mr. Thompson reported that after the staff discussed the issue of block party requests they determined that Council would need to establish a number of policies before the staff could address block party requests. Those policy issues include:

- Who will authorize a street closing
- Requirements that all impacted property owners consent to the closing of the street and agreeing to restricted ingress and egress to their property
- Who will indemnify and hold the Borough harmless
- Approval to consume alcohol in the public
- Requirement to obtain special event insurance and from whom

In addition the staff was asked to contact the Borough's insurance carrier to identify their requirements.

Finally, staff reported that they did identify a few inconsistencies between the Special Events Ordinance and the existing requirements of Chapter 119 of the Code of the Borough of Ephrata, Alcoholic Beverages. The staff will prepare amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage chapter to be enacted along with the Special Events ordinance.

Mr. Zimmerman advised he will be taking these Ordinances back to Committee to seek some additional information and clarification.

Mr. Zimmerman advised Borough Manager Thompson and solicitor McManus reviewed with the committee the edits made to the Mobile Food Facility ordinance, application and checklist.

Mr. Zimmerman advised since there is so much intertwined between the Mobile Food Truck and the Special Events Ordinances, he will not be bringing them to Council and will take them back to Committee.

Mr. Zimmerman advised the committee reviewed the quotation for erecting a gateway sign at the southern entrance to the Borough along SR 272. The committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize an amount not to exceed \$3,510 from the Economic Development fund to furnish and install a gateway sign at their July 9, 2018 voting session.

Mr. Barr advised the Committee is closer than ever before regarding the Special Events Ordinance and "... we will get there."

Vice President Reinhold sought clarification from Mr. Zimmerman that he will not be bringing forward to Council the Mobile Food Ordinance. Mr. Zimmerman clarified there are a lot of references to the Special Events Ordinance and that is why they are being taken back to Committee to gather additional information and they will not be brought forward to Council at this time.

President Rowe questioned if the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance will also not be brought forward to Council; in which, Mr. Zimmerman clarified that Ordinance can and will be brought forward for action. Mr. Thompson provided clarification that the proposed amendment to the Alcohol Beverage Chapter is prepared and ready to go for action by Council. Mr. Thompson further advised that action does not negatively impact either the Mobile Food or Special Events Ordinances.

Mr. Ressler inquired as to the reasoning for holding these Ordinances back. Mr. Zimmerman advised the Committee believed questions had been answered; however, there were some issues that came to light since the Committee meeting which is why the Ordinances are going back to Committee for further review and clarification.

Ms. Martin inquired as to the date of the gateway sign being installed; in which, Mr. Thompson advised that currently the sign itself is the background and we are in the process of preparing letters to go to each of the organizations to see if they are going to participate by providing plaques. Mr. Thompson advised the base sign would be able to be installed in time for the Ephrata Fair, but whether or not the plaques will be available is another question.

Mr. Zimmerman inquired as to if there are any remaining plaques from the old gateway sign; in which, Mr. Thompson advised the search has not identified any remaining plaques. Mr. Zimmerman clarified these are all new plaques that would have to be made. Mr. Thompson further advised they would all be applicable to the resolution adopted by Council in the beginning of 2017. Mr. Zimmerman advised he would like to see those letters go out as soon as possible.

Mr. Richard inquired if we're going to ask people to put new plaques on the new sign, it would be nice to let them know about the other signs as you can sometimes get a discount when you're purchasing multiple quantities. Mr. Thompson advised the urgency is on the sign to the south (coming in from the south); and following that sign, there would be replacements of the other three signs in the near future. Mr. Richard advised when purchasing a custom-made item that buying it in multiple quantities may result in being able to receive a discounted price.

Mayor Mowen expressed his severe reservations regarding the Special Events Ordinance as it pertains to block parties. Mayor Mowen advised he contacted his insurance company regarding the cost of the insurance required by the Borough and received the response that they cannot sell that to an individual (only businesses). Mayor Mowen advised his insurance company had to make contact with other insurance companies to inquire about the approximate cost and found it to be within the \$300-\$400 range for an insurance policy like that *if* you can get it. Mayor Mowen expressed requiring neighbors to purchase insurance is going to be pretty hard to do.

Mayor Mowen stated in addition to the insurance issue, he also has reservations regarding the timeframes listed in the ordinance. Mayor Mowen advised Council if the Ordinance came through as it is right now, he would not sign it. Mayor Mowen emphasized, "... our job as elected officials is to make life better and easier for our residents, not more bureaucratic ... so we need to keep that in mind." Mayor Mowen advised he will be at the July 16th meeting of the Special Projects Committee for further discussion regarding this topic.

Ms. Martin inquired if we choose as a Borough Council to bring forth a Special Events Ordinance, then that would be a "policy change" and as long as the organization follows the Ordinance, they would not need Borough Council's approval for an upcoming event. Mr. Thompson advised Ms. Martin that she is partially correct clarifying if there is a street closing and/or if the event requires alcohol, then that would require Borough Council action. Mr. Thompson advised other than those two items, the Ordinance leaves approval to Public Safety and Codes staffs.

Mayor Mowen inquired if the Gateway sign being discussed this evening is the sign that was formerly located at Musselman's Lumber and was advised that is the correct location. Mr. Zimmerman inquired if the Ephrata Woman's Club sign would be moved and included on the new sign. Mayor Mowen replied the Ephrata Woman's Club sign is displayed there due to the fact they take care of the garden at that location. Mr. Richard inquired about them receiving free electricity. President Rowe clarified she does not believe that is included in the free electric report that the Budget and Finance Committee receives periodically.

President Rowe encouraged Borough Council members, as well as the Mayor, to attend the upcoming Special Projects Committee Meeting for further discussion of the Special Events and Mobile Food Ordinances.

President Rowe advised the Budget and Finance Committee met on June 25, 2018, and do not have any action items.

President Rowe advised the Public Safety Committee did not meet this month.

President Rowe sought a progress report regarding the Goals and Objectives in the 2018 budget (pages 49-51) for the Police Department. President Rowe advised topics included Investigation Unit: Upgrading the Video and Audio Recording. Chief Harvey advised a system has been installed. Mayor Mowen advised he and Chief Harvey will review these topics and will provide updates to Borough Council.

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There were no comments or remarks from attendees.

Discussion/Announcements

Ms. Martin wished everybody a happy and safe 4th of July. Ms. Martin reminded Borough Council on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the next Concerts by the Creek event will be held starting at 5:30 p.m.

Vice President Reinhold wished everybody a very happy 4th of July; further advising he will be not be attendance at next week's voting session. Vice President Reinhold expressed his concerns for the runners participating in the Firecracker Run due to the extreme heat. Mr. Summers advised they got 1,600 extra bottles of water for distribution. Vice President Reinhold advised he attended the Borough's staff picnic last week and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with Borough employees.

Vice President Reinhold questioned if there was any discussion of purchasing additional chaise loungers for the Ephrata Community Pool as they are all taken immediately upon the pool's opening. Mr. Summers advised the issue was discussed; however, they have not come up with a recommendation for 2018. Vice President Reinhold advised he believes additional chaise loungers need to be purchased in the future.

Vice President Reinhold questioned as hot as the days have been and as busy as the pool has been, how is the cash being handled. Mr. Summers advised if it is a busy day, the cash is taken care of throughout the day and not held until closing.

President Rowe inquired if people are able to bring their own chaise loungers/chairs into the pool; in which, Mr. Summers responded they are able to do so.

Mr. Zimmerman inquired as to the attendance over the weekend at the pool. Mr. Summers advised the pool was full the entire weekend and that there was one incident where police were called for a report of marijuana being smoked on the premises. Upon their arrival, police spoke with the individuals in question and escorted them out of the area.

Mayor Mowen asked what the water temperature is like on these extreme heat days. Mr. Summers advised he would guess the temperatures to be in the upper 70's.

Mayor Mowen wished everyone a "Happy 4th" and asked all to be careful if they were going to be involved with pyrotechnics. Mayor Mowen reminded Council fireworks can't be shot within 150 feet of a building. Mayor Mowen advised the fireworks tents have been busy and he expects the 4th to be "a noisy first year" under the new law. Mayor Mowen further advised that plans are being made as to how the police are going to handle the situations that may occur. President Rowe advised there is also a requirement that if fireworks are going to be set off on someone else's property, the individual has to obtain the property owner's permission prior to doing so.

Chief Harvey stated on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at the Evangelic Assembly of God, he'll be conducting a House of Worship training as well as an active shooter event.

Mr. Thompson related he will not be attending next week's meeting as he will be on vacation.

President Rowe reminded Council members if they are going to miss a council meeting and/or a committee meeting to let her know as soon as possible so she can insure there will be a quorum to hold the meeting. President Rowe advised she understands there are last-minute situations that come up (i.e., illness) and advance notice cannot always happen, but she would appreciate being advised as far in advance as possible of these occurrences.

President Rowe mentioned with first responders, especially police officers that are pulling a vehicle over, there is a State Law that if traffic permits, you should move as far over to the other lane or to the left side of the road as possible. President Rowe stated she would like that publicized as much as possible. President Rowe advised she observed a police traffic stop near her house and she observed an officer come within inches of getting hit by a vehicle as the driver refused to move over.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mr. Weiler to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

D. Robert Thompson, Secretary