



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

City Council Meeting Proceedings – March 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of Titusville City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith in the Conference Room at the Titusville Redevelopment Authority at 6:05 p.m.
INVOCATION	Given by Pastor Samuel Mabugu
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Smith
ROLL CALL	Mayor Esther Smith, Deputy Mayor Bill Adelman, Councilman Keith Bromley, Councilman Pat Cartney and Councilman Jay Reese were present.
OTHERS PRESENT	City Manager Larry Manross, Solicitor Richard Winkler, Police Chief Thomas, Fire Chief Crotty, a representative from the Titusville Herald, and GBS Television taped the proceedings.
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	Mayor Smith announced that Council held an executive session two weeks ago on a personnel matter.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	It was <i>moved</i> by Mr. Bromley, <i>seconded</i> by Mr. Adelman, and <i>carried unanimously</i> to adopt the Agenda as prepared.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was <i>moved</i> by Mr. Reese, <i>seconded</i> by Mr. Bromley, and <i>carried unanimously</i> to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2012 as submitted and place on file. Mr. Reese requested minutes from the January pension board meeting at the last Council meeting and had not received them yet. Mr. Manross stated he requested them and has not received them.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS	Mayor Smith asked all individuals to respect each other and that no comments be made in the audience so everybody can hear what individuals are stating.

Fred Bloom – 619 E Central Avenue

Spoke in regards to the opening of Main Street. He said he is all for safety pertaining to the blockade on East Main Street; it is wonderful and he believes in it. He asked what has been gained by stopping traffic for a half of a block. One time it took him nine minutes to get out of his driveway and he expressed concern over what that would mean with the possibility of an emergency. He questioned a number of business people if their business has done better since the blockade was put in and they told him it had not. He suggested if the City is going to block Main Street that it is made to be one way. He has witnessed ambulances go through the barricade and a Fire Truck that could not get down Main Street and sat there with the lights and sirens going. A red light may help. He also heard that it would be expensive to tear out the barricade on Main Street and also heard that there are some volunteers that would do it. He

closed with a statement if you have to open Main Street how much cost is it to add a stop sign compared to a life.

Mr. Reese reminded everyone of the five minute time limit in order to be fair to everybody.

William Burr – 623 East Central Avenue

Spoke in regards to the opening of Main Street. Has lived at 623 East Central Avenue for more than 30 years and has a difficult time getting out of his driveway. To add insult to injury and what he sees everyday is cars going the wrong way on that one way street, cars going through the PNC teller station, turning right on Petroleum and left on Main. If they miss that turn they go to Petroleum and turn right and left down Main. He doesn't see that the barrier does anything to help with the traffic flow day after day. Six residents across the street from him that all must turn left or east, take a sharp turn around that barrier, to get on East Central Avenue or they have to go down to Murdoch turn left on Walnut turn left on Petroleum to get back on Main Street. If any one of them would ever come out and turn right and go the wrong way on a one way street they are causing a safety hazard; willfully, wantonly, and illegally while he sits there and waits. He thinks that we need to make sure that children know stop signs do not stop, red lights do not stop, yield signs do not yield, and barriers do not block. He does not see the sense in a barrier 6-7 blocks from Main Street school. He thinks we should not just be talking about Main Street but every street. He asked City Council to remove the barrier to help Titusville renew itself and the School District to help protect our children in a more meaningful way.

Lawrence Riley – 214 West Main Street

Spoke in regards to the opening of Main Street. He mentioned in regards to safety that no matter what laws are in place that you are always going to have somebody that is going to break the law. Many are in favor of a barrier on the West end of Main as well. He went on to say that the whole concept of calming traffic is taking root in Europe and the United States. The idea is that the car should not be king. Barriers of any form that send traffic away from residential areas are a good idea and the trend that Council is acting on is against that. He questioned why this Council is undoing what was done by a previous Council which has proved to be totally successful? Council now has a group of people that are unhappy with the present situation. All they are going to do is spend thousands of dollars removing this barrier to get another group of people that are equally unhappy. Why not save all the money and stick with the unhappy group that you have got now? In 5-10 years time is another group of people going to put it back in again?

Emilee Langer – 418 North Washington Street

Spoke in regards to the opening of Main Street. She is a resident that formerly grew up on West Main Street. She is not in favor of removing the barrier. She has a son that attends Main Street School and a son that attended the Middle School that now attends the High School and she is aware of the safety issues at both schools. The trend channeling traffic to downtown areas and away from residential areas increases safety at the residences and has proven itself to be beneficial to the community. She walks her son to Main Street School and there are constant problems not just on Main Street where stop signs don't stop the traffic and they have nearly been hit. She thinks the School District and City Council need to look in to more crossing guards. As a taxpayer and homeowner over the last five years she has seen a steady decline in city services; leaf removal, street cleaning, snow removal, and the condition of North Washington up on their end is atrocious. From the finance side of things she would like to see a bid and proposal from Council of what the actual costs will be to remove the barrier and what the gain to the City will be both economically and financially and also what the City and Council are planning to do to put back the services that are currently paid for by taxpayers.

Carol Kulling – 206 East Main Street

Spoke in regards to the closing of West Main Street. She said she has gotten used to being very inconvenienced living on Main Street with turning on Petroleum. She doesn't like it but she does it. She doesn't think that the problem is closing the street; it is enforcing the law. She lives close to Martin Street where a young lady was almost killed because she walked out and did not look up. The law needs to be enforced to slow people down. Between Drake and Martin is a raceway. She would like to see West Main stay open because she is so tired of her street being closed. She insisted that a survey was not done and she was not asked her opinion. Residents were told by Council that there would be a lump of dirt put up there to see how it works. Next thing she knew the barrier was up and a tree planted. There was no real discussion about the closing of East Main and she is over that. She sees no sense in closing West Main. People know how to bypass the main thoroughfare if they want to. She asked Council to leave Main Street open and added how can we make Titusville a friendly town when we are blocking people? If Council really wants people to come downtown, make it look good. She sweeps up the dirt in front of her house to help the City and would like Council to consider the little guy who lives in town and works to make the City look nicer.

John Kaminski – 624 East Main Street

Spoke in regards to opening Main Street. He lives at the 2nd house from Murdoch Boulevard. He has experienced the negatives and

positives with the opening and closing of Main Street. The intersection of East Central Avenue, East Main Street, and Murdoch Boulevard was one of the most dangerous intersections before the barrier was constructed. Backing out of his driveway was challenging and trying at times because he had to guess which way drivers were going while watching for traffic on Murdoch. With the budget crunch there is no way Police could watch the intersection 24-7. The inexpensive barrier helps law enforcement it does not hinder it. He questioned if Council wants to add more traffic to jeopardize the safety of PNC Bank, Pitt, Main Street School, and Burgess Park's children and activities. He suggested increased traffic will cause wear and tear on the existing thoroughfare that is already falling apart. There could possibly be pedestrian injuries. Central and Kerr is an even more dangerous intersection and should be looked at before Main Street. One City official said there would be no parking signs put up if Main Street is open. He went on to say this is like putting a band aid on a gash that needs ten stitches to be repaired. He thinks the road should be redesigned to redirect the flow of traffic. This should be done by extending the green barrier by PNC Bank east and moving the light west so it can control Murdoch, Central and Main Street.

REPORTS

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports; Building Inspector, Finance, Fire, Police, Public Works, and Treasurer for the month of February 2012 as submitted and placed on file.

Fire Department

Mr. Reese questioned since the new minutemen have completed the 1st module of training at what point can they help out or are they already doing that? Chief Crotty said they are on schedule and he would predict 1 ½ - 2 months. They are now done with the second module and have started the third module. The next couple of weeks are critical with doing forced entry and ventilation.

Mayor Smith asked the Chief to talk about the \$15,100 FEMA Fire Act grant. The Chief said this is the 4th time the City has been successful and is probably around the \$210,000 mark as far as total monies we have received from this grant. This year the Fire Department applied for a grant for radio communications equipment because the FCC gave us an unfunded mandate on narrow wave frequency regulations and some of our existing equipment would not meet the capability of being tweaked or tuned. The bulk of the entire award was for 8 portable radios, chargers, charging rack, new radios for the fire apparatuses, & 8 pagers that the fire fighters carry.

Police Department

Mayor Smith pointed out that the officers were recertified on their tasers and questioned if they personally got to experience that again. Chief Thomas said no they only go through that the first time. The Mayor also questioned if more have been ticketed since the speed limit was increased by PennDot from 25 to 35. Chief Thomas said we don't have to because they have raised the limit but the PD

is giving a grace period. The PD ran speed on Main Street this week and nothing has changed. Everybody is going the same way. They ran it for 2 hours on East Main Street and 2 hours on West Main Street. The people going east on East Main Street were going faster than the people going West and they cited a person or two. The people on West Main Street were going about an average of 33 mph and some of them were ticketed. It six of one a half dozen of the other as far as the speed on Main Street and that was only one day this week. They have not noticed any difference out on the East end of town.

Public Works Department

Mr. Reese questioned Public Works putting salt in a bay, if this is part of the sewage treatment process, and if the City is stockpiling salt for snow. Mr. Manross stated the City has a contract to buy so much salt and we have so much left over from the mild winter that we are trying to find a place to put it. The City commits in March for salt for the next winter. Mr. Reese confirmed if there was no chance for increased dollars for paving based on salt savings. Mr. Manross said that savings would not be realized until the budget for next year.

Mrs. Smith confirmed that the street sweeping started Monday and is concentrating on the Downtown area first.

Treasurer

Mr. Reese commented for Council to take notice at the Earned Income Tax; it is probably the best one since he has been sitting on Council. He went on to say that so far we are doing well and it is good to see.

MINUTES OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

It was *moved* by Mr. Cartney, *seconded* by Mr. Bromley, and *carried unanimously* to accept the minutes of the Housing Authority 2/17/12, Planning Commission 1/12/12 & 2/9/12, Redevelopment Authority 1/9/12 & 2/6/12, and Safety Committee 2/28/12.

Housing Authority

Mr. Reese stated he switched from the Airport Authority to the Housing Authority and has been unable to attend the first couple of meetings of the year and asked Mr. Manross to find out about the equipment on the roof of Central Towers that is coming back and if it is part of the PILOT program.

BILL LISTINGS

It was *moved* by Mr. Bromley, *seconded* by Mr. Adelman, and *carried unanimously* to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 3/01/12 - \$8,944.74, 3/7/12 - \$35,556.59, and 3/15/12 - \$70,003.01.

Mayor Smith informed the public that these are sent to Council by the Manager via email and Council has the opportunity to review and to look them over and ask any questions.

Warrant Dated - 3/1/12 - \$8,944.74 – No questions

Warrant Dated - 3/7/12 - \$35,556.59

Mr. Reese commented this bill has a bunch of Penelec bills on it. He questioned them last month and see that they are lower this month.

Warrant Dated 3/15/12 - \$70,003.01

Mr. Reese questioned if we are going to be ok on the fuel budget. Mr. Manross said we are looking at the possibility of joining a consortium.

Old Business

*Council Bill No. 1 of 2012 –
Repeal 1713 Plumbing*

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, vote as follows to adopt Council Bill No. 1 of 2012 on 2nd reading:

Mr. Adelman, Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Cartney – Yes
Mr. Reese - No

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO REPEAL ARTICLE 1713, PLUMBING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

*Council Bill No. 2 of 2012 –
Repeal 513.11 – One Way
Streets – Petroleum Street*

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adopt Council Bill No. 2 of 2012 on 2nd reading, vote as follows:

Mr. Bromley, Mr. Adelman, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Smith – Yes
Mr. Cartney - No

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 513, ONE WAY STREETS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, TO REPEAL SUBSECTION 513.11 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Mr. Reese confirmed that this is the one that would return the foot of Petroleum Street to both directions.

Mr. Bromley stated his comments apply to Ordinances 2, 3, & 4. He thanked everyone for coming out and being at the meeting. When Council is sitting in front you quickly realize that it is nice to have folks sitting out there looking back and that is not always the case. He appreciates everyone's thoughts. He went on to say that some had suggested that Council has not done any research on this subject and that could not be further from the truth. He has personally spent a great deal of time looking in to this issue and has even made his home phone number available to those that would like to call and discuss the Main Street issue. Information requested by Council members has been provided by administration. There has been

quite a bit of research done. The result is he has been approached overwhelmingly to have the barrier removed. 98% of the people and businesses that have come to him have asked for the removal of the barrier. He does not believe that removing the barrier is making Main Street less safe. Most people are circumventing the barrier anyways. The City has had ongoing conversations with the School Administration to make our community more aware that the kids are present at certain intersections in town in a big way. That is ongoing. Some possibilities that have been discussed are crossway markings on those intersections. Better signage. School Zone flashing lights and additional cross guards. Other discussions include keeping trucks off Main Street. He has asked the City Manager to have signs put up for residential area absolutely no trucks, local deliveries only. The State has agreed to pay for some of the costs with the removal. They are going to pay the costs for line painting. The Police Department will also help with enforcement. The speed problem will be a problem whether Main Street is opened or not. The problem is enforcement. The reasons to remove the barrier are he wants to get school buses back on Main Street, he wants to allow emergency vehicles to get in and out because every second counts, he wants seniors to be able to get out of the Senior Center easier, undo what we did to PNC Bank, and undo what we did to the people on Central Avenue trying to get out of their driveways. There are a lot of issues out there that are not just those that live on Main Street. There is not evidence that he has heard that the barrier has improved downtown business. Warner's Bakery owners asked him to remove the barrier because they are a business too and would like people to come by. This issue is about the entire community. It is about righting a mistake and giving Main Street back to the community.

Mr. Cartney commented that he has been on Council for three years now sitting in on every budget session that Council does and Council struggles every year on how to spend the taxpayers money. He knows it is not going to cost a fortune to take the barrier out but it is still money being spent. Departments come to Council every year with a wish list of what they would like to have and Council has to tell them that we can't give you all of that. Mr. Cartney suggested take the money being used to take the barricade out and give them what they want and need or use it to fix Petroleum Street. He went on to say that he doesn't think that it should have been put there in the first place but to take it out and waste taxpayer money on something that is a little bit of an inconvenience he would say just keep the money there and spend it where we need it on something more important than just tearing the barricade down.

Council Bill No. 3 of 2012 –
Repeal 513.12 – One Way
Streets – Main Street

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adopt Council Bill No. 3 of 2012 on 2nd reading, vote as follows:

Mr. Adelman, Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Reese – Yes
Mr. Cartney – No

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 513, ONE WAY STREETS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, TO REPEAL SUBSECTION 513.12 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Mr. Reese commented that he appreciated what everyone had said. He understands what was done and what they tried to do a few years ago. In his travels whatever it was they tried to do, its unintended consequences made it not palatable for a lot of people including him. Regarding Mr. Cartney's comments, about 1% of the budget would cover this and every flashing sign you would want to put on Main Street from one end to the other. The shortcut of the barricade is encumbering people and there are consequences. It's not really stopping anything. It causes people to be on Murdoch when they are trying to get home to Rockwood. He went on to say stop signs will be discussed and he will say right now that he will not support that. He is a very strong advocate of real good strong crosswalks for children, but that is 2 hours a day 180 days a year.

Council Bill No. 4 of 2012 –
Repeal portions of 521.06 –
Prohibited Parking (Failed)

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adopt Council Bill No. 4 of 2012 on 2nd reading, vote for adoption failed as follows:

Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith – Yes
Mr. Cartney, Mr. Adelman, Mr. Reese – No

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF ARTICLE 521, PARKING GENERALLY, SECTION 521.06, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES, TO ELIMINATE THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF EAST CENTRAL AVENUE AND EAST MAIN STREET.

Mr. Reese suggested that not all listed need immediately repealed. Some of them have to do with bus turns.

Mr. Manross stated he personally went to all of those listed and they are 40 foot site view setbacks. Without knowing changes to bus routes this would need to be done.

Mr. Adelman stated he has real issues with for instance E Central Avenue and Kerr Street. He suggested a pedestrian traffic review of school children. He does not want to see that one removed. Also Main Street and Brown Street.

Mr. Winkler confirmed if Council starts taking parts out the Ordinance would need to be re-advertised.

Mr. Manross suggested we will probably need revisitation once we find out what the bus routes are if this takes place so we can

accommodate whatever those bus routes are.

Mr. Bromley commented that Mr. Reese had suggested that if Council does decide to open up Main Street that we take time through the rest of the school year to watch and see what we need to do.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt Council Bill No. 5 of 2012 on 2nd reading.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY THE ISSUE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,882,000 FOR THE INTERIM FINANCING OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FIXING THE FORM, NUMBER, DATE, INTEREST, AND MATURITY THEREOF; MAKING A COVENANT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A SINKING FUND AND DESIGNATING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; MAKING CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX COVENANTS WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTE; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, SALE AND DELIVERY THEREOF AND EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Mr. Reese commented that this is interim before our USDA grant and loan money comes through we are required to do this.

Mr. Manross stated that part of our loan and grant from the USDA requires that we get interim financing for the amount of the loan which is the \$2.882 million dollars. The interim financing is used to pay any bills that we would incur during the construction process of the renovations of the sewer plant. This is a two year note. Whenever we receive the loan money from the USDA, which will be when the project is finished this loan will be paid off in its entirety by that loan.

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to authorize the appropriate City officials to enter in to a Service Agreement between the City of Titusville and EnerNOC, Inc. for a five year term.

Mr. Winkler confirmed for Mr. Bromley that he is satisfied with the changes.

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to ratify the Contract between the City and the Titusville Police Officers January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

Council Bill No. 5 of 2012 –
Interim Financing WWTP
Phase III

EnerNOC Services Agreement

Contract between the City
and Titusville Police Officers

Mr. Reese commented that this is a big deal. Mrs. Smith and he were new on Council and tried to do negotiations coming off what was probably the tightest budget in history. All of that aside nothing you get out of this job is more than the appreciation of being a little bit closer to the firemen and policemen. He appreciates the work they do. The Mayor would probably agree with him that they did not really get the job done that they wanted to during negotiations and were not very happy with the arbitration. His personal comment is the arbitrator did not do what he said he was going to do which got us talking and going in to arbitration in the first place.

Resignation from the Planning Commission

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Bromley, to accept the resignation of Mr. William Adelman from the Planning Commission vote as follows:

Mr. Adelman – Abstained
Mr. Cartney, Mr. Reese, Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith – Yes

Appointments to the Planning Commission

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Adelman, and carried unanimously to appoint Mark Sawatsky and Jeff Thomas to the Planning Commission to unexpired terms ending 1/1/2015.

Council's Representative to the Planning Commission

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, to appoint Mr. William Adelman as Council's Representative to the Planning Commission vote as follows:

Mr. Adelman – Abstained
Mrs. Smith, Mr. Reese, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Cartney – Yes

New Business

Resolution No. 9 of 2012 - Appointing Douglas Thompson, Treasurer as additional authorized representative with Berkheimer

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 9 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIASON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

The Special Event Approval for the Relay for Life 5K will be cancelled as they were unable to get the liability insurance. They will try and do the event at the Myer Complex.

Resolution No. 10 of 2012 -
Sale of Surplus City Property
(Poles)

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ITEMS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Pay Requisition #1- WWTP
Phase III Upgrade Project

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to approve Payment Requisition #1 for the WWTP Phase III Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,532.20.

Mr. Manross explained that the requisitions will be coming a lot of times on a last minute situation. This is a process required for the USDA. When we get bills for the sewer project they have to be approved by so many people by the time we get them a lot of times it's a last minute situation.

Mr. Reese asked for assurance that there would be as few as possible and anything the manager can do to speed these up as it has been a concern of his before.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Cartney - 317 W Main Street

He explained that he was caught off guard and that Council did not have this information before they voted. Since he has been to the last five meetings he was not prepared for the half hour. The main reason is safety. There are two entities that deal with lots of people. The School District and Pitt. The School District is adamant that it stays in. Pitt was for it seven years ago. He has a formal petition that Dr. Shields signed that he was against it. This year alone two kids have been hit on Main Street and opening it up is not going to help that at all. If Council was serious about dialogue they would have made sure certain things were in place before. He talked to Jamie Beechey and on a personal level she is for keeping it there. He has asked specific questions and got very short answers on it. He would hope that Council will reconsider their decision. He is not for the barrier to truly stay in place but he would like to see stop signs put in place first to control speed. Mr. Cartney stated he has a formal petition he would like to submit that will require the City to actually reconsider this. It would have to go up in the display at City Hall for 10 days from 8:00am to 10:00pm and then we must get so many people to sign it at that time which it would go to referendum after that.

**COMMENTS BY
MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Mr. Reese commented that Council brought this up and he does not think Council rushed it. He lives it and travels through there every day. He does have his opinions and a traffic engineer once told him one time don't ever try to be a traffic engineer you really can never get it figured out. When Council abandoned Monroe Street to put a gas station in there we didn't shut it down the very next day. We waited. There is not going to be a bulldozer there in the morning.

Council did advertise it and put it out there and have got it to this point. He is all for talking about it more. While he does not support stop signs he will try to show the rest of the people on Council that there is some money in the budget to get some safety crosswalks in there. He would like to continue to work with the School District moving forward on this project.

Mr. Bromley added he has been talking and will continue to talk with School Administration. He is looking at a town west of Erie in Ohio that has an excellent crosswalk system that makes the community very aware of the fact that kids are present and he is going to pursue that. The Crawford County Commissioners have put together a Citizen Action Committee to look at building a new court house or remodeling the current courthouse to the tune of about \$35 million. That committee has finished its work and reported to the Crawford County Commissioners. That committee is going to be here Thursday. He encouraged those concerned about dollars in our County to be here at 7:00. GBS Television will be here to film it so people that can't make it here have a chance to see it. It's worth hearing where you're money is going in the County as well as in the City.

Mr. Cartney announced the sale of daffodils by the American Cancer Society this Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday.

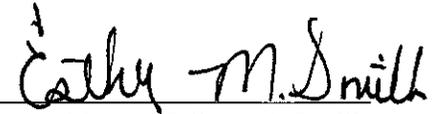
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Adelman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming and participating.

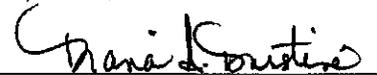
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2012



Mayor Esther M. Smith

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 20, 2012.



Diana A. Durstine
Recording Secretary