Canal Winchester

Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

June 4, 2018
6:00 PM

Council Work Session

Mike Walker – Chair
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Mike Coolman
Bruce Jarvis
Patrick Lynch
A. Call To Order
Walker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Present 6 – Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker
Absent 1 – Bennett

A motion was made by Walker to excuse Mr. Bennett, seconded by Clark.
The motion carried with the following vote:
Yes 6 – Walker, Clark, Amos, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch

C. Also In Attendance
Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson

D. Request for Council Action
RES-18-008
A Resolution Authorizing Destination: Canal Winchester To Operate
The “Canal Winchester Blues And Ribfest” On The Various Streets And
Sidewalks Of The City Of Canal Winchester
- Request to move to full Council

Mayor: This is a typical resolution that we do every year, for the Blues & Ribfest; basically to
operate within the streets of Canal Winchester; provides information on what the city offers, and
what they provide themselves; Amos: Mayor, I know that the residents on Mound Street have
asked in the past at council meetings that we would rotate the side of the street that is closed;
Mayor: Say that again? Amos: The residents have asked that we rotate each year the sides that are
closed, have we considered that? Peoples: I’ve heard from one resident that has said she just
doesn’t like it; I’ve not heard from any other ones, she lives on that side of Mound Street – the east
side; Amos: I know one of the things that was pointed out is that one side has driveways, and the
other does not; Peoples: One side some has driveways, the other side – they have back access –
Mayor: They both have rear alleys; Peoples: That’s why we didn’t, because there was – that was
just to me, the one person.

A motion was made by Jarvis, seconded by Lynch to move this resolution to
full council. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes 6 – Jarvis, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Walker

ORD-18-020
An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor Convey A Tract Of Land
Consisting Of 1.253 Acres On Rutherford Drive To The Canal
Winchester Industry And Commerce Corporation To Provide For Its
Subsequent Conveyance To Columbia Gas Of Ohio, Inc., Pursuant To A
Purchase And Sale Agreement, And To Declare An Emergency
Ordinance Attachments: Columbia Gas Purchase Agreement
- Request to move to full Council

Haire: As the ordinance states, we would like to enter into a contract with Columbia Gas to sell
them 1.253 acres; this is part of the gas transmission project that they’re doing, so you probably
got asked ‘what’s happening behind Dill’s where they’re moving that dirt?’; they’re replacing a
pipeline all the way across; as part of that project, they’re required by TransCanada, who owns the
pipeline – Columbia Gas is required to relocate their transmission station off of the pipeline
easement, which it’s currently sitting on; they needed to find a site that was adjacent to the
pipeline easement that they could pull off the natural gas that serves our community; that’s what
this site would serve, so they’d have an array of pipes and valves that would come off the pipeline
there; they would take the gas from the pressure that it’s in in the pipeline, and put it to a domestic
pressure that they would serve the gas needs of our community with; we are proposing to enter
into an agreement with them, the purchase price for this is $142,000 that we’ve agreed to; we’re
still working out some of the details on access and design, but we’ve got them to agree to
landscaping and fencing surrounding the pipeline; the fencing will be a decorative black metal
fencing.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Coolman to move this ordinance
to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 – Clark, Coolman, Amos, Jarvis, Lynch
Abstain 1 – Walker

ORD-18-021 An Ordinance Approving And Adopting The 2019 Tax Budget (Ex. A)
Finance - Request to move to full Council

Jackson: This evening, I just wanted to give you a very brief overview of what this tax budget is;
when we do the tax budget every year, we concentrate on our revenues; typically this is done for
communities that have voted debt, which would affect their property tax rate; what it’s doing is
telling the county auditor how much money they expect to receive, and how much money they
need to cover their voted debt payments for that year; because we have no voted debt – our
millage doesn’t change from year to year, so we’re really just setting our revenues based on the
fact that the code says that we have to do this; I’m really looking at the revenues in this, but you
will see that there are appropriations in there; what we do is we try to set aside funds by
department, the specific projects that these funds will go to will be fine-tuned as we go into the
fall, and that will be done before we present the final appropriations for 2019 to you; I’m not going
to do my formal presentation on all of the amounts in this tax budget this evening, I wanted to get
it to you to let you chew on it and come up with your questions; I will be doing a formal
presentation at your next council meeting, we will actually have a public hearing at 6:15 that will
give you a whole lot of detail, probably more than what you’ll want; Jarvis: The only thing that –
when I look at something like this, I look at actuals and where we are currently, and then what
your projections are; they all seem to be in pretty close tolerance to each other; contracted services
– there was a theme there, they all seem to be going up about 10%, is that what’s going on in the
world? Jackson: It kind of depends on which line item you’re talking about; some of them are just
because we’ve expanded what we’ve asked our contractors to do for us; some of them are just due
to the nature of the economy that we’re in, things are getting more expensive; Jarvis: It could be a
combination of scope or inflation; Jackson: Yes; Lynch: Also, to follow up on what Mr. Jarvis said,
the total revenues – I’m sure you’ll be getting into this; am I to guess that you’re budgeting very
conservatively this year as compared to last year? I see total revenue at 8.2, last year we were at
9.3; Jackson: Yes, a lot of that – we try and be very conservative on our two major revenue sources; income tax, and actually our charges for services, which would be any building and development fees, things like the pool and smaller things; we try to be conservative, therefore we’re not out there trying to spend money that we may not get in.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Amos to move this ordinance to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 – Clark, Amos, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

**ORD-18-022**

Public Service

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement To Purchase A 1.799 Acre Tract Of Property From Ashbrook Association, Inc. And Declaring And Emergency (Ex. A)

Request to move to full Council

Peoples: I think Mayor Ebert announced this a couple of meetings ago, where Ashbrook Homeowners Association has a reserved property sitting right over the Washington Street bridge on that side, it directly connects with McGill Park, the 1.8 acres there; if you’re looking at that exhibit, the stream is on the north side of the picture there, McGill Park would be to your right, upstream of that; we met with the Homeowners Association, they were very appreciative of the parkland, they obviously had a few comments back then; their board did vote to donate the property to us; the donation is – there’s $100, that’s to cover the fees associated with that; I think Amanda said that there was some of – for tax purposes; Jackson: The attorney, the real estate attorney that Gene was speaking about earlier – I’m trying to think of how to word this; he advised that we do this for $100 to help the Ashbrook Homeowners Association; we aren’t 100% sure that they ever applied for tax exempt status, so this covers them whether or not they did do that; Hollins: My guess is they probably didn’t; most Homeowners Associations don’t get around to doing 501(c)(3); Clark: Would the idea then – with McGill Park, is to bring a bike path through there, and then cross over with the bridge over into the park? Peoples: Yes; Clark: Okay; Mayor: A combination trail – not just bike, but yes; Clark: Okay.

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Coolman to move this ordinance to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 – Walker, Coolman, Amos, Clark, Jarvis, Lynch

E. Reports

Matt Peoples – I do not have anything to add to my written report.

Lucas Haire – The U.S. Census released its estimated population; it was estimated that Canal Winchester was the fastest growing community in Ohio by a percentage; they estimate we grew 4.4%, which puts us just above the growth rate of Dublin; we’re still a small community, so 4.4% was a little over 350 people, not a huge number of people, but a lot for our community; a lot of that is due to just a few projects; obviously the Winchester Ridge apartments is a big one, the number of units that were constructed there during the period that they count that; they count from June to June, that’s their census year where their estimates are done; the estimate that they
released was for the population of Canal Winchester for June of 2017; based on the permits that were issued in the Fall of 2016 and the Spring of 2017 was what they based that off of, also the single family homes, also because of the assisted living facility that was constructed; they’re 135 units over at Winchester Trail, those all add to the population; I anticipate that we’ll probably see that rate of growth continue for the next few years based on additional phases at Winchester Ridge, and the single family residential growth that we’re experiencing; Walker: I saw your picture and your million dollar smile, it was really great; Amos: Mr. Haire, I did want to thank you for sending us information on that ahead of time, I probably fielded 15 questions this weekend alone when they saw your face on Facebook; it did help answer those questions a little bit easier with having that information, so thank you.

Amanda Jackson – I want to quickly touch on a few things – earlier today I fielded a phone call from a lady, I did not get any information about her, but she wanted me to convey to council that she was unhappy with the fact that the pool does not offer free admission or discounted admission to veterans; I told her that I would pass that along, so I’m doing so; in sticking with the pool theme, I’m happy to say that we have been very successful since the pool opened, I think we’ve had a few little minor hiccups, I think that’s to be expected with having been closed for the winter; I’m happy to say that as we speak, we are at just under $60,000 in revenue between membership sales, daily passes and the concessions stand; that is fantastic, looks like the weather may be cooperating thus far for us; lastly, last Wednesday, our 2017 financial statements were filed with the auditor of state’s office, as required under the Ohio revised code; I do have copies for all of council, which I will be giving out at the next council meeting for you to take a look at; just a reminder, we don’t get audited every year, so those financial statements will not be audited until 2019, in which the auditors will come in and do the ‘17 and ‘18 audit all at once; once you have them, if you have questions about them, please feel free to let me know; that’s all I have.

F. Items for Discussion

18-058 Recycling
Attachments: Waste Management Communications
New York Times Article

Mayor: Since I threw it out there, I’ll discuss it; we’ve had a lot of chatter in the last 2-3 weeks about recycling, and the woes that it’s going through right now, and will be for a long time to come it sounds like; this article I passed out came from the Wall Street Journal about a week and a half ago, 2 weeks ago maybe; since then, there’s been New York Times has had articles, just about every waste newsletter has had articles about it – recycling and how it has not panned out the way they thought it would be after all these years; turns out China, who has been taking all of the recycling items from the United States, and many other countries has now shut everybody off; the reason for that is because of the ‘hot loads’; there’s so much trash that’s mixed in with the recycling goods, that they will have nothing to do with it; it’s driving up the cost of recycling; before, China was accepting ‘hot loads’ that I think consisted of up to 20% - 25% of trash; they have now reduced that to a half a percent, so that’s practically nothing; we have the same thing, right back here in our 5 recycling containers; we got a notice from Waste Management a couple weeks ago that they’re going to start charging us $69 for every cubic yard that is ‘hot’; each one of those containers is 8 yards, there’s 5 of them, and they pick up 8 times a week – the way I figure,
that’s $22,000 a week if they’re all hot loads, we can’t afford that; I wanted to throw it out there, and let you know what’s going on; my recommendation, as they are doing in multiple cities across the United States is they’re doing away with recycling, because it’s all going to the dump anyway, and people are paying for recycling, and it’s still going to the dump – so why pay for trash, and pay for recycling, when they’re both going to the same place? Amos: Mayor, am I reading correctly that we’ve already been billed $552? Was that second portion a notice that states that we are being billed for one of our units? Mayor: Where’s that at? Coolman: The Waste Management letter – Amos: Yeah, the notice stated Wednesday, May 23rd; it looks like we were being billed $69 for 8 yards, am I reading that correct or is it just another warning? Mayor: I don’t know; Peoples: That’s what they’re moving to; Amos: I saw the first one ‘are you recycling right?’, it indicates – Peoples: That would be the battle against contamination one? Amos: Yes – it looked to me as if they were – Peoples: As in ‘you are’; this is what they’re sending out to people now, since we have the contract with them, we met with their governmental representative, their local manager, and their local route manager, and it was basically about the contamination – they wanted to let us know; we’ve been working with them quite a bit on recycling over the last couple of years; they’ve been saying that China is going to severely impact the market, and they definitely have; they have started auditing their commercial accounts – recycling accounts, and when they hit 10% contamination, which is talking about the ‘hot load’, if it’s 10%, they start working with that customer for the punitive damages; we are at over 30% contamination in these bins alone; the other pictures that are stapled together that are going around, they took pictures last Tuesday – Mayor: Of our dumpsters; Peoples: Of our dumpsters; they can go through here a lot better than what I can; the good thing is that people want to recycle, and they think everything is recyclable but it’s not; they’re putting all kinds of things in there; we’ve had some public education materials go out, we have some stuff on our website, it’s just to the point where we can’t – they will not continue to do it, so basically it’s turning into a trash dump anyway; all of this stuff that they took that day, all 5 dumpsters that Tuesday went straight into a landfill, so it’s not getting recycled; this coupled with the loose set of pictures that are going around as well, people are just throwing trash out there; it’s basically littering, we’ve worked with them – I think we had a presentation to council to discuss that, we’ve put up signs out there ‘please don’t put things outside the bins’; they’re very popular to use, but they’re just trashing the place; Amos: Mr. Peoples, when there’s trash like this – which is absolutely appalling, is it Waste Management, or is it your guys? Peoples: A little bit of both, mostly it’s our guys; they have gotten out there and done some stuff if we haven’t gotten out there in time; it used to be more them than us, but recently we’ll get on it because it has become so bad; first thing every morning, we have a guy that’s doing a route, they stop out there and see how bad it is; if Waste Management has already dumped for the day, they’ll fill it back up, sometimes it’s full again; Mayor: Sometimes they can’t even get to the dumpsters, because of all the trash out in front of them; Amos: So, in addition to the cost Waste Management is charging us, it’s additionally costing the city money; Mayor: It’s costing both of us right now, yeah; it’s going to cost more later if we keep them; we’ve put out in our newsletter, in our online newsletters, Amanda Lemke puts out alerts and information; it’s just, there’s just no end to it, we keep getting more and more; with Amazon, everybody’s everything online, there’s tons of Amazon boxes there, tons of Amazon boxes; we have gotten names off of some of those Amazon boxes, and had deputies go visit people; ‘oh yeah, I didn’t know it wasn’t allowed’; they think if they throw them on the ground, that it’s still okay; if you put them in the dumpster, yeah that is okay, but don’t throw them on the
ground; they won’t come back tomorrow, because they’re there now, and they’ll just going to
dump them on the ground; Peoples: We’ve added 3 – we added 2 at Christmas, thinking that we
would be able to go ahead and get a bunch of stuff there, and then we added a third one; those
are all supposed to be temporary, the extra ones that are sitting there, and we just haven’t been
able to get them out of there.

Amos: I know that recycling is very big in our community, obviously; with Waste Management’s
contract next year, and taking into consideration things that are going on overseas, is it possible
for us to re-look at curbside, but also we have to factor in what’s going on – I just know that I’m
going to be asked this question – Mayor: If you can convince your residents, your neighbors, your
friends to pay $8.50 a month for curbside recycling, have at it; I don’t think they’re going to do it;
that’s now, that doesn’t include anything you’ve read – that I sent out to you, it’s going to go up
from there; Coolman: And that’s in addition to the trash pickup they’re paying already; Mayor: The
other thing is, they’re going to start taxing or adding fees on to residential curbside recycling if
they find hot loads there, too; it could be up to $15-$16 for every trip out; Peoples: This is not just a
Waste Management issue, it’s all over; Rumpke has a recycling station up in Columbus, it’s where -
most of the stuff in Columbus goes up there, they’re having trouble – Waste Management takes
recycling up there, and they’re having problems; Columbus City Schools are high in contamination;
Waste Management has their contract, sent it up there, and Rumpke is wanting to reject loads
from there, because they’re so bad; this is not just Waste Management, it’s not just central Ohio;
Oregon – I think one of them was from Seattle, one of the articles – the New York Times article
that’s in the packet; people up there are livid, they are the ‘green movement’; I think they claimed
it started up there, and to have them go through that – some of the headaches, they are irate
about it; these aren’t domestic suppliers that are taking some of this stuff, it’s all been China;
Amos: I know the question is going to come up about curbside recycling; having gone to several
graduation parties, I’ve probably answered that question probably 5 times this weekend; the
information you sent out there absolutely boggles my mind, I had no idea – Mayor: It’s been
coming, it’s been coming for several, several months; it just now really came to a head in the last 2
weeks; Jarvis: Most of it was news to me, too; the question before the group collectively here is
does the city stay in the recycling business when people don’t adhere to the rules, and now there’s
a fine system built into it? Personally, I’d say no, it’s a no-brainer; Mayor: 22,000 a week? Clark:
What do you need from us – to have our blessing, can you just remove those tomorrow? Mayor: I
can remove them whenever, but it would be nice to have you guys say ’yes, do it’; Peoples: And
understanding where we’re coming from – you guys are going to get calls as well, from residents
that are angry; right now, it’s not being recycled, it’s being dumped; Clark: I don’t have a problem
with doing a resolution, an ordinance or whatever and supporting that; I would also ask that a full
court press be put on from your newsletter and Amanda Lemke and others about why this was
done; Mayor: If anybody reads the newspaper, or listens to the news, they should know, but yes we
will do that; Coolman: Should we do that first, and let it absorb? Mayor: Well, the newsletter is not
coming out – Jackson: Yeah, there won’t be another newsletter until July; Amos: The fact that we
are already assessing charges from Waste Management, our city guys and our police department
is having to make – Mayor: Yeah, I know where you’re coming from; we can give them a couple of
weeks, we can put an alert out that we will be stopping; Jackson: We’ll put signage out there;
Peoples: Right at the station itself, that these are being removed; Lynch: I have no problem with
removing these dumpsters, if they’re contaminated, do away with it – it’s just become a headache altogether; I do think a lot of people want to do recycling, nationwide it really seems to be a push to want to do it; I guess my question is, Waste Management is looking to charge $8.50 per house? Mayor: That is the last pricing that we got from them probably about a year ago; it was $8.50 per month, and they had to have a minimum of 500 households on board to do it; Lynch: If it becomes mandatory throughout the community, does that come down? When we contract with them to do the recycling, are we paying based on what they will be making for the bulk commodity of what they’re selling? Because I was looking at the history of recycling commodities over the past since ’87, and they’ve gone up and down, up and down; there’s probably been 4 different peaks, and 5 different downfalls; it’s been steadying out, and right now it’s going down due to the whole China thing; do they factor that into the equation? Mayor: When Matt and I met with them last week, I asked specifically is there anything that’s holding - any recyclable item that’s holding its market rate, and the only thing they said is cardboard; everything else has gone way down; Lynch: They’re looking to do another paper recycling plant here in Ohio, and I think they’re focusing on cardboard, from what I’ve read; Mayor: You know, I’m not saying that that $8.50 is going to hold up in the future, it probably will not, because they have nowhere to go with it; you read these articles – if you’ve read them at all, the waste haulers are just stockpiling all of this stuff, and hoping that someday, some way they might have a way to get rid of it, but it’s not looking good; Lynch: It’s almost like the stock market, everything goes up and down, up and down, you kind of look at the long haul; Mayor: The glass market – glass, and even plastic market hasn’t been there for a long time; Lynch: It seemed to me, from what I read, the 2 sticking points are the glass costs for weight, and there’s no real end product other than fiberglass recycling for insulation; the plastics, because there’s so many different types – would Waste Management entertain just doing a limited amount of what actually gets recycled, instead of just doing glass – eliminate the glass and plastics, the trouble stuff, and just concentrate on paper? Mayor: We have signage back there that says ‘no glass, no this, no that’ – and it’s still going in there; Lynch: I’m talking curbside; Mayor: I don’t know; Jackson: I don’t think it’ll matter; Peoples: The mixed paper is causing a problem, because a lot of that has gone to China as well, so they’ve pretty much done away with mixed paper, and mixed plastics; that’s what they’ve done – years ago, when they first started recycling, you had to separate out the numbers of plastic, 1-7 or whatever it was; the newspaper, and then the slick flyers, you had to separate all of that; they figured out the processes that you could put it all together, and it would work for them; now it seems like they’re going back the other way; they only want cardboard, they only want newspaper, they only want number one plastics, that type of thing; the way they’re manufacturing them now – that trend seems to be going backwards; Walker: Do we know what the competition is – do we know what Groveport and their – Mayor: Right now, Groveport and some of the surrounding communities who had contracts early are still under their lower price for curbside recycling, but when their contract comes around – some of them may be breaking contracts, some of the waste haulers may be breaking contracts, or having amended contracts that ups the price, that’s happening; Walker: Mayor, we would be under contract as well, but we are being charged for something that’s basically gone wrong; we’re being charged for – that’s what I’m asking – if we’re doing it, then I would think that Groveport would be doing it with their waste management company, and be charged for that; Mayor: I don’t care about Groveport, what they’re doing; I’m concerned about here; Walker: Right, but that’s their competitor; Mayor: I haven’t called, and I’m not going to call; Peoples: They have curbside, and
theirs goes up to Rumpke, which is where ours goes, if it’s not contaminated as much; Walker: So they’d be charged as well; Peoples: They don’t have Waste Management, so I can’t answer that; Jackson: We’re being charged because technically the bins are in our name, Groveport doesn’t have that – Groveport, the individual households have the totes – they’re assessing the residents, that’s the difference; Walker: That’s what I was wanting to get at; the totes obviously, possibly are working? Jackson: I doubt it; Walker: They’re not being measured; Peoples: Waste Management has a few contracts, I don’t think within central Ohio or Franklin County, but companywide they said they’re going to do auditing once they hit 10% - on their commercial accounts, once they hit 10%, they’re moving into residential audits; they won’t pick it up – Mayor: That’s what I said, that’s when they’re going to start charging the curbside recycling residents and their customers a fee if they have a hot load in their tote, or their container, or whatever they’re using.

Jarvis: So we’re not hearing any objections to stop using the community bins; as far as the recycling question goes, it sounds like it’s a moving target; Mayor: It is – it may come back, I don’t think it’s coming back anytime the next year, who knows; if it does, then we’ll look at curbside recycling again; Walker: I’d like to ask that in the bill, the water bill or something that we put out the sign; Mayor: That’s the next time the newsletter goes out, too; we’ll put it out – I’ll have Amanda Lemke put something together, we’ll have it go out in an alert, we can put it out on our website, we can put it on our Facebook, we can do all those things that everybody says they read; Walker: We got such great feedback on a lot of things by that letter, just the survey for the parks, everything; I think a lot of people do read that; Mayor: From the day the letter goes out, or the day those alerts go out, I’ll give it 2 weeks; Amos: I believe the picture speaks a thousand words; Mayor: Oh, yeah; Amos: Some of those are atrocious – if people saw what was going on; Walker: That’s what I was going to ask, too – what’s the chances of – is that what you’re going to do, is maybe post that? That Wall Street Journal picture – Mayor: We’ll get some news articles out there, probably the one we got from Waste Management would be the most effective, and the waste haulers; there’s just – there’s all kinds of stuff out there, all kinds of news articles right now, and has been for about 2 weeks or better; Walker: I’ll probably just carry around this with me, just for the people that are asking on the street, which they will; Clark: I think you just say ‘22,000 a week’, because they’ve all been contaminated, and they continue to be; Coolman: Not only that, but if anybody’s been up here; Memorial Day weekend, I came by here to go to my office and I was appalled, because you couldn’t even – trash was so grossly on the ground; it wasn’t even an attempt to make sure it was recyclable, it was just plastic bags of garbage thrown there, as well as boxes that weren’t broken down; it was so gross, that it was way out into the drive lane of that parking lot; if you want to talk about the overabundance of trash that’s just being thrown there, and the eyesore that it is, that’s one thing; we’re coming into the summer months – if it sits there for a long weekend, it’s now a health hazard; rats, raccoons – now you’ve got a health problem that could be a society breakout; Mayor: I spent 3 weekends in a row, it was probably April, I don’t know exactly when it was – April or May; every Sunday, my grandson and I would take a trip back here, I’d say ‘let’s go back to the recycling center, see what’s going on’; every time, every time we caught somebody laying stuff on the ground; they were placing it nicely, and I’d say ‘sir’ or ‘ma’am, you know that’s littering?’; ‘oh no, I didn’t know that’; I said ‘there’s the sign that says it is’; they pick it up, they take it with them then; Walker: So Mayor, something to the effect in that letter, and what we put out on Facebook will be ‘hey, we’re about to be charged this $22,000’ – or whatever it is, the fine per week, because
it’s a mess; I just want to make sure that we’re covering, since we’re supporting it; Lynch: So my question is – down the road, let’s say the commodities market does go up, and there does become more of a use for recyclable material; it could happen, the United States can change the standards, figure out a way to process more of this stuff, or maybe China – Mayor: Canada might take it, who knows; Lynch: Canada might take it, Europe might take it, who knows; if that happens, and there’s an upturn – is there a chance we can go into curbside recycling? When is our contract up with Waste Management to where that can actually become possible to start to investigate curbside recycling? Mayor: I think it’s 2 years yet; Peoples: 2020 – it is September of 2020; Lynch: And at that point we can look into the possibility of doing curbside; a lot can quite honestly happen between now and then; Mayor: We wouldn’t have to wait that long, we could do it in the middle of the contract, that would be something separate anyway, curbside recycling; we could do it anytime we want, if the price is right; we have to make sure that the residents are getting treated fairly, and not getting skyjacked; Walker: That’s why I was asking about the competition, as far as – that is a different place that they get in Groveport, Worthington I think, it’s all the same – Grove City, I think they all use the same, it’s a different company; what Mr. Lynch is asking, into that contract, if they’re willing to do it for the same price that we’re paying now – without it having an increase; Peoples: They’re all in the SWACO consortiums; they group together, they get pricing for that; I think we’re one of the few that is not in the consortium, and that’s because we have Waste Management here in town; we have the transfer station, and we have the 10-year contract; they just opened up their third consortium; I think Groveport and Madison Township are in consortium #2; the original one was Reynoldsburg, Gahanna, Westerville; Lynch: And those are through SWACO, right? Not Waste Management; Peoples: Yes, SWACO, not Waste Management – we’ve met with SWACO, they’ve invited us into the consortium; obviously we still have the contract with Waste Management; those are things that we will be looking into when we go through the process; keep in mind, it’s a corporate resident that we have here in town, that provides a lot of jobs; Lynch: That I understand; so what you’re saying is it’s probably not a good idea to have SWACO and Waste Management both here; Peoples: It would be one or the other, you can’t do both residential at one time; Lynch: So if we did any kind of curbside, it would have to be until 2020; Peoples: We’ve been meeting with SWACO over the past couple of years on curbside recycling; that’s where the mayor quoted those figures – the $8.50; we’ve met with Waste Management, they’ve seen this coming for quite some time, their rates are higher than what the other consortiums were; Lynch: Waste Management was higher than SWACO – Peoples: Yes; Mayor: They’ve been very, very upfront with us for the last 2 years; when others were saying ‘recycle, recycle, recycle’, they kept saying ‘this is why you don’t want to recycle right now’; it’s come to a head; Lynch: That’s interesting, Waste Management has a ton of information online about recycling; I mean, a lot of it; Mayor: That’ll probably be going away; Peoples: We’re looking at adding $8.50 a month to residents’ bills; Lynch: For Waste Management? Peoples: Yeah, for Waste Management; so that’s where they were saying ‘you may want to think about not recycling right now’, because they knew that the prices were going to be high, compared to what some of the others were charging; Lynch: And that’s $8.50 based on 400 people? Mayor: 500 households; Jarvis: I think this thing is changing as we’re talking; Coolman: My question is – since it was based on 500 households participating, how many did they estimate we really had willing to participate at that time? Peoples: That was up to us, whether we went the subscription model or the all-inclusive model; Mayor: If we go with subscription, we now become the billing agency, correct?
They told us that one day; Lynch: But it's all inclusive; if it's all inclusive for everyone, they still handle it with the regular monthly trash bill, right? Mayor: Wait a minute – was it all inclusive, or subscription? Peoples: All inclusive; Mayor: All-inclusive that we become the billing agency; Walker: This will be a matter that will be discussed later anyway; right now the matter at hand is the bins we have at the moment; thank you, Mayor Ebert.

G. Old/New Business - NONE
H. Adjournment @ 6:47 p.m.

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

Yes 6 – Jarvis, Clark, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Walker