



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 8, 2013
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jerry Cleworth presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Renee Staley, Seat A
 Perry Walley, Seat B
 Jim Matherly, Seat D
 Lloyd Hilling, Seat E
 John Eberhart, Seat F

Absent: Bernard Gatewood, Seat C (Excused)

Also Present: Pat Cole, Chief of Staff
 Warren Cummings, Fire Chief
 Ernie Misewicz, Assistant Fire Chief
 Paul Ewers, City Attorney
 Janey Hovenden, City Clerk

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Janey Hovenden.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Cleworth led the Flag Salutation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kaitlyn Morse, Executive Director of North Star Youth Court – Ms. Morse stated that the Youth Court is the only alternative juvenile justice program in the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB). She expressed gratefulness to the Council for supporting the program for so many years. Ms. Morse stated that because the North Star Youth Court's (NSYC) rental lease is expiring soon and because the City wishes to use the space for storage, the youth court will soon be relocating to the Sadler's Building. Ms. Morse stated that NSYC serves more than 100 clients per year, including youth who have committed first-time, misdemeanor offenses within the FNSB. She introduced various members of the youth court system and spoke to how the criminal cases are handled.

Jazzanne Fretwell, NSYC Board of Directors Member – Ms. Fretwell stated her belief that the youth court has a positive impact on the youth in the Fairbanks area. She expressed hope that the City would continue to offer its support to NSYC in the future.

Jezzroy Gordon Wolfe, NSYC Prosecuting Attorney – Mr. Wolfe stated that the youth court allows youth like him to learn the law in a hands-on way. He expressed his intent to attend law school and eventually become a District Attorney.

Zach Mason, NSYC Defense Attorney – Mr. Mason stated that more than 2,000 hours of community work service (CWS) is performed by youth involved with NSYC every year. He stated that in 2012, the CWS efforts benefited more than 20 local non-profit organizations.

Charles Mason, Parent of Zach Mason – Mr. Mason pointed out that the NSYC saves the State of Alaska over \$1 million in costs. He spoke highly of the program, commenting on the difference it makes in kids' lives.

Mr. Matherly asked how it is determined that a case be sent to youth court and what types of penalties the youth court imposes that differ from the State Court System.

Ms. Morse stated that Alaska is a unique state in that it allows for true youth courts to exist. She explained that first offenders are typically sent to the Fairbanks Youth Facility to work with a probation officer, who then refers the youth to the NSYC. She stated that some cases are forwarded to the NSYC from the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Zach Mason explained that sentencing typically requires a youth to complete a certain number of CWS hours, an essay, a poster, and/or participate in a youth mediation program.

Mr. Wolfe added that sentencing for alcohol-related offenses involves alcohol awareness class which educates youth on the harmful effects of alcohol consumption.

Mr. Matherly commented on the impact that the program must have because it involves youth helping their peers.

Julie Houten, Parent of Zach Mason – Ms. Houten testified that the NSYC program has had a tremendously positive effect on her son. She spoke highly of the organization and its operation.

Greg Allison, Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor's Center – Mr. Allison provided an update of activities that the Fairbanks Convention and Visitor's Bureau (FCVB) Tourism Department has been involved in over the past couple months. He expressed excitement that Frontier Airlines will be offering direct flights from Denver, CO to Fairbanks in the summer of 2013. He shared that FCVB's Tourism Sales Manager will be attending workshops in Japan and South Korea to represent Fairbanks as a tourist destination. He reported other recent activities and efforts of FCVB staff and expressed excitement about the future of destination marketing in Fairbanks.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Allison what FCVB is doing to promote tourism during the 2014 Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. Allison stated that the 2014 Arctic Winter Games is a member partner with FCVB and that he and his team are promoting the event whenever possible.

Tim Sovde, 402 Bonnifield Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Sovde spoke in favor of Resolution No. 4569. He pointed out that the resolution and its addendum was published in the most recent issue of *The Woodshed*. He stated that proponents of the United Nations’ Agenda 21 Program and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) are present in our community and are working through the Planning and Zoning Department at FNSB. He expressed concern with the consequences of implementing Agenda 21 stating that it could create barriers to an individual’s ability to have a clear title to land. He commended the Council for introducing Resolution No. 4569 and for serving the Fairbanks citizens in a responsible manner.

Mr. Hilling asked what Mr. Sovde referred to as “non-conforming” property in his testimony.

Mr. Sovde explained the definition of a “non-conforming” property as one that does not have the required setbacks for the type of zoning in which it lies. He stated that Agenda 21 supporters are gaining control of private property and its uses through the Planning and Zoning Department.

Mr. Eberhart asked how Agenda 21 would interfere with private property rights.

Mr. Sovde stated that in the major rezoning that occurred about ten years ago, the Borough changed the naming of certain types of properties and prescribed acceptable uses for those properties without any recourse. He provided another recent example of how Agenda 21 may interfere with private property rights.

Mr. Eberhart asked if there was some correlation between the rewrite of FNSB’s Title 17 and Agenda 21.

Mr. Sovde stated that Agenda 21 isn’t a document that stands alone. He explained that similar reports preceded Agenda 21 and that efforts to place restrictions on private property have been active since the 1970’s.

Mr. Matherly admitted that until he saw Resolution No. 4569, he did not know much about Agenda 21. He asked what the Borough’s response would be if they were asked about their support of or subscription to Agenda 21.

Mr. Sovde replied that he does not know what the Borough would say. He stated that the Planning Commission may hedge specific questions.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Sovde if he would agree that land use decisions are sometimes affected by outside influence and that the Borough may be “slipping” Agenda 21 in without calling it what it is.

Mr. Sovde shared an experience regarding conditional use when members were told to ignore covenants when determining land use permits. He stated that instances like that indicate that the powers that be are willing to ignore legally-binding contracts in the process of decision making.

Frank Turney, 201 7th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney commended the Fairbanks Youth Court for their positive contribution to the youth in the community. He commented that he wishes the program had been around when he was a juvenile. He thanked Mr. Hilling for his work in

preparing and introducing Resolution No. 4569. He explained that the “21” in Agenda 21 refers to the 21st century and that it is the action plan implemented worldwide to inventory and control all land, property, water, materials, plants, animals, construction, means of production and education, information and human beings. He stated that it has also been said that Agenda 21 is a plan for a new world order through global governance. He commented that while the topic is a little foreign to him, it seems scary. Mr. Turney asked Mayor Cleworth if the City has received the medical examiner’s report regarding the death of Mr. Wallace who died some months back in the downtown post office. He suggested that there be a jury inquest to determine the cause of death in Mr. Wallace’s case.

Mr. Buberger, PO Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger reported that a Fairbanks police officer nearly rammed him on the roadway while talking on a cell phone. He suggested that police officers should not be permitted to talk on cell phones while operating a vehicle. He stated that overall, the Fairbanks police are doing a good job and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Mr. Buberger spoke to the poor condition of several streets in Fairbanks, stating that there are some major dips that need to be repaired.

David Lerman, 126 2nd Avenue, #15, Fairbanks – Mr. Lerman stated his candidacy for the 2013 Municipal Election. He spoke to the upcoming spring cleanup efforts and suggested that special attention be given to the vacant land between the Bentley Mall and Fred Meyer that contains a large amount of trash and debris. Mr. Lerman stated that although his apartment complex has been renovated, the owner will not open the laundry room in the basement for fear of vandalism. He indicated that this is a sign that a renaissance has not been reached in Fairbanks. He spoke in support of Marc Marlow’s intent to renovate the Polaris Building downtown and suggested that Mr. Marlow is in a jam. Mr. Lerman spoke to the need for a Renovation Task force and a waiving of building permit fees in order to spark interest in renovation throughout Fairbanks. He suggested that the City look into playing background music during Council Meetings.

Mr. Eberhart asked what “jam” Mr. Marlow is in.

Mr. Lerman commented that he was once told that “jam” means “just add money.” He explained that Mr. Marlow has good intentions, but that he does not have the financial means to follow through with his renovation plan. He suggested that if more like-minded individuals were involved, progress could be made.

Mr. Eberhart asked Mr. Lerman when he last spoke to Mr. Marlow and if they had discussed the March deadline.

Mr. Lerman replied that he spoke with Mr. Marlow about a month ago and that they did not discuss the deadline. He stated that Mr. Marlow informed him that he has partners and equity and that he intends to go before the City Council to present his case. Mr. Lerman referred to the potential renovation of the Polaris Building as a miracle and stated that he is impressed by Mr. Marlow’s intentions.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Lerman if he has spoken to the owner of the vacant land between the Bentley Mall and Fred Meyer about the garbage in the area. He stated that the City cannot force owners of private property to do anything. He suggested that Mr. Lerman also speak with the

owner of his apartment complex to make arrangements for tenants to use the laundry area. **Mr. Matherly** asked Mr. Lerman if he has done research on Mr. Marlow.

Mr. Lerman stated that he has not done any research on Mr. Marlow other than reading what has been in the newspaper.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Cleworth** declared Public Testimony closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Eberhart**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hilling pulled Resolution No. 4569 from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Cleworth pulled the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013 from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Cleworth called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

City Clerk Hovenden stated that there were no Consent Agenda items to read into the record.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Eberhart**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013.

Mayor Cleworth pointed out a technical error under Mayor's Comments and Report on page six of the meeting minutes. He stated that the legislation he was referring to should have been House Bill 74, not House Bill 4.

Mayor Cleworth called for objection on the APPROVAL the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013, as Corrected and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Applications for renewal:

Lic #	Establishment Name	License Type	Premise Location	Owner Name
77	300 Club	Beverage Dispensary	940 Cowles Street	Karen A Meadows-Sours
145	Boatel Bar	Beverage Dispensary	Mile 2 Airport Road	AbieNeubauerInc

2512	2 Go Mart #114	Package Store	2110 Peger Road	Tesoro Northstore Company
4216	2 Go Mart #115	Package Store	99 College Rd	Tesoro Northstore Company
4488	R.J.'s Lounge & Grill	Beverage Dispensary	3450 Airport Rd	Roy J Stoltz
4565	2Go Tesoro	Package Store	3569 S Cushman	Tesoro Northstore Company
4858	Southern Wine and Spirits of Alaska	Wholesale General	1200 Wells Street - Bay 2	Southern-Odom Wine and Spirits of Alaska LLC
4862	Southern Wine and Spirits of Alaska	Wholesale General	3101 Peger Rd - Bay 2	Southern-Odom Wine and Spirits of Alaska LLC

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to WAIVE protest on the Liquor License Applications for renewal.

Mayor Cleworth called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Walley, Matherly, Hilling, Eberhart, Staley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gatewood

Mayor Cleworth declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Cleworth asked if anyone would like to speak to future possibilities for the Polaris Building.

Robert Shields, Executive Director of Alliance for Reason and Knowledge – Mr. Shields gave a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation on the Fairbanks Agricultural Resiliency Market, an alternative renaissance project for the Polaris Building. He stated that the mission of the organization is to provide educational opportunities that are enriching to individuals and empowering to communities. He stated that there are already many individuals, businesses and organizations interested in the vertical farming program. Mr. Shields spoke to the historical significance of the Polaris Building and expressed his belief that the structure would be a vital part of the future in Downtown Fairbanks. He provided five reasons why the Polaris Building would be an ideal location for vertical farming: 1) the Polaris Building is the largest structure in the downtown area and its renovation would spark a renaissance throughout the City of Fairbanks; 2) the cost of demolishing and disposing of the building is staggering; 3) people fear change and the renovation of the Polaris Building would prove that a historical structure can be integrated into the future, thus uniting the community; 4) Fairbanks has a short growing season and drastic climate changes which make it difficult to maintain food security; and 5) the “Looking for Love” campaign demonstrated that there is a great community interest in the development of the property. Mr. Shields provided a brief history of vertical farming and spoke to his vision of what vertical farming would mean in Fairbanks.

Mr. Matherly expressed his appreciation for Mr. Shields' enthusiasm. He asked Mr. Shields what he would do if he and his organization could not meet the price and deadline requirements of the seller. He commented that the biggest economic issue in Fairbanks is fuel—not food—and indicated that the vertical garden concept may be a “tough sell.”

Mr. Shields stated that his organization just launched their campaign last week and that they have a goal to raise \$1 million. He stated his belief that many people are waiting to see the organization's business plan before pledging their support.

Mr. Matherly stated that he believes the vertical gardening idea has some value, but questioned the choice of location because of its size.

Mr. Shields acknowledged Mr. Matherly's point. He stated that when the location issue has been brought up in the past, the proponents of the organization have still come back to the Polaris Building as their first choice for a location. He stated that he has been working on this program for fifteen years and that he has based his career on making Fairbanks a strong, resilient community. Mr. Shields indicated that if his team comes up short of the \$1 million dollar goal and are not able to make a deal with Mr. Marlow, they will invest the funds raised towards creating agriculture and infrastructure for the Interior.

Mr. Eberhart commented that vertical gardening is an interesting idea. He asked Mr. Shields to speak to his background and experience as it pertains to this type of project.

Mr. Shields stated that he graduated from Lathrop High School in 1994 and studied natural resource management in college. He stated that he has spent the last ten years in Portland, Oregon learning about sustainable development. He explained that he started a company dedicated to full-service sustainability and conservation of renewable energies. Mr. Shields stated that he also started a television show pertaining to sustainability that is broadcast throughout the state of Oregon. He spoke to his work with Beam Development and the Portland Development Commission to design a similar vertical gardening project in Downtown Portland.

Mr. Eberhart asked Mr. Shields if he has crunched the numbers to see if the energy and operation costs are affordable.

Mr. Shields stated that he completed the financial analysis based on the assumption that the organization could obtain a zero interest loan from the bank. He stated that he accounted for \$100,000 per year in operation costs and \$10,000 per year in property taxes.

Mr. Eberhart stated that he did not recall discussing a letter of support from the City. He asked Mayor Cleworth to address the letter in his comments.

Mr. Walley asked how much food could be produced by the operation and if it would supply local grocers.

Mr. Shields explained that even if the entire structure was dedicated to producing lettuce, it would not meet the demand for lettuce in Fairbanks. He stated his hopes that the tenants of the vertical garden would supply produce to downtown restaurants and businesses.

Mr. Walley asked Mr. Shields why he believes Fairbanks is the best place to start a vertical garden.

Mr. Shields stated that this particular concept has not been done anywhere in the U.S., but that it has been done in the U.K. and in China. He explained that he chose Fairbanks because it is so far removed from major food production and because of the food security issues in the area. He indicated that if the entire structure could be used for food production, it could increase Interior Alaska's total food production by 34% and create over 100 new jobs.

Mr. Hilling asked if the \$60-80 million figure in the PowerPoint presentation was the approximate cost of fully renovating the Polaris Building.

Mr. Shields replied in the negative. He clarified that total renovation costs to bring the structure up to fully operational standards would be roughly \$18-20 million. He stated that the \$60-80 million figure was an estimate the full renovation and the cost of constructing a new annex.

Mr. Hilling stated that he hasn't noticed poor food quality in local supermarkets. He asked Mr. Shields to speak to the food quality issue.

Mr. Shields spoke to the difference between visual appearance and nutritional quality. He explained that many foods lose nutritional value within the first 24-48 hours. He pointed out that foods are typically about a week old before they arrive in local grocery stores.

Mr. Eberhart asked Mr. Shields if there is asbestos in the Polaris Building.

Mr. Shields stated that the structural report of the building did not mention asbestos. He stated that the report found minimal levels of lead.

Mr. Eberhart asked if the presence of asbestos would pose a problem to the vertical garden project.

Mr. Shields stated that because most of the renovations will be cosmetic and because the best way to deal with asbestos is encapsulation, it may not necessarily be an issue. He spoke to Mr. Marlow's plan to renovate the structure into a residential apartment complex.

Ms. Staley asked what types of funding are available with zero interest.

Mr. Shields stated that he has already invested a year of work and \$25,000 in the project. He commented that the zero interest loan in the business plan was not based on any particular funding source, but was used to simplify the analysis. He stated that there are many USDA, Homeland Security, Department of Agriculture and Community Development grants available for this type of project. He indicated that phase one of the project is aimed at gathering community support.

Mayor Cleworth stated that Mr. Marlow called at the end of March and requested a Work Session with the City Council. He announced that the meeting has been scheduled for the first

week in May. **Mayor Cleworth** stated that Mr. Marlow has indicated that he has a partner in the Anchorage area and that if his current plan doesn't work, he intends to discontinue his efforts to renovate the Polaris Building. He spoke to the letter of support from the City to Mr. Shields for the vertical garden project. He stated that the letter was very generic and stated that the City was willing to work with anyone who could make good use of the property. **Mayor Cleworth** spoke to the City's legislative request, stating that the Senate has approved \$1 million in their capital budget appropriations for City road improvements and \$625,000 for heavy-duty apparatus. He clarified that the request must still go through the House. **Mayor Cleworth** commended Helen Renfrew, Director of Meetings & Conventions at FCVB, for her work in preparation of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention. He applauded those who spoke on behalf of Fairbanks as a location for the 2014 AFN Convention at the recent bid presentation. **Mayor Cleworth** stated that the City is still waiting for an autopsy report for the death of Mr. Wallace. He assured those concerned that the City will share the information as soon as the results are in.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4569 – A Resolution of Nonparticipation with the United Nations Agenda 21 Program and with its Corollary International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). Introduced by Council Member Hilling.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Ms. Staley**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4569.

Mr. Hilling expressed hope that his fellow Council Members would come forward with any questions or concerns about Resolution No. 4569 and that he may be more prepared to answer questions about the resolution by the Next Regular Meeting. He spoke to the Agenda 21 document, indicating that it infringes upon the rights and sovereignty of a nation's citizens.

Mayor Cleworth clarified that Resolution No. 4569 is currently up for approval, not advancement.

Mr. Hilling spoke to the Borough's limited participation in ICLEI and stated that he was unclear as to exactly how that participation through land use might infringe on the freedoms of local citizens. He recommended that the City avoid involving itself with the ICLEI.

Mayor Cleworth commented that there are always winners and losers when it comes to an attempt to achieve socio-economic equity. He quoted the saying that "Capitalism is a horrible system, but it's the best one we've got." He stated that the one fault of socialism is that it fails to take human nature into account. He briefly spoke to some portions of Agenda 21 that were contrary to his beliefs.

Mr. Eberhart commented on the large amount of reading material that had just been handed out to the Council in regards to Agenda 21 and Resolution No. 4569. He stated he would like to have the time to review the material before making a decision. He asked if any other Council Members have had the time to read the addendum to Resolution No. 4569.

Mr. Eberhart moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 4569.

Mayor Cleworth declared the motion died for lack of a second.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4569 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Staley, Matherly, Hilling, Eberhart, Walley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gatewood
Mayor Cleworth declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4569 APPROVED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Reports

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Staley stated that she would be meeting with the Fairbanks Parking Authority Board on Wednesday. She thanked Mr. Matherly for attending the Borough Assembly meeting in her absence.

Mr. Walley reminded everyone that he will be attending the next meeting telephonically.

Mr. Matherly expressed his sympathy in the passing of Frank Barnes, a World War II veteran and the father of a very close friend. He spoke to the Polaris Building discussion and to his personal inclination that the City should not waive permit fees for any owner of a deteriorated property. He offered hope to Mr. Shields' plan of a vertical garden, stating that it seems much more viable than a \$60-80 million overhaul, but still suggested that the Polaris Building may be the wrong location for such a program. **Mr. Matherly** spoke to the AFN event at the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor's Center and boasted that Fairbanks is a very hospitable, visitor-friendly place.

Mayor Cleworth added that General Garrett, from Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson, also made comments that Fairbanks was unique in its hospitality.

Mr. Hilling stated that he did not second Mr. Eberhart's motion to postpone Resolution No. 4569 because he was anxious to see it approved. He commented that his primary opposition to Agenda 21 pertains to the property rights of individuals. He spoke to the zoning and covenant powers of municipalities. **Mr. Hilling** spoke to the upcoming Council vote on Ordinance No. 5917 pertaining to garbage service fees and to his belief that businesses should somewhat subsidize the rate for residences because they use more City services. He stated that while he has been in favor of placing the service fees into the City's mill rate, he may have changed his mind. He explained that he recently had a conversation with Donna Gilbert who challenged him to prove that her business uses more City services than a local residence. He indicated that his position on the issue is not clear at this time.

Mayor Cleworth stated that the City's Dispatch Center logs 9-1-1 calls but cannot differentiate between commercial and residential calls. He stated that he is looking for a way to get some "loose" numbers for Mr. Hilling without having to hire a firm to complete an in-depth study.

Mr. Eberhart stated his interest in knowing the savings to residential garbage customers and the increase to commercial properties if the garbage service fees were to be placed into the City's mill rate. He commented on the recent crash of Helo-1 that killed two Alaska State Troopers and a passenger and expressed his respect to the men and women in law enforcement who risk their lives every day to protect our country's citizens. **Mr. Eberhart** spoke to military cutbacks and to how those reductions are beginning to show through the cancellation of events and programs. He stated that the Housing First Project will be undergoing its first six-month evaluation by the state and commented on the success of the program thus far. **Mr. Eberhart** announced that the next Public Safety Commission will be on April 15, 2013 in the City Council Chambers at 11:30 A.M. He summarized the agenda for the upcoming meeting and stated that there will be a presentation by Pat Cole and Chief Zager on the public safety officer concept.

Mayor Cleworth explained that the public safety officer concept varies widely from municipality to municipality. He stated that it can be a fully integrated system where there is only one public safety department, or it can be implemented in a way that requires only certain staff to be cross-trained. He stated that Mr. Cole and Chief Zager will explain the concept and provide the pros and cons to both sides of the issue. **Mayor Cleworth** spoke to Ordinance No. 5917 which addresses garbage service fees. He stated that the best estimate to the effect on the mill rate for commercial properties would be .79% increase or a \$790 increase on a \$1 million property value. He stated that the average residential garbage customer is currently paying \$294 per year and that the new rate would be less than half of that on a \$200,000 home. **Mayor Cleworth** indicated that residential properties with a value of \$400,000 or less would see a savings in the rate. He stated that senior citizens who fall under the property exemption value cutoff would not pay a garbage service fee at all. He spoke to the pros and cons of placing the service fee under the property tax and to the current mill rate.

Mr. Eberhart asked what the total value of commercial property is within the City.

Mayor Cleworth replied that the City collects a total of about \$12 million in property taxes and that roughly 60–65% of that is commercial.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

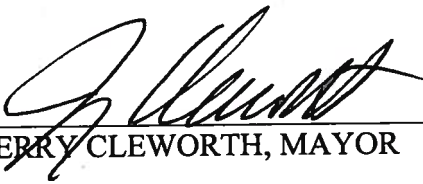
City Attorney Ewers stated that the Mayor's earlier comment about capitalism may have been paraphrasing the Winston Churchill quote about democracy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Matherly moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Mayor Cleworth called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Cleworth declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.


JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

for 
JANEY HOVENDEN, CMC, CITY CLERK

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