

MINUTES

City Council of the City of Jeffersonville
Monday, April 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Jeffersonville, GA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Shannon Hart
Councilman Mack Bryant
Councilman Victor Jordan
Councilman Jeff Lempke
Councilman Daniel Young

GUESTS:

Chief Oscar Basley
Otis Clark
Garry Garretson
Tim Lake
Pope Langstaff, City Attorney
Broderick Stanley
Trey Yates

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shannon Hart called the April 8 City Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The opening prayer was given by Councilman Victor Jordan, and Mayor Shannon Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hart offered the City's deepest sympathy to the family of Gracie Lee Bryant, the mother of Councilperson Annie Williams and aunt of Councilman Victor Jordan.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Hart then called the roll and indicated Councilpersons Virginia Hollings and Annie Williams and Councilman Richard Stone were absent.

ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Salary Proposal

The first guest, Officer Trey Yates, said he had crunched some numbers and is asking for a \$2.50/hour raise noting that he feels he is an asset to the City. Councilman Victor Jordan asked Mr. Yates' current salary, and he responded \$10.00/hour, which is \$21,840/year. A \$1.00/hour raise would total \$24,024/year; \$2.00/hour raise would total \$26,208/year; and \$2.50/hour raise would total \$27,300/year. Mr. Yates noted that the Sheriff's Office started him out at \$11.50/hour as a Deputy. He mentioned that a lot of small local agencies such as McIntyre, Gordon, and Wilkinson County bump you on up, and that Gordon's salary for that position is between \$15.00 - \$17.00/hour. However, the City of Gordon does not have take home cars, so the compensation is more.

Streetscape Project

Tim Lake said his company is very close to proceeding with the streetscape project. He has contacted Twiggs County Commission Chairman Ken Fowler, and the Chairman is waiting on their attorney to draft a contract for the demolition portion. Mr. Lake is in the process of doing a preconstruction walkthrough with the contractor, Jordan Development Partners, and with Chairman Fowler and Danny Sanders of the Twiggs County's Road Department. Mr. Sanders noted that the County had to replace the water main when the Courthouse area was redone because the water line was between 8" and 12" deep. The environmental work has been done on this corridor and did not include digging to see how deep utilities are; but when this was brought up, valve covers were pulled and they found that the water line in front of the businesses is very shallow and because it is an old water line, Garry Garretson was asked to look at this and make recommendations. It was agreed that this section of the water line between Ash and Church Streets should be replaced at this time, and it is strongly recommended to the City to do this. Normally these lines are 18" or deeper. This line could be damaged during the streetscape project. Mr. Lake noted that there may be GEFA funds available to assist with this project. Mr. Garretson has done everything to keep this under budget. Councilman Jeff Lempke asked if the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse is included in this project running from Magnolia Street to Church Street, and Mr. Lake said it was. Mr. Lake also said Mr. Garretson had a plan to save the tree by running the lines around it. These new water lines will give the current and future businesses a clean and safe water supply.

Councilman Victor Jordan asked why engineers had not checked this out before so it could be in the total plan. "This pipe didn't just get in their yesterday—it's been in there 50 hundred years. Seems like that should have been in the overall planning. . . That's the purpose of having an engineering firm to come in. They are supposed to know all of this stuff. This is supposed to be a package deal. I don't understand that." Mr. Lake said the streetscape work is to address the sidewalks primarily—sidewalks, everything in that layer, street trees, and plantings. It is not to do subsurface investigation. He said that in the normal course of this work, it is customary to have a surveyor come in to get topographical elevations, spot elevations, and to locate utilities. Utilities are located by the municipality or the UPC coming out to see where those utilities run. They do not dig down to determine the depths of those utilities. That would be a special

circumstance only. It is not a part of the DOT mandate for this type work to be done. Reputable companies did the surveys, and they were not aware of the shallowness of this line until the Twiggs County Road Superintendent brought it up. Twiggs County was not aware of it until they began grading dirt and hit the line. Councilman Jordan said, "I probably know more about what happened to that line at the Courthouse than Danny do—see Danny's just shooting air. See I know what caused that, cause the tree root pushed all that stuff up. What Danny's talking about is blowing wind. But I know before you do any digging, someone is supposed to mark all these lines and things and know that this is here. We pay engineers good money for that, and I think they should have done their homework. I don't think the City of Jeffersonville is supposed to do it. That's just my opinion. I'm just one councilman." Mr. Lake said they knew the line was there, but did not know the depth of it. Councilman Lempke asked if the company dug a few holes after finding this out. Mr. Lake said they pulled valve covers to find out that the lines were at 12" and possibly more shallow than that in some places. Councilman Daniel Young clarified that from Mr. Lake's experience, he could almost guarantee that this pipe will break up during the streetscape project if it is not replaced. Mr. Lake said he would bet that there would be issues with it given what it is and how long it has been there.

Councilman Lempke asked if the proposal was just to replace this line deeper. Garry Garretson said that when he looked at this, he totally agreed that this line needs to be moved. He posed the question, why go to all of the expense of putting the new concrete and landscaping on top of something that will give you a problem? He noted that most of the businesses from Church to Ash Streets are served from the back off of Library Street. They looked at tying on at the Courthouse and then bringing a 6" all the way back down. Prices were quoted from two contractors currently under contract, and that price ranged from \$35,000 - \$40,000. The next option was to tie on at the County's line on the other side of the cedar tree and run a 2" line down to China Wok tying all those services and putting a new fire hydrant on the Courthouse block. One contractor gave a price of about \$19,500, and the other gave a price of \$18,000, which is PCF and also includes putting in the meters. Mr. Garretson's recommendation was to go with the 2" line. Mr. Garretson referred the members to the Project Budget Summary and said that the amount of money they have to work with is \$422,092. The total Committed Funds are \$343,438, leaving the balance of uncommitted funds at \$78,654. Mr. Garretson is recommending to put \$18,000 towards the uncommitted funds to address the water main problem still leaving \$60,654 to do whatever the City feels needs done or do nothing with it and not borrow that money. Mr. Garretson said it is fortunate the City has this as an option because he did not know what the City would do if these funds were not available.

Councilman Lempke clarified that Mr. Garretson is suggesting coming from the cedar tree with a 2" line to the China Wok with the other businesses getting their service from the back. Mr. Garretson said there are four services; the 911 building, two meters on the corner, and a meter in front of the China Wok. The line will start at the cedar tree with a fire hydrant there, then a 2" line will be brought down to reconnect all of the services, terminate it, cap it, and then just abandon the 6" cast iron in place and take it out of service. Councilman Lempke said this line does serve the loop, and Mr. Garretson agreed. Councilman Young asked about the fire hydrant. Mr. Garretson said there is a fire hydrant at Church and Railroad, but one is also needed at Ash and Railroad.

Mayor Hart entertained a motion to expend \$18,000 in GEFA funds for this improvement to the water line underneath the streetscape. Councilman Mack Bryant clarified that it would not cost the City any money, and the Mayor replied that the improvement would come from the GEFA funds, which the City already has but just needs to repurpose for this. Councilman Jeff Lempke made a motion to go ahead and accept the bid from PCF for \$18,000 to get the water line relocated, with Councilman Daniel Young seconding. Councilman Victor Jordan said “He made a motion to accept the bid, I hadn’t seen no bid. If someone saw one, I didn’t see one.” Councilman Lempke said he did not see the bid, but pointed out the figure of \$18,000 on the Project Budget Summary. Mr. Garretson told Councilman Jordan that he prepared the sketches and showed him Sam Hall’s proposal to replace the 6” pipe at \$33,768, and the 2” pipe at \$19,465. The bid from PCF for the Alternative B, the 2” pipe, came in at \$18,000. Mr. Garretson said this was handled informally. Councilman Jordan said “Minutes are law. He made a motion that we accept the bid. I read here PCF Construction—no bid.” Councilman Jeff Lempke said he did not know whether he needed to amend his motion that the City take PCF Construction’s Alternative B bid since they did not provide an Alternative A bid. Councilman Young pointed out that this would not legally have to go through advertisement and through the paper because the City already has the funds. Councilman Jordan said “That is my concern, legally, can we do that?—that’s my only concern. I’m not fighting the work; I just want to do it legal. I don’t want to be on Channel 13 News. I want to be legal. That is what I’m saying.” Mayor Hart asked City Attorney Pope Langstaff if the City goes with PCF to replace the water pipe, will they make the news. Mr. Langstaff said he could not guarantee whether or not the City would make the news, but he was trying to remember if there is a minimum threshold in the City’s Charter to the point you have to bid out by advertisement. He suggested approving this subject to him looking at the Charter and Code making sure it is not being violated. Councilman Jeff Lempke then amended his motion to accept PCF Construction’s Alternative B proposal to replace the water line pending the City Attorney’s review of the City’s Charter for legality. Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion. Mr. Langstaff said if it turns out it does need to be bid out formally, did Council want to go ahead and do a motion for that? Tim Lake noted that this is a change order or amendment to an existing contract that is in force.

Councilman Lempke asked if the City received final approval from GEFA for these funds. Mr. Garretson said he did not have final approval. He said if the City decides to do this, he will put it in the form of a letter to get formal approval and will get a change order done. Mr. Mack Bryant then made a motion that if the City should have to advertise, to go ahead with advertising without delay. Councilman Jeff Lempke seconded the motion. The motion from Councilman Jeff Lempke and the motion from Councilman Mack Bryant passed unanimously.

Streetscape Project Work Performed

Mr. Broderick Stanley noted that he had done some work for the City in March 2012, which consisted of digging up the crepe myrtle trees and a fence in the park and would like to be paid for this. Mayor Hart said that when this was begun, it was volunteer work and that no one else who worked that day got paid. She said she had given Mr. Stanley \$120,000 out of her pocket to pay the ones who helped him. Mr. Stanley said that the Mayor had paid Emmitt Carswell. Mayor Hart said she did not know Emmitt Carswell. Mr. Stanley said the Mayor tried to pay the other guy, but Mr. Stanley told her he would take care of that. Mr. Stanley said the Mayor

asked him if he had a backhoe and told him the Railroad was having her take up the crepe myrtles. The Mayor agreed she had said that. Mr. Stanley then said the Mayor asked her how quick he could do this, and he replied he could get the backhoe there that day. She then asked him when he could start, and he said he could begin the next day. Mr. Otis Clark then stated that the Mayor said she was going to pay for some work to move the crepe myrtles. Mayor Hart reiterated that it was volunteer work. She said if Mr. Stanley had been told he was going to get paid, she did not hear from him. He said he gave James a call with a price. The Mayor said that Mr. Stanley did not bring a bill to City Hall until July 30, and the bill was for \$3,650.00. Mayor Hart said she told Mr. Stanley it had been five months; this was volunteer work and if he thought it was something else, why did he wait five months. She also asked Mr. Stanley how he arrived at \$3,650.00? Mr. Stanley said he did it cheap explaining that he dug up and replanted 72 crepe myrtles and moved 100 feet of fence. Mayor Hart said that \$50-\$75 is the going rate for backhoe work. She had invited Mr. Stanley several times to come talk with her about it, and he never pursued it until that night. She said she had received a second bill for \$50.00 less. Mr. Stanley said that Councilman Daniel Young asked him to do some work for him while he was doing the work for the City, and he said he would. Mr. Young said he was not familiar with any of this that is going on as far as letters and who said what.

Mayor Hart told Mr. Stanley that at this point in time, she has expressed everything as she knows it to be. She said she would turn this over to the City Attorney, and he can clarify for Mr. Stanley whatever he sees fit.

Councilman Victor Jordan noted that he had received a letter on March 28, 2012, and he personally did not see why the City is even involved in this. The letter states that the Town and Country Garden Club had agreed to donate \$3,800.00 for in-kind services to remove the 73 shrubberies from the project site. Mayor Hart realized that was where Mr. Stanley got the figure he decided to charge the City. Councilman Jordan said he wants to know where the \$3,800.00 is and how the City became involved because “that is not our bill.” Councilman Daniel Young said he thought this matter should be taken up with the Garden Club. Mayor Hart said, with Councilman Jordan’s permission, she would make a copy of the letter regarding the Town and Country Garden Club’s donation for in-kind services, and Mr. Langstaff can sort this out. Councilman Jordan said he also wants to know what happened to the \$3,800.00.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Jeff Lempke moved that the minutes of the March 11, 2013 City Council meeting should be accepted into the City’s record. Councilman Mack Bryant seconded the motion. Councilman Victor Jordan said when he answered any questions, “I did say that I was exercising my First Amendment right, and I did not see that in the minutes.” He said the reason he does this is because he’s not going to be harassed by a Police Officer for voicing his opinion in meetings because he is there to represent the people. “Do not amend nothing I say. If I say I am voicing my First Amendment Right, I expect it to be in the minutes because if I go to Court for some stuff I said and I have problems with the Sheriff’s Department.” Mayor Hart asked Councilman Jordan where he would like that entered in the March 11 minutes. Councilman Jordan said, “From this minute own, whatever I say, put it in there—don’t author what I say.

Whatever I say, put it in the minutes.” With that notation, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 2013

For the month of March, city clerk Chris Nelson said the General Fund Account (Account 257) began with a balance of \$125,835.61. There were a total of ten deposits during the month totaling \$24,815.23. There were 56 withdrawals amounting to \$51,137.04 leaving an ending balance of \$99,513.80.

Water utility clerk Shakela Durham said in the Water Fund (Account 281), there was a beginning balance of \$33,540.25 with 35 transactions from March 17 to April 1 and an ending balance of \$27,265.03. Councilman Jordan said he sees where there was a deposit on 4/3/2013 of \$33,861.67 and wanted to know what that was for. Ms. Durham said that was for the month of April and should show up next month.

The Recorder’s Court (Account 1131) shows the beginning balance of \$6,512.81, revenues of \$2,103.25, and expenditures of \$1,210.96 leaving an ending balance of \$7,405.10 as if April 1.

For the DDA Account, the current balance is \$15,134.55

Councilman Mack Bryant made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented for the month of March 2013, and Jeff Lempke seconded the motion. Councilman Jordan said, “We need a more direct of what we are paying for outside plumbing and construction work, for routine plumbing and fixing lines—a more detailed on how much we are spending for that. . .cause sometime in the near future I think we are going to have to hire us a full-time person, and I need to know what kind of money we are spending for contractors just to fix the little leaks and things during a month’s period and weigh that against what a full-time person would cost, and we would see if we can afford it.” Councilman Young agreed that anytime we call Robert, the City needs to look at what that costs. Councilman Jordan said, “We need a full-time person anyway—we need to weigh it and see what’s the cost effectiveness.” Councilman Bryant noted that would include Roto-Rooter also.

Mayor Hart said that brings up another point—the City used to have a very expensive piece of equipment, which was left out in the weather and ruined. If the City still had it, it would save the City \$400.00 every time there was a sewer problem. Mayor Hart said the City needs someone who will take care of the equipment. Councilman Jordan said it was hard to do that with part-time. Mayor Hart said if you are working part-time or full-time, you should take pride in your job. Councilman Young noted that salary does make a difference with some people. Mayor Hart said she knows there are people out there that would really be proud of a job. Councilman Young said it would be good to put these numbers together and find someone who really needs a job. The motion to accept the Financial Report for March 2013 was unanimously approved. Councilman Bryant also asked if they could get a better breakdown of the fees from the Water Department as far as cut-off fees, etc. The Mayor replied, “Absolutely.” She said they are doing much better in terms of how much is owed to the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification and Recreation: Councilman Mack Bryant asked if the City wants to drill holes in the short pipes or put the fancy tops on them. Mayor Hart said she thought drilling holes and installing a hook would be simple and inexpensive.

Councilman Bryant said he had heard from the Superintendent at the school that the school would not let anyone play on the field anymore saying something else would be put there. Councilman Bryant asked where the football team would practice and play. Mayor Hart asked if Spring Valley Park is in the City, and Councilman Bryant said they would not let the City use it. Councilman Victor Jordan said the City needs to go to the Board of Education rather than the Superintendent. "The Superintendent is just an individual. I would go to the controlling body." Both Councilmen Bryant and Jordan said they would go to the Board of Education on behalf of the City regarding the school ball field. Councilman Bryant also suggested going to Bibb County and ask if the City could play in its league.

Councilman Daniel Young said when the issues are discussed with the County, they could maybe help the City get in with Academy on the equipment that is discarded. Councilmen Young and Bryant decided to set a Wednesday to go to Academy to discuss this with them.

Councilman Mack Bryant said the Mayor had given him information regarding a Historic District grant for City Hall. Mayor Hart said that City Hall is in a Historic District and believes that the City Hall Building would qualify for a Historic Building because it is 100 years old. There are grants for historic buildings, and if the City can secure one, it should be enough to have the outside of the building refurbished. Councilman Bryant asked Council if it would support applying for a Historic District grant. Councilman Jordan said the City of Warner Robins was on the news a couple of weeks ago refurbishing the old railroad depot with the grant being about \$60,000 and the total project cost around \$127,000. Mayor Hart agreed that most grants have matching funds. Councilman Young said he definitely supports looking into this type grant. Councilman Mack Bryant made a motion to proceed with an inquiry as to what grant funds are available for improvements to the City Hall property, both exterior and interior. Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget and Finance: Councilman Richard Stone was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, no report was made.

Building and Grounds: Councilman Mack Bryant asked about the community center. Mayor Hart responded that the community center is still a biohazard area. The bats have been removed, however, the building has never been sanitized; so it is still a biohazard area. The suggestion is that the City take the community center building and advertise in the paper for lease/rent as a business. Someone interested in leasing the building could have it cleaned and then use that as their first two or three months of rent depending on how much it cost to make the building habitable. After that, it would be regular revenue each month for the City. The business leasing the building would only clean the section they are leasing. Councilman Lempke mentioned that in the past the building had been used for groups to rent, and that would be sacrificed. Mayor Hart said they would have to sacrifice the money to clean it up if the City is

going to rent it, but rentals are unpredictable. Councilman Daniel Young liked where they were going with this, but at the same time, this is one building and thought the entire building should be cleaned rather than just the section being used. He thought it would be a hazard to put someone in there and not have the whole building cleaned. "If they agreed to pay their share, we would definitely have to step up and pay the money to have the rest of the building cleaned at the same time while the people are there cleaning it." After a short discussion, Councilman Bryant suggested calling around to request quotes for the cleaning. Councilman Daniel Young said he would do this. After the building is cleaned, Councilman Bryant said the City could do whatever it wanted to with the other side of the building.

Fire Protection: Councilman Daniel Young said he never received a letter from EMA. Mayor Hart said the letter was from Sammy Stokes and is just for the City's information. This is about a matter Councilman Young informed the Council about last month.

Mayor Hart asked if anyone had gotten back its keys and equipment. Councilman Young said that Morgan had the key in question and turned in everything a couple of Tuesdays ago.

Industrial Development: Councilperson Annie Williams was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, no report was made.

Planning and Zoning: Councilman Richard Stone was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, no report was made.

Public Safety: Chief Oscar Basley referred Council to his agenda. He noted that Mr. Ellison was interviewed last month, and he was waiting on the Council's vote. It is Chief Basley's recommendation that Mr. Ellison be hired. Chief Basley said Mr. Ellison's background check came back good. He had spoken with a sergeant and a lieutenant of Lamar County who gave him a good recommendation. Mayor Hart suggested the Council wait to vote until the information arrives from Lamar County. The current Sheriff is sending some information on Mr. Ellison.

Councilman Jeff Lempke recommended that the City run an ad in the Macon and Warner Robins papers for an officer. He said he would like to see a few more applicants. Councilman Victor Jordan wanted to know when they would advertise. Mayor Hart said that it could, hopefully, be put in that week's papers. Councilman Bryant said as soon as the applicants are interviewed, the City needs to go ahead and hire someone because the two officers they have are being worked "to death." Mayor Hart said the advertisement is still up on the City's website. Councilman Lempke made a motion that the City run an advertisement for a police officer in the Macon Telegraph and Warner Robins newspaper as soon as possible. Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Lempke asked if it was necessary to blot out the offenses on the copies of the tickets that are given out. Chief Basley said he would meet with the Council again on April 23, and he would explain it then.

Councilman Mack Bryant asked about the young people soliciting money for camps, parties, etc. without getting permission from the Police Department or City Council. Chief Basley said he had to run one group away a while back. He agreed that they are supposed to get permission from the Police Department and City Council. He understands that the City will only allow that once a month. Chief Basley says he can just direct the groups to City Hall to inquire about it.

Mayor Hart also brought up that the groups cooking food on City property have to get permits from the City and the Health Department. Councilman Victor Jordan said, "If I am not mistaken, Representative Bubber Epps put on the floor a bill, I think House Bill 101, that allows charity organizations to not get a health permit. We need to find out if that Bill passed because it was on the floor." Mayor Hart asked Mr. Langstaff to research this. Councilman Young noted that the place where the groups are cooking is not a City lot and the City does not have the right to question them and run them off. This is W. M. Foster's land where they are cooking. Mayor Hart said if they are cooking food, they need a health permit, and if they are making money for profit, they need a business license.

Councilman Victor Jordan said the City has to do something about the trucks dropping their trailers off in front of the Water Department. "If we ever get caught and have a pump failure, and we can't locate the trailer owners, we are going to be in trouble. We are going to have to do some kind of enforcement on those trailers up there because they continually do it. I guess I call Officer Yates every week. You can't even walk in the building. They ought to know better than to block the gate. You can't even get in there to check." Mayor Hart said there are signs up that say "No Trucks Over 6 Wheels." Councilman Daniel Young noted the gravel lot in the back is County-owned for Courthouse parking. He asked if the City could paint three or four 4' x 4s' orange and put up signs that say "No Parking." If they then park trucks there, it would be trespassing. Councilman Jeff Lempke asked if they could have a couple of signs posted on the building "No Parking," and then that would be subject to a ticket. Councilman Jordan said there are signs on the fences, but people disregard them. Mayor Hart asked Councilman Jordan if he would take it upon himself to go with Larry and Chris to show them where to put a post and the sign that says "No Parking No Trucks Over 6 Wheels." Councilman Jordan said he would do that but said they needed to make some kind of law. "If a pump goes down, it could be real serious. No one would be able to get in to work on it. It should be just common sense not to drop a trailer right there in front of the gate." Councilman Lempke said the owners should have been ticketed. Councilman Jordan thanked Officer Yates for somehow always getting the trailers moved for him.

Rural Development: Councilperson Annie Williams was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, no report was made.

Streets and Bridges: Councilman Mack Bryant presented the following resolution to City Council effective April 8, 2013:

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In the course of their regular daily responsibilities, all Maintenance and Police Department personnel will perform the following duties:

- Straighten and/or repair any damaged street signs within the boundaries of the City.
- Remove any/all dead animals, trees, branches, debris and other detritus from City streets and roads.
- Report all water leaks, storm drainage, sewage problems, streets in need of repair, water hydrants in need of paint, repair or other attention.
- Any other observation (manhole cover missing, damaged city property, unusual meter reading, vehicle issue, aberration in pump hours, noise, et al) that would benefit from notation and attention.

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Councilman Jeff Lempke noted that he and Sydney are working on a hydrant flushing plan. He said these are what they should have been doing all along. In their daily activities, they should have been noticing things that need to be taken care of. Councilman Jordan said grass cutting also needs to be included. Mayor Hart entertained a motion to adopt this as part of the maintenance workers' daily routine. Councilman Young asked if there should be disciplinary action taken if this is not done. Councilman Bryant noted if an employee keeps overlooking these responsibilities, they may want to find another job. Councilman Mack Bryant moved that Council adopt the four items that he has read into the minutes and that the Maintenance workers perform these duties in the course of their regular duties. Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Councilman Young said as Council members and Public Works employees, he thought they should also be observant of any problems and should let the Maintenance workers know of these. Councilman Bryant said he thought about adding that also.

Councilman Bryant said that morning he had gone to the County Shop. They were working on the gravel machine that day and should have it running by the next day so Elmore Street can be straightened out. Councilman Young said he had received numerous phone calls regarding the one you have to stop and go over. The landowner says that people are driving through his yard. Councilman Young put a cone in the landowner's yard, but someone had moved the cone by the next morning, and people were driving through his yard again.

Councilman Bryant also said when the contractors cut across the streets, they need to do a better job of patching—it should be just like it was before they tore it up. Councilman Young said there is a spot in front of Robert Warren's house that is just gravel. Councilman Bryant noted if you put gravel on top of pavement, it will just eat it off. Councilman Young said the City needs to contact Robert Warren and Doyle Stone and ask why they have not repaired that fully. Councilman Young said by the time they put crush and run over this twice, they could have paid for it to be paved. Councilman Lempke said he had hired Houston Paving before and on every pothole, they would cut a square, then pour in tar, and then put the asphalt over that.

Councilman Bryant said that one day out of every month, Jeffersonville should have a Market Day for vendors to rent a spot to sell their produce, jellies, pastries, etc. In this way, the City could make some extra money. Ms. Allgood has said as long as she owns that lot, the City can use it for that purpose gratis. Councilperson Hollings had said the first Saturday in the month would be a good day to have this. Councilman Bryant said they may have a problem with the liquor store owner. Councilman Jordan said the owner had a problem with his drive-thru being blocked. Mayor Hart said they would make sure that no one blocked his drive-thru.

On the work for the County, Councilman Jordan was at the Commissioners' meeting, and noted that Commissioner Bryant is in charge of Jeffersonville's district. He said he cannot come into the City and do work for the City unless the City asks him. The Commissioners take turns using the equipment two months at a time. Commissioner Bryant told Councilman Jordan for the City to form a list and when his time comes to use the equipment, he would do it. "He cannot come into the City because the City is its own government. He cannot come into the City unless we ask him. . . During his month, Commissioner Bryant will send his equipment down to cut all of the limbs."

Councilman Lempke said that on Bullard Road there is a problem with the storm drains. There are grates on each side of the road for accepting water which then flows into the pond. The problem is that dirt washes down and grass grows on the dirt; then you have grass growing around the grates, and the water cannot get to the grates because the water is following the dirt around. He suggested that part of the responsibilities of the City workers would be to go down there every six months with a flat shovel and shovel the dirt away so the water could flow. Councilman Jordan said, "Mr. Lempke, that's a County road." Councilman Lempke said when he worked for the City, Tommie Lee Bryant told him that was part of his duties. "You were working for Tommie Lee Bryant then, I guess." Councilman Lempke said he was working for the City of Jeffersonville at that time and that's what he told him. Councilman Jordan said, "I still don't think we can work on County roads and State roads. I stay in my boundaries. I stay in my lane." Mayor Hart said that she believed she and Mr. Langstaff discussed that particular flood-prone area once before. Pope Langstaff said he assumed the City has a Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with the County, and if he could get a copy he would look at it. He said he assumed this is a County road within the City limits. He said it should be the County's responsibility unless the City has agreed to maintain it. Councilman Young said he had discussed this issue with the County Public Works Director, and he told him that years ago the County would clean it one time if the City employees would maintain it. Councilman Young does not know if that is on paper.

Councilman Lempke has also contacted Clayton Moore of the DOT office in Thomaston, and he said the City can get, without charge, used guard rails to put along the road around the pond. They just need to get a measurement of the length needed, and write a letter requesting it. He said he would be glad to write the letter. Councilman Victor Jordan said, "You got to go to Commissioners' meeting to get permission. You can't go sticking nothing on County property without their permission. You can't do that." Councilman Lempke said that same County road they are talking about, they would need to look into that. Councilman Jordan again said, "You have to go to the County and get permission. You just can't go in nobody's yard and do what

you want to do. You just can't do that Mayor." The Mayor said she agreed with Councilman Jordan. Councilman Lempke said it was an idea. Councilman Jordan said, "It is a good idea as long as we do it right." Councilman Bryant agreed. Councilman Jordan said, "The Commissioners up there now will eat you up."

Water and Sewer: Councilman Jeff Lempke said he had been to a Public Works Trade Show and had gotten a pamphlet on storm drain covers. The Council had some concerns about some storm drains in one particular neighborhood. He said last month they had talked about Sam Hall doing it for some outrageous price. These covers are \$28.00/foot. Each storm drain is measured and given to the company, which comes out to be a lot cheaper than the other proposal. You just put it on with a ratchet. This will keep all of the trash from going into the sewers. Councilman Jordan said, "I want it where a kid cannot get in. We can stay basically one size. Two feet will be fine."

Councilman Lempke said he wanted the Council to keep in mind all the new ditches in front of the new Library, and that the City needs to clean all of the ditches. Councilman Bryant said they may be able to get the County to bring the backhoe in to clean the ditches.

Councilman Lempke said a few months ago there were problems with the flow meters at the Water Plant not reading the same as what the wells were reading and there were some problems with that. That has since been repaired. It turned out that the problem was the brand new flow meters. The company that made them came out to take care of them because they were still under manufacturer's warranty.

Throughout the distribution system, the water meters are being changed out, and it will be another two months before they are actually completed. The downtown area still needs to be done. The deadline is coming up soon, so they may be filing for an extension.

For the collection system, they are still waiting on the two transfer station pumps that are still at the shop. Also, Sydney Lattimore had mentioned to him that the two lift stations in town do not have any lights nor alarms. At some point, EPD will require them to have that. At the MLK lift station, there needs some float and relay repair. Councilman Lempke has not received any bids for that from Mr. Lattimore.

The lights are still not working at the Wastewater Plant. If the lights were working, Mr. Lattimore would be able to stay there longer at night watering the fields. He noted he had the three bids he received last year from C Calibration Controls, Helton Electric Service, and Bridges Electric Service with Bridges having the best price at \$2,600. If there are funds available, Councilman Lempke said he would like to get those lights repaired. He then made a motion to contact Bridges Electric Service to come out to make the lights functional at the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Mack Bryant seconded the motion. Councilman Victor Jordan said, "I see all of this as repeat. I see we have paid \$45,000; we have replaced all of these meters, these valves, these pumps in August, and you tell me we still have pumps and things in the shop from August. We did this here—we bid on all this here. We agreed to pay these people all this money--\$5,000 to remove it; \$450,000-\$500,000 to take it to the shop in August." Councilman Lempke said those pumps did not come out in August. "I got August on

my paper, and I got to pay this?" Mayor Hart said they did not even find out about the problems with the lift stations until . . . Councilman Jordan said, "We're not supposed to have this problem. We pay these people all this money to replace these pumps and valves and things at the lift station—we replaced all of them—we did that—we paid for that." Mayor Hart said they did not find out about the lift station pumps until the end of the year. "Got it fixed—I deal with figures." Councilman Bryant said the first time they were cutting grass. "We done bought new pumps and things now—we're talking about—we're getting flimmed." Mayor Hart encouraged Councilman Jordan to calm down. He said, "Do what y'all want to do." Mayor Hart explained that it was the Immediate Threat and Danger Grant that was done first, and it is finished. The second project was the meters. Councilman Jordan said, "I hear what you're saying—I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about these pumps and things we replaced at the lift stations." Mayor Hart explained that the third project came up after they had started with the meters, so this is the third and last project. Mayor Hart explained that what Councilman Lempke is referring to is none of that. Councilman Jordan said, "Some of the same stuff." Mayor Hart tried to tell Councilman Jordan that Councilman Lempke was not talking about any of the same stuff—"The lights are not working." Councilman Jordan said, "I'm not talking about the lights—I'm talking about the stuff on the paper here." Mayor Hart said none of the things on the paper is water meter or Immediate Threat and Danger. Councilman Jordan said, "We pay a man \$400.00 a week, and every month we come up—y'all seem to not even care or even look at what's going on." Councilman Lempke stressed that Sydney is earning his money. Councilman Jordan replied, "I look at what's going on. I just don't take anything for granted and run with it."

In an attempt to move forward, Mayor Hart said the lights are not working, and there is a motion and a second that the City get the lights repaired. Councilman Jordan said, "We are worrying about the lights so Mr. Lattimore can work longer hours. I'm more concerned about we hire some Police Department so we can have our streets safe in the City, but we don't have no money to do that, but every time we want to put a light somewhere, put a manhole in these woods—we have no concern. I'm more concerned about the welfare of the citizens of Jeffersonville—not all this old bull—and all the money we're throwing away cause we don't know what we're doing." Mayor Hart noted that Councilman Jordan is against the lights and asked for any further discussion. Mayor Hart called for a vote. The vote failed with Councilman Jeff Lempke voting in favor and Councilman Victor Jordan voting against.

Councilman Lempke said that Sydney Lattimore is requesting cables on the aerators, but he is supposed to get him bids on that.

Sam Hall replaced a defective ductile pipe at the wastewater plant last month which was apparently damaged with maybe a backhoe when the plant was being built. Mayor Hart said she would like to get Mr. Langstaff to check to see if the Hofstadter firm could reimburse the City anything for this repair. He said it would be worth a letter to them, and he would be glad to assist with that. Councilman Lempke said they had put it in and hit it once it was in there and just buried it in there rather than replacing it because where it was scuffed and dented by what looks like a backhoe, it ended up rusting in that area. The pipe was put in in 2005.

Councilman Lempke noted that some sprayfield nozzles are working and some aren't. Mr. Lattimore is determining how many are working, how many are broken, and trying to determine what it will take to get them repaired.

Councilman Lempke asked Mr. Lattimore about septic dumps. Wolf Creek Landfill hauls several loads a day to the City of Dublin. A liner is put down before the trash is dumped, and when it rains, all of the water goes to a tank to be treated. Councilman Lempke said it would be a shorter distance if the trucks came to Jeffersonville. After talking with Mr. Lattimore about it, it seems that it may not work—even though only 20 percent of the plant is being used, it would be too high of a concentrate because there would not be enough of another flow to work with it. This would put the City precariously on the edge of violating a permit.

As he mentioned earlier, Councilman Lempke and Mr. Lattimore are working on a hydrant flushing plan, identifying all the hydrants in town, their condition, the times and procedure to flush them, etc. They are also working on a conservation report, which is a five-year report for the EPD, showing the conservative measures you have taken. Councilman Bryant asked if the Fire Department could flush the hydrants out. Councilman Lempke said the Fire Department would have to work with Mr. Lattimore on when to flush, which ones to flush, etc. He did say that the City needs an active Fire Department. He suggested offering some incentive to get an active Chief that would want to hold trainings. They do it in the County, but they need to do it with Jeffersonville's truck, pump, and hoses. Councilman Bryant suggested each quarter having a dinner for the volunteer firefighters. Councilman Lempke said that would be great—anything to build morale. Mayor Hart noted the dinner would need RSVPs so they would know how many to prepare for. Councilman Young also said that once the fire station building is cleaned, that would be the perfect place to hold the dinners and also the station could be open for the public to see. He noted that the Sheriff invites the Senior Class over once or twice a year to tour the jail, and Jeffersonville could do the same with the Fire Department in hopes of interesting an 18-year-old in becoming a volunteer.

Councilman Victor Jordan said he still had a problem. "If we pulled these pumps in August 2012, and we still got two pumps in the shop." Mayor Hart said they were not pulled in August. Councilman Jordan said, "We agreed by contract in 2012 for them to pull the pumps—Sam Hall." Mayor Hart said that Mr. Francisco, the City's attorney at the time, did not even send his letter of approval on the contract until January. "If we put two pumps in the shop in January, you tell me they're still in the shop?" Mayor Hart said one is coming back Monday. "I think that's what we need to be trying to find out what's going on. If we got two pumps in the shop, that's what we need to be talking about. I wouldn't even be considering no light." Mayor Hart said that the point is taken, and it has been taken before. "Listen, I didn't say anything when this man had the floor. I have the floor." Mayor Hart stressed that Councilman Jordan is being redundant. "I'm just exercising my First Amendment right, ma'am." Mayor Hart again stress that Councilman Jordan was being redundant—"that means we've heard it before, and have accepted it before. Thank you very much."

Councilman Jordan said, "I have another one. On these cables, on these activators—five years, every meeting I've been talking about those cables. They don't matter. The activators don't matter—we don't need them." Mayor Hart asked, "The aerators?" "That's what they said—

you've been in the meetings." Mayor Hart stressed that the aerators do matter. Councilman Jordan said, "We got six aerators that ain't worked in eight years, and I've been talking about them around this table. And he know it, too. He sits there talking about like he don't know. I talk about the same stuff all the time, and we're paying Sam Hall to do this work, and we're just doubling back on it. Like these spray nozzles; we pay, we shouldn't have no more than one or two spray nozzles out. We got a man we're paying to look at these spray nozzles. If one go down, at least he ought to say—don't let ten go down and then send down here to the the meeting. That don't make sense—not to me, it don't. You gonna let ten spray nozzles go down and then you're gonna bring it up we got a spray nozzle problem. No. Somebody ain't doing nothing out there, and I'll say that with him."

Welfare and Sanitation: Councilman Richard Stone was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, no report was made.

OLD BUSINESS

A. American Red Cross Gift of Life Day

Mayor Hart noted that the American Red Cross Gift of Life Day was March 28. About half of the people who signed up came and gave blood.

B. Remediation of Manholes and Drain Grates

Mayor Hart noted that there are still three manholes that are open and really need remediation. Councilman Lempke made a motion that the City hire Don Hall to repair the sewer manhole covers for \$1,850/each. Mayor Hart asked if the City wanted to include the manhole off of Bullard Road at the same price. Councilman Lempke replied "Yes." Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion. Councilman Stone said he looked into it with contractors that do concrete, they say you order these manholes already put together. Councilman Lempke agreed saying they are like a cast. A tractor tears the old one out and sets the new one in place. Mayor Hart asked for a vote on the motion to accept Don Hall as the contractor to repair these three manholes. Only two councilmembers voted in favor, with Councilman Jordan and another Councilmember voting against. Councilman Jordan said, "The reason I didn't vote, I didn't see no bid." Mayor Hart said he saw the bid the last time it was in. "No I didn't—I told you I don't look at no bid if it's been in. If it's not on this table, it don't count to me." Mayor Hart told Councilman Jordan that it was open on this table, and he had a copy of it. "Whatever you say." Mayor Hart stressed that as liability to the City, every day that the City leaves those manholes uncovered, they are at great risk to the City's sewer system. Animals; people of all sizes—large, small, young, old; debris—"it's not a good thing to have open manholes." Councilman Jordan said "Just like I was saying about those two-inch fire hydrants down there in my district that don't work when a fire truck come down there—that's important to me—citizens' houses and their lives. But when I mention that—no, we ain't got no money, but we got money to do everything else, but I can't get nothing did in my district." Mayor Hart stressed that the City has a real and present danger. Councilman Jordan said "It is dangerous when you go down and open those fire hydrants, they won't even work. A little stream drop out of them—a two-inch fire hydrant in neighborhoods. That's important to me." Mayor Hart replied that it was

important to all of them. Councilman Jordan went on to say, “We want to spend money on everything else, but when I ask for something for my district, we always ain’t got no money. But we got money for everything else. Yes I’m gonna set here and argue as long as I can until I get something did in my district. That’s the reason the people elected me, and I’m going to fight for their rights.” Mayor Hart said that she was sure he would prefer the City not go bankrupt over a liability claim because of open manholes. “So you don’t care about no lives.” “Mayor Hart said that was what she was talking about. Councilman Lempke added that one of those manholes is in Councilman Jordan’s district. “Y’all do what you wanna do.”

C. Open Riding Lawn Mower Bid

Mayor Hart said the City had one bid for the Kubota mower from Mr. John Benard, and he bids \$100.00 for the riding lawn mower. This is in response to the City’s advertisement in the paper. After a short discussion, it was decided to decline the bid because of the value of the mower when it was purchased. Council felt that they would be giving it away.

D. Update on Underground Tank Certification and A, B, C Operator Training for EPD

Mayor Hart said the City did get the in-ground gas tank recertified making the City in compliance. Shakela Durham, the Water Clerk; Mayor Hart; and the new City Clerk are all registered to begin training to become certified as A, B, and C Operators to alleviate incurring anymore fines.

Mayor Hart noted that the gas usage has really moderated going from a really high level to something a little more sensible.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hart noted that the City had a letter to the 911 Director Mr. Stokes and the Voter Registrar. The 2010 Federal Census, State of Georgia, and City are three authorities that all agree on what the boundary of the City is. These authorities all agree that the city boundary includes Elmore Drive. When the 911 Census was conducted that changed all of the street numbers in town, that was the one authority that took upon itself to unilaterally change the boundary on Elmore Drive. It was that only one authority that the Registrar picked up and removed the people on Elmore Drive from the Voter Registrar’s list as active voters. These citizens had always been inside the city, always been billed for and paid city taxes, and had always voted in the city until the 911 Census moved them. The City wrote a letter to the Voter Registrar and to Mr. Stokes requesting him to correct his data.

Councilman Daniel Young made a motion to go into Closed Session for discussing Officer Trey Yates’ salary proposal with Councilman Mack Bryant seconding. The motion carried unanimously, and Council went into Closed Executive Session.

RECONVENE FEBRUARY 11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

After Closed Executive Session, Councilman Daniel Young moved and Councilman Jeff Lempke seconded that the Council reconvene: All in favor.

Mayor Hart asked if there was a motion on the matter of Officer Yates' salary. Councilman Victor Jordan made a motion, with the Chief of Police and Council's approval, that the City Council give Officer Yates a \$2.00/hour raise making his salary \$12.00/hour and promote him to the Assistant Chief of Police so the City will have someone in place when the Chief is out. Councilman Daniel Young seconded the motion. Mr. Langstaff asked for clarification on it being contingent on the Police Chief's approval since he normally does promotions. Mayor Hart said that was correct. Councilman Young noted that this was to do all of the duties of the Chief of Police. Councilman Jeff Lempke noted that maybe Officer Yates can assist the Chief of Police with administrative duties. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Victor Jordan moved to adjourn the April 8, 2013 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Jeff Lempke: All in favor.

After no further business, the April 8 meeting of the Jeffersonville City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.