**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flaute called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Municipal Center located at 1791 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio.

**ITEM 2: ROLL CALL:** Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Curp, present; Deputy Mayor Denning, present; Mr. Fullenkamp, present; Mr. Smith, present; and Mayor Flaute, present.

Staff present was as follows: Bryan Chodkowski, City Manager; Bob Murray, Planning and Economic Development; Mitch Miller, Service Department; Mark Reiss, Police Department; Bob Turner, Fire Department; Bob Gillian, Finance Department; and Dalma Grandjean, Law Director.

**ITEM 3: EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** There were no absent members.

**ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** The agenda was revised prior to the meeting adding item 18, Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing real estate, collective bargaining, and litigation.

**ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve the agenda as revised. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 6: WORK SESSION ITEMS:**

1. Discuss Schedule of Special Meetings for City Manager’s Annual Review

Council discussed a schedule for the annual review of the City Manager and set a special meeting for Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at Walnut Grove beginning at 6:30 p.m. The clerk said she would confirm the date after speaking with Walnut Grove tomorrow.

b. Board Interviews: Term Expirations on Multimodal Transportation Commission

Mayor Flaute welcomed the members of the Multimodal Transportation Commission and he asked Mrs. Lori Luckner if she wanted to start.

Mrs. Luckner said the committee is doing very well and they are getting ready to dive into working on a long-term plan for the roads and streetscapes. She said the board is having a good time but there is one request they would like to make which is to have Mrs. Ellen Fletcher removed from the board. She said they couldn’t remember the last time Mrs. Fletcher attended a meeting and council did reappoint her with the understanding that she would step down if we had somebody who wanted to serve. She said we want to open up that position so we can start taking applications for it.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked if she has offered to resign. Mrs. Luckner said she believed when council talked to her about reappointment, she offered that she would be willing to step down if someone else was available.

Mr. Smith said when we interviewed her for the position he raised the question of her traveling out of state with her husband. He said several council members wanted to reappoint her and he was a little reluctant about that but Mrs. Fletcher did state she would be willing to step down if we found somebody that would like to be on that committee because she knew it was going to be a conflict. He said Mrs. Fletcher is fully aware of that.

Mr. Chodkowski said council has the ability to remove her by resolution. He suggested the Mayor contact her to see if she would be willing to submit a letter of resignation and if the Mayor is unable to contact her; we will be more than happy to draft legislation to address the commission’s request.

Mrs. Luckner said with the project they have coming up, they need a physical body that’s going to be there and Mrs. Fletcher has not been.

Mayor Flaute said we think you are doing a great job and he hears very good things. He asked Mrs. Luckner if she wanted to be reappointed and she said yes. Mayor Flaute thanked her for her service to the city.

Dr. Yolanda Truckenbrodt said she has been on the commission for some time and has served as Vice-Chair. She said prior to that she was on the Charter Review Commission. She said she is looking forward to being reappointed as part of the group for another term. She said we have wonderful and exciting challenges for 2012 under the leadership of Mr. Murray and the firm guidance of Councilman Denning.

Mayor Flaute thanked her for her service.

Ms. Donna Clendening said she has had the pleasure of being on the commission for the last 1 year and 3 or 4 months. She said it is a great group; she thinks they do a lot of great work and they work very well together. She said everybody seems to want to listen to everybody else and she just really enjoys coming to the meetings. She said she definitely wants to be reappointed.

Mayor Flaute said he hears good things about Ms. Clendening out in the community and he thanked her for her service.

Mr. James Yount said he thought they had said it all and he would like to continue on the commission.

Mayor Flaute thanked Mr. Yount for his service to the city and said we appreciate all you’ve done.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to bring forth legislation to reappoint Mrs. Lori Luckner, Ms. Donna Clendening, Dr. Yolanda Truckenbrodt, and Mr. James Yount to the Multimodal Transportation Commission. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Flaute said we would have legislation at our next meeting.

c. Interviews for Vacant Council Seat

Mayor Flaute said the Charter states that you who are being interviewed have the choice of being interviewed in executive session or in the open meeting. He said if there is anyone who wants to be interviewed in executive session, he would ask that they be last so people don’t have to be moving in and out of the rooms. He said that will in no way impede a person from being selected. Mrs. Shirley Reynolds selected open meeting; Mrs. Sara Lommatzsch selected open meeting; Mr. Edward Schock selected open meeting; and Mr. Garvis Leak selected open meeting.

Mayor Flaute said we have the Law Director here to keep us all on track and to make sure we are doing things correctly; it is his understanding we will have the interviews and then we will vote on each person individually and it will take four votes for one person to allow legislation to come forward at the end of our business meeting. He asked Ms. Grandjean if there was anything she wanted to add to the process. Ms. Grandjean said no, she thought the Mayor stated it perfectly. Mayor Flaute said he thought they would do this in alphabetical order. He called forward Mr. Leak and asked him to introduce himself as well as tell council how he felt about running for the vacant seat.

Mr. Leak greeted everyone and said he had just retired from the Air Force in February 2011. He said right now he is the President of the Homeowner’s Association at Valley View and he works with a lot of the folks at the city as well as the HOA. He said he is from North Carolina but likes it here and he is getting used to the weather.

Mr. Leak said what he can bring to city council is something new and something fresh. He said just as in the HOA, it’s a great group of Air Force people working together to make the City of Riverside better.

Mr. Fullenkamp thanked Mr. Leak for coming tonight. He said when you look at our city, excluding economic development, what do you think the city should and can do better to move the city forward. Mr. Leak said he thought one of the recommended improvement areas would be more emphasis on the schools and education. He said his son goes to Stebbins and they do a lot but emphasis should be placed on the schools to bring them up to that excellent rating. He said they are improving and its time to move forward to the excellent rating; everyone, not just the Dayton community but the State of Ohio; what kind of students are coming out of Riverside. Mr. Fullenkamp asked Mr. Leak how he saw the city accomplishing that; it seemed to be more of a function of the school board. Mr. Leak said it takes everyone to educate a child; it takes the leadership here to work with the school administration to find out what the city can do to help improve the school system. He said once we start working together then we can make it better for our future leaders.

Mayor Flaute said on that same subject we do have five school districts in our city which makes it a little more difficult. He said he was sure we would have to be working with all the schools. Mr. Leak said yes sir.

Mr. Curp said when Mr. Leak takes a look at the city; what does he think are some of the strengths he would talk about to encourage people to come and live in our city. Mr. Leak said number one would be the family activities that are here; he sees people skiing and fishing at the park and there are many activities going on, which is a big boost. He said he is a family man and when he saw things that were going to help his family, it was one of the reasons they moved here. He said there are a lot of family events and that is one of the pluses.

Deputy Mayor Denning said being that this is so close after the election, is there a reason that he didn’t run for office. Mr. Leak said no; he got the newsletter and noticed the vacant seat so thought he would try for it. Deputy Mayor Denning said the election was just in November and you hadn’t thought of running for a position before that. Mr. Leak said no, he’s really been involved with the HOA.

Mayor Flaute asked if he was involved with the Forest Ridge HOA. Mr. Leak said no but he has a lot of friends in Forest Ridge and a couple of our kids go to the swimming pool. He said we did talk with the Forest Ridge HOA President to try to get a joint venture so Valley View can pay half the costs to go to the Forest Ridge swimming pool. He said we haven’t worked a deal out yet but there are always positive things and maybe this year.

Mayor Flaute said one of the positive things he saw was that council needs representation from the Forest Ridge area and a little more experience might be helpful. He asked Mr. Leak if he had ever been in city government in any of the other cities he’d lived in. Mr. Leak said he was with the HOA in San Antonio but as far as city government, no; there is a first for everything which is how he views it and once you get in, you learn. He said he was in the military for 26 years and that’s government. Mayor Flaute asked if he had worked with budgets in the military. Mr. Leak said yes sir; when he was in Afghanistan for nine months, he was the Financial Accounting Manager and was responsible for $163.0 Million. He said as Superintendant of Military Personnel Flight of Building 2, he was in charge of all the resources and the finance. He said he is pretty good with money.

Mayor Flaute asked if Mr. Leak had relationships with other politicians in the area such as our State Representatives or any of our Federal folks. Mr. Leak said no, not at all, but the job he is working with now is called “Discover the Dayton Region” publication and he knows we have worked a lot with Congressman Austria and Congressman Turner concerning our publication. He said that publication is one of the things the Congressmen use when their constituents want to bring business to Ohio. He said not yet but he is getting there. Mayor Flaute said there is lots of opportunity on council to take Riverside outside its borders and its one of the things he is looking for in a person; to do more than just come to the two meetings every month because there is a whole lot more stuff out there that can happen if one works at it.

Mayor Flaute asked if Mr. Leak’s evenings were mostly free. Mr. Leak said his son plays basketball for the Stebbins Freshman Team and the schedule fluctuates – it’s flexible. Mayor Flaute said but most your evenings would be available and Mr. Leak said yes.

Mr. Leak said he had one question – how long are the council meetings. Mayor Flaute said generally we try to get out of here by 10:00 p.m. and most the time we are successful. Deputy Mayor Denning said he thought normal was 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and that’s for an extended agenda. Mr. Smith said we’ve stayed as late as 11:00 p.m. but that’s not very often.

Mr. Leak thanked council for letting him talk. Mayor Flaute thanked him for coming in and said the next candidate is Mrs. Lommatzsch.

Mrs. Lommatzsch thanked the Mayor and Council for asking her to come tonight. She said she was here two years ago to request council’s support in an appointment to a vacant seat for two years. She said all of you know my personal situation in the last six months, however when she came back from her vacation at the end of July, with her husband’s blessing, it was her intent to run for office. She said circumstances prevented her from doing that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she does believe she has proved her passion for the city with 30 years of participation in this community, the city, and the schools. She said the reasons she would like to return to council – you all know me pretty well other than my blood type; but she understands it is imperative that the council address the financial issues that will be facing the city in the next years to come; she understands the necessity for economic development to move forward; and she has been involved in those projects from the beginning. She said she is currently serving on the Planning Commission and she would like to see a little planning going on but it is what it is.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she does understand the need for the city to have a better and closer relationship with the school district and to work together for all the reasons that are very obvious to the residents; schools are the backbone of a good city. She said she knows that from experience.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she understands the immediate and critical need for regionalism. She said she was involved in the formation of the First Suburbs Consortium and making that happen years ago with the Mayor of Oakwood and others such as Peggy Lehner from Kettering. She said she understands the need for that as far as cost effectiveness and how all the cities and the county are spending their money but also understands that in keeping jobs in the region and obviously more jobs in Riverside.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she also understood what the Mayor spoke about the night he was sworn in about having a close working relationship with Wright-Patterson. She said she has always supported that and has demonstrated that support over the last four years since she has left council in participating on the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association Board and you all know why she does that. She said she has also lived the military life as a military wife and as a civilian wife and she does believe that gives her a great deal of insight into the needs and things that can happen. She said you did ask the last young man if he had participated in political life and if you know the military regs, you can’t do that.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she knows all the staff, has worked with the staff, and didn’t believe any had a strong dislike for her. She said you chose not to choose me two years ago and Mr. Fullenkamp has done an okay job, however he often asks to be brought up to speed. She said I don’t have to be brought up to speed; she’s sure there are some inter-workings because she can’t attend executive sessions but she has demonstrated that she is not a quitter; she’s not given up on this city, she’s not given up on the school district, she’s not given up on the county, and she will probably remain in Ohio as a single female.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said she did have community support; there are folks out there who would like to see her get reappointed to the council and she does feel she is the best qualified person in the room to be appointed to the vacant seat. She thanked council for their time.

Mr. Fullenkamp said in his travels around the city, he hears conversations about a sense of a lack of community in Riverside. He said he didn’t know if she agreed or not but it is a perception that is out there. He asked what her perception was and if she agreed with that assessment, what would she do to improve the situation. Mrs. Lommatzsch said she couldn’t disagree with that assessment in some people’s part. She said in her experience, we have pockets with very active community groups and in the 30 years she’s worked in Riverside, we’ve tried to pull together. She said one of the things the school district did when she was a member of the School Board was we combined the school district at the middle school level. She said we had a serious issue of this side of the river and the other side of the river and the children were separated until the 10th grade by geographic division. She said the school district combined the children so they are co-mingled at an earlier age hoping that would do away with some of that separation of the north and the south sides. She said it is strategically very difficult with that geographic division to try to pull groups together. She said we’ve tried to bring garden clubs together from Forest Ridge and the south side and she thinks people are still trying but it is difficult.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said it’s out there and people do feel that. She said she felt the event we have in August has certainly done some things to bring the community together and she wished there were more thing we could do; not just from a physical standpoint of pulling people together but it all comes down to money. She said there would be a lot of things if we could afford to do them in this city that other cities have pulled off that would be wonderful. She said she thought that perception that is out there is not new; it goes way back to when we were Mad River Township. She said it’s not a new perception and she would like to continue to see projects brought forth; any ideas of how we could make it better as a community she thinks would be wonderful.

Mr. Fullenkamp said one of his perceptions is that the city does not communicate very well; what is her view of that. Mrs. Lommatzsch said she is from back in the days when we didn’t even have newsletters and you know you can’t make people read. She said she thought the city did an okay job with the newsletter; there is a lot of information but you can’t make people read it. She said you can put it out there but communicating with the residents is a very hard thing to do as well as getting council out into the communities. She said she thought if we made an effort to contact organizations and offer a member of council and a member of staff to attend their meetings to ask questions – there are opportunities there; we used to do things like that and we don’t do that anymore. She said it can just be sitting down and talking without an agenda but unfortunately with the money situation that’s always a priority. She said that’s important to everyone in this room, paying our taxes and what are our taxes going to be, so its very difficult when you sit down with groups, it always comes around to the money – why can’t you fix this street or why did I have to fix my sidewalk. She said those are questions that are always going to be out there but she thought that you can’t bury your head in the sand and pretend it’s not there – you have to be out there to let them know what the real story is and not be afraid to tell them or talk in this room about the reality of what’s really going on in the city.

Mayor Flaute said he did agree that Mrs. Lommatzsch is out in the community and he thanked her for all the work she does. Mr. Smith said she is well known in the community; has attended a lot of events and functions – everybody knows who she is. Mrs. Lommatzsch said Riverside is her passion. Mayor Flaute said we do appreciate that and Mr. Smith said they appreciate all her efforts.

Mayor Flaute called forward Mrs. Shirley Reynolds.

Mrs. Reynolds thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting her this evening. She said she was very fortunate because she was able to work with you all for such a long time and it’s been important that the vision we were presented turned into a plan; a plan that is within our grasp right now as a city. She said that plan is something that all of council and all of the audience have hoped for; for a very long time. She said it’s within our grasp because of the due diligence council and the staff has done. She said we have the opportunity to become the leader in the region; not a regional leader but the leader of the region because of the approach this council has taken and she wanted to thank them all for letting her be a part of that. She said we saw that vision together, we worked to devise a plan we felt was good, and she is thankful for that.

Mrs. Reynolds said she believed she has a skill set and she believed she has experience that will help this council to continue that forward movement in becoming that leader. She said she believed that economic development is the key to everything we are going to be seeing in the future; she believed we were going to be able to bring good jobs to this city – well paying jobs for our residents; and she believed we were going to be able to expand our business base. She said you all need to be applauded for everything you’ve done and she can only thank them for the time that she was able to spend with you. She said she hoped she would be able to be appointed to the vacant position.

Mrs. Reynolds said on a personal note, she felt she had an obligation to apply for the vacant seat. She said in the November election there were 1,700 people that trusted her and trusted her abilities. She said she feels she owes it to them to try to continue to serve them. She thanked them and said you are a good council; she appreciates every one of them.

Mr. Fullenkamp said back to the question he asked Mr. Leak which was, economic development aside, what does she think is the most important thing in moving forward with our city – any deficiencies or where we can improve. Mrs. Reynolds said she believed that we need citizen awareness and citizen involvement; you’ve all heard her say that in a lot of the programs they have worked on. She said citizen awareness – it’s important to have our citizens know; we sometimes forget we know and we can start in the middle of a sentence and everybody knows how you are going to end that sentence because we’ve all worked it. She said the people sitting in the audience are at the beginning of the sentence and they may never hear the end of the sentence so they don’t know and it’s incumbent upon us that our residents know what’s going on. She said she appreciated Mrs. Weaver commenting that to her earlier. She said she knows she forgets that sometimes. She said as Mrs. Lommatzsch talked about her passion for the city; she has just as much love for this city and for what goes on in this city. She said that is what she thinks is most important to move us forward is community - awareness, citizen awareness, and making sure they know why it takes so long to do something; they don’t understand that.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he was going to follow up on that; how do we go about doing that as a city. Mrs. Reynolds said she thought council needed to be out more in the community; she’s often said we need to move our council meetings and as Joe Q. Citizen, she would love to be able to see this council in other places to be able to go. She said she didn’t know that a lot of the organizations would perceive our involvement as not an intrusion; she didn’t know but she would love to think we could ask those organizations if they wanted us involved; what can we do and we let them be the driving force for what we do before we become involved. She said she thought they could do a lot of different things; they just had to think about it.

Mr. Curp said last year while you were on the council during the budgeting and appropriation process this council took a $6.5 Million or a $8.5 Million, a big number surplus, and appropriated monies to the point where if this city spends according to that budget appropriation, this city will run out of money sometime next year. He said if you were appointed to council, what would you do as far as making suggestions to council as to how to address the financial issues of the city without adversely affecting the service delivery to the citizens. Mrs. Reynolds said Mr. Curp, that’s a good question and she appreciates it; she thinks he and other members of council know she is very conservative in the dollars. She said she believed there were ways they could cut and she believed they needed to look at those ways first; she’s not a person that takes reduction in staff lightly and she thinks that is the very last thing they have to do. She said we have a community that is a safe community; we provide emergency services to the citizens going and coming to this whole county. She said she wished there was a magic way to make the financial woes go away, but there’s not and it’s something that the council as a whole has to work at and try to determine the best way to save a dollar and stretch it as far as we can. She said she didn’t know if it was increasing income tax; she didn’t know but it’s something they have to look at everyday to determine what the best route to take is.

Mr. Curp said Mrs. Reynolds was part of an effort to assist the people of Lilly Creek and to address their issues. He said it didn’t quite turn out the way everybody hoped that it might as far as providing a solution; looking back, what would she do differently next time around. Mrs. Reynolds said she doesn’t know what she would do differently other than more research. She said she worked with the Soil and Water Group; she heard what they said and what they said at the beginning did not turn out to be the same as in the end. She said she is thinking that what she would do now with the hindsight that she has; hearing everything she has heard and seen what she has seen, she would rely more on city staff to make that determination on how we can fix that problem. She said she thought that was probably the biggest mistake she made in that is not relying more on our staff and relying on an outside agency.

Mayor Flaute said he appreciates all the research Mrs. Reynolds does when she is on council. He said he knows she is out in the community a lot but sometimes she isn’t outside the community until her passion gets there. He said he did see that several times and he appreciates all she does for the city. He thanked her. Mrs. Reynolds thanked council.

Mayor Flaute said before we go to the last person, if anyone wants to speak or ask questions of council please fill out the form and we will give you 3 minutes to speak before we end the work session. He asked Mr. Edward Schock to come forward.

Mr. Schock said good evening Mayor and Council and he thanked them for giving him the opportunity to stand before them in his request to be appointed to the vacant seat. He said what he does for a living is he is an equipment manager/operator at a golf course; everyone thinks that’s a great job and it is. He said prior to that for 27 years he was an auto mechanic; a three time Master – Master ASE, Master Chevy, and Master Hyundai.

Mr. Schock said he started his public service back in 1981 as a Village Councilman; that’s what got him involved in politics. He said it seemed like he just couldn’t get enough and he wanted more. He said he ended up being Chairman of the Charter Commission, which Mrs. Lommatzsch and Mr. Curp both were on; and that was a team effort putting together the first Charter that was going to operate this city for a long period of time. He said as you well know it needs to be tweaked every now and then because time changes things. He said he also chaired the first writing of the Zoning Code book; he had the opportunity to work with a good group there. He said he was the Chairman numerous times of the Board of Zoning Appeals; council continued to appoint him and it went on for a long time. He said he was also Chairman of the Property Maintenance Appeals Board when that was started and that didn’t last long because he ran for council and won a seat.

Mr. Schock said as a Council Member he took Riverside outside its borders nationally by being appointed on the First Tiers Steering Committee with the National League of Cities. He said that started his second year on council; he was then appointed a second time and was Vice- Chair of that national committee. He said it was an excellent group and sometimes you might think we are the only city that has troubles but it is like this all across the United States. He said there’s no difference regardless of size or population, we all are in the same boat. He said he spent three years with that group.

Mr. Schock said he got involved and we brought a resolution forward for the National Business Aviation Association; again a national recognition and there were two articles written about our city, the Mayor and Council about how we support aviation here. He said of course, look who’s in our backyard – the State’s biggest employer, WPAFB, and all the research for aviation comes right out of there.

Mr. Schock said we talked about the train; it was a great idea but what was good that came out of that was we got Forest City at our door step. He said we got recognition across the State and across the U. S. He said he talked with the Transportation for America group and once again, national recognition.

Mr. Schock said we have come so far for a small city but we still have our growing pains. He said there are cities that have been out there for 30 years and they are still having growing pains so we just have to deal with that as it comes. He said he was attending an aviation dinner and he got to meet the Senior Vice President of General Dynamics. He said he told him he would like to have all of General Dynamics here in Riverside; not just the one but also the one from Dayton and the one from Beavercreek. He said we got the staff from one together with the staff from the other to start working relationships; what becomes of it – time will tell, it all depends on what goes on with Forest City.

Mr. Schock said he was glad to see a resolution tonight on the agenda for Lilly Creek, 12-R-1619, and he was glad we were moving forward on that because we sure got thrown under the bus on the last one. He said maybe he shouldn’t talk about that but it was a horrible feeling standing up there and having someone like that, do what they did to us. He said also we are moving forward with another resolution, 12-R-1620, the Forest City consultation and we need to keep that development moving forward in our city. He said when that is done it will be bringing dollars to our community.

Mr. Fullenkamp said people seem to recognize there is a bit of a lack of community; what would Mr. Schock do, as a council member going forward, and how did he think the city could improve on being in better touch with our residents. Mr. Schock said we have two ways of communicating with our residents; the newsletter and the internet. He said pretty much everybody has the internet and everybody has a mailbox. He said a little more expanding on the internet and getting it more quickly updated when we can; make it easier for our staff to update it. He said he noticed when he was looking at the council packet the minutes of the special meeting weren’t there; she got them completed but they weren’t on the internet. He said he asked her about it and she said she didn’t know if we could do that, that quick and get it on there. He said maybe that’s what we need, more education for the staff to be able to work the internet a lot better to be able to get that information on there. He said another way is for council members to spend more time out in the public; have your own coffee meetings with groups and let them express their feelings that they aren’t being heard or invite them to a council meeting, there are a few empty seats here. He said let folks know they are welcome to come and there is a special time on the agenda just for them to talk to us. He said we are just like anybody else. He said he was surprised one time when Mrs. Luckner stated that people are scared to approach us. He said he couldn’t grasp a hold of that because he is just like anybody else; nail him in the grocery store or anywhere but that just totally caught him off guard. He said people can come to talk to him

Mr. Fullenkamp said in your letter you made a comment that “because of recent changes in the past few months, you would like to continue your service”; he asked what Mr. Schock viewed as changed in the past few months that changed his decision on not being on council. Mr. Schock said he has to listen to the master at home; his wife gave him the hall pass to come and do this. He said things have changed in their life because of the passing of her Mother and there was an opportunity that looked like it would open up for some land in Kentucky but the property is going to end up being sold. He said it’s a personal issue and was why he decided not to run but if he knew what he knows today he would have run; win or lose you do have fun when you are running for office. He said it’s an enjoyment to get out and meet people.

Ms. Campbell said she thought the minutes had to be approved by council before they can be out there. Mr. Schock said they put it under the council packet even though the minutes are not official; as soon as it goes out to council it is public information. He said the approved minutes are posted as minutes but the packet is posted because people want to know what we are looking at; we want to be transparent. Ms. Campbell said we haven’t approved the last meeting or the special meeting yet. Mr. Schock said right, they are unofficial and maybe that’s a disclaimer we need to talk to the Law Director about. Ms. Campbell said just in case somebody disapproved of something and she would have to go back and change it; we would already have the others out there and then there could be some complaints. Mr. Schock said that’s true too.

Mr. Curp said same question for Mr. Schock on the city finances; what would he suggest to the council as a way to address the city finances. Mr. Schock said we know the grant money is starting to dry up and now we have to look within ourselves to find a way to increase revenue, grow revenue, or we might even have to look at putting a levy or income tax increase on the ballot. He said our survey says the people are willing to vote for that increase when they can see where the money will be going. He said as long as we are transparent on where the money is going and that it’s how we are going to take care of the revenue we’ve fallen short of. He said we have to do it quick because as you’ve indicated the money is going to run dry if we are not careful; we have cut this budget to the bare minimum without affecting the Fire, Street, and Police Departments. He said he couldn’t see them going any further without giving less service to our citizens.

Mr. Smith said he knew Mr. Schock was instrumental when he was on the Village Council in getting the two office buildings on the corner of Springfield Street and Old Harshman and he knew there was a lot of leg work in getting an office building in the Center of Flight, Mr. Schock going so far as to talk to Congressman Turner and Speaker of the House Boehner. He said he trusted those relationships are still open and asked if he had been in contact with those folks. Mr. Schock said we had a session with Congressman Turner in Washington and also in the Dayton area; since he didn’t run for office, he was going to work for Turner as his local liaison meeting with local governments and seeing what they feel about the work Congressman Turner is doing. He said even that was because of the redistricting; they didn’t know where anybody was going to end up at. He said in answer to Mr. Smith’s question, he still has open communication and he wants to keep that door open.

Mayor Flaute said he appreciated that Mr. Schock worked so hard to take Riverside outside its boundaries. He said he wished Mr. Schock had kept going with the First Tiers Committee; he was disappointed the he didn’t. He said he appreciated all the work Mr. Schock has done and he wished he had run for office but he knows the reasons why he didn’t. He thanked Mr. Schock for all his service.

Council discussed options on how to vote for a candidate to fill the vacant seat and decided to narrow the field of candidates through a roll call process.

A roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Campbell, pass; Mr. Curp voted for Mrs. Lommatzsch; Deputy Mayor Denning voted for Mr. Schock; Mr. Fullenkamp voted for Mrs. Reynolds; Mr. Smith voted for Mr. Schock; Ms. Campbell voted for Mr. Leak; and Mayor Flaute voted for Mrs. Reynolds.

The clerk announced there were 2 votes for Mrs. Reynolds; 2 votes for Mr. Schock, 1 vote for Mrs. Lommatzsch, and 1 vote for Mr. Leak. Deputy Mayor Denning said that makes us drop it to Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Schock.

A roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Campbell voted for Mr. Schock; Mr. Curp voted for Mr. Schock; Deputy Mayor Denning voted for Mr. Schock; Mr. Fullenkamp voted for Mrs. Reynolds; Mr. Smith voted for Mr. Schock; and Mayor Flaute voted for Mr. Schock.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to bring forward legislation to appoint Mr. Schock to the vacant council seat. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 7: RECESS:** The Council took a recess at 7:26 p.m.

**ITEM 8: RECONVENE:** The meeting was reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

**ITEM 9: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Mike Smith led all those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Flaute asked for a moment of silence for one of our dear friends in the city that we lost, Mr. Walt Trimbaugh. He said Walt came to a lot of our meetings, was very involved in our community and always had a suggestion on how to make it better. He said Walt passed away and his funeral was today, so let’s have a moment of silence for him.

**ITEM 10: MINUTES: Consider approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2012 Council meeting.** A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes. Deputy Mayor Denning seconded the motion. The clerk pointed out an error on page 14, paragraph 3, line 11 – the word “first” should be corrected to “versed”. With no further corrections, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Flaute made note of the agenda that was revised during the recess to include the legislation to appoint Edward W. Schock to the vacant council seat.

**ITEM 11: ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN CITIZENS PETITIONS:** Mayor Flaute advised citizens to fill out a form if they wished to speak about agenda or non-agenda items.

**ITEM 12: CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

1. FYI Items
2. Council Request Sheets.
3. Code Rewrite Request Sheet.
4. Council Agenda Calendar.
5. Weekly City Manager’s Report.

(2) Monthly Reports

* 1. Fire Department
  2. Police Department
  3. Service Department
  4. Planning and Economic Development
  5. Finance Department

Mr. Chodkowski said you have my report as well as supplements from staff and we would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Smith said looking over 2011, we had some good stats on the Police Department side; traffic accidents went down, OVI arrests went up, and drug arrests are up. He said he would hope that is not due to more crime going on in our city and he would like to believe that is due to the increased number of officers we have on the street. Mr. Chodkowski said as a result in the change in staffing hours, we were able to put more bodies on the street and dedicate more time to these activities. Mr. Smith said very good stats.

Mr. Smith said for the Service Department, we changed out three dashboards on three of our trucks; was this due to a recall. Mr. Chodkowski said they were aged, cracked, and brittle and not holding to their mountings, shaking loose during heavy use. He said there wasn’t anything structurally or mechanically wrong with the vehicles and it was more cost effective to simply swap out the dash parts. Mr. Smith asked if there was a treatment that could be put on the dash in the future to soften the material and keep it from drying out. Mr. Chodkowski said that is a conversation we’ve had briefly with Mr. Miller and his staff; we will talk about some of those items more in depth at a later date because we want to get as much mileage and as much use out of those vehicles as possible. He said unfortunately you can do your best to hide the age but it always catches up to you. Mr. Smith asked if this was our dump trucks. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; some are old and the last new one we purchased was in 2007.

Mr. Miller said the big trucks are all about 6 years old. He said we had high carbon steel blades on the big trucks that create a tremendous vibration; we switched those out with a polymer blade that is extremely effective but at the same time is like a shock absorber, absorbing a lot of the energy that used to transfer back up to the cabs. He said he thought these would last the test of time compared to what we had before. Mr. Smith asked if the polymer blades were a recent change. Mr. Miller said we started using them about 3 ½ years ago but the damage was already done to the dash boards. Mr. Smith said he took his snow plow ride probably before that and it was quite a ride. Mr. Miller said the vibration transfers right into you. Mr. Smith said yes; he was ready to get out and he didn’t want to stay a full night.

Deputy Mayor Denning asked if the WPAFB sanitary sewer funding was approved. Mr. Chodkowski said it did not get approved; they indicated that all their capital construction money had been eliminated for the foreseeable future. He said they are still engineering projects but the only project they see coming to fruition is the Rt. 444 closure. Deputy Mayor Denning asked about the stuff we had on hold waiting for that; we talked about resurfacing Springfield Street but we were waiting until after that was done or we were hoping they would fix it in the process. Mr. Smith said we were waiting to bulldoze the old store.

Deputy Mayor Denning asked if the electric in Community Park was moving forward. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; it is trenched and they are making the connections now. He said once the weather cooperates, it will be completed and the trench will be backfilled.

Ms. Campbell said they are talking about relocating the traffic light at Airway Shopping Center and she thought they were going to wait to get more business down through there first. Mr. Chodkowski said one depends on the other; we had a meeting today with Mid-America’s Director of Retail Development, Bill Stabler, and they currently have a lease in place with McDonald’s contingent on the relocation of the traffic light. He said they are also exchanging negotiation letters with several other businesses that are also waiting on the “McDonald’s affect”. He said if the light moves and McDonald’s commits, those other folks have expressed an interest to formally negotiate locations on the out lots up front. Mayor Flaute said for the audience, McDonald’s is talking about moving to the other side of the street from where they are now and there are other businesses that are wanting to take that little McDonald’s.

Mayor Flaute said again for the benefit of the audience, sometimes we think our people aren’t working as hard as they can to save money; overtime hours for the Service Department in 2010 was 924 hours and in 2011 it was 540 hours. He said some of that was because of the weather but a lot of that is the hard work of the Service Department. He said Police Department overtime hours for 2010 was 4,200 and overtime hours for 2011 was 3,700 which is considerable; and for the Fire Department – 2010 was 646 hours and in 2011 overtime hours were 169. He thanked the departments for working so hard to keep those numbers down and said it’s not an easy thing to do. He said we appreciate all the hard work from staff and the employees for making that happen.

Mr. Smith said he noticed on the income tax scorecard we were $286,000 short this year compared to last year. He asked if that was due to people being laid off. Mr. Chodkowski said the best answer he can give is that it is economic; he asked how we did against budgeted numbers. Mr. Gillian said he believed we were about 6% under budget but there were a couple of large refunds at the beginning of the year; it did pick up throughout the year. Mr. Smith said looking at the scorecard; we are only 2% lower than last year. Mr. Gillian said the one we just distributed is for January of this year.

**ITEM 13: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**  There were no public comments on agenda items.

**ITEM 14: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Ordinance No. 12-O-485 to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2012. (SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION)**

Mr. Chodkowski said this ordinance is brought forth to make supplemental appropriations for the current budget period ending December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to read Ordinance No. 12-O-485 for the second time by title only and to approve its final adoption. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The clerk read Ordinance No. 12-O-485 for the second time by title only and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Curp said at the last meeting he voted against this because of the city’s finances and he is voting against it this time for the same reason.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Denning, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Ms. Campbell, no; Mr. Curp, no; Mr. Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS**

# ORDINANCES

* 1. **Ordinance No. 12-O-486 amending the Personnel Policies Manual of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (FIRST READING)**

Mr. Chodkowski said this ordinance is brought forth to amend the existing Personnel Policies Manual for the City of Riverside. He said these amendments were recommended by the Bureau of Workers Compensation was a way to minimize the city’s required contribution to them.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to read Ordinance No. 12-O-486 for the first time in its entirety and approve its first reading. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

The clerk read Ordinance No. 12-O-486 for the first time in its entirety and Mayor Flaute asked if there were any questions or discussion from members of council.

Mr. Fullenkamp said in Article III, Section 3.9 (E): Employee Education on Substance Abuse Issues – do we have any idea on what the cost will be. Mr. Chodkowski said the education program is free and it is provided in combination through Worker’s Compensation, our health insurance package, and the Employee Care Network. He said there is no cost to the city. Mr. Fullenkamp asked if that included the supervisor’s training. Mr. Chodkowski said yes.

With no further discussion; all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

# RESOLUTIONS

* + 1. **Resolution No. 12-R-1619 authorizing the City Manager to submit a proposal to request funding from the Urban Waters Small Grants from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.**

Mr. Chodkowski said as we briefly discussed at the last meeting regarding the Lilly Creek Watershed issue, this resolution is brought forth to authorize the submission of a grant to the EPA for an Urban Waters Small project to address a comprehensive plan and evaluation of the Lilly Creek Watershed. He said it included partnerships with the City of Dayton, City of Beavercreek, Greene County Soil and Water, Montgomery County Soil and Water, and the Miami Conservancy District.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1619. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute asked if there was a fiscal impact on the city and if we were doing this in-kind. Mr. Chodkowski said at this time the maximum grant request is $60,000 and the minimum local match is $2,500 which can be in-kind and is how we are reporting our match for the project. Mayor Flaute said this is just to do a comprehensive study of Lilly Creek and what it will take. Mr. Chodkowski said correct.

Mr. Fullenkamp said if we do the minimum on the contribution, does it impact the chances of the grant being awarded. Mr. Chodkowski said to the best of his knowledge it does not based on the information we received from the Conservancy District who is assisting us with this grant application. Mr. Murray said it will not affect our chances; we can still go after the maximum and there’s no points marked down.

Mr. Smith said it sounded like to him that Montgomery County Soil and Water was done with this project; he asked if they were back on board. Mr. Chodkowski said for the purposes of this project, they will be providing information only as we assess the overall scope of the watershed and what their involvement would have been. He said as we currently have the project proposed the city will be the lead agency as opposed to how the project worked prior. He said all those organizations and other governmental units named earlier are all going to be participating in assembling information related to this project but this will be the project in which we are the lead agency.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**b. Resolution No. 12-R-1620 by the Riverside, Ohio City Council authorizing the City Manager to amend an agreement with Forest City Real Estate Services, LLC for the purposes of commissioning the Center of Flight Bridge Plan.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to authorize an amendment to the existing contract with Forest City Real Estate Services, LLC for commissioning Phase II of the Center of Flight Master Development Plan also known as the Bridge Plan.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1620. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked if the only changes were what are crossed out in the document. Mr. Chodkowski said that was the original contract which we wanted to provide because basically what we have done is amend the original contract along the way. He said we signed the original contract back in 2010 and provided for one amendment which resulted in the master plan; now we are amending it a second time to include the bridge plan.

Mr. Smith said he noticed in our contract with Forest City there is a paragraph that is struck out; he asked if that was on our behalf. Mr. Chodkowski said correct; we provided supplemental language which insured that if we terminated the contract early, we would pay up to the current amount of service provided and they would provide us with any work product they had generated.

Mayor Flaute asked if this was in addition to the $75,000 we just passed. Mr. Chodkowski said no; this is the $75,000 we just passed. He said also, his apologies, the struck language is in regards to indemnity which we cannot offer.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**c. Resolution No. 12-R-1621 declaring certain property owned by the city to be surplus and no longer needed for city purposes and authorizing its disposition.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to declare certain property owned by the city to be surplus, no longer needed, and authorizing its disposition.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1621. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith said there are three vehicles at the top of the list: a Jeep, a Taurus, and a Mustang; he asked if those are vehicles that were confiscated. Mr. Chodkowski said the Jeep was formerly a staff command vehicle for the Fire Department; the Taurus is the current Zoning Enforcement Officer’s vehicle, and the Mustang was a confiscated vehicle.

With no further discussion; all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**d. Resolution No. 12-R-1622 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of four police vehicles for use at the Division of Police under the State of Ohio Cooperative Bid Program.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to authorize the city to purchase four police vehicles to rotate into the fleet and trade in four older vehicles.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1622. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**e. Resolution No. 12-R-1623 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio, authorizing the City Manager to make application for the State of Ohio 2012 NatureWorks Grant for Glendean Park Improvements.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to authorize the re-submittal of a NatureWorks grant for the Glendean Park Improvement project.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1623. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Denning said so we’ve had discussion with ODNR and we have a much better chance now than we’ve had in the last three times. Mr. Chodkowski said correct; the conversation he had with Mr. Shipley who is the Parks and Rec Supervisor for ODNR it was indicated that there were 10 to 12 points we left on the table because we didn’t clearly identify a larger public input into how we define our park’s priorities. He said we walked the parks survey from 2006 through the process. He said there were also concerns on their end because of the passive nature use we wanted to apply to that park and its close proximity to Eastwood Park. He said we identified the flood plain overlay on that parcel as a justification as to why we did not want to make hardscape improvements to that particular property. He said those are the two significant amendments to our original application and should grab us 12 to 15 points based on his conversation with Mr. Shipley. He said of course that all depends on who else applies but based on our previous scores from 2009 and 2010, it was indicated the extra points would elevate us to either full or partial funding.

Mayor Flaute asked if there was a fiscal impact. Mr. Chodkowski said as part of the 2012 appropriation in the parks budget council approved $15,000 for park improvements and that is what’s earmarked for this. He said there is a fiscal impact but it is one council has already budgeted for.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**f. Resolution No. 12-R-1624 by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio advancing $320,000 from the General Fund to the General Assessments Fund.**

Mr. Chodkowski said this resolution is to authorize the advance of funds from the General fund to the General Assessment Fund until such time as assessments are collected.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1624. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion.

Mayor Flaute said this if for trash collection which is put on the real estate taxes; when real estate taxes are paid, that’s when the city gets paid. He said we have to pay the receipt of the assessment up front and that’s what this resolution does. He said there is no fiscal impact on this resolution.

Ms. Campbell asked if we are staying with this company. Mr. Chodkowski said we are contracted with Dayton through 2012 and we have already notified Dayton we will be bidding this contract for service later this year; so we will not be exercising our additional contract options with them for years 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Mayor Flaute said so we’ve had our five years. Mr. Chodkowski said yes; this is the last year.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked if Dayton was free to bid the contract too. Mr. Chodkowski said yes.

Mr. Smith asked when council would see the bids. Mr. Chodkowski said we will begin assembling bid packet information in June or July, following the assembly of that information and exactly how council would like to proceed with waste collection services, we will most likely release the request for bids in August and have legislation before council in September or October.

Mayor Flaute said a couple times ago we had a group of citizens work out the options and bring forth suggestions to us; if council is interested in doing something like that again; we probably need to get this on the agenda even quicker. He said there are different options such as pay-as-you-throw; there are different ways of doing it and its something we as council need to study or have a citizen committee study.

Mr. Smith said he would like to be a part of that bid process; sit and listen. Ms. Campbell asked why council couldn’t just get a copy of it when all the bids come in. Mayor Flaute said we need to discuss how we want to do it; there are suggestions as to not having a regular pick-up like we have now. He said for example, by the time you put stuff in the recyclables, folks who just have a couple people in their household don’t have much trash, so maybe there is a way to have a person charged just on the amount of trash they throw away vs. everybody being charged the same. He said those are the kinds of discussion we will have to have. He said there are other ways other communities are doing it and we need to make sure we are making the right choice.

Ms. Campbell said she just wants to make sure we don’t go through what we went through the last time on the dumpsters. Mayor Flaute said you like the toters. Ms. Campbell said yes; some of us can’t pick up a trash can to carry out to the curb.

With no further discussion, all were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**g. Resolution No. 12-R-1625 by the Riverside City Council appointing Edward W. Schock to fill a vacancy on the Riverside City Council for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2013.**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to approve Resolution No. 12-R-1625. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. **Motion passed.**

**ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**  Mrs. Thelma Howell of Harlou Drive said judging from what she just heard regarding Lilly Creek; is the only thing Montgomery County Soil and Water being brought back in for is just information purposes. Mr. Chodkowski said correct. Mrs. Howell asked if there was a possibility they would be brought back in any other capacity. Mr. Chodkowski said he can’t say with 100% certainty that they would not be brought back but he can say at this point in time, the grant council has authorized us to submit is purely for a study, evaluation, and recommendation of solutions. Mrs. Howell said we are trying to get the Malcom/Pierney report together too. She said she just wanted to stress the point that they did not like Soil and Water and we hope we don’t have to see them again.

**ITEM 17: COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** Mr. Smith said he attended the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association banquet some time ago and they gave us a plate to put on our plaque signifying our participation in 2011. Mayor Flaute said as many of you know that is an organization that helps out with all the functions of the military folks and they do a lot of receptions for the military. Mr. Smith said they just had their Get Acquainted Reception for all the new members of city government. He said it is always good to get together and network. He said they do put on a lot of functions where we have various opportunities to network with other communities and base personnel. He said it is a very healthy relationship.

Mr. Fullenkamp said he just wanted to thank everyone for coming out tonight; let’s keep these seats filled. He said he likes to see people out in the crowd and he wants to see residents get more involved. He asked everyone to please return.

Deputy Mayor Denning said he also went to the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association Get Acquainted Reception; it was very enlightening and you do get to meet a lot of neat people. He said on March 3rd, he will be attending the new council training put on by Ohio Municipal League. He said he hoped that will be helpful as well as a good way to meet other community leaders.

Deputy Mayor Denning said he wanted to thank staff for everything they do. He said Mr. Miller was doing a good job keeping the snow away which helps keep the overtime down.

Deputy Mayor Denning said most of you, council and staff, have a personal invitation to Salsa’s on the 27th of this month for the Relay for Life which is the American Cancer Society. He said Salsa’s is going to donate 15% of everything that is served that night and we are hoping to get volunteers to help serve that night. He said we will be serving from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Relay for Life will get 15% of that as well as 100% of the tips. He said we are hoping that will raise some money for the American Cancer Society. He said Mr. Fullenkamp has volunteered to serve for an hour; he will also be serving or working in the kitchen whichever Mrs. Denning decides; Mr. Smith will be helping to serve; and if anyone else wants to help serve, please let him or his wife know. Mayor Flaute said he would like to serve. Deputy Mayor Denning said we will do the best we can for the American Cancer Society and if anybody needs a flyer, he has them available. He said this goes along with something we talked about earlier and he hopes this will be something to make us more of a community. He said one of the goals of doing projects like this is to bring the community as a whole together and that’s what we are trying to do; this is the Wright-Patt/Riverside area Relay for Life so we also will be having the Sergeants Association helping with this too. He said this does great things for the American Cancer Society which we have all been touched by in one way or another, but he thinks it also does good things for us as a community.

Deputy Mayor Denning said he thinks Ms. Campbell was going to bring this up, but he is going to steal her thunder – there’s a new restaurant on Valley Street which he visited last night on Mr. Murray’s suggestion. He said it is a Mom & Pop type restaurant; the food is good and it’s just a small little place across from the Christy Club. Ms. Campbell asked why they didn’t have a ribbon cutting. Deputy Mayor Denning said they had a soft-opening and the owner was really afraid she was going to get slammed. Ms. Campbell said they will now; she asked what hours they are open. Deputy Mayor Denning said from about 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 or 9:00 p.m.; it depends on how it goes. An audience member asked what the name of the restaurant was. Deputy Mayor Denning said it is Debbie’s Restaurant.

Mayor Flaute said he has gotten involved in the Mayors/Managers Group and he has been appointed to the Issues Committee this year. He said he thought that was very good for Riverside and he will be traveling to the State House for all the various issues that will be becoming before our cities as a whole. He said that was a nice appointment.

Mayor Flaute said he has also become a Kentucky Colonel. He said he’s not sure how many know about the Kentucky Colonels but due to his work on the Appalachian Board for the last 10 or 15 years, they have recognized him and the Governor of Kentucky gave him the honor of being a Kentucky Colonel. He said he is pleased and excited about that. Deputy Mayor Denning asked if he got free chicken with that. Mayor Flaute said yes – he gets a free leg of chicken; Colonel Sanders was a Kentucky Colonel also; that’s one of the ways that started. He said there are famous people that are Kentucky Colonels and he is humbly one of the folks who became a one. Mr. Smith asked if he would grow a beard and wear a bow tie. Mayor Flaute said at this point he was just going to take it as an honor.

Mayor Flaute said he did get a letter from the Fisher/Nightingale Houses asking us to donate to their All-American Evening on April 28th. He said he thought we normally did something. Deputy Mayor Denning said he thought one of the ways we supported that was by going to it. Mayor Flaute asked staff to check on what we have done in the past and put it on the next agenda.

Mrs. Lommatzsch said the city has always donated items for the raffle and your name gets up on the table. Mr. Schock said it that where they have the auction. Mrs. Lommatzsch said yes; it’s at the museum. Mr. Schock said he attended that every year.

Mr. Chodkowski said we donated cash a few years and then the Law Director provided an opinion that restricted us from contributing for a year or two; then in the middle of last year she amended her opinion, so, we will be able to contribute again. Mayor Flaute asked staff to look into that.

Mayor Flaute said he swore in a new Police Officer, Matt Jackson. He said many of you might know Mr. Jackson who is a St. Helen’s graduate and a Carroll graduate, his father was a Police Officer for the City of Dayton, and we are very pleased to have Matt Jackson join us. He asked if we were at full staff with the Police Officers now. Mr. Chodkowski said yes.

Mayor Flaute said he had six weddings this past two weeks so the first of the year is starting off good; bringing in the bucks and making a bunch of people happy. He said it is such an honor to do that and the last one he did which was yesterday, the couple got married at noon and the fellow was deployed at 1:00 a.m.

**ITEM 18: EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate, collective bargaining, and litigation. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Curp, yes; Mr. Fullenkamp, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Mayor Flaute, yes. The council entered into executive session at 8:34 p.m.

**ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT:**  The council came out of executive session at 9:43 p.m. and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Denning to adjourn. Mr. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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