

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 13, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joseph Suster.

INVOCATION BY: Councilwoman Nancy Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Clwn. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reading and disposal of the Minutes of December 9th and December 16th.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we accept the Council Minutes from the Regular Meetings of Council from December 9 and December 16, 2013.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? There are 7 Yes votes to accept the Minutes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will move on to the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Suster, I do, thank you. First off I want read a memo that I received from Dave Burnell, the Pastor of The Rock Church. He wrote saying he wanted to give us an update on some of the services to the Garfield Heights community.

“At the end of last year Compassionate Ministry made the decision to focus exclusively on serving Garfield Heights. Over 50% of the 1,000 people we currently serve in the food pantry come from ZIP Codes outside of 44125. With well over a dozen food pantries in the outlying ZIP Codes and only three in Garfield Heights, we decided to only service 44125 beginning February 1st. This will allow us to more fully serve folks in need in our city.

Our Christmas Compassion Ministry made some very significant changes as well at Christmas. In previous years we gave away gifts for kids and families in need from our food pantry, clients self-qualified from surrounding areas. This year we changed it to a

Christmas Store. Through donations from individuals and businesses we were able to stock a toy store. We then asked Garfield Heights social workers to give us the names of families within the Garfield Heights school district that they knew were in need. Those parents were able to come and purchase toys for their kids at a steep discount, pennies on the dollar or even earn store credit through volunteering at The Rock, their own home church or public organizations. This arrangement really empowered the parents instead of making them one-way recipients of charity. Through this church-school business partnership we are able to help 35 families.

This past summer our Summer Camp was able to hire three summer camp interns, all Garfield Heights young adults, to staff the camp. During the camp we served and also fed over 100 kids during the summer 1,000 meals to kids that mostly were from 44125 ZIP Codes. Our partnership with campus life and the Garfield Heights school district continues to go well and we are able to give Michael Peters Basketball Programs our focus in the Garfield Heights City Schools and Learning Center and that's about 400 youth per year. Anyhow we're glad to partner with the city in whatever way we would be helpful. We're here to serve. Just let us know."

It's interesting. We're really appreciative that places such as The Rock Church, it's just like the Family Life Center on Dressler, do these programs. They go out and search for the funding, they have people that work there, many of them are volunteers or working at low income, but they're doing it to help the community and this is a really big thing. They're not the only two churches and groups that do it. There's others. I don't have their names but we really appreciate it. That was a very nice letter from Pastor Burnell.

I want to talk a little bit about something that I'm very excited about and I think everybody will be. We have come to a tentative agreement. We are actually working on a contract as we speak for a Boys and Girls Club Program that will be on a trial basis this summer and we're going to bring the Boys and Girls Club in and it's going to be financed by the Court. The Court has a fund that they're going to use to finance this. We're going to bring a Boys and Girls Club in partnership with the Garfield School Board. It's going to work this summer for middle school age children. There's going to be about 125 to 130 children able to attend. We want to do this at the middle school. We want this program which I know will happen to be a huge success so we can continue this on an every day basis throughout the school year and again in summer. We said that many times that in the days when we were in school, we used to after school have intramural programs, different types of activities to do and after school was out we went to those programs. Because of financial problems that have happened in the last few years those programs have been cut out so when that 2:30 or 3:00 school bell rings we got thousands of kids hitting the street and you know they don't walk down the street in single file and they're not quiet. They're kids. They're pushing and shoving, etc. Although they're not doing anything for the most part bad it's just the mischief that they get involved in is enough to scare most of the Seniors. So we think this Boys and Girls club is a definite need in Garfield Heights. We're really happy that this program is going to start here on a trial basis. The problem is as is everything else is that it costs a lot of dollars. There's a lot of dollars involved to keep this thing going so we want this pilot program to be a success so we can then go to other foundations like Gund Foundation and some other foundations to show how successful our program was and ask them for support to keep this thing going so we'll keep you updated on that. We're along the way very well on that. We teamed up with the Court. The Judge has been very helpful; a very integral part of this and has been able to come up with the dollars to do this summer program so we certainly thank the Court for that.

The other thing I wanted to report on, as we have talked about for the last four years, City View has been my biggest disappointment. It's been stagnant and just sitting there for the last four years, no matter how hard we've tried to get it going, we seem to run into some sort of a road block. I just want everybody to know, Council to know, that we have had some activity at City View and we are in preliminary talks with a hotel that is looking to put up their building very close to Antenucci and Transportation Blvd. and we're in preliminary talks. We have a long way to go. It's exciting just to have that kind of activity. Also we are in preliminary talks with a government agency. We are not able to reveal who it is yet, but this agency is looking at coming into the City View area where Radio Shack is and they're probably going to take about 10,000 square feet, something in that area, or 12,000, but even though these are preliminary talks it looks good every time we talk about it and this is the kind thing that I think will get the ball rolling. So keep your fingers crossed and we'll keep you updated on it.

With that said, I want to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 1 is an ordinance to advertise for proposals for various materials and service supplied for the year ending December 31, 2014. This is an annual proposal we do. Ron can get into it if you have any questions. Ordinance number 3 and 4. These agreements involved the Granger and Transportation Blvd. road improvements. This project will be the road improvements needed to get the Bridge View project off the ground but this is needed to get going. I urge Council to pass both of those.

With that said, I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year. I think 2014 is going to be a great year and I appreciate everything Council has done. Thank you very much and Mr. President, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. I just also wanted to note that Ordinance 2 was withdrawn for tonight's meeting. It will be put up at a later date. That being said we'll move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. No report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That being said we'll call on Police Chief Bob Sackett.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you. I just want to say in January of last year we went into the high school with a program that was developed by the Police Department, Mayor Collova and Supt. Olszewski called the HYPE Program. HYPE was an acronym: Heroin Youth Prevention Through Education. Because of all these heroin issues that you've especially read about recently county-wide, this was another step in the whole pro-active approach we're going to take. We went in there last year and it worked out rather well we thought so we started again this year. Last Friday we caught half of the ninth graders in their health class and we're going to go back in a couple weeks and catch the other half of the ninth graders. This program's put on by Ptlmn DePente and our SRO Ptlmn Seawright and it's not so much we try to get away from what the kids already learned in health class as far as what do drugs do to your brain and that the science of the whole thing and we really focus just like the name said on heroin because that's truly what's killing people. We brought in real life speakers, people that used, people that were in prison not too long ago. We had a young man speak this time that last year he spoke on film because he was incarcerated. This year he's out. He's doing well. A Garfield Heights youth, David McKenzie, so he helped us out again and when you hear a story from a person that's been there I think it means more than 10 stories from police officers or teachers, etc. So we are continuing with that.

I also want to issue a bit of a warning maybe. This is a scam that's been going on probably for 10 years. It happened again. It happened over on Royal, but it can happen anywhere. Two or three guys come to the house. They usually pick an elderly person and they pose as some sort of utility workers. They have to check something out. You could imagine. One distracts the person who answers the door and the other one goes upstairs and the other one goes through the bedroom drawers rather quickly, takes the money and they're out. Luckily on Royal there was somebody in the house that the perpetrators didn't know so they didn't get away with anything but keep your eyes open. This lady did the right thing. She asked for I.D. The guy said the I.D.'s in the truck. She stopped there. Be persistent. Don't even open the door. Don't unlock. Make a phone call if you have to. Don't worry if it's cold out. So hopefully that warning will be heeded and no one will lose any valuables.

The last thing I have is our Shop with a Cop Program it seems like it was months and months ago but we actually shopped on December 14th. Shop with a Cop is we've been doing this about 17 years with the FOP. We sell raffle tickets and based on the number of tickets we sell we take kids shopping on a little shopping trip and pay for it all. I want to thank all the volunteers and a lot of employees, a lot of Police Department employees, a lot of city employees and citizens volunteered to go with these kids. We try to hook up a kid with an escort, a police car, etc. I also want to thank the people that bought the tickets. Many places in town you can buy the tickets. We sold over 5,000 tickets. We were able to take just from Garfield Heights 350 kids. The whole program I believe which is a lot of cities, maybe 20 or 30 cities, we took 350 kids. You could imagine what sight that is at Wal-Mart. It worked out well. Believe me, it's a rewarding thing. I get more out of it than the kids do, I'm sure. I just want to thank everybody that participated and with that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, can I jump in here for a second? To respond a little bit on what the Chief said, he jogged my memory a bit. He mentioned our SRO officer at the school and I just wanted to share with everybody, especially Council, that I met with Supt. Olszewski last week and he told me that each year they do a survey at the school and they put the survey together and they asked the kids at the school what they are happy with, what they think about the teachers, what they think about their school and suggestions on what they can do. One of the questions in the survey is do you feel safe at Garfield Heights High School? 97% of the students in Garfield Heights said they feel safe in Garfield Heights High School and many of them commented on the SRO officer's being a reason that they feel as safe as they do. This is a very successful venture that was put on once again by the school board and the city. We certainly thank Officer Seabright. James is doing a great job. I just wanted to let Council know about that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Now does anybody have any questions of the Chief? There being none, we'll move on to Parks and Recreation, Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a couple things this evening. First of all I wish a Happy New Year to all and all our residents.

I just wanted to go over although it's hard to believe with what we just came through with the freezing temperatures the last couple weeks we had 60 degree weather on December 22nd for our Skate with Santa. Over 300 people filled the Recreation Department with many families and

children. All the children in attendance not only got to sit on Santa's lap, our resident Santa for the last couple years, Mr. Nenadovich, and he does an exceptional job. I noticed he had a few of the older ladies there, talking to him. Excuse me. No, that's not true. He does a great job. All the kids love him. They almost run to him. Other than one little girl. He had a little tough time getting that one. They asked for their last minute toys, etc. and Mike did a great job.

Also that evening they received a set of hats and gloves. This was a little bit special, coordinated by Local 2729, our Local ASCME Union employees. They took donations of hats and gloves through the courtesy of residents, city employees, Mayor Collova and the Union members. Many of the members volunteered that day to set up tables to hand out the hats and gloves to the children. Many of the children were seen wearing their newly acquired items during the skate and as they were leaving children also received treat bags courtesy of the Mayor and myself. Thanks to all the volunteers, Recreation Department staff and most of all everyone who came out and enjoyed. This was exceptional. This was probably one of the best years since I've been here as to enjoying. It's a free skate to the residents and children but to see that many people, I'm going to say we were probably closer to 370 people, and such an array of people having a good time and leaving and thanking us for doing that. Pictures of the event are on the Website.

Last, our Futsol Program continues to take registrations this week. This is one of our most popular programs. T-ball and softball are just around the corner. Just so everybody knows, I touched base with the city of Bedford. They seem to be going through with their softball program a little bit of what we experienced as to variations over the years in participation levels. Their younger program which is our Peewee Program they only had two teams and they had three teams in their minor division team so I had a good discussion with them and we're going to try to merge to get more competition for our teams. Little League baseball has done that over the last few years and had great success with that so some very enjoyable people had a meeting with and we're looking forward to working with them to make that program a little more competitive. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll go on to our City Engineer, David Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to report on a couple items. First of all, the Granger/Transportation Project that's on the agenda tonight Ordinance 3 and 4 are both necessary steps and there is going to be other steps coming but a lot will be accomplished between now and the summer when the project goes to bid.

Also I want to report on the Turney Road Project. The waterline plans and all the road plans are moving along. We're still a little ways yet from bidding those but they are moving along.

I also want to note for you that stapled to the back of your Council report there's kind of a short annual report that shows some things that were accomplished this past year and in 2014 what we're looking forward to moving ahead so it gives you an idea of where we're headed. That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Krock on his report this evening? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you very much. First time I haven't stuttered over your name and you don't have a report. Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Building Commissioner, Bill Wervey. Do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Mr. President, I have nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Moving right along. We'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. If the Clerk would please read the rules, we will proceed.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have any comments on tonight's agenda? Are there any citizens that might have a comment on tonight's agenda?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions starting with Ordinance 01-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES. FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, did we have to waive Rule 24 on this one?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: No.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: No, this does not actually spend any money. This is just an authorization to go out and bid for these items if we decide we need them this year. So that would come at a later date.

CLWN MARINCIC: Then I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 01-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Mr. President, point of order. I believe you should probably withdraw Ordinance 2 from the agenda on Council floor.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. As we decided in Caucus we are going to withdraw Ordinance 2-2014. Would somebody please like to make that motion?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we withdraw Ordinance number 2-2014 at this time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor signify by saying Yea.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP – CLEVELAND LLC, (APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE 67-2013), AMENDMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", TO PROVIDE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE INITIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GRANGER ROAD / TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Glenn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 3-2014 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KROCK-ESSER ENGINEERING INC., TO PROVIDE THE PLAN REVIEW AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TASKS FOR THE GRANGER ROAD / TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) PLUS INCIDENTALS, WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP – CLEVELAND LLC. AMENDED AGREEMENT APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE 3-2014.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I understand there is a Fiscal Officer's Report.

(The Clerk read the Fiscal Officer's Certification.)

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the total vote for Ordinance 4-2014 we have 7 Yes votes and that passes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will go into Comments By Citizens. If the Clerk would please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Do we have anyone that would like to speak this evening? Is there anyone who would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being no one, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Suster. First of all I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and I'd also like to thank the residents of Ward 7 for all their patience this weekend with our garbage pickup being pushed on till Saturday. I can honestly say we did not have any phone calls or I did not receive any phone calls.

We do have an issue though with people putting their garbage cans in the street for pickup. Please make sure that your garbage cans are on your tree lawn where they are supposed to be. If the plow comes down those cans will be destroyed. They could cause an accident so I ask everyone to please bring their cans up on to the tree lawn.

Our next Block Watch is June 30th on Thursday evening. We'll be meeting at St Benedict's School at St. Monica parish. Please come join us. I'm sorry. Did I say June? I meant January. I wish it was June. I really do. January 30th on Thursday evening. Please come join us. Maybe we'll have a guest appearance by the Mayor at this one. I don't know. I doubt it.

With that, everybody stay warm and get ready for the next cold break. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to wish everybody in the city of Garfield Heights and everybody that we do business with a Happy New Year. I want to remind everybody also that I've been getting phone calls about the water that collects in the street and I've done some research on it and found that there are these hydro-brakes and I think a lot of people don't understand how they work but they are made to regulate how much water actually goes into the main line so it does not back up into your basements and I think they're a good thing so if you see water in the street it doesn't always mean that something is wrong with the sewer system. It might just be those hydro-brakes working.

The Ward 6 Block Watch meeting will be February 5th and Joe, it's glad to see that you're feeling better after your surgery and I like to see the man smiling there and other than that that's all I have. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Burke. I just wanted to say as soon as Mary heard June she thought that the pool was going to open up next week. I, too, would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and I would like to also compliment our Service Department on working through that snow and the cold weather last week. To me, they did a phenomenal job and I had to go through a couple other suburbs and I still had to think that we were in better shape than most. That's all I have this evening. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, President. I wish everybody a Happy New Years and good health to all the residents. I just want to say that City Council, the City of Garfield has gone through a very good year. We got out of fiscal emergency, a big, big plus for the city. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Council. On a collective process we did, I think, we did a good job. I turn it over to you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Suster. I just want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and real quickly I was on Council, this is starting my fifth year, when I started talking about the Vets it was 2,300 Vets. It's 4,100 now. We're killing them off daily. Say your prayers. We got to bring these kids home. Their families miss them and so do we. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That being said we'll move on to Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. First of all I'd like to say this Boys and Girls Club is a phenomenal idea. I'm pleased that the Court's getting involved and if you could keep us apprised as things go I really appreciate it. I'd like to put it in my next Grape Vine if you have additional information within the next few months. I, too, would like to wish our Mayor, members of the Administration, my colleagues and everybody in the city of Garfield Heights a Happy New Year. I hope it's a happy and healthy one for everyone.

Next I'd like to say for almost three weeks now my home phone wasn't working and it was finally fixed a couple days ago. So to the residents who tried to call my house and couldn't get through I apologize and thank God AT&T finally figured out what the problem was and got it fixed.

Last but not least, there's a Member of Council who's going to be 50 for the third time tomorrow. And that would be Clmn Dudley. So I'd like to wish him a Happy Birthday.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you there, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I know you want to say I saved the best for last.

CLMN DUDLEY: So you cheated me out of that. All right. First of all, I wish everybody a Happy New Year. It was a great year and every year I got to work has been a good year and I enjoyed my colleagues as well as the Mayor and the Administration. We really achieved a lot last year.

I also encourage people no matter which Ward you live in you should go to some of these Ward club meetings. If you don't make all 12 you should try to maybe make about two a year. That don't sound like much but if you have 5% of a Ward come to two meetings a year you have a packed room every time. And the Information that is given out is informative and a lot of times you have people from the Administration, your own Council Members, you talk about Ward 1 do have what they call the Cranwood Ward Club and they will be meeting the 28th of this month at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center. I believe most of these clubs are open if you are not a resident of the community or Ward. None of them would turn you down. It's good to make them visits.

Also I will be returning 50 but actually 53 and my plan for my birthday is I'll be 53 for the rest of my life, trust me. What I plan to do tomorrow is I'm going to take off work a few minutes early and I'm going to go shoot some pool because I still look forward to our coaching the city team to play against Bob Dobies and the school team with Mr. Sunny Johnson say he look forward for the challenge. The money raised will certainly be able to help the school and used for various things such as underprivileged kids who want to get involved. I hope you all do something good with the money.

The Boys and Girls Club is a good thing and I'm looking forward to it coming and I will be willing to volunteer. I won't be shooting hoops some of my time for the kids up there but I think that's great. They got to have somewhere to go and I'm glad the Court is getting in that move there.

With that I'll make it short and all the drinks will be at the Mayor's house tomorrow at 7 p.m. You all be there. The city as a whole is a great city. Like I tell people if I had somewhere else to go I would choose to live here and I say that honestly. This is my final stage and my final spot.

With that I guess we going to adjourn for tonight so I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say Yea. All those opposed. Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joseph M. Suster, President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council