

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

The Council convened in regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2007.

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by Silent Prayer.

The Meeting was called to order by the Mayor who directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered present:

**Aldermen: Joseph “Skip” Crawford, Allen Gibson, John Hanson, Jim Finnegan, Steven Purcell, Michael Matejka and Mayor Stephen F. Stockton.**

**Aldermen absent: Kevin Huette and Karen Schmidt.**

**City Manager Tom Hamilton, City Clerk Tracey Covert, and Corporate Counsel Todd Greenburg were also present.**

**The following was presented:**

To:           Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From:         Staff  
Subject:       Council Work Session Minutes of December 11, 2006

The Council Work Session Minutes of December 11, 2006 of have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Work Session of December 11, 2006 be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Staff  
Subject: Bills and Payroll

The following list of bills and payrolls have been furnished to you in advance of this meeting. After examination I find them to be correct and, therefore, recommend their payment.

Respectfully,

Brian J. Barnes  
Director of Finance

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

(ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the bills and payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Staff  
Subject: Payments from Various Municipal Departments

1. The ninth partial payment to Peace Meal in the amount of \$2,082 on a contract amount of \$25,000 of which \$18,738 will have been paid to date for work certified as 75% complete for the Peace Meal. Completion date – April 2007.

2. The ninth partial payment to Peace Meal in the amount of \$624 on a contract amount of \$7,500 of which \$5,616 will have been paid to date for work certified as 75% complete for the John M. Scott Home Delivered Meals. Completion date – May 2007.
3. The second partial payment to Economic Development Council of Bloomington/Normal in the amount of \$6,666.66 on a contract amount of \$80,000 per year of which \$13,333.32 will have been paid to date for work certified as 17% complete for McLean County Economic Development. Completion date – December 2008.
4. The forty-seventh partial payment to Brisbin, Brook, Beynon Architects in the amount of \$55.74 on a contract amount of \$1,446,000 of which \$1,443,129.66 will have been paid to date for work certified as 99.8% complete for the US Cellular Coliseum Architects. Completion date – April 2006.
5. The fifth partial payment to The Pantagraph in the amount of \$3,290.08 on a contract amount of \$30,000 of which \$25,486.20 will have been paid to date for work certified as 84.95% complete for the 2006-2007 Seasonal Advertising Services. Completion date – April 2007.
6. The eighth partial payment to APACE Architects & Design in the amount of \$6,165 on a contract amount of \$219,950 of which \$40,367.50 will have been paid to date for work certified as 18% complete for the Design of Fire Station #5. Completion date – May 2008.
7. The sixth partial payment to Youth Impact, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000 on a contract amount of \$90,000 of which \$67,500 will have been paid to date for work certified as 75% complete for the Youth Impact. Completion date – April 2007.
8. The tenth partial payment to McLean County Health Department in the amount of \$9,015 on a contract amount of \$108,180 of which \$90,150 will have been paid to date for work certified as 83% complete for the Animal Control & Shelter Services. Completion date – April 2007.
9. The third partial payment to Thompson Dyke & Associates in the amount of \$1,503 on a contract amount of \$19,950 of which \$16,910 will have been paid to date for work certified as 85% complete for the Lincoln Leisure Campus Parking. Completion date - August 2006.
10. The third partial payment to Thompson Dyke & Associates in the amount of \$44,750 on a contract amount of \$248,500 of which \$94,500 will have been paid to date for work certified as 38% complete for the McGraw Park – Phase II. Completion date – December 2007.

11. The thirteenth partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$22,424.05 on a contract amount of \$203,300 of which \$159,894.25 will have been paid to date for work certified as 79% complete for the Constitution Trail – Grove to Hamilton. Completion date – April 2007.
12. The eleventh partial payment to Testing Services Corporation in the amount of \$3,923 on a per ton and hour contract of which \$35,546.05 will have been paid to date for work certified as ongoing for the 2006-2007 Asphalt & Portland Concrete Plant Inspection and Lab Testing. Completion date – July 2007.
13. The thirteenth and final payment to Rowe Construction in the amount of \$34,490 on a contract amount of \$876,868 of which \$876,868 will have been paid to date for work certified as 100% complete for the Hershey Road Widening – Yorktown to Eastland. Completion date – January 2006.
14. The twenty-first partial payment to Clark Dietz, Inc. in the amount of \$2,908.32 on a contract amount of \$330,000 of which \$310,416.18 will have been paid to date for work certified as 94% complete for the Hamilton Road – Timberlake to Main St. Completion date – March 2007.
15. The fourteenth partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$305.25 on a contract amount of \$32,562 of which \$18,055.54 will have been paid to date for work certified as 55% complete for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing Negotiations: 1.) ML King at White Oak; 2.) Hamilton at Commerce, and 3.) Hershey at Hamilton. Completion date – February 2007.
16. The first partial payment to Leak Detection Services in the amount of \$5,940 on a contract amount of \$35,640 of which \$5,940 will have been paid to date for work certified as 17% complete for the Leak Detection. Completion date – December 2007.
17. The sixth partial payment to Alvord, Burdick & Howson, LLC in the amount of \$360 on a contract amount of \$33,000 of which \$23,601.21 will have been paid to date for work certified as 72% complete for the Water Department Rate Study. Completion date - December 2007.
18. The seventh partial payment to Alvord, Burdick & Howson, LLC in the amount of \$2,586.97 on a contract amount of \$33,000 of which \$26,188.18 will have been paid to date for work certified as 79% complete for the Water Department Rate Study. Completion date – December 2007.
19. The second partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$2,118.50 on a contract amount of \$45,000 of which \$6,355.50 will have been paid to date for work certified as 14% complete for the Wastewater Treatment System at Lake Bloomington. Completion date – October 2007.

20. The fiftieth partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$4,257 on a contract amount of \$1,077,688.73 of which \$995,773.93 will have been paid to date for work certified as 92% complete for the Design Transmission Water Main to Lake Bloomington. Completion date – March 2007.
21. The seventeenth partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$13,883.38 on a contract amount of \$295,300 of which \$269,088.42 will have been paid to date for work certified as 91% complete for the Kickapoo Force Main Design, Property Surveys and Brokaw Road Surveys. Completion date – March 2007.
22. The fifth partial payment to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$120.79 on a contract amount of \$47,500 of which \$45,730.81 will have been paid to date for work certified as 96% complete for the Division St. CSO Elimination – Phase II. Completion date – March 2007.

All of the above described payments are for planned and budgeted items previously approved by the City Council. I recommend that the payments be approved.

Respectfully,

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the payments be approved.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Audit of the Accounts for the Township Supervisor of General Assistance Fund and General Town Fund for the Month of January, 2007

Audit of the Accounts for the Township Supervisor of General Assistance Fund and General Town Fund for the month of January, 2007 were presented for Audit by the Township Supervisor.

The Audit of these accounts took place on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Bloomington City Hall and should, at this time, be made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the audit of the bills and payrolls for the Township for the month of January, 2007 be made a matter of record.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Reports

The following reports should be received and placed on file with the City Clerk:

1. Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the month of January, 2007.
2. Monthly Receipt & Expenditure Report, January, 2007.
3. Analysis of 2006 Traffic Accident Statistics.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

(REPORTS ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the reports be received and placed on file.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Request to Pay Batteries Plus, Inc. for Emergency Replacement of the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Batteries at the Police Department Facility

On Monday, December 18, 2007, staff was informed the UPS batteries at the Police Department were cracking and the operation of the system was in question. Staff went to the facility and found the system was not operating properly. All eighty (80) batteries were scheduled for replacement in the next fiscal year but due to their condition staff believed that they should be replaced as soon as possible.

If the electricity was lost to the building, the UPS would provide power to the 911 Call Center and other communication equipment until the emergency generator was able to take over the load. Staff requested and received prices from the following providers:

*Batteries Plus	\$10,500	Interstate Batteries	\$14,000	SEPS Power Supply	\$23,766
Bloomington, IL		Bloomington, IL		Chicago, IL	

The batteries were replaced on January 4, 2007 and the system was put back in operation. Batteries Plus Inc. has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$10,500. Staff has reviewed the invoice and finds everything to be in order.

Staff respectfully requests that Council approve payment in the amount of \$10,500 to Batteries Plus for the replacement of the UPS batteries at the Police Department. Payment will come from the Building Alterations Account (G15480-72520).

Respectfully,

Robert Floyd  
Facility Manager

Mark Huber  
Director of PACE

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the payment be approved.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Renovation of Miller Park Playground

Staff respectfully requests that the Renovation of Miller Park Playground be held over until the March 12, 2007 Council Meeting. As of this date staff has not received the information and numbers in from area contractors that are needed to move further on this project.

Respectfully,

Dean Kohn  
Director of Parks and Recreation

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the item be laid over until the March 12, 2007 Council meeting.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**



**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Staff  
Subject: Permission to Seek Proposals for a Procurement Card Provider

Staff respectfully requests permission to begin a Procurement Card (Pcard) program and seek proposals from financial institutions that provide such a program. Pcards eliminate many bureaucratic activities related to purchasing requisitions, invoices, checks, receipts, expense reimbursements, etc. Using a Pcard simplifies purchasing procedures and reduces the number of checks written while at the same time allowing for quality controls, monitoring of card use and the flexibility to obtain good pricing for items required. Pcard programs have been in use for over a decade with federal, state and local government agencies.

The Bloomington Municipal Employees Credit Union (BMCU) has provided Visa credit cards to the City for several years. Staff would like to extend a special note of thanks to Gail Dahlem and Kathy Woosley for the excellent customer service, account management and fraud protection. The BMCU-issued Visa card, however, does not provide a Pcard and all of the advantages that the City will experience with such a program.

The City currently has 113 Visa credit cards for employee use. The charges to these cards total about \$553,000 (FY 06) with the primary usage for purchasing goods in small dollar amounts (\$1-\$5,000), one-time purchases, and travel expenses. The ease of purchasing and payment using a credit card has been clearly demonstrated, even with the limited card-management that the current Visa card offers.

A Pcard operates in the same manner as a credit card as far as using a credit card with a vendor. Pcards differ from the current credit card in the restrictions and flexibility that can be placed on each card. Individual Pcards can be set up with dollar restrictions, daily or monthly transaction activity, specific commodity purchases and restrictions may even be assigned by the type of businesses that the card will be used at.

The current procurement and vendor payment process, while effective, annually results in almost 20,000 purchase orders/requests for payments that have up to four invoices on each payment request. Of these 20,000 purchase orders/requests for payments, nearly 75% are for purchases between \$1.00 and \$1,000. The City's cost of processing a purchase order from beginning to end, including labor and supplies, is hard to calculate. It is apparent that the level of effort for small purchases is out of proportion to the cost of the goods or services themselves. A recent Deloitte & Touche study indicated that the average cost of generating a purchase order to buy an item or pay an invoice to multiple vendors is four times the amount of one purchase order to a credit card company. Visa conducted a similar study in 2005 that resulted in a cost estimate of \$67 per purchase order processed (Visa.com Purchasing Card Benchmark Survey).

There is no charge to the City for the use of the Pcard. Although not possible to quantify at this point, it is anticipated that savings in staff time will result in processing efficiencies in out-of-pocket expenses. Implementing a Pcard program within the City would result in numerous benefits such as:

- Speed up the acquisition of parts and supplies
- Reduce paper handling
- Issue fewer checks reducing the exposure to check fraud
- Reduce requests for new vendors – now over 12,000
- Reduce transaction processing costs
- Improve internal control over expenses
- Increase employee productivity
- Utilize the “float” offered via the credit card company – card company pays the vendor throughout the month and the City would pay card company once a month
- Opportunity to earn a rebate for items purchased

Once a card company has been selected, staff will establish a pilot group with one department that would have multiple uses for the Pcard such as maintenance and repair items, transportation and lodging, and supply items. Professional services or good and services provided by sole proprietors will not be eligible for card use. After testing several successful billing cycles, staff will gradually roll-out the remaining departments. The automation of the program will also be included in the City-wide system-standardization assessment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Nicholson  
Purchasing Agent

Brian Barnes  
Finance Director

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that staff be allowed to seek proposals from financial institutions for a procurement card (PCard) program.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Staff  
Subject: Waive the Formal Bidding Process and Purchase an Undercover Vehicle for Police Department

Staff respectfully requests approval to purchase a seized vehicle for undercover purposes from an area finance company. The amount of this purchase is \$11,198.31. Funds for this purchase are available in the confiscated funds account X20900-72130.

Respectfully,

Roger J. Aikin  
Chief of Police

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 14**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN UNDERCOVER POLICE VEHICLE FOR  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM AN AREA FINANCE COMPANY AT A  
PURCHASE PRICE OF \$11,198.31**

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bloomington, Illinois,

1. That the bidding process be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to Purchase an Undercover Police Vehicle for the Police Department at a Purchase Price of \$11,198.31.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED:

Stephen F. Stockton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the purchase of a seized vehicle for Police undercover purposes be approved in the amount of \$11,198.31, the Purchasing Agent authorized to issue a Purchase Order for same, and the Resolution adopted.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Staff  
Subject: Request to Renew Bid for T-Shirts for Parks and Recreation

Per the invitation to bid for clothing items (program t-shirts, etc.), the City has the option to renew the bid with T-Shirt House each year, ending April 30, 2008. The terms of renewal are conditional upon mutual agreement, quality and performance. T-Shirt House has met all of the terms and continues to provide excellent service to the City. The prices for 2007 are the same as 2006.

The cost of most of the T-shirts is covered with program fees. Individuals in Day Camp, T-Ball, Kick for Kids, Summer Adventures, Art Camp, and winners in most of the sports leagues, as well as other programs, receive t-shirts or hats. Shirts and shorts are also ordered for all seasonal staff in order to be easily identified as working for the Parks and Recreation Department. The price for the clothing for the 2007 season is \$10,466.64.

Staff respectfully recommends that Council approve continuing the business relationship with T-Shirt House for the fiscal year May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008, and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$10,466.64. There are sufficient funds budgeted in FY 06-07 accounts G14112-71990, G14122-62190, G1460-62190, and X20600-70990 for these items.

Respectfully,

Barb Wells  
Superintendent of Recreation

Dean Kohn  
Director, Parks & Recreation

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the bid with T-Shirt House for the 2007 Parks and Recreation Season be approved in the amount of \$10,466.64, and the Purchasing Agent authorized to issue a Purchase Order for same.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Analysis of Sealed Bids for Fleet Vehicles

Bid specifications were prepared and published on January 21, 2007 to replace four (4) fleet vehicles in need of replacement. The bid specifications were sent to sixteen (16) dealers with six (6) bid packets returned which were opened on February 8, 2007. The results are as follows:

<b>Dealer</b>	<b>Compact Car, PACE</b>	<b>Large 4X4 SUV Police</b>	<b>Large 4X4 SUV Fire</b>	<b>Pickup Pub Service</b>
Court Ford	\$12,795.95	\$30,860.27	\$29,360.27	\$23,527.45
Trade Value	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Net Purchase	\$10,795.95	\$28,360.00	\$25,860.27	\$20,527.45
Bob Riding	\$12,225.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$19,395.00
Trade Value	\$ 550.00			\$ 800.00
Net Purchase	\$11,375.00			\$18,595.00
Sam Leman	\$15,833.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$22,796.00
Trade Value	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 1,700.00
Net Purchase	\$13,833.00			\$21,096.00
Geiser Ford	\$17,415.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$31,265.00
Trade Value	\$ 6,673.13			\$11,732.00
Net Purchase	\$10,739.87			\$19,533.00
Dennison Corp	\$12,998.00	\$34,983.00	\$34,432.00	\$20,985.00
Trade Value	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Net Purchase	\$12,198.00	\$33,483.00	\$32,632.00	\$19,985.00

<b>Dealer</b>	<b>Compact Car, PACE</b>	<b>Large 4X4 SUV Police</b>	<b>Large 4X4 SUV Fire</b>	<b>Pickup Pub Service</b>
Barker	\$13,198.00	\$37,313.50	\$36,813.50	\$24,286.00
Trade Value	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Net Purchase	\$11,998.00	\$35,313.50	\$34,813.50	\$23,286.00

One addendum was distributed to the dealers following a January 31, 2007 prebid meeting and all addendums were returned in the bids. Purchasing has discontinued the practice of requiring a 5% surety on bids and now requires a minimum of two references.

One (1) dealer Court Ford, Bourbonnais, did not comply with this requirement; therefore staff is rejecting the bid. The low bid of \$10,739.87 from Geiser Ford, Roanoke, for the Ford Focus meets all the minimum requirements for the Compact Car for PACE.

The low bid of \$18,595 from Bob Riding, Taylorville, for a Dodge full sized extended cab pickup meets all the minimum requirements bid for the Pickup Truck for the Public Service Department.

After analysis of the two remaining bids for the large 4X4 SUV for Fire and the large 4X4 SUV for Police, the next low bid from Dennison Corp, Bloomington, for a Ford Expedition Extended Length does not meet all the minimum requirements of the bid in the following areas:

1. Engine, specifications require a minimum of a 6.0 liter engine. Dennison bid a 5.4 liter engine
2. Alternator and Battery, specifications require a minimum of 160 amp alternator. Dennison bid a 150 amp alternator
3. Dimensions, Cargo area minimum capacity 137 cubic feet. Dennison bid 130 cubic feet.
4. GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight)
  - a. Specifications require 8,600 lb. minimum. Dennison bid 7,950 lb.
  - b. Specifications require 4,000 lb minimum front. Dennison bid 3,750 lb.
  - c. Specifications require 6,000 lb rear. Dennison bid 4,200 lb.
5. Interior, specifications require carpeting. Dennison bid vinyl floor covering.

The replacement SUVs for Fire and Police are utilized as emergency response vehicles. The Fire unit will be utilized as the assistant chief's vehicle which is a first responder to fires in the community. It is equipped with an emergency command post center which is used during Fire Department's controlled emergencies. The Police unit is one of two emergency response units used by the Police Department. This unit carries equipment used by Police supervisors and officers during controlled emergencies. These units will be loaded at all times with the emergency equipment needed necessitating the larger engine, heavier GVW and larger cargo space volume. These vehicles will be equipped with the same emergency response lighting and equipment as required in the police cars which requires the larger alternator output.

Barker's bid in the amount of \$35,313.50 for the Police SUV and \$34,813.50 for the Fire SUV, a GMC Yukon XL 2500 meets all the minimum bid requirements. Funds have been budgeted in

the Equipment Replacement Fund for these purchases, PACE F15410-72100, Police F15110-72100, Fire F15120-72100, and Public Service F16230-72100.

Staff respectfully requests that Council accept the low bid in the amount of \$10,739.87 from Geiser Ford, Roanoke, for the Compact Car for PACE, low bid of \$18,595 from Bob Riding, Taylorville, for the Pickup Truck for the Public Service Department and the bids from Barker in the amount of \$35,313.50 for the Police SUV and \$34,813.50 for the Fire SUV.

Respectfully,

Daniel E. Augstin  
Director of Fleet Management

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the bids in the amount of \$10,739.87 from Geiser Ford, Roanoke, for the Compact Car for PACE, \$18,595 from Bob Riding, Taylorville, for the Pickup Truck for the Public Service Department and from Barker in the amounts of \$35,313.50 for the Police SUV and \$34,813.50 for the Fire SUV, be approved and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase orders for same.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Acceptance of Statement of Qualifications and Entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Global Engineering and Technology, LLC for the Design of a Water Main Installation and Private Water Service Replacement Project on Miller Street between Low Street and Oak Street

Staff is proposing a water distribution system project to install a water main and replace several private water service lines, commonly known as wildcat services. The project, as proposed, would install a properly sized water main and new service lines to the property line of the affected properties on West Miller Street between Low Street and Oak Street. The Water Department is targeting water main projects in areas where the data indicates water service is not meeting service requirements and there are multiple residences affected.

Residences in this area apparently were built and were not required to extend a water main to serve their properties. They were allowed to tap water mains in adjacent streets.

Therefore, there is no water main in West Miller Street from Low Street to Oak Street and all of the residences facing this street obtain water service from wildcat services. These services are not owned by the City and most of the time, their size, material of construction and location are not known. One wildcat service in this area is known to run through an adjacent private property and has a garage built over part of it.

This project will improve system reliability, fire protection, and pressure. At this time, this project is only in the design phase. Construction would occur when funding becomes available in a future capital budget or a project of similar size is delayed in a given capital budget year and this project could be substituted, with approval, for the delayed project.

Global Engineering and Technology, LLC has been selected from a group of engineering firms that were requested to present qualifications for water main projects at the beginning of the fiscal year. Staff respectfully recommends acceptance of Statement of Qualifications for this professional service and an Agreement with Global Engineering and Technology, LLC be approved in an amount not to exceed \$9,000. Funds for this project will be paid for with funds from the Water Department/Depreciation Fund, Consultant Services (Account # X50200-70050).

Respectfully,

Craig M. Cummings  
Director of Water

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Statement of Qualifications be accepted and an agreement with Global Engineering and Technology, LLC be approved in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**



To: Members of the City Council

From: Liquor Commission

Subject: Application of Bloom Fuels, Inc., d/b/a Bloom Fuel, Inc., located at 1802 S. Morris Ave., for a GPBS liquor license, which will allow the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to hear the application of Bloom Fuels, Inc., d/b/a Bloom Fuel, Inc., located at 1802 S. Morris Ave., requesting a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Stephen Stockton, Rich Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp and Steve Petersen; Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and Nageswara Ravi, co-owner and Applicant representative.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He requested that the Applicant present the business plan. Nageswara Ravi, co-owner and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. The gas station had been purchased. His company owned three (3) other gas stations/convenience stores. They were located in Washington, Fox Lake, and Danville. The Bloomington store would be number four. He had two (2) years of experience in the business. The three (3) other stores have liquor licenses. Beer is available. There have not been any violations. He noted his understanding that one store's actions reflects upon another. There were no changes planned at this store. He noted that there might be a request in the future.

Commissioner Buchanan noted that the three (3) other stores did not offer spirits for sale. Mr. Ravi responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Petersen questioned if this was a problem location. Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel addressed the Commission. She noted that years ago this location had been a Clark Station. Clark relinquished its license. She noted that the current license has single serve restrictions place upon it. These conditions are 1.) no sale of packaged beer in volume of forty ounces (40 oz.) or less, and 2.) packaged alcohol be allowed in groups of six (6) or more. Mr. Ravi informed the Commission that there were not any plans to stock single serve items. The smallest package available would be six (6) packs or larger. The previous owner had informed him of the license restrictions.

Commissioner Buchanan noted the concern had been raised due to the proximity of this store to the I55/74 interchange.

Commissioner Stockton noted that these conditions were recommended by the Commission and approved by the City Council. He expressed his interest in continuing these conditions. He noted that the Commission and the City Council were looking into a text amendment. Ms. Eisner restated that the current restriction was for forty ounces (40 oz.) or less. Commissioner Stockton restated the possible text amendment.

Commissioner Clapp questioned stock space. Mr. Ravi restated that no changes were planned. There was a walk in cooler. He noted that there was a 3,000 square foot office building which had been Clark's regional office. His company was purchasing the entire property.

Commissioner Buchanan cited the City Code Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverage and the license requirements for "G" classification. Mr. Ravi noted that he would comply with the Code. Commissioner Buchanan encouraged Mr. Ravi to obtain a copy of Chapter 6 from the City Clerk's office. He needed to be familiar with the Code. Mr. Ravi could also contact Ms. Eisner.

Commissioner Petersen questioned if the management at the store would remain the same. Mr. Ravi noted that some of the existing staff would be retained. Commissioner Petersen questioned if this store would be a family business. Mr. Ravi responded negatively. He had previously worked in management for a software company.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned who would be the Operations Manager at the store. Mr. Ravi responded that he would hold this position. He had rented an apartment in town. He questioned the use of the office building. Ms. Eisner directed Mr. Ravi to contact the City's P.A.C.E. (Planning and Code Enforcement) Department. This department handled all zoning issues. She added that the State of Illinois has plans to reconfigure the intersection. This intersection would be under construction. Commissioner Stockton suggested that Mr. Ravi contact the City's Engineering Department to review the plans for this intersection.

Based on the above, the Liquor Commission recommends to the City Council that a GPBS liquor license for Bloom Fuel, Inc., d/b/a Bloom Fuel, Inc., located at 1802 S. Morris Ave., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes and with the following conditions: 1.) no sale of packaged beer in volume of forty ounces (40 oz.) or less, and 2.) packaged alcohol be allowed in groups of six (6) or more.

Respectfully,

Stephen F. Stockton  
Chairman of Liquor Commission

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that a GPBS liquor license for Bloom Fuel, Inc., d/b/a Bloom Fuel, Inc. located at 1802 S. Morris Ave., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes and with the following conditions: 1.) no sale of packaged beer in volume of forty ounces (40 oz.) or less, and 2.) packaged alcohol be allowed in groups of six (6) or more.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Members of the City Council

From: Liquor Commission

Subject: Application of George M. Gibson, d/b/a Treehouse Lounge, located at 2060 Ireland Grove Rd., for a TAS liquor license, which will allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to hear the application of George M. Gibson, d/b/a Treehouse Lounge, located at 2060 Ireland Grove Rd., requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Stephen Stockton, Rich Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp and Steve Petersen; Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and George Gibson, owner and Applicant representative.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He requested that the license holder present the business plan. George Gibson, owner and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He planned to lease the business from the existing owner. In the future, he hoped to expand the kitchen. He had a plan and a menu.

Commissioner Stockton questioned his interest in the business and his experience handling liquor. Mr. Gibson informed the Commission that he had been in the food and beverage business for twenty-nine (29) years. David Tuggle, current owner of the Treehouse, was interested in retiring. He had spent seventeen (17) years at Mugsy's. The last three (3) years, he had been employed with Midwest Electronics. Commissioner Stockton questioned Mr. Gibson's position at Mugsy's. Mr. Gibson was the hands on General Manager.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Gibson recalled any liquor violations. Mr. Gibson responded negatively. Mugsy's had a good reputation.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned the floor plan drawing. Mr. Gibson noted that it was of the existing layout.

Commissioner Clapp questioned staffing. Mr. Gibson stated that he had no planned changes. The business was functioning well. The Treehouse needed some energy.

Commissioner Stockton questioned if Mr. Gibson had a sample menu for the Commission to review. He presented a sample menu to Commissioner Stockton. Commissioner Stockton described the menu as appetizers and sandwiches. Mr. Gibson acknowledged that the menu was limited. He restated the size of the kitchen and storage areas. Commissioner Stockton questioned the lunch trade. Mr. Gibson stated that it was good but could be better.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if the Treehouse currently held a TAPS (Tavern, All types of alcohol, Packaged, Sunday sales) liquor license. Tracey Covert, City Clerk, responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned the percentage of gross sales from alcohol. Mr. Gibson responded sixty percent (60%).

Commissioner Petersen arrived at 4:19 p.m.

Commissioner Stockton questioned if Mr. Gibson planned to limit the entertainment to comedy. Mr. Gibson agreed that the comedy would stay. He noted that he might host a small band. The space was small. Bands can be trouble. He described comedy as an entertainment service.

Commissioner Buchanan noted that there were twelve (12) bar stools at the bar. Mr. Gibson responded affirmatively. Commissioner Buchanan questioned if there would be times when only alcohol would be consumed. Mr. Gibson had checked the Treehouse at various times and days of the week.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if the Treehouse would be open for the full twelve (12) months. Mr. Gibson responded affirmatively. Comedy would be offered every Saturday night. He noted that the Treehouse currently opens at 7:00 a.m. Mr. Gibson's application listed an opening time of 11:00 a.m. He requested the option to retain the existing business' hours. Commissioner Stockton cautioned the Applicant that liquor sales cannot occur before 12 noon on Sundays. Mr. Gibson noted that the Treehouse would not open until noon on Sunday. Commissioner Stockton noted that the business hours would be 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. - Monday through Thursday; 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. - Friday and Saturday; noon until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday. The Commission had no problem with this request.

Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel addressed the Commission. She noted that the City had received emails regarding the lease assignment. She noted that the Commission's motion should be made contingent upon same. Mr. Gibson informed the Commission that he would have the signed lease by February 15, 2007. Commissioner Buchanan directed Mr. Gibson to provide a signed copy of the lease to the City Clerk's office.

Based on the above, the Liquor Commission recommends to the City Council that a TAS liquor license for George Gibson, d/b/a Treehouse Lounge, located at 2060 Ireland Grove Rd., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes contingent upon submittal of a fully executed lease.

Respectfully,

Stephen F. Stockton  
Chairman of Liquor Commission

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that a TAS liquor license for George Gibson, d/b/a Treehouse Lounge located at 2060 Ireland Grove Rd., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes contingent upon submittal of a fully executed lease.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Members of the City Council

From: Liquor Commission

Subject: Application of Millennium of Bloomington, Inc., d/b/a Chaos, located at 3 Finance Dr., for a TAS liquor license, which will allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to hear the application of Millennium of Bloomington, Inc., d/b/a Chaos, located at 3 Finance Dr., requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Stephen Stockton, Rich Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp and Steve Petersen; Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and William Suazo, owner and Applicant representative.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He requested that the Applicant present the business plan. William Suazo, owner and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He planned to build and open a bar and grill. The building would be new construction.

Commissioner Clapp questioned the location. Mr. Suazo noted that the lot had not been final platted. The vacant lot was located by Gold's Gym and the Steak N' Shake. Commissioner Clapp questioned other nearby establishments. Mr. Suazo cited Hayashi, Longhorn Smokehouse, and Steak N Shake.

Commissioner Stockton questioned if Chaos would be a video cafe. Mr. Suazo informed the Commission that Chaos would offer food and liquor service. It would offer music videos as entertainment.

Commissioner Stockton questioned the facilities configuration. Mr. Suazo noted that his application included a floor plan. Commissioner Stockton requested that Mr. Suazo explain the

plan. Mr. Suazo reviewed the floor plan. He planned to reside upstairs. He noted that the facility would include a 2,400 square foot garage in the rear. The building was an original creation.

Commissioner Petersen questioned if Chaos would offer comedy. Mr. Suazo noted that entertainment was an option. He cited the variety of his experience in the food and beverage industry. He had been employed with GE Healthcare (equipment) as a service engineer for the past fifteen (15) years.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if there were other corporate stockholders. Mr. Suazo informed the Commission that he would be the sole stockholder. Commissioner Buchanan questioned the financing and if there were any silent backers. Mr. Suazo responded negatively. Chaos would be exclusively his. Chaos would start with a typical bar menu. He hope to expand the menu in order to offer lunch and dinner specials.

Mr. Suazo planned to act as the Business Manager. Staff would be hired to handle the day to day operations. Commissioner Petersen questioned a typical day. Mr. Suazo noted that Chaos would open for lunch. He hoped to offer daily specials for lunch and dinner. Appetizers and drinks would be available after 9:00 p.m. Chaos was modeled after a pub in Champaign, (Farren's).

Commissioner Petersen requested additional information about Farren's. Mr. Suazo believed it had been established five to eight (5 - 8) years ago. Commissioner Petersen questioned the clientele, (community people or college students). Mr. Suazo planned to cater to the community. He was not interested in the younger crowd.

Commissioner Petersen questioned the DJ Room. Mr. Suazo noted that on the weekends this area would be used as the dance floor.

Commissioner Stockton noted that no one under twenty-one (21) years of age would be allowed at Chaos. He encouraged Mr. Suazo to review the City Code Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverage. He cited Section 34 Access from Licensee's Premises to Dwelling Quarters. Mr. Suazo responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Clapp questioned if Chaos would host private parties. She also questioned the occupancy. Mr. Suazo estimated occupancy at 80 - 90 persons.

Commissioner Stockton questioned if independent promoters would be used. He cautioned the Applicant against this practice.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Suazo would rent the facility out to a group. Mr. Suazo responded negatively to the entire space. He noted that the side bar, (estimated occupancy 20), would be available for small private parties.

Commissioner Petersen questioned why Bloomington. Mr. Suazo has been a resident for the past eight (8) years. Previously, he had resided in Champaign for eight (8) years.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned Mr. Suazo's day to day involvement in the business. Mr. Suazo assured the Commission that he would be involved. He cited the fact that he planned to reside upstairs.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Suazo was comfortable with the license classification. Mr. Suazo responded affirmatively. Commissioner Petersen questioned if the Application should be amended to an "R", Restaurant, license.

Hannah Eisner, Deputy Corporation Counsel addressed the Commission and the Applicant. The City Code specifies that an Applicant has six (6) months from Council action to activate the liquor license. She noted that the Applicant can request an additional six (6) months in writing. (Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverage, Section 4E.) She recommended that Mr. Suazo file such a request.

Based on the above, the Liquor Commission recommends to the City Council that a TAS liquor license for Millennium of Bloomington, Inc., d/b/a Chaos, located at 3 Finance Dr., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.

Respectfully,

Stephen F. Stockton  
Chairman of Liquor Commission

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that a TAS liquor license for Millennium of Bloomington, Inc., d/b/a Chaos located at 3 Finance Dr., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of the City Code relating to Traffic Fines

It has come to the staff's attention that some sections of the City Code relating to traffic fines could lead to confusion and should be amended. The proposed ordinance will eliminate any possible confusion.

Most traffic tickets are written by the City's police officers under the Illinois Vehicle Code rather than City Ordinance. The proposed ordinance does not change the procedures or penalties set forth in the state statutes.

The City Code has three (3) sections which relate to traffic fines.

One of them (Section 134 of Chapter 29) is a general provision which currently states that unless otherwise stated, the fine which may be imposed by a judge for a traffic offense issued pursuant to the City Code shall be a minimum of \$1.00 and a maximum of \$500. It also permits a judge to impose a penalty of up to 180 days of imprisonment rather than a fine. The minimum fine should be increased to fifty dollars (\$50) to be consistent with non-traffic ordinance violations. The provision permitting imprisonment should also be eliminated because it is never imposed and could be interpreted as requiring the City to prove ordinance violations by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, which is a higher standard of proof than the City's usual burden of proving an ordinance violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

A second provision in the City Code (Section 156 of Chapter 29), lists the fines for numerous specific traffic ordinance offenses, including parking tickets. The City regularly uses this section to accept payment of fines for parking tickets, but the provisions are outdated as they relate to non-parking ticket violations, such as loud mufflers. The proposed ordinance retains the standard penalties for parking ticket violations, but eliminates the fines for other traffic offenses. If a non-parking ticket case went to court, the minimum fine which could be imposed by a judge would be \$50 (some traffic offenses, such as unnecessary noise, have higher minimum fines). The section also clarifies that the minimum fine for parking in a space reserved for handicapped persons is \$250 (this fine was raised by the City last year in Section 114 itself (which prohibits parking in a space reserved for handicapped persons) to conform with state law but the fine schedule in Section 156 was not changed).

A third provision in the City Code (Section 9 of Chapter 1), lists the payment which will be accepted at City Hall if the person receiving a ticket does not wish to go to court to contest the ticket. The proposed ordinance clarifies that, although the fine for paying most traffic tickets at City Hall is \$50 (except for unnecessary noise and tinted windshields, which are \$250), parking tickets can be paid according to the schedule listed in Section 156 of Chapter 29 (for example, the fine for exceeding the two hour time limit in downtown Bloomington is \$10 if paid within 7 days, \$15 if paid after 7 days but within 30 days, and \$25 if paid after 30 days).

The proposed ordinance also eliminates the offenses of "Driving While Drunk" and "Reckless Driving" from the City Code. Staff believes that because of the seriousness of these offenses, they should be handled as criminal matters rather than ordinance violations. Staff respectfully recommends that Council approve the Text Amendment and that the Ordinance be passed.



Respectfully,

J. Todd Greenburg  
Corporation Counsel

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007 - 09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE  
RELATING TO FINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,  
ILLINOIS:

Section One: That Section 9 of Chapter 1 of the Bloomington City Code, 1960, as amended, is further amended as follows (additions are indicated by underlines; deletions are indicated by strikeouts):

	<u>CH.</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
17. Motor Vehicles:	29	All*	\$50.00

\*Except for fines for violations of ~~Section 32(e)~~  
set forth in Ch. 29, Section 156 & as noted  
below.

a. Unnecessary Noise	29	83(b)	\$250.00
b. <u>Tinted</u> Windshields	29	92(a)	\$250.00

Section Two: That Section 156 of Chapter 29 of the Bloomington City Code, 1960, as amended, is further amended as follows (additions are indicated by underlines; deletions are indicated by strikeouts):

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FINE</u>		
<u>Nature of Violation</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd &amp; Subsequent</u>
<del>Against Any Signal (Automatic or Police) Secs. 22, 24 and 26</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 20.00</del>	<del>\$ 30.00</del>
<del>Disregarding Stop Sign Sec. 46</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 20.00</del>	<del>\$ 30.00</del>
<del>Driving Against the Lawful Movement of Traffic Sec. 39, 40</del>	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
<del>Failure to Stop Before Emerging From Alley, Driveway or Garage Sec. 47</del>	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
<del>Breaking Through Funeral Procession Sec. 52</del>	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
<del>Failure to Yield Right of Way to Vehicle Secs. 24, 25, 33, 43, 44, 45, 46, 62, 73 and 74</del>	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
<del>Failure to Yield Right of Way to Emergency Sec. 16</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 20.00</del>	<del>\$ 30.00</del>
<del>Making Prohibited Left, Right, or U Turn Sec. 37</del>	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<del>\$ 10.00</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>

Making Improper Right or Left Turn at Intersection Secs. 30, 33, 35	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Operating Vehicle With Defective Muffler Sec. 83	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Driving With Blinding or Bright Lights Sec 91	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Driving After Dark With One or No Headlight Burning Sec. 91	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Driving After Dark With No Tail Light Burning Sec. 91	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Driving After Dark With No Rear License Illumination Sec. 91	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Operating Vehicle With Projecting Object Without Red Flag or Light Sec. 88	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
Operating Vehicle With Defective Brakes Sec. 90	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Not Observing a Quiet Zone Sec. 66	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Not Observing a School Zone Sec. 66	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Driving Over Fire Hose Sec. 55	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Drunk Driving Sec. 67	\$200.00	\$500.00	
Reckless Driving Sec. 68	\$ 25.00	\$300.00	

Nature of Violation	If Paid Within 7 Days	If Paid After 7 Days But Within 30 Days	If Paid After 30 Days
Parking in Handicapped Zone – Ch. 29, Sec. 114	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
	<del>\$100.00</del>	<del>\$100.00</del>	<del>\$100.00</del>

Section Three: That Section 134 of Chapter 29 of the Bloomington City Code, 1960, as amended, is further amended as follows (additions are indicated by underlines; deletions are indicated by strikeouts):

(a) Unless another penalty is expressly provided by this Ordinance in Schedule XVI, included as a part of this Ordinance, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar Fifty Dollars nor more than Five Hundred Dollars. ~~or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days in default of fine.~~

Section Four: That Sections 67 (Driving While Drunk) and 68 (Reckless Driving) of Chapter 29 of the Bloomington City Code, 1960, as amended, are deleted in their entirety.

Section Five: Except as provided for herein, the Bloomington City Code, 1960, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Six: The City Clerk is authorized to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Section Seven: This ordinance shall be effective ten days after the date of its publication.

Section Eight: This ordinance is passed and approved pursuant to the home rule authority granted Article VII, Section 6 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED:

Stephen F. Stockton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Text Amendment be approved and the Ordinance be passed.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Members of the City Council

From: Liquor Commission

Subject: Application of KPTS, Inc., d/b/a Six Strings, located at 525 N. Center St, for an RAS liquor license, which will allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to hear the application of KPTS, Inc., d/b/a Six Strings, located at 525 N. Center St. requesting an RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Stephen

Stockton, Rich Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp, Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson; Lt. Tim Stanesa, Police Department, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and Tim Stills, co-owner and Applicant representative, and Jay Reece, Applicant's attorney.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He requested that the license holder present the business plan. Jay Reece, Applicant's attorney, addressed the Commission. Tim Stills would be the President and co-owner of Six Strings. The plan involved the reopening of 525 N. Center St. It was located at the intersection of Center and Mulberry. The Applicant believes Six Strings would be the perfect use for this facility. The building has been vacant for months. He noted that Mr. Stills currently holds the liquor license for the Last Lap located at 1035 Wylie Dr.

Tim Stills, co-owner and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He opened the Last Lap three (3) years ago. He noted that in the past three (3) years that there had been three (3) fights. The Last Lap catered to the thirty to sixty (30 - 60) year old crowd, (the older market). Mr. Stills noted his appreciation for Country music. The Last Lap had featured approximately forty (40) national acts. He had watched and learned a lot during the past three (3) years. Only fifteen percent (15%) of the Last Lap's clientele was in the twenty-five to thirty (25 - 30) year old crowd. He cited his familiarity with the Downtown. He informed the Commission that he was related to Butch Thompson, owner and license holder for Daddios located at 527 N. Main St.

Six Strings would be a country music venue which would attract the college age crowd. He planned to operate a clean and structured establishment. Six Strings would offer sandwiches and appetizers. He did not believe that Six Strings could compete with the Downtown's existing restaurants. He cited the parking issues. He planned to put the best light and sound system in the facility. He had no intention to have music on the upper level.

Commissioner Petersen arrived at 4:18 p.m.

Mr. Still noted that a number of police officers frequent the Last Lap. He had remodeled the building. The Last Lap offered live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Still wanted the patio deck to be included as part of the premise. Mr. Still described the upper deck as an ideal outdoor smoking area. He was unsure of the City's criteria. The deck would only be used in the spring and fall. It would be too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter.

Mr. Still added his plan to place an LED board for outdoor advertising. He was unsure if this would be allowed by City Code. He had considered a move to the Downtown for one and a half (1½) years. The Downtown offered built in clientele. This Application was not a new location.

Commissioner Stockton noted that parking had been addressed due to the building's proximity to the Market St. garage. However, he questioned the request for an "R" Restaurant license. He noted that Mr. Stills' description left him concerned. He questioned if Six Strings would really be a restaurant. Mr. Stills acknowledged that Six Strings would not be a sit down restaurant.

There would be tables and chairs. The kitchen would offer a grill and fryers. The menu would be limited.

Commissioner Buchanan referred to the questionnaire. He noted that alcohol sales would be more than fifty percent (50%) of total sales. This application should be for a "T" Tavern license. An "R" license would allow those less than twenty-one (21) years of age to enter the facility. Mr. Reese noted that there would be no problem changing the license classification to a TAS if the Commission so deemed. Mr. Stills noted that there had been discussions regarding cover changes, revenue from entertainment, and alcohol.

Commissioner Stockton noted that Mr. Stills would hold two (2) license. Mr. Stills responded affirmatively. Commissioner Stockton noted that a "T" license would be more closely scrutinized. He acknowledged that Mr. Stills had done an admirable job of cleaning up the former Wild West. Mr. Stills acknowledged that the Last Lap had a single violation for noise. There was only one in three (3) years. Mr. Reece noted Mr. Stills' good history at the Last Lap.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Stills had experience fewer issues at the Last Lap. Lt. Tim Stanesa concurred with Commissioner Buchanan's statement. He noted that there were questions and/concerns regarding security personnel. Mr. Stills responded that he had taken appropriate measures to assist the Police Department. He noted that there were problems but the country artists involved would never be booked to appear at the Last Lap again. He found himself caught in the middle. Lt. Stanesa added that the Police Department did not have a good sense of who was running the business that night. Mr. Stills restated that although the artist had been a financial and a media success, he would not make another appearance at the Last Lap. Commissioner Buchanan was satisfied with Mr. Stills' response. Lt. Stanesa also responded affirmatively. Mr. Reece expressed his opinion that Mr. Stills operated his business well. Lt. Stanesa concurred and added that the call load to this address was dramatically lower.

Commissioner Petersen questioned if Mr. Still had any concerns regarding the Downtown's younger crowds. Mr. Stills expressed his view point. He viewed Country music at different levels. Today's Country is yesterday's Rock n' Roll. Today's youth needed to be managed differently. He did not have to have every entertainment dollar. He believed in nipping trouble in the bud. He did not want to pull away customers from his existing business. Mr. Reece added that there was no place like Six Strings in town. Mr. Stills noted that Rhino's is offering Country music on Thursday nights. He restated that Six Strings would offer a great light and sound show. He estimated the occupancy for the building at 350.

Commissioner Clapp questioned if Six Strings would sell tickets or use a cover charge. Mr. Stills noted that this issue would be dependent upon the band.

Commissioner Clapp questioned marketing. Mr. Stills noted that he currently used B-104 and its sister station in Peoria. He advertised in the Pantagraph and its smaller journals. In addition, ads were placed in the Vidette. Hand made flyers were distributed on the college campuses. These efforts encompassed ninety-nine percent (99%) of his advertising.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned Mr. Stills' operations to screen out those individuals who are under twenty-one (21) years of age. Mr. Stills noted that identification would always be checked at the door. There would be two (2) door men. At the Last Lap, the bartenders are responsible during the day. He noted that college students tend to purchase the drink special. This age group requires more discipline. The Last Lap was a destination. Six Strings would provide him with opportunity to have a piece of the Downtown bar scene.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned Mr. Stills' plan to manage over serving. Mr. Stills noted that Six Strings would pay the taxi fare for patrons who over imbibe. Mr. Stills noted that initially his older experienced staff would work at Six Strings. Over time younger staff members would be hired. His staff is informed that there is zero tolerance.

John Caruso, General Manager City Beverage, addressed the Commission. City Beverage has become TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures by Servers of Alcohol) certified.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if there had been any communication with the Council regarding Downtown taverns. He specifically cited any preconceived notions. Commissioner Stockton saw this Application as a license transfer not a new application. He noted that concerns had been raised regarding additional tavern licenses. He cited concerns regarding additional people. He expressed his opinion that the existing crowd was pretty healthy. Mr. Stills has a plan and a proven track record at the Last Lap. His plan included an outstanding venue. He questioned Mr. Stills' investment in the facility. Mr. Stills responded at least \$100,000. The light/sound system would cost at least \$50,000. Mr. Reece added that Six Strings would offer curb appeal. Mr. Stills informed the Commission that a logo for Six Strings had been designed.

Commissioner Gibson arrived at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Buchanan expressed his opinion that Mr. Stills' current plan would take a few months. He anticipated that Six Strings would not be open until the spring. He questioned when Mr. Stills planned to obtain the liquor license. He noted that the Commission had not addressed sound. Mr. Reece noted that there would not be an initial use of the upper level patio. Commissioner Buchanan requested that the Applicant define the premise. Mr. Stills wanted the upper level patio included in the premise. The Last Lap held an "R" Restaurant license. However, no eighteen to twenty (18 to 20) year olds are allowed on the premise. (Condition placed upon the Last Lap's liquor license: each night that the Last Lap is open tavern rules will be in effect commencing at 8:00 p.m.) The goal for the upper level patio would be for the area to be used as the outdoor smoking area. The upper level patio would also offer liquor service.

Commissioner Stockton noted that this area could be treated as an extension of premise. This type of request is handled by the Commission. He found the LED sign worrisome. He caution Mr. Stills as Six Strings might be viewed as nearly a restaurant.

He encouraged Mr. Stills to be sensitive to and work with the Downtown Bloomington Association. Mr. Stills responded affirmatively. Mr. Reece stated that Mr. Stills' experience at the Last Lap had made him aware. He cited the good relationships developed with the business' neighbors, (apartment complex and motels). Mr. Stills acknowledged that the bass can be felt

outside of the building. Commissioner Stockton questioned if there should be a condition regarding noise i.e. general statement. Mr. Stills informed the Commission that he would be amazed if there would be an issue with noise. He wanted his neighbors to be happy with Six Strings. Loud is not good, good music is about quality.

Commissioner Buchanan noted that the Commission could recommend conditions. The record would reflect the Applicant's word that outdoor noise would be controlled. The Commission could ask Mr. Stills to appear before the Commission after six (6) months of operations to address any noise issues. This meeting could also address the use of the outdoor area.

Commissioner Petersen questioned if the lower level east room would be open or closed. Mr. Stills informed the Commission that the room would be used. The doors would not be open.

Commissioner Buchanan informed Mr. Stills that when/if he reappeared before the Commission he should be prepared to discuss noise. The Commission may choose to impose reasonable conditions. Commissioner Stockton added that the Commission will consider the impact of the liquor license on the neighborhood. Mr. Stills restated that he did not believe that noise would be a problem. Mr. Reece added that there was not any adjoining residential property. Mr. Stills expressed his opinion that a T license would make operating Six Strings easier.

Based on the above, the Liquor Commission recommends to the City Council that a TAS liquor license for KPTS, Inc., d/b/a Six Strings, located at 525 Center St., be created, contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.

Respectfully,

Stephen F. Stockton  
Chairman of Liquor Commission

**Mayor Stockton introduced this item. The Liquor Commission held a hearing regarding this request. At that time, there was no opposition. The Liquor Commission recommended this application be approved.**

**Individuals had since come forward to oppose this license. The reason the petition was not initially opposed was because the license was publicized as an "R" Restaurant. The Liquor Commission, after hearing from the applicant, changed the request to a "T" Tavern. When the Liquor Commission changed the classification, those in attendance were surprised but did not protest.**

**The two (2) options available to the Council were to send the application back to the Commission, or to lay the decision over until the March 12, 2007 Council meeting. He recommended the Council lay it over and allow the parties to work out their disagreements.**



**Alderman Matejka suggested the Council could take testimony this evening, but if both parties were willing to talk, it may not be necessary. If an agreement had not been reached by the Council's March 12, 2007 meeting, then testimony would be heard. This would allow parties to continue dialogue.**

**Alderman Crawford questioned if there should be a stipulation that the parties must meet. Mayor Stockton noted both sides were in attendance. He believed both sides would follow through. He encouraged them to work out their issues.**

**Motion by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Matejka that the item be laid over until the March 12, 2007 Council meeting.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**The following was presented:**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Staff

Subject: Public Hearing for Approval and Authorization to submit the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2007-2008 Action Plan

On May 1, 2007, the Community Development Division will begin its Fiscal Year Thirty-three (33) (FY 2007-2008). For the past 33 years, the City has applied for funding under the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Each year, the City must submit to HUD, at least 45 days prior to the start of the fiscal year, an "Action Plan" or budget for the proposed use of CDBG funds. This year the City will be awarded \$412,000 (projected, HUD has not published exact awards at the time of this writing) in new CDBG funds. The expenditure of CDBG funds must also meet the needs of the community as identified in the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan.

A summary of the proposed "listing of activities" as part of the Action Plan (i.e. Budget) for fiscal year 2007-2008, Program Year 33, is attached for review.

Staff respectfully recommends that Council 1.) approve the one year Action Plan as presented and 2.) approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of the "Community Development Application for Program Year Thirty-three".

Respectfully,

Mark Huber  
Director of PACE

Tom Hamilton  
City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 15**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR THIRTY-THREE  
(May 1, 2007-April 30, 2008)**

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the City of Bloomington, otherwise known as the Local Public Agency, avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, to continue a Community Development Program.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Local Public Agency to certify that it will carry out the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON:

That an application on behalf of the City of Bloomington for a grant under said Title I in the amount of \$412,000 (projected) as the full amount available for undertaking and financing the thirty-third increment of such program is hereby approved, and

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to act as the certifying officer and assure the status of a responsible Federal Official under the National Environmental Protection Act of 1969; to act as the assuring officer for the City of Bloomington that the Local Public Agency shall comply with those items listed on HUD application forms.
2. The Counsel for the Code Enforcement Division is hereby authorized and directed to file legal certification.
3. The Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Code Enforcement Division, is hereby authorized and directed to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required on behalf of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the City of Bloomington.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify such documents as needed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the City of Bloomington.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

APPROVED:

Stephen F. Stockton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

**Mayor Stockton opened the Public Hearing regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.**

**Tom Hamilton, City Manager, introduced Connie Griffin, Program Manager. Ms. Griffin noted that this year's request was unusual. The Council was being asked to approve an Action Plan. The City had not yet received the dollar amount from which the Action Plan would be funded.**

**Current projections show the amount at \$412,000. This was a thirty-four percent (34%) decrease from the previous year. The amount was sixty-two percent (62%) less than five (5) years ago.**

**Any CDBG projects must meet Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) national guidelines. They must benefit low to moderate income households. The funds can be used for remodeling and demolition projects.**

**Staff was hopeful that CDBG funds would continue to partially fund outreach workers for the Continuum of Care at area homeless shelters.**

**This year, staff would like to set aside \$10,000 for emergency situations. This had become a need.**

**Mayor Stockton cited the amount of reduction in CDBG funding. He questioned how that had affected the City. Ms. Griffin stated that two (2) Code Enforcement Officers had been paid with CDBG funds. The City now pays for these positions through the General Fund.**

**Mr. Hamilton noted this trend would continue. The City had been shifting costs to the General Fund. The ultimate anticipation was that the CDBG program would disappear.**

**Mayor Stockton stated this was a problem for other cities as well. He had talked with other mayors. It was simply a change in the federal government's priorities.**

**Ms. Griffin noted that there were twenty (20) cities within the state that may not receive CDBG funding this year. Mr. Hamilton stated the number of entitlement cities was increasing as well.**

**Ms. Griffin stated everything was completed and in compliance for the City's request. Now it was wait and see.**

**Mr. Hamilton stated staff would let Council know as soon as they had received a number for the grant. He noted the City normally had the number by this time.**

**Mayor Stockton closed the Public Hearing.**

**Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the One Year Action Plan be approved and the Resolution adopted.**

**The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Crawford, Finnegan, Gibson, Hanson, Matejka and Purcell.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION: Mayor Stockton noted the City had received it's worst snow storm in twenty (20) years. He asked Mr. Hamilton to summarize staff's actions and share that information with the Council.**

**Mr. Hamilton, City Manager, addressed the Council. Staff held a debriefing this morning. Much of the discussion revolved around communication to the general public. They discussed having a status report on the City's web site. He believed there could have been better communication between the Public Service, Police and Fire Departments.**

**Staff had received a number of telephone calls. If it was an emergency, staff would do whatever necessary to be there. However, if it was not an emergency, staff already knew which streets were not plowed.**

**Street parking during a storm was always a key issue. There was not enough off street parking available to enact a total ban on street parking. However, if there were opposite side parking, the cars would need to be dug out to be moved to the other side of the street.**

**Mr. Hamilton noted staff needed to determine how to use the web site and media outlets to their utmost potential.**

**Alderman Finnegan believed staff had done a wonderful job during the snow storm. He requested an option for elected officials to be able to contact staff who would be able to provide answers so they could respond to their constituents.**

**Alderman Crawford noted the first thing people want to know was when their street would be plowed. He questioned if there was a way to publicize the information. Mr. Hamilton stated that would have been virtually impossible during the last snow storm. There were a variety of issues within the City, such as abandoned cars which needed to be towed. The edges of the City had visibility issues. He believed the best way was a web link showing Public Service's status report for the City.**

**Mayor Stockton believed there was such a link on the web site. It showed maps with priority streets, and indicated times the streets would be plowed.**

**Mr. Hamilton noted people were concerned because the plows spent so much time on the primary and secondary routes. This was to ensure that the Police and Fire Departments could provide appropriate response times to emergencies.**

**Alderman Finnegan questioned if staff had given any consideration to snow poles placed on the hydrants. During a storm like this past one, they would have been an asset. Mr. Hamilton noted that some of the hydrants did not have the poles. He concurred the City could do better in that regard.**

**Alderman Crawford noted the telephone calls he received were from individuals who were stuck after trying to drive the next morning. He believed staff did a great job in their prompt response. He believed people just wanted to know they were on the list to be plowed. Mr. Hamilton stated the web link would help people to see the progression of plowing throughout the City.**

**Alderman Finnegan stated three (3) streets within his ward were missed. He wanted a contact person that he could follow up with regarding this type of issue when it was happening. He concurred with Alderman Crawford in that citizens just want to know they were not forgotten.**

**Alderman Matejka suggested contacting the City Manager's office. He believed one way to educate citizens was to work through the neighborhood associations. Training on the web site and how to use the maps would be helpful.**

**Mayor Stockton acknowledged staff and their hard work during the storm. All of the City's operational trucks were out continuously through the storm. Mr. Hamilton thanked the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District for the use of additional equipment.**

**Mayor Stockton stated the City had a plan. It was not realistic to purchase enough equipment to handle the "twenty year storm". He believed staff needed to refine their procedures and improve communication.**

**Mr. Hamilton stated a report would be provided to Council.**

**Mayor Stockton inquired as to when the Public Service Department would start patching the potholes. Mr. Hamilton noted the crews were out today. He requested Rick Clem, Director of Public Service, to address the issue.**

**Mr. Clem stated there had been four (4) crews out today. They had targeted streets. When calls were received for another street, staff needed to go and check it out as well. It was a battle to keep up with potholes.**

**Mayor Stockton questioned if potholes could be fixed this time of year. Mr. Clem responded that staff used a cold mix which worked, but only temporarily. Those sites would need to be redone.**

**Alderman Hanson thanked the Public Service Department. He had received prompt response to his calls.**

**Alderman Matejka questioned if the state or the City was responsible for the state routes through the City. Mr. Clem stated the state routes were maintained by the state except within the City.**

**Mayor Stockton stated there would be more planning prior to the next storm.**

**Alderman Purcell stated he had received calls. He informed citizens that streets with less traffic were usually plowed later. If their street had not been plowed within twenty-four (24) hours, he asked that they call him back. Most people were understanding of the situation. He thought staff did a good job. He had concerns about potholes.**

**Mayor Stockton cited previous meetings which allowed public comment. He had heard from Aldermen that there should be limits associated with length of individual's input. He questioned what type of rules the Council would like to see in place. He requested feedback in the form of an email.**

**He noted there may new members to the Council after May 1, 2007. He would like to have a Work Session to outline the City's long term strategy. It would be important to discuss the issues and develop a plan for the future. It would provide a "big picture" direction. Hopefully, this work session would become an annual event.**

**CITY MANAGER'S DISCUSSION: Tom Hamilton, City Manager, noted spring breaks were coming. He requested that Aldermen let him know if they would be absent from a meeting.**

**He would be on vacation March 9 to March 16, 2007.**

**ALDERMEN'S DISCUSSION:** Alderman Purcell questioned when the Council would receive the spreadsheet regarding the US Cellular Coliseum. Tom Hamilton, City Manager, responded that information would be provided to Council shortly.

Alderman Purcell stated that while at a car wash the previous week, he had seen pan handlers. After being given money, they proceeded to purchase a twelve (12) pack of beer and drink it in the parking lot. He contacted the Police Department and violations were given.

He saw another individual at a gas station consuming alcohol in public. This was an issue in his ward. Mayor Stockton stated the Liquor Commission was considering different options regarding liquor licenses.

Alderman Hanson reminded the Council there would be informational meetings regarding the Eastside Corridor. The meetings would be on Monday, March 5, 2007 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and 5:30 – 8:30 pm. The history of the project, the completed study and the plans for the future would be reviewed. The presenters would be from Clark Dietz, engineering firm. He encouraged Council to attend same.

Motion by Alderman Matejka, seconded by Alderman Purcell, that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried.

Tracey Covert  
City Clerk

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