

Borough of Palmyra
Council Caucus Meeting Minutes, 6:30 PM
Monday June 4th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra is hereby called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Mr. Timothy Howard, Mrs. Gina Tait, Mr. Lewis Yetter, President Bernadette Russell, Mayor Michelle Arnold

Absent: Ms. Mindie Weiner

The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given By the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

- Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on January 10, 2018.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2018.
- Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Prayer was given by Mary Holloway

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the May 21st 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the May 21st, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2018 Council Caucus Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter, President Russell

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Weiner

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold also acknowledged a letter received from Scott Coffina the Burlington County Prosecutor indicating they were sending us \$200.34 as the result of a civil asset forfeiture.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Arnold then asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President Russell made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mr. Yetter second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

No one from the public wishing to be heard, President. Russell made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution 2018-142 and 2018-151 to Resolution 2018-155 will be enacted as a single motion, if any resolution needs additional discussion it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

- **Resolution 2018-142**, Resolution Authorizing the Funding of the Borough of Palmyra's Share of the MACCS Contract Administrator Agreement with AVR Resource Group, Inc.
- **Resolution 2018-151**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Authorizing a Handicapped Parking Space for 324 Van Sant Drive
- **Resolution 2018-152**, Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Pluta Construction per their Proposals Dated 4/30/2018 in the total Amount of \$27,100.00 for Palmyra Housing Rehab Project PLRCAESC-314 Pursuant to CGP& H and CFO's Review and Approval
- **Resolution 2018-153**, Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to NFC Contracting, LLC per their Proposals Dated 4/30/2018 in the total Amount of \$23,000.00 for Palmyra Housing Rehab Project PLRCAESC-315 Pursuant to CGP& H and CFO's Review and Approval
- **Resolution 2018-154**, Resolution Authorizing 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal John P Gerew, Inc. T/A Park Tavern Plenary Retail Consumption License #0327-33-006-004
- **Resolution 2018-155**, Resolution Authorizing 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal for Ashburn Corporation T/A Roger Wilco Liquor Store Plenary Retail Distribution License #0327-44-005-007

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolutions 2018-142 and Resolution 2018-151 thru 2018-155. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2018-142 and Resolution 2018-151 thru 2018-155. Mrs. Tait seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter, President Russell

NAYES. None

ABSENT: Ms. Weiner

Resolutions noted in motion were approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Mr. Gural noted the Farmer's Market is currently every Thursday and the summer concerts will begin in July. He indicated nothing else was currently pending. President Russell asked about the summer movie nights. After some discussion Mrs. Tait indicated she would look into the schedule and who was going to handle the movie night events and get back to the governing body with additional information. Mayor Arnold asked the Farmer's Market committee for a business plan, as she indicated it is a requirement for the grant application, she also noted some things occurring at the Farmer's Market are different than what was previously approved. Mayor Arnold stated some things to consider are the number of food trucks, and activities going on in Grove Park during the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Gural stated all the improvements awarded to Thor Construction are complete except the recessed lighting in the various dugouts which is underway. Mrs. Gural noted all the items/ improvements discussed with PAL/RIV AA are also complete including the two frost free water hydrants.

Mr. Gural stated donation requests are in your packets for the following organizations, Palmyra Senior Citizen Program, Inc. request for \$5,500.00 and the Halloween Parade Committee request for \$3,000.00. Mr. Gural noted all required information has been received and if the governing body wishes, the requests can be approved for payment.

Mayor Arnold requested a resolution to approve the donation request of the Palmyra Senior Citizen Program. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-156, Resolution to Approve a Donation to the Palmyra Senior Citizen Program in the amount of \$5,500.00. Mr. Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter, President Russell

NAYES: None

Mayor Arnold requested a resolution to approve the donation request of the Halloween Parade Committee. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-157, Resolution to Approve a Donation to the Halloween Parade Committee in the amount of \$3,000.00. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mr. Yetter, President Russell

NAYES: None

Abstain: Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait

Mayor Arnold stated the agreement for the YMCA Summer Camp is in your packet; the program is the same as before and the Palmyra resident discount is the same even thou the YMCA Burlington and Camden Counties has joined with the Greater Philadelphia area chapter.

Mayor Arnold requested a resolution to approve the agreement with the YMCA of Philadelphia and Freedom Valley for the Summer Camp program. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-158, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between the Borough of Palmyra and the YMCA of Philadelphia and Freedom Valley for the 2018 Palmyra Summer Camp Program at the Palmyra Community Center. Mr. Yetter second the motion

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter, President Russell

NAYES: None

Mr. Allmond indicated based on the 2017 Audit exit conference we are in good standing. Mr. Gural stated the 2017 Audit exit conference indicated no findings so no corrective action is needed, and were are in very good position.

Mr. Gural stated during some recent discussions we learned that the Borough of Riverton was billing our youth athletic organizations and the Palmyra School District for use of their athletic field. Mr. Gural noted after requesting information from various organizations we were able to confirm that the Palmyra School District for the past 3 years has paid the Borough of Riverton five hundred dollars a year for the use of their field and PRAA and PRSC since 2014 have also paid thousands of dollars to the Borough of Riverton for the use of those fields. Mr. Gural stated his concern is that these fees benefit the residents of Riverton but are hurtful to our residents of Palmyra. Mr. Gural noted Palmyra taxpayers are paying the Borough of Riverton for our mutual school district's use of Riverton's fields, which is troubling. Mr. Gural stated the PRAA and PRSC which is comprised of 50% or so of Palmyra and Riverton residents are also paying taxpayers of Riverton but pay nothing towards the upkeep of the fields in Palmyra, which also provide lights. Mr. Gural recommended the governing body consider those groups and any other group desirous of using our fields, be charged for that use and for use of lighting of those fields. Mr. Gural noted again Cinnaminson Girls Softball held a tournament on our fields this past weekend, when again PRAA sublet out our fields, free of charge to the Cinnaminson organization for the McKeever Tournament. The tournament was advertised on the Cinnaminson organization's website and indicated teens from possibly 10 other municipalities would be participating in the tournament, each team paying \$390.00 to participate. Mr. Gural also noted PAL/RIV used our concession stand for fund raising thru out the weekend while the tournament was taking place. Mr. Gural stated after the incident last year with the girls getting injured by the golf cart, we went over the use of the fields in detail with the PAL/RIV organization, specifically indicating this was not permissible, and again it was done. Mr. Gural stated we learned about the tournament right before it when PAL/RIV dropped off and insurance certificate indicating we would want it. Mr. Gural indicated he sent emails inquiring as to who would be playing on the fields and if other towns were playing we needed those insurance certs also, he was told Palmyra, Cinnaminson and Delran would be playing and later was told only Palmyra and Cinnaminson. Mr. Gural stated, when questioned again regarding the participants no response was given. Mr. Gural stated it is not fair to our taxpayers that a local organization would

request to use the fields and allow another organization on the field at the requested time, without our permission and to use our facilities to make money for their organization in another community. Additional discussion was had regarding, issues of the past, use of the fields by organizations not authorized to be on the fields, subletting of our fields, privilege of use of the fields, use of lights and the cost to Palmyra residents. Mr. Howard indicated he would find out when their next board meeting would be held. Mr. Rosenberg stated the governing body may wish to issue an order to show cause to the PAL/RIV Athletic Association advising them that the governing body wishes the appointed/ elected officials to appear to explain why this occurred and or you may wish to issue a letter explaining the consequences of this occurring and or reoccurring. Mr. Rosenberg indicated this is extremely serious, as a matter of liability and also as a matter of courtesy; the taxpayers have invested a lot of money into this investment and to have a third party entity exercise this sort of control is, a slap in the face. Mr. Yetter inquired if PAL/RIV profit by letting Cinnaminson use those fields. Mr. Gural indicated he was not aware. Mayor Arnold asked if we had written agreements with the athletic organizations. Mr. Gural indicated no, just an ordinance which governs the use of the fields. Mayor Arnold indicated we have talked about this and the community center in the past however we need to address this. Mayor Arnold asked the public buildings, parks & grounds and youth & recreation committees to look into reconstructing the rules and regulations for the use of the fields, community center, and any other borough owned property and additionally to look into the fees we are currently charging organizations to use our facilities and to come back to council with recommendations for consideration. Mayor Arnold indicated the Burlington County Rt.130 corridor study held its final meeting and the local outcome is changes to the roadway at Rt. 73 and Broad Street. The current plan is to widen West Broad Street at Rt. 73 to allow for a turning lane, and to close South Broad Street at Rt. 73. Mayor Arnold indicated the proposed monument-type Palmyra sign proposed for Broad Street & Rt. 73 may have to wait until we see exactly what the new plans are. Mayor Arnold indicated as more information becomes available it will be passed along.

Old Business

Mr. Gural passed out a graph of all the road improvement projects which are currently in the pipeline from Temple Blvd, Filmore Avenue, Horace Avenue, and Orchard Avenue. The graphs include all the current funding available and what we propose to include in the form of future capital improvements later this year and in 2019. Mr. Gural explained the handout in detail. Mr. Gural noted the total available funding between this year and next is \$2,043,000.00 and the suggested expenditure on road improvement projects is \$1,818,000.00, leaving a balance of \$224,000.00 available to us. Mr. Gural noted the governing body has for a long time expressed interest in repaving Orchard Avenue. Mr. Gural stated at one point we proposed a public private partnership to offset the cost of the road repair. It was proposed F.C. Kerbeck would pay for some of the paving and curb work etc. Mr. Gural stated F.C. Kerbeck has already spent 10's of thousands of dollars on those improvements and suggested that Borough Council appropriate \$200,000.00 towards those road improvements, which would include soft costs, on Orchard Avenue. Mr. Gural noted he would need to speak with our design consultant. Mayor Arnold stated she attended an information session regarding the opportunity zone designation with Senator Corey Booker and believes there may be an opportunity for some additional road funding with that program. Mr. Hagmayer stated he has worked in Palmyra at F.C. Kerbeck for over 25 years and

Orchard Avenue is falling apart, when it rains heavy the mud seems to seep up thru the asphalt. Mr. Hagmayer stated they have spent over \$60,000.00 on curbing on Orchard Avenue also 10's of thousands of dollars hiring asphalt companies to patch various areas on the road. Mr. Hagmayer stated they have put a lot of money into the property and maintaining it and would like the Borough to invest in repairing the street. Mr. Frank Kerbeck stated "we love the town" and his family has been here for over fifty years and we appreciate everything the Borough does we need some help repairing the road. Mr. Gural requested permission to authorize ERI to begin preparations on design improvements for Orchard Avenue with the possibility of spending \$200,000.00 including soft cost. President Russell indicated council should move forward with this let Mr. Gural gather the information and report back to us in a couple of weeks. Mr. Howard stated we are in a good place financially so we should move forward with this improvement. All of Council was in agreement.

Mr. Yetter indicated the committee sat with Mr. Rosenberg and are currently working on the wording of the smoke free ordinance. Mr. Rosenberg stated he submitted a draft which he would like the governing body to look over and see if it meets what they are trying to accomplish. Mr. Gural indicated he had received it earlier in the day and would sent it out to the governing body tomorrow.

Mr. Gural stated in your packets are the two proposed questions for the referendum which were prepared by Mr. Rosenberg. Mayor Arnold asked if both questions were to be included on the referendum. Mr. Gural stated during the conversation regarding Ordinance 2018-05, extending the alcohol sales hours on Sunday mornings, the referendum was discussed and also during that conversation outdoor seating was discussed and how it might be affected by the extended alcohol sale hours. Mr. Gural stated that is what affected what is presented tonight for your consideration. Mayor Arnold asked if the decision needed to be made tonight. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated it is late in the year and the questions need to be submitted to the County Clerk within a specific time frame. Mr. Yetter indicated the questions are hard to read. President Russell stated that we should table it at this time. President Russell indicated she listened to the conversation at the last meeting and feels like we need to gather some additional information as we are not talking about two hours but we are talking about two and one half hours. President Russell indicated she felt like, "we were trying to rush something which was thrown as us last week, and the fact the Curran's was not able to represent themselves last week, last meeting as well, I feel is important and I would like to give them also that, as we had the first reading and there was no issue what so ever, we got to the second reading and all of a sudden it became an issue." Mrs. Tait asked when is the latest date we can get the question into the county for the referendum. Mr. Gural stated Ms. Jackson indicated 81 days before the general election. President Russell indicated she would like to fine tune it and re-present it not in the form of a referendum. Mr. Howard asked so if it not done as a referendum to table it to another time. Mayor Arnold stated at the last meeting it was agreed this would got to referendum. Mayor inquired are you saying you're changing your mind and it is not going to be on the referendum. Mr. Howard indicated he is not changing his mind, but he is not opposed to looking at it a little further as we still have at least another meeting before we have to submit the question. Some discussion was had regarding extending alcohol sales outdoors and the seating ordinance. President Russell stated she felt the outdoor seating ordinance should be in place before we go forward with the referendum. Mayor Arnold read the two proposed questions to the audience. Question #1 Do you approve extending the hours that plenary

retail consumption licensees in Palmyra can sell alcoholic beverages or permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages upon the licensed premises for the additional period from 10:00am to 12:00 noon on Sunday? Question #2 Do you approve permitting plenary retail consumption licensees in Palmyra to allow the purchase and consumption of alcohol beverages outside the establishment on tables located on the sidewalks adjacent to the establishment? Mayor Arnold indicated she felt question two was premature as we do not have the outdoor seating ordinance completed, however question number one is what council approved to go to referendum. Mayor Arnold stated the last meeting was the public hearing for the Ordinance and that is when the public is supposed to come and voice their opinion about a proposed law change. President Russell stated, she has had some time to think about it and “she did not feel there was a good representation, we listened to the people who were here absolutely however I believe there are more people in town to have a conversation with and my suggestion is to postpone it right now.” Mrs. Tait inquired to postpone the second question but not the first. President Russell indicated both. Mr. Howard stated he agreed with taking off the second. Mr. Yetter stated the reason for the referendum is to get everyone’s opinion. After some additional discussion regarding whether the referendum so should move forward. Mrs. Tait indicated the hours in the question should be corrected from 10:00am to 12:00 pm on Sunday to 10:00am to 12:30 pm on Sunday. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would have a formal resolution available for the next meeting, information regarding the dates for submission and he and Mr. Gural will work on ad clean up the language of question number one.

Mr. Gural stated he would have a second referendum for council’s consideration. Mr. Gural noted the LOSAP program provides a small retirement savings for volunteer fire fighters. Mr. Gural noted the firefighters qualify for this benefit by participating in a number of drill nights, other events and fire calls. Mr. Gural indicated it amounts to about 700.00 or so dollars a year. Mr. Gural indicated there had been conversations regarding creating a new incentive program which would be more of an immediate incentive than the current LOSAP program, which they felt might better incentivize the department and help with volunteer retention and would not cost any more than what we are currently paying. Mr. Gural explained because the LOSAP program was adopted by referendum in order to undo LOSAP it must be done by referendum. Mr. Gural noted the first step in the process is for council to give approval for it to go to referendum. Mr. Gural indicated he will forward to the governing body what they are proposing for the new program and will let the governing body know exactly how they wish to proceed once decided..

Mr. Gural indicated under the direction of the governing body we tried to order the ten sets of table requested in mint green. The vendor had only three which they shipped when we found out they only had three we tried to cancel the order however it shipped and we received. Mr. Gural stated he contacted council to see how they wished to proceed and if they wanted the sets in another color. Mr. Gural stated we should keep the three sets we received. Mr. Gural stated we will set up the three sets see how the governing body feels and proceed from there with ordering the other sets and in what color

Mayor Arnold requested each member of council to provide her with a list of allegations regarding ethical charges proposed and to include any laws, rules, ordinances or ethics violations which they feel have been violated. Mayor Arnold requested they be sent to her by Monday June 11th, 2018.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated we already spoke about the two grant opportunities and where they could be applied. Mr. Gural indicated he received a response from Councilman Corby of Riverton regarding the Jetter use and they are interested. Mr. Gural indicated he forwarded the details to Mr. Rosenberg so he could prepare the proposed shared service agreement, and have it for the next meeting.

Mr. Gural stated we had some discussion regarding repaving the fire house parking lot and he asked our engineer to prepare a cost estimate for the construction and the soft cost. Mr. Kirchner replied and the estimate is about \$60,000.00. Mr. Gural noted he advised the Fire Company the Borough was not in position to do that project currently. Mr. Gural indicated with some additional discussion Mr. Kirchner indicated he could do the design in conjunction with our current project for half the soft cost about \$4,000.00. Mr. Gural stated he spoke with Chief Dreby regarding that offer and he agreed to allow them to do the design now, the Borough pay ERI and the Fire Company will reimburse the Borough for the cost. Chief Dreby is hoping PSEG will donate that improvement while they are doing some of their other road improvements in Palmyra.

Mr. Gural indicated he received the revised EMS PCR agreement and he will have that to council for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural indicated all the vehicles have been removed from 703 Pennsylvania Avenue additionally the homeowner has paid all billings associated with the securing the property. Mr. Gural also noted two payments have been made to Hargrove totaling \$18,000.00 towards the demolition of that building and all the utilities have been disconnected so we still anticipate the building to come down by the June 30th, 2018 deadline.

Mr. Gural stated we have received the title report for 400 Arch Street and Mr. Rosenberg were able to find additional items which were not listed on the title report so that must be sent back for updating.

Mr. Gural stated we also have a tax lien on this property for about \$15,000.00 and the lien holder has given the property owner a 30 day notice, indicating they intend to foreclose after the 30 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold reminded all that Election Day is tomorrow and polls open at 6:00 am and will remain open until 8:00 pm.

Mayor Arnold indicated the Community Center Art show was last weekend. President Russell indicated the show was amazing.

Mayor Arnold indicated the Memorial Day celebration had a great turnout and she thanked all those who played a part in making it a great celebration. Mayor Arnold indicated she also attended the Burlington County Memorial Service and presented a wreath on behalf of the Borough of Palmyra.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Arnold then asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. Mr. Yetter made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mrs. Tait second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Rader – Harbour Drive– Mr. Rader stated it is not uncommon for someone in the audience to ask members of the governing body to speak up as they cannot be heard. Mr. Rader stated the microphones are meant to be positioned close to the face of the person speaking not two feet away. Mr. Rader stated the room has had many updates over many year however there has been no mention of upgrading the public address system. Perhaps it could be look into. Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Pearlman is currently looking into it. Mr. Pearlman stated he talked with GRAMCO the company which handles the software which the clerk and court use. Chief Pearlman indicated when he spoke with them they indicated it is not the microphones but the speakers, and the equipment in the back; how it picks up the sound and relays it. Chief Pearlman stated they looked at it and are currently preparing an estimate to upgrade the system which he should have in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Holloway – Broad Street – Mrs. Holloway questioned the payment of fees paid by softball participants at the tournament last week and who was receiving that money. Mayor Arnold stated not the Borough. Mrs. Holloway stated she will be happy that gets straighten out as the taxpayers have enough on them. Mrs. Holloway asked what kind of monument where you speaking about at Rt. 73 and West Broad Street. Mayor Arnold explained what the intended improvement is to the intersection and indicated the sign previously proposed would have to wait until the intersection improvements were complete so it could be properly placed. Mrs. Holloway inquired if the improvements for Orchard Avenue would come all the way up to Broad Street. Mr. Gural stated the portion of Orchard Avenue previously discussed would not qualify for any type of state funding, however the portion of road from Kerbeck up to Broad Street does. Mr. Gural noted last year, a Small Cities grant was applied for, for that portion of Orchard Avenue, however we did not win that grant funding. Mr. Gural noted we will be applying for it again this year. Mrs. Holloway asked if council still intended to do the referendum regarding extending the alcohol sale hours on Sundays. Mayor Arnold indicated yes. Mrs. Holloway inquired if there was any movement regarding 515 Race Street. Mr. Gural indicated it is another of our problem properties and we have been in touch with the owners. Mrs. Butler stated the property at 515 Race Street is listed for sale.

Mrs. Butler – Arch Street – Mrs. Butler stated at the last meeting there was a cross session of people from all over the town which made their feelings known to council regarding extending the alcohol sale hours on Sundays, regarding the referendum and about what is going on around town. Mrs. Butler noted if someone had concerns about those things they should have been in attendance. Mrs. Butler stated the residents expect Borough Council to follow thru with the things they indicated they would do, noting the referendum which council indicated they would be pursuing. Mrs. Butler stated she understood all the things which the Borough is doing I regards to 400 Arch Street but when this is complete, demolished or whatever; who will own that property. Mr. Rosenberg stated the existing owner will still

own the property unless the holder of the tax sale certificate or any other vested party forecloses on the property and obtains ownership thru the court system. Whomever is the owner will be tasked with the upkeep of the property as would any other resident. Mr. Rosenberg noted it has not yet been determined if the building will be demolished or not, we are still waiting for the structural engineer's report. Some additional discussion was had regarding the owner of the property and the possibility of court summons being issued. Mayor Arnold stated the things which Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Gural are explaining are in regards to the ownership of the property not the demolition. Mayor Arnold indicated the property will be coming down. Mrs. Butler inquired as to when it would be coming down. Mr. Gural indicated, "due process", property owners has rights. Mrs. Butler asked if the Borough could look at the tree branches which extend over the property to her property, and if they could be cut back. Mayor Arnold indicated we would look into it and see what can be done.

Ms. Markel – Harbour Drive – Ms. Markel inquired, when donation request come in does the requesting organization explain what they are doing with the funds. Mayor Arnold answered yes. Ms. Markel inquired if there was anything which mandates a conflict of interest with the Halloween Parade Committee and the school band, as a council member is the President of the Band Parents Association. Is that considered a conflict of interest if they were requesting a donation and does the band parents association receive a donation. Mayor Arnold stated she was unaware of what the Band Parents Association does however if Ms. Markel noticed when the discussion regarding the approval of the donation request for the Halloween Parade Committee was had Mrs. Tait and Mr. Howard both recused themselves from the discussion and vote. Ms. Markel asked if it could be approved with only three voting members. Mayor Arnold indicated yes.

Mrs. VanEmburch – Garfield Avenue – Mrs. VanEmburch stated the vacant property at Washington and Wallace could also be demolished, as the roof is caved in. Mrs. VanEmburch stated that when visiting on that street they noticed wild turkeys going in and out of the windows. Mrs. VanEmburch noted people have indicated the house, children seem to be using it as a hangout spot and neighbors are always chasing the out. Mr. Gural stated they are aware the property is vacant and it is unlikely the property could be demolished. Mr. Gural stated he could not committee to having it boarded up however he would have a conversation with Mr. Lunemann about that possibility.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, President Russell made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Brandon Allmond had no comment

Timothy Howard had no comment.

Gina Tait had no comment.

Lewis Yetter had no comment

President Russell had no comment.

Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to be kind to one another and be good neighbors. Mayor Arnold also reminded everyone to go out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

President Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted

DRJ

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk