

*Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey,
adequate notice of this meeting was provided by publication in
The Press, posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and posted on the City's website.*
**The Common Council of the City of Corbin City reserves the right to consider, discuss
and/or take formal action upon Resolutions or Ordinances not appearing on the printed agenda.**

AMENDED MINUTES: to include the statements below:

Councilwoman Kirn made a statement about the tax levy of \$170,000 and that city salaries account for over 81% of the tax levy and when social security and retirement is included it equates to 100% of the tax levy.

Harvey (Auditor) corrects his figures from \$1,200 to \$2,400 to reflect salary increase.

Al (CFO) States that the County Tax went down .002 to a pretty much flat tax and that the freeze of State aid will be issued after Oct 1st.

**Mentioned by: Mrs. Kirn Seconded by: Mr. Surran
RCV: Mr. Kane-yes Mrs. Kirn-yes Mr. Surran-yes
Approved on July 13, 2020.**

Flag Salute:

Mr. Kane called the meeting back to order at 7:00pm.

CONFERENCE CALL ATTENDANCE:

Robert Schulte, Matte Kane, LaVerne Kirn, Kristofer Surran, Richard Russell, Harvey Coccozza (City Auditor), Al Stanley (CFO), Bernadette Leonardi, Bill Collins, Carol Foster, Tom Bennis, and Kathleen Federica. Employees not on the conference call: Beverly Totten.

#55-2020 A resolution to provide the 2020 Budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing.
Motion: Mr. Surran Seconded: Mrs. Kirn
Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Open: Motion: Mr. Surran and seconded by: Mrs. Kirn

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. Kirn feels all contracts should be reviewed and go out to bid, remove the employee salary increases from the budget and reduce the surplus.
2. Mayor Schulte feels it's fiscally irresponsible to be providing salary increases at this time but is happy with the flat zero tax increase. He feels we could have done better by not including the salary increases to save the tax payers some money at this time of hardship.
3. Tom Bennis agrees with the Mayors comments and hopes council will give it a second, careful thought.
4. Bill Collins also agrees with the Mayor; and stated it's not the time to give increases with all the hardship in town.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kirn and seconded by Mr. Surran to accept the employee's reports as submitted. RCV: all in favor.

PAYROLL REPORT: for the month of May 2020 in the amount of \$9,701.27.

Motion: Mr. Surran Seconded: Mr. Kane
RCV: Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: yes

The reports above are on file in the Clerk's Office for review.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: for the month of May 2020 - \$61,056.97.

Motion: Mrs. Kirn Seconded: Mr. Surran
RCV: Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: yes

RESOLUTIONS continued:

#57-2020 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills.
Motion: Mrs. Kirn Seconded: Mr. Surran
RCV: Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: yes

#58-2020 A resolution to approve extending the grace period for the second quarter payment of taxes to June 1st.
Motion: Mrs. Kirn Seconded: Mr. Surran
Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mercantile licenses:** Approval of the following mercantile licenses for 2020-2021. All fees are paid, taxes current and inspections have passed.

<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>BUSINESS NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>
1-20/21	Tiger, Inc.	Tavern
2-20/21	Corbin City Woodworks	Wood Furniture
6-20/21	Surran's Nursery	Raising & selling stock
7-20/21	Beckie's Time of Year	Ice Cream, general retail
8-20/21	Maund Investments	Burial vault manufacturing
9-20/21	Kerner's Commercial Refrigeration	A/C Services & Refrigeration
10-20/21	Corbin City Storage	Storage, warehouse
12-20/21	Meadowview Farms & Nurseries	Nursery/Stock/Gifts
15-20/21	The Barking Basement	Dog Grooming
17-20/21	Ploe's Auto	Automotive repairs

#59-2020 A Resolution to approve the list above for the annual mercantile licenses.
Motion: Mr. Kane Seconded: Mrs. Kirn
Mr. Kane: yes Mrs. Kirn: yes Mr. Surran: abstained

- **Dumpster weekend:** ACUA has given us the go ahead to conduct our annual clean up weekend. Mr. Kane suggested since we have extra funds in the budget under snow removal to use some of that money to hire someone to chip up the tree branches the residents put in the dumpster as that would save us on tipping fees.

- **Bid Opening:** for the road reconstruction of Ocean, Kansan and Sunset roads will be held (outside in parking lot or front steps) on June 3rd at 1:30pm. The Bid Award to the successful bidder will be approve at the Council meeting on June 8, 2020, then the project can begin.
- **Suspicious car:** It was reported there is a white (4) door car driving around town taking pictures of resident's properties. It was suggested for the homeowners to get the license number and call the State Police.
- **Elected officials' salaries:** Mayor Schulte, Matte Kane and Kris Surran have chosen to defer their yearly salary until 2021, which will be done by resolution at the June meeing.
- **Foreclosures city owned property:** in the Atlantic Gardens consist of about 5 blocks; about 11 acres and are all buildable. The city may want to consider merging all into one large parcel. Then get an estimate to subdivide that parcel in order to build 8-9 homes which will help the city with ratables and COAH obligations. There would be stipulations put on the development of the parcels to build a home within 24 months and receive a Certificate of Occupancy. We would have to work in conjunction with the Planning Board to see what can be done with those parcels that the city has owned for years.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review ordinance for chickens:** at this present time chickens are only allowed in R-5 or agriculture zones. The proposal will include the following: chicken coops with enough acreage, no free range, no roosters permitted, limited breeding and a maximum of 8-10 chickens per resident that are not in the R-5 or agriculture zones. There will be a form explaining the rules and no fees will be charged. Council will write a letter to the Planning Board asking for the current zoning ordinance to be amended and find out what controls are necessary to have in place. Violations would be handled by the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer and not Animal Control.
2. **Road committee change:** Mrs. Kirn asked for Mr. Surran to take over the roads committee as she is overwhelmed with JIF and Emergency Management. He agreed and will meet up with Mr. Kane to discuss what needs to be done.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR: for agenda items and other issues.

Open: Motion: Mr. Surran and seconded by Mrs. Kirn

Public Comment:

1. Carol Foster spoke about on the idea of the foreclosed properties and the ordinance for chickens.
2. Tom Bennis commented with the development of the foreclosed properties it may come with additional expenses for education and services.
3. Bill Collins asked if the shredder truck will be part of the cleanup weekend and when the beach and park will reopen.

Close: Motion: Mr. Surran and seconded by Mrs. Kirn

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Council meeting: June 8, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Workshop and Council meeting: July 13, 6:00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Mr. Surran and seconded by Mrs. Kirn to adjourn at 7:46pm.

RCV: All in favor.

Joanne Siedlecki, RMC, CMR
City Clerk

Robert Schulte, Mayor