

4TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 4th Regular Session on February 28, 2022, at 7PM, in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, Sue Fox Buroker, David Beazley, Ray Lawrence, Pegg Wren, Anda Tudor, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer (entered late), Mayor Lynn Webb, and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. Absent: Antwillia Davis.

Prayer given by President Althausser and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

MINUTES:

Althausser: We had the minutes of the 2/14/22 meeting in your packet. Does anyone have any additions or corrections to those? Ok, we'll mark them approved as presented.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

Althausser: Tonight, we have some esteemed guests with us, and I'll let you guys introduce yourselves, the show is yours.

Eric Lightner: I'm Eric Lightner, the Water Crew Leader.

Jake Purcell: I'm Jake Purcell, Water Crew Laborer.

Lightner: (Started a slideshow at this point) This is our new SaniVac you guys bought us, and this is on, I believe, Summit Street where we're getting ready to dig. Next, this is where we started digging. It took us 6 hours to do this...now if we had to use a backhoe it probably would have took all day considering you've got your 2 hour time for OUPS to come & OUPS the hole before you can even begin to dig. So that takes some of your time right there, plus that was frozen that day so it took a lot to get through that. But it saved us a lot of money because we didn't have to make as big a hole and you don't have to put as much blacktop & stone in the hole. So you're saving money right there instead of using the backhoe.

Mayor Webb: Eric, it shows here in the picture on the right it's Justin and he's using like a big giant power washer.

Lightner: Yeah, he's using a wand to cut the dirt off the wall and suck it up with the tube.

Mayor Webb: How much pressure is on that.

Lightner: 2500. You can put 3000 PSI on there if you're running the jetter, but if you just run the little pump it's 2500.

Althausser: Eric, if you would, just to set this up, explain how this works different...you may think okay Joel it's simple, but just explain how it's different than using the backhoe. How are we moving dirt differently?

Lightner: We're not having to use a dump truck to dig it. It's actually going into the tank so instead of having a dump truck there and a backhoe congesting the road, you only have one piece of equipment in the way. So you can actually control the traffic better than having the whole road shut down. In this case we were in the 4-way so we had to shut the whole road down anyway to do this, but if you were in a different scenario you may not have to shut the road down and you can actually use traffic control. In the past we've had to shut the road down for the whole day.

Althausser: So you're essentially washing & backing...

Lightner: Correct. That wand slurries the dirt up and as he goes like that he's cutting it and he sticks the tube down there and sucks all the dirt up. He works his way down until he found the line and we were able to shut that off at the corp (line in the main). Now if we had to use the backhoe, he probably would've ripped the line out with the corp out and that would've been water loss. With doing it this way we didn't have any water loss.

Purcell: And that machine will clean pipe for us so there's no shoveling, there's no scraping...

Lightner: Not a whole lot, maybe a little on the bottom but that's about it.

Mayor Webb: Jake is usually the one down in and it is true the amount of digging with clay and stuff this is a lot safer and you're not sending guys down into that & climbing back out.

Murray: And as far as the OUPS goes, like they said, just from an observer the frustrating part was once you know you have a leak usually it was 2-3 hours before you could even start to dig because you had to wait for them to come mark the gas lines and anything else that's buried. But with this you don't have to wait at all.

Lightner: We've got more to show you...right here, this is a prime example of what happens if you were to call OUPS. Now we didn't have to because we could hydro dig this hole, but if Justin would have had to dig it with the backhoe it wouldn't have been no 40 minutes...you're talking 4-5 hours because he probably would've hit the gas line easy and there's probably nothing we could've done about it. You would have had to hand dig all of that to avoid ripping it out and we probably wouldn't have known that 2" was on that 4" on both sides.

Purcell: We would've ripped out all the gas lines out with the backhoe.

Lightner: And we would've had to tear the road up to get to it.

Purcell: So then we've got to wait for the gas company to come & fix the gas lines before we can proceed with the water line.

Mayor Webb: And how much backfill did you have on this one?

Lightner: Less than 2 tons of stone.

Mayor Webb: What would it have been with the backhoe?

Lightner: 8 (+) tons, so you saved a lot of money right there with cost, time & labor.

Mayor Webb: These were just some of the ones we had pictures of. Guys, share with them...I think you guys did a big sewer line, I don't know if it was storm or sewer up here on Columbus...

Purcell: It was a storm sewer.

Lightner: I flushed that storm out today and I got it all opened. With the old truck you'd have never got it opened. With the new truck I was able to open it and suck everything out of that line and it should work. This next rain we're going to see.

Beazley: That was between Wayne and...you were working on the intersection of Wayne & Columbus Street and one more to the east earlier.

Lightner: Yeah, I got a bunch of stuff out of there today on that.

Mayor Webb: Do you have a big tool that goes down through that or is it just water?

Lightner: Well, you've got a bunch of different heads you can put on the end of that water jet machine. They've got one called a Warthog and it spins and cuts the roots out of the pipe. It does a very good job too because we were kind of skeptical in the beginning because we've never had one. So we ran it up a line over on...where was that at Jake? Were you with me that day?

Purcell: Which day?

Lightner: It was leaking out on the road. Did you help on that? Up on Glendale?

Purcell: Yes.

Lightner: You can ask Jake about the one on Glendale. I cut roots out of the line and I had a whole bunch of them on the end of it when I brought it back out. I still didn't get it open because we think the telephone pole is in it, but once we get the camera machine tomorrow we're going to find out. We're going to camera that line to see if the pole is in there. If it is, it's going to get moved.

Purcell: Our old truck would've never pulled anything out of the lines. We'd have never been able to get the roots out or anything like that. We wouldn't have been able to open it.

Mayor Webb: So give us a quick thought from your crystal ball on what the future looks like with this big girl.

Lightner: The future is the City is going to save a lot of money with it. I can see that happening because when you have to cut the road you don't have to cut as much of it up. It's going to save a lot of money on the wear & tear of equipment. You don't have to beat the backhoe up to tear everything up out of the ground. That's going to save money. We don't have to have a bunch of dump trucks up there and that's going to save you money because you won't have dump trucks up there to move the dirt. You'll cut overtime out because you won't have to work a bunch of overtime to get everything done. It can do anything you want really. If you can dig it up, it will do it.

Lawrence: Where does the waste get dumped?

Lightner: Some of it we take to the old shop, it just depends on what it looks like, but usually we take it to the Quarry & dump the dirt. That's usually what it is, it's just wet dirt.

Mayor Webb: So after each time, I know this is your baby, you're very adamant on putting it back like it's brand new.

Lightner: Yes, it's as clean as it is when I take it out when I put it back. I love that thing. It's the best piece of equipment I've ever had. You guys don't understand.

Purcell: Yeah, it's a game changer.

Beazley: I hear your enthusiasm when you say that & your maintenance of it & your care for it is appreciated by us. You can save not only time and materials, but it's a safer way for you guys to work. When you get the calls on these things it's got to be "oh man I'm so glad I don't have to do it like I used to."

Lightner: You're right, it is.

Beazley: That's terrific. I appreciate you sharing, guys.

Lightner: Thank you guys for the truck.

Purcell: We absolutely appreciate it.

Beazley: Keep taking good care of it because we appreciate how you're doing it.

Mayor Webb: Thanks, guys.

Althausen: Any questions for them?

Auditor Brian Hattery: That picture showed gas & water lines in the same trench. Is that typical of utilities being in the same trench?

Lightner: The gas company, for whatever reason, we don't inspect when they put lines in. I think that's something we need to talk about because when the gas company comes in, they put stuff where they want to. We don't tell them where to put it. I think we should tell them where that gas needs to go because what happens is they usually put it where we don't want it and it becomes an issue for us because then we either hit it or it rubs up against something or they bore through something. You don't know how many water lines they bored through over there on Wayne Street and that section over there when they ran all that new gas. I was up there the whole time fixing everything and it was a mess.

Purcell: And if they don't bore through it, it's within inches of our water line.

Beazley: Which makes it difficult for you to do any repair or work on your line. I'm going to guess or presume that we have to work with the administration and legislative body with PUCO because they're granted right-of-way...I know talking to the PUCO is about like talking to this wall, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Mayor Webb: How accurate is OUPS when they come in?

Lightner: Not very accurate. I mean, I don't know how many times we've hit stuff that wasn't marked right or wasn't marked at all. So it's just hit or miss when they come, I mean it really is.

Purcell: That slows us down, especially using a backhoe. Then if you hit it you've got to wait 4-5 hours for the gas company to even show up.

Lightner: And you can't do anything until they get there, you can't do nothing. I've had it happen. So gas is an issue in town...underground utilities in general.

Mayor Webb: We appreciate you. Thank you.

Althausen: Thank you, gentlemen. Alright, I'd just announce no one else was on the agenda for this evening requesting time to speak, but there will be time for public comments at the end under comments from the public.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Althausen: You saw in your packet we had a communication from the Board of Directors of the West Central Association of Realtors. Our own Antwillia Davis is president for the coming year of that board. So that's their entire listing of their board and the legislative committee. The Kenton Hardin General Health Board minutes for 1/25/22 were in your packet. Any questions? And finally, we have the Kenton Tree Commission minutes from 2/10/22.

PETITIONS:

Nothing.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Althausen: Chief Musser, you were the main course during Finance, but do you have any kind of report tonight?

Chief Musser: No, I don't have anything.

Althausen: Chief Donnelly could not be here...oh, Chief Donnelly is here. Chief, anything?

Chief Donnelly: Nothing at this time.

Althausen: Parks & Rec. There is a report in the form of minutes from 2/9/22. Jacqueline, do you have anything you'd like to add?

Jacqueline Fitzgerald: I can if you want me to. So Doug Carmean is our Chair that runs the Park & Rec meetings and they're going very well as you can see by our notes. The board is a great board to work with. I've worked with boards before and this one is great and they're very engaged. I appreciate them taking the lead on this and we're all working together very well. We're going to work on a Capital Budget for some items at the Quarry to do some improvements there. We applied for the Community Foundation grant so hopefully we'll get some funding from both of those, the Capital Budget and the Community Foundation grant. So, they're just a great board to work with & they're very invested in our parks and it's a great asset to our community.

Althausen: Any questions for Jacqueline? Okay, the next area where we have reports is from the Safety Service Director. Cindy has a couple in there being the Public Works monthly report & the WWTP Daily Flow Discharge. Any questions on those? Cindy, do you want to talk? Alright then, Brian is there anything more for you to talk about?

Hattery: Pam did mention in the Finance meeting that we're finally getting caught up with some reports & things. Most of them are underneath the Auditor on the City's website. The financial reports...there are like 4-5 different ones, but I would point you specifically to the Revenue Disbursement report. It's not in your packet, it's on the website, but it's an excel spreadsheet that we put together that gives a great where we're at month-by-month revenue vs disbursements for the general, water & sewer funds...if you want to know where EMS is at, what they've collected vs expenses, that is on there. The other thing that's really great is it shows you where our current cash balance of each fund is and the cash balance is the cash that's sitting in the bank if you will. It shows what's encumbered, that means the expenses that we already expect for the year, and then it shows you the leftover unencumbered balance. So that gives you a really good first look at what cash do we actually have that's unaccounted for or not promised to an expense. Sometimes of course we're in the red with our unencumbered balance but that's because we expect to take the entire year of income to pay for things. But we can answer any questions on that. Also, we do have the one for all of last year which gives a great month-by-month summary of the expenses, in & out, and where we ended up in the year as far as cash balances for each of the different funds. So if you ever have any questions, that's one I really like to go to and I'd recommend that you would look at that also. That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. President.

Althaus: John (Schwemer) will not be here until a little bit later so Mayor you're up.

Mayor Webb: I have several things I need to touch base with Council. I need to ask Council to confirm a couple of reappointments on some board members. For the Planning Commission it's Russ Blue, for the Board of Zoning Appeals it's Larry Manns, and then the reappointment of Thom Purcell on Rec Board.

Althaus: All of those Council signs off on those appointments.

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mrs. Wren to affirm the Mayor's appointments.

Althaus: Any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried)**

Mayor Webb: Thank you, everyone. And finally, I just want to introduce our new people to the team starting with Angelica Johnson.

Angelica Johnson: Hello everybody. I'm originally from California, spent 21 years there and then I got a softball scholarship to KY and met my husband there. He is from Kenton and I'm glad to be here. I work at the Water Office with Mary Ann, so we're working to close that gap up, that discrepancy between sales & consumption. I love it, and I'm getting a chance to work with some little girls for softball stuff too, so I'm just embracing the whole big change. I'm excited. Thank you.

Mayor Webb: Angelica's done a great job for us already. It's that go-getter... and then finally, Jacqueline Fitzgerald for our Community Improvement Director, and it also covers Park & Rec, and an abundance of other things...a little nuisance, a little economic development. She's hit the ground running too because we don't have a choice. So thanks everyone, and those are our new people to the team.

Althaus: Sorry I blew your big intro of Jacqueline by having her talk earlier.

Mayor Webb: It all works.

Althaus: Okay, to follow up on what Brian mentioned, I was just going to quickly remind everyone of our duty to review the financial reports. Pam has worked really hard and the Auditor's Office, and Cindy Murray, in getting us back to having all of our financials basically up-to-date. Pam was gone for a long time and we learned a pretty valuable lesson there as far as backup and we're still working to address that. So Pam did send out a notice of the reports where she had the reports attached and Brian highlighted and I agree with him because that's the main report I go to, but this is your City of Kenton Net Receipts Disbursements 2022. There are 5 reports in total that we're going to always call your attention to. That is one, then the Combined m-t-d, y-t-d Expense report which basically shows all of our expenditures.

Beazley: Broken out on a much more complete line item budget basis.

Althaus: Right, so you can go line item by line item and see what our expenditures were. Then there is Combined m-t-d, y-t-d Fund report which will reconcile back to here. It should. That is typically a 2-pager because basically we're just showing where we are in each of the funds. Then the m-t-d, y-t-d Revenue report...we're tracking what our revenue was and has been so far and what it is vs what we anticipated. And then the Revenue History, and this is a very valuable one especially when you get to budgeting time where you can look at 10-11 years of what our revenue has been on a month-by-month basis. The plan is to have those available to you all and the administration and the public by the 2nd meeting of the month. Normally what I'll do is I will call attention to them at the 2nd meeting, as I'm doing right now, and ask if there are any questions. What we want to make certain we're doing is documenting that you have seen all of these reports. Brian, Pam, & I are going to work on a date soon, probably during the day based on who I think really would want to attend, but all of Council will be invited and we want

to take an hour or so & just go over these reports in a little more detail. Say maybe a 3:00 PM-4:30 PM meeting one afternoon so that way Pam isn't outside of her work schedule and Ray can be here because of his work schedule, and I'm guessing Sue & Anda would want to sit in on that. But everyone is invited to take a little bit of time. So we'll get some dates together to get to you all.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Finance – Beazley: I appreciate your bringing attention to those reports, Mr. President. That is the reason we schedule our Finance Committee meetings at the 2nd meeting because this resource is available for us to utilize and have the most current data available. Finance did meet tonight and there will be a sizable piece of legislation presented at the next Council meeting I presume. Brian, please if you would communicate with Pam that we'd love the explanation piece to come along with it for the members of Council who were not able to attend the Finance meeting as to why we're doing this. Part of the reason is we had some carry over dollars that we were not necessarily anticipating. When we do the budget process, we look at what our revenues are and expenses. We don't try and spend more money than we take in. But because we had CARE's dollars & things coming in from the Federal Government dollars that hit us over the last 2 years, it allowed us not to spend some of our dollars in certain areas and we were then able to make some capital purchases that we plan to put in front of Council on this legislation next meeting. Two other things I'd note, Brian we indicated 2 new accounts or CD's and we got a little ding on one of our reports once for not reporting new accounts or Council approving new accounts...do we need to do that in some form tonight?

Hattery: I don't think so because we closed an account at a bank, so we no longer had an account at that bank. But this is not a new account or a new bank, so we didn't feel we needed to do that ...

Beazley: I just wanted to consult with you so we dotted an i and crossed a T.

Hattery: I appreciate that, but I think we're okay.

Beazley: If you find that we are not if you ask that question, then come back to Council to officially approve the 2 new CD's that we put some of those additional investment dollars in. If you'll recall at the last meeting, I said something about & asked Brian specifically about why we were in a money market account rather than Star Ohio, and our folks have been diligent in looking at rate of return and finding where we can get our best dollars investment wise and that was the choices they made based on that for the best interests of the citizens and our tax dollars. So I just wanted to be sure we didn't cross that bridge without thoroughly vetting it. Finally, I would announce that we'll have in 4 weeks on March 28th at 6PM the next scheduled Finance meeting in these chambers. That's all I have, Mr. President.

Althausen: Any questions or Finance or David?

MOP - Wren: MOP hasn't met but I'm going to get with Cindy and see when we can meet sometime next month.

Public Utilities - Jones: I met with Cindy over the last couple of weeks and I reviewed an RCAP video presentation of the WTP & WWTP and the expectations, the training, and things that are involved with that. So I've spoken with Sue, and she is also going to watch that and I think Antwillia was going to watch it from home. We kind of talked with Pam tonight since Dave wanted us to possibly review the water increases that are coming. So Pam is willing to stay at work if it works with Cindy and Sue, so I'll get with them on those dates and we can move forward with that.

Streets - Lawrence: We will meet now that the snow hopefully starts leaving us alone.

Legislation – Althausen: I got a message from Antwillia and Legislation will be meeting on March 8th at 4:30 PM...

Beazley: That replaces the one scheduled for the 3rd.

Lawrence: Yes.

Althausen: Right. And it's at 4:30.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Regional Planning – Beazley: We have not met.

Parks & Rec Board – Jones: What I talked about at the last meeting those notes are in your packet and then we have our next scheduled meeting on March 9th at 6PM here in Chambers. Like Jacqueline said, it's a really strong board. Ray comes to the meetings & any Councilmember is encouraged to come if you'd like. It's a lot of information and I hope it keeps staying as strong as it is moving forward.

BKP – Althausen: BKP met last Monday. I don't have those minutes yet but nothing exceptional happened at that meeting. I believe I forwarded the last minutes on to you all and I'll continue to do that as soon as I receive them.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Althaus: I do have one item. I'd ask for a motion to excuse Antwillia. She did lose a battle with the ice.

Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mr. Lawrence to excuse Antwillia Davis.

Althaus: Is there any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried)**

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Althaus: As you can see, we have no items on a 3rd or 2nd reading. We do have two in front of us for a 1st reading.

1st READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-003, TITLE ONLY; AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Althaus: This is everything we did last year and everything the State did and the Feds did that we had to change because the State did and the Feds did.

Beazley: That's a good succinct definition.

Althaus: If you all want to get this off your plate, I would entertain a motion...

Schwemer: One thing I'd like to note is we can pass this legislation and still make the change, and in fact that's probably what I'm going to recommend, but the one component of this legislation (672.10) pertains to Fireworks. Again, because it's a change these are like automatically defaulted in our ordinances, but that is something the committee is going to be looking at next week...a new item of whether we will allow fireworks on the designated holidays. That's something we'll discuss because we can either allow them or we can restrict them in certain areas or certain times. This basically is pulling in the State passage of that and then it's going to be up to us to limit that if we so choose. Of course, obviously we're going to be seeking input from our safety departments, Safety Service Director, and the Administration as well because I think this is going to be an important issue. But that's just one component so if the decision is to go ahead and pass this, I'm fine with that because I think ultimately we'd look at doing a modification anyway to that. So I just wanted to throw that out there.

Beazley: Tonight's passage would in no way impact what the committee would choose to do going forward.

Schwemer: That is absolutely correct. Yep.

Althaus: And you don't have to do it tonight, I guess. This is one of those odd times where it isn't just a forgone conclusion, I guess. I would call attention to both Chief Donnelly & Chief Musser that legislation meeting one of the primary things they're going to discuss on the 6th is this.

Murray: I'll send you an invite, both of you.

Chief Donnelly: Especially since I brought it up originally.

Althaus: Well, if I'm Chief Musser I'm just going to dump it on you. Ha. In other words, if you say it's illegal, fine we'll bust them. If you say it's not, I don't care.

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Ms. Jones that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence & second by Mrs. Wren to approve Ordinance No. 22-003.

Althaus: Is there any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried)**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-003, TITLE ONLY; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: After the fact we decided there were 3 more items from the Police Department to add...you should have a piece of paper that has those items detailed in front of you and 1 item out of the WWTP, which is a loader. The request is to amend the Resolution to add those items.

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mr. Lawrence to amend Resolution No. 22-003 to add the 4 items as listed on the auxiliary sheet.

Althaus: Is there any discussion on the amendment? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried)**

Okay, so Resolution No. 22-003 has been amended, but I don't know the time frame on this. Is there a hurry to sell these items?

Murray: No.

Althausen: Okay, then we can read this again in 2 weeks as amended. And you can amend it again if you find more things to sell.

Mayor Webb: That might just happen.

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Althausen: I tried to write a few down. Finance is March 28th at 6PM, MOP will be meeting soon, Public Utilities will meet soon, Streets will be meeting as needed, Legislation will be on March 8th at 4:30PM here in Chambers and the number one item will be the fireworks and what they're already working on as far as commercial nuisances. Are there any others that I'm missing?

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bart Steele: My name is Bart Steele and I hate to keep bringing these issues up, but the intersections of roadways and crosswalks are not cleared. For me the scooter is harder than heck to get through there sometimes. Also, I realize this is a street issue, but intersections have divots like between the street and the curb...like tonight I was on my way here and I turned on (? Street) and sure enough a car came close to me, so I turned and my wheel went right in the divot area and tipped me over into a water puddle. So I'm all wet and dirty and what not. I'd like to see more filling of the divots in the street and just try to level things out...it doesn't really cost a lot to put a little rock in there and add blacktop on top of it. Thank you.

Mayor Webb: Thanks, Bart.

Althausen: Thank you. Any questions for Bart?

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:

Chief Bruce Donnelly: On February 14th I got 6 of our firefighters started in their Advanced EMT class. We are hosting it at our Station so that's going to be helpful in terms of manpower & staffing. They should conclude that I believe it's mid-June they'll be done with that. We did get a Confined Space Refresher Class scheduled for the end of March, so that will be basically City employees that were involved with that last year. We're going to kind of do a lecture program and then some hands-on training with our equipment. So we've got those things coming up. Then what we applied for with the Community Foundation is...the product is called Aqua Eye and it's a handheld sonar device that uses sonar and artificial intelligence to distinguish between debris and potentially human bodies under the water. So with some of the incidences we've had here in town plus around the community that our dive team has been involved with, we just felt like this was a really good tool that we can add to our other devices in terms of the boats besides the sonar we have with the boats. This is something we can deploy a whole lot quicker...one person can take it into the water and basically scan roughly 2 acres in a period of about 2 minutes or 5 minutes excuse me. It's something that is going to help us target our search and hopefully reduce our search times if we can get this. So that's what we're looking for there. Other than that, that's about all we have going on right now.

Althausen: Thank you, Chief. Chief Musser, you're going to have a couple of gentlemen here in 2 weeks to give some awards to?

Chief Dennis Musser: Yes, that's my plan. I think Brenda got me on the agenda for the next Council meeting. I just want to put this out there that we're giving a Civil Service Exam to establish an Eligibility List for Patrolman. We don't have any immediate openings, but we don't have a list either so if we were to lose somebody we'd be in a bad way. So we're going to be giving that on...Brenda, when's the test?

Clerk: April 7th at 1:00 PM.

Chief Musser: Okay. So we're going to be going to the evening academy's this week and next week to try and recruit some people to come over and take our test. But I was informed today that Apollo's class is a whopping 9 students in the entire Criminal Justice program, so it's slim pickings but we'll see what we can do. I believe the filing deadline for that will be 2 weeks prior so if you know anyone that wants to be a Police Officer then certainly put it out there.

Beazley: Welcome to our new folks, glad to have you onboard, and glad to have you back onboard. I appreciate the informational piece from our Water Crew guys tonight, that was nice.

Jones: Thank to Jacqueline & Angelica for coming tonight and being a part of our City as we move forward.

Mayor Webb: I just want to touch base with Chief Musser where Starner helped that lady. Is that a part of our award or were you just sharing that knowledge with me?

Chief Musser: No, I actually just got that sent to me on Saturday morning.

Mayor Webb: Do you want to share that?

Chief Musser: Sure.

Mayor Webb: Once again, people don't know because we don't put it out there, but we have comments that are colorful (complaints) and to be very honest it's just a small amount. But Chief is going to share about Officer Starner and then Officer Crawford helped a lady out probably a month ago.

Murray: Yes, she shoveled snow when we got that big snowstorm.

Chief Musser: I was trying to pull the link up here, and I won't throw anybody's name out there, but it was forwarded to us on our Dept. Facebook page and I shared it with the Mayor & Cindy over the weekend. A young lady here in town had lost power during the bad weather and she had a power line that was partially hanging down. It was live and she was afraid it was going to catch her house on fire so we reached out to AEP's emergency number for her and it was going to take them a long time to get out because of so many power outages & things like that. So she had posted this on Facebook and people forwarded it to us essentially saying that the Officer, which we found out later was Officer Starner, had responded to the call & gotten hold of AEP and she was so concerned about her house catching fire that he blocked the road and sat there until 3:00 AM until AEP could get it fixed for her. So some people wanted to share that with us & I'm sharing it with you & I spoke to Starner about it. In the case of Crawford, the same thing where people contacted us about Officer Crawford had showed up at an older lady's apartment at Springbrook Commons and she couldn't get out when we had that large snowstorm. So Officer Crawford went and shoveled her out, which is nice. So the lady was very pleased and thankful for that. It wasn't a small thing as the snow was like 2 ft. deep and Crawford was out there with all of her stuff on shoveling her out. So it was worth mentioning.

Mayor Webb: Yes, absolutely.

Chief Musser: I think we have overall genuinely nice police officers.

Althaus: Absolutely.

Chief Musser: They're very empathetic. So if you see Crawford or Starner out say something to them. We refer to Officer Starner as Officer Baker for anybody that watched CHIPS back in the day. Ha.

Mayor Webb: I just wanted to bring that up and again I'm not slighting the Fire Department because they're rolling every single day doing some amazing stuff. We do really have outstanding crews! The guys here tonight, I mean you can see the passion Eric & Jake have for what they do. I think Eric...didn't he come in as a summer mower? I thought so, but I'm not sure. But anyway, he's worked his way up and he's very, very, very knowledgeable and he has tremendous leadership. I was glad they had the opportunity to share because he is really excited about that piece of equipment, which is awesome. We get this camera and we should be able to really move some stuff hopefully for our residents. That's all I have.

Althaus: Well, our next meeting is March 14th right here in these chambers at 7PM. Anything I missed this evening? Alright, if there are no objections we're adjourned.

Joel Althaus, President of Council

Brenda Hanna, Clerk