

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes
March 21, 2017

Acting Mayor Veenbaas called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE: Aldermen Mike Cannon, Len Prejna, Laura Majikes, Brad Judd; Robert Banger, Jr., John D'Astice, Tim Veenbaas

COUNCIL ABSENT: 0

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote, Police Chief John Nowacki, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne, City Attorney Jim Macholl

1) ERP Update

Mr. Krumstok: Obviously we've been talking about the ERP system for some time. We do have a small presentation. It's only about 50 slides but they go quickly.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Cut it in half.

Mr. Krumstok: It is a big document. Obviously there are folks here from Baker Tilly to help out, but obviously IT Coordinator Justin Chiappetta will do most of the presentation. With that I do turn it over.

Mr. Chiappetta: We have a lot to cover tonight like Mr. Krumstok said so I'm going to provide a brief introduction. We have Caitlin Humrickhouse here from Baker Tilly. We also have Gary Dube here for Tyler Technologies. They'll both be presenting tonight. It's been about 11 months since the last Committee-of-the-Whole where we discussed the ERP System so Caitlin is going to be kind enough to give us an ERP refresher course and then we'll move on to our main topics which are the ERP selection process, the ERP Committee's recommendation, and then the next steps in the process. So at this point I'll turn it over to Baker Tilly.

Caitlin Humrickhouse: So I'm glad to be back. As Justin said it was just about a year ago that I was here talking about Baker Tilly and our services during the ERP Project so I'll just quickly give a little bit of a refresher on ERP. So basically what an ERP is, is it's kind of an umbrella system that's going to take all of your Finance, your Human Resources, your work orders and inventory, GIS, any of your Community Development functions, your utility billing, all under one system so right now those are in multiple separate systems in some cases so this will really combine it into one. The system, all the databases would speak to each other. Then we'll go over some of the benefits of that in a little bit. Really it takes you from an organization that has maybe disconnected and redundant data systems to an organization where you have a single

point of data entry. You have the ability to manage your information better, do better reporting and you really have a reduced number of systems and a reduced processing time for transactions across the organization. This slide and the following one are just an example of when a community transitions from not having an ERP system to having one so these are just finance functions so accounts receivable, payables, procurement, so outside of the main financial system there would be several Excel systems. Kind of what we call shadow systems to help support the main system. When you move to ERP it becomes quite a bit simpler so that's what the new graphic looks like so not nearly as messy. Much easier to navigate. So if you're thinking of yourself as an employee in this situation, if you're a new employee to the organization this second system is much easier when you come on board to understand what your job is, the systems you need to use to do your job. If you think about this from a data management standpoint you have one version of the truths in this situation. You have less redundant data entry. You have less room for error. It's easier to do reporting here so just again going from kind of this overwhelming many shadow systems, hard to navigate, hard to do reporting, to a much simpler system. So then specifically for the City's project, again you started discussing this January of 2016 and then in May of 2016 was when Baker Tilly was awarded our contract to help the City with their system selection process. We shortly began work thereafter and I'll kind of go into the details of all what we did during that process in a little bit, but throughout the summer and that spring we worked with the City to talk about your needs for a new system. Talk about the options that you had and then we also prepared an RFP and that was released in September. By October there had been responses to that RFP and again I'll go through what that response looked like in a little bit and then we moved on to kind of due diligence on those responses and that took several months. We did really in-depth analysis of those responses and then that brings us to today where we're currently doing some preliminary contract review with the vendor finalist. So throughout that process Baker Tilly really served as an advisor and a subject matter expert so we started off by facilitating 23 sessions with people from all over the City, so we talked to quite a few of the people that work at the City about what their needs would be from a new system. What they liked about your current systems. What they didn't like. What was difficult to do on a daily basis because of system limitations. We took all that back and we developed about 6,000 system requirements that you would need from a new system. We came back on site and had an additional 21 sessions with those folks to say this is what we heard you say that you need from a new system. Is this correct and kind of validated all of those and those were included in the City's RFP that was released. We also reviewed and analyzed the vendor responses as they came in and we have an oversight of 3 weeks of vendor demonstrations here on site. We coordinated site visits with surrounding communities and then facilitated some selection discussions with your steering committee. So you had a really wide circulation of your RFP. It was sent directly to 7 well known vendors in the industry. It was also posted to the primary site where vendors pick up these types of RFP's as well as the City's website. The City received three responses which is really good in the current market. There aren't a ton of software vendors that serve cities like your size in the public sector in general, so three responses is actually much more robust than we typically see. It's a great response. So those three responses were BS&A, Tyler Munis, and Tyler New World. Each of those vendors came here on site for three full days and City staff sat in those sessions as well as the steering committee to kind of look through the sessions and those were scripted so every vendor was given the same set

of criteria to demonstrate on to make that as objective as possible. Figuratively also issued a survey so attendees of those sessions could fill that survey out and rank each system that they saw. The two highest scoring vendors were BS&A and Tyler Munis so they were moved on to the next round. And then after that there was even additional due diligence. There were reference checks both by phone and email. There was a survey of surrounding communities to determine what software they were using and their satisfaction with that software. We requested follow-up documentation from each of the two finalist vendors and the steering committee members actually went out to four different communities, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Elk Grove, and Roselle to see how they were using the systems in question. We also conducted additional WebEx session with both vendors and with communities in different states that were using the software that you're looking at. Follow-up phone calls were also conducted with those municipalities after the in-person visits and then additional conversations with municipal staff from municipalities that weren't visited. So then after all that due diligence occurred the ERP steering committee looked at basically five criteria to rank each vendor. Their overall functionality and their integration with GIS, they're ability to do electronic reporting, website functionality and their payment portals, system adaptability and technological innovation, implementation and training, and customer satisfaction service and support. And those survey responses I talked about earlier were also included in that ranking process. Okay, so at the outcome of that process Tyler Munis had the highest ranking overall and they met the highest percentages of the City's nearly 6,000 requirements. Tyler offers some of the best functionality in the industry. Some high points for the steering committee were reporting, dash boarding, integration with GIS, and customer self-service and Tyler really has high investment in their system and innovation which made the steering committee feel comfortable that this was going to be a system that the City could use far into the future and when Gary presents he can talk about some of the longevity of their clients so Tyler Munis will also enable the City to do things that you can't do now and deliver services more efficiently. So I won't go through all of these in detail, but these are kind of your desired and proposed modules so it covers off on pretty much every financial function, every human resources function, purchasing, utility billing, everything in Community Development, and parking ticket and code compliance adjudication as well and all of these modules are integrated with GIS. Alright, so I'll hand it over to Gary to tell you a little bit about Tyler.

Gary Dube: Good evening. My name is Gary Dube. I've been with Tyler Technologies for 24 years. When I began we had 24 employees. Today we have 4,000 employees so it's been a lot of fun. I've stayed with this company because I really appreciate the way they treat my customers and they've been very good to the employees and as I said to their customers. What I'd like to do is give you a little introduction to Tyler Technologies. Tyler is the name of our company. Munis is the name of our product, our ERP solution. Munis stands for Municipal Information System, clever enough. Tyler is actually the largest company in the country that solely focuses on software and services to the public sector so that's all we do. We provide cities, counties, K-12 school districts, courts and justice, public safety, we provide them with software to run their operations. We have 14,000 clients, again all public sector. We've been in business for over 50 years. We're a very large organization. We have a lot of resources focused on our products and services, specifically the product that the City is looking at called Munis has

800 employees working on that product every day. We have over 1300 cities, counties, and schools using that product and we've been very successful by any way you want to measure our organization. The number of new clients, our financial position, the growth of our organization, so very strong organization financially. We're a public traded company so we're very transparent. We're traded on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE. If you haven't noticed by the lack of an accent that I'm not from the Midwest. Our headquarters here for this solution is in Dartmouth, Maine. That's where I live. As I mentioned the organization has been very successful to the point where we're really tripling our office space. We're adding 95,000 square feet to support about 500 new employees all working again on the Munis product that you're looking to implement here at the City so a lot of success. It's leading to a lot of good jobs with our organization. What is it that we do specifically in regards to Munis? Well we develop the software. We implement it. That means we provide the training. We provide the data conversion services from your current system and then we provide ongoing updates and enhancements. So we are a full turnkey, full service provider. We can also host the applications in the data center in our facilities. As I mentioned we have almost 1400 cities, counties, and schools just like your organization using this product. We have about 40 cities here in Illinois that use the Munis system. I'll show you a list of those in just a moment, but we've been providing cities in Illinois with Munis for about 20 years. Our oldest client is nearly 35 years with the Munis system so they started way out with black and white screens and today through the updates that we've provided them, they can run the system over the internet and they never licensed a single line of code so we continue to improve our products and provide those enhancement to our clients. We've been very successful, continually very successful in the marketplace. Last year we had 70 new clients, again all cities, counties, or schools. By far the most widely selected ERP solution in the country. There's a list of some of our clients here in Illinois. In the past 12 months we've been selected by, or contracted with the City of Champaign and the City of Naperville. Every product that you're looking at here the City of Naperville also acquired, but those are large organizations obviously. But in the last 12 months we've also signed contracts with the Village of Gurnee and the Village of Oswego, the City of Urbana, so as you can see from the client list the product is very scalable from small towns and villages to some of the largest cities in the country using this system. We also have a very active user group here in Illinois that meets twice a year so the opportunity for your employees to meet with their peers from other clients around the state. We feel we have a very unique business model. We are a national company yet we have many clients in every state we choose to do business in and as a result we have very state specific products. They're not generic products. They're built for the State of Illinois. They're built specifically for public sector. They're not private sector related products in any manner and as a result of having this type of nationwide presence we're not at the whims of the financial conditions of any one state and we were a small local company at one time and one of the competitors, some of the competitors in this space are sort of those regional type companies and if you look at the history of regional companies there have been a lot of acquisitions, a lot of mergers, a lot of consolidation in that space and I think we've grown to the point where we're beyond the risk of being acquired by the organization that would not continue to improve the products. So we're the type of organization that looks to grow by hiring employees, as well as acquiring businesses that are focused in this sector of the market. The technology is very current. We have about 250 employees that every day work on the

technology of Munis, the development of the product. You can run the entire system over the internet. Many, many of the functions can be run on your smart phone or your tablet. We have many products that enable employees, citizens, vendors to interact with the City online rather than waiting in line. The system works very similarly to the internet so if your employees, I'm sure your employees are familiar with the internet. They'll have some very good head start at learning the Munis system because of the user interface. It's consistent with what they use every day. Then as Caitlin mentioned some of the benefits you'll find is it will eliminate the redundancy, the duplicate data entry. As a result the data will be more reliable. The ability to track cost, to track projects, enable you to project future costs for future projects. As I mentioned the ability to interact with citizens and vendors and employees on line. We'll provide a lot of time savings and efficiencies from having to answer the telephone or to look through cabinets and files to find information. With the Munis system it will all be online and easily accessible with a few keystrokes. The solution is designed and the City is looking at the full suite of products which really is very comprehensive. We'll cover every department in the City. The products will enable these cities to interact without redundancy and with much efficiency. So again a complete solution and very stable organization and a lot of experience in this space. A lot of resources focused on this product and I welcome any questions. Thank you.

Ms. Humrickhouse: So what's going to change? This first slide that we have here is before ERP selection. So we find that most communities that we work with they spend a lot of time doing some paper pushing, kind of busy work, transaction processing, before ERP selection because those are the tools that are available. There's less time spent on analytics, on strategic activities. After ERP selection that kind of flips. You have much more time spent on analytics, decision making, being able to do the reporting that you need to make business decisions because you have the tools. Because the reporting is so much easier. Because you don't have to enter data multiple times and to multiple different systems. So that's really going to be the biggest change that you'll see. So some key examples of improvements that you might see is one, the Tyler Munis system has an online portal for your citizens so doing business with the City will become easier, making payments for utility bills or other receivables to the City can be done online. Customers will be able to look at their utility billing history online and eventually the permitting, once you get to that part of your implementation, the permitting will be online as well. And then financial reporting and dash boarding will be, right now you have data in multiple different systems, so you're kind of pulling things from systems and piecing them together. The reporting in Munis everything will be on kind of one database so you'll be able, much more turnkey reporting. There will be dash boarding. Users can customize those dash boarding so that those dashboards, so that when they open up their version of Tyler Munis they may see what's important to them whether that's the amount of complete work orders, their work orders in the day, what their budget is looking like, what their staff schedules are looking like. They'll be able to see all of that. You'll also have residents and business service work orders so an employee will be able to put in a work order saying their lightbulb is out just like a resident can put in a work order saying that there's a pothole on their street. And those come in and get categorized and can notify the entrants when that work order is resolved. You'll also have an employee self-service portal. Some employees will be able to view their paystubs, update their tax and personal information and other benefit data all with security and all with the right approvals that are

needed for that. Police and Fire will also be able to electronically track schedules. And then you'll have all of these efficiencies and cross communication that is happening. So again you'll have that integration between systems that you don't have now. That will mostly eliminate that duplicative data entry that's occurring and will really help you communicate across those different departments within the City. Alright, so now Melissa will, or Justin will discuss next steps.

Mr. Chiappetta: So the next steps you can expect to see from the ERP projects are the staff will bring forward two resolutions to the March 28th Council meeting. One is for the continued support of Baker Tilly and the other would be for the Tyler Munis ERP software. Contract negotiations will be completed by the City Attorney and the City Manager, of course after the council approves the project on the March 28th meeting. Then Baker Tilly, Tyler and City staff will begin drafting a timeline for the project and finally the project is estimated to be completed within a two year timeframe, although it is a big project and the time could be longer than two years. And for the financial part of the presentation I'll hand it over to Melissa.

Ms. Gallagher: Thank you Justin. This slide here, and we're going to go into the next one as well, is a two year cost comparison based on the proposals for the ERP system. We did an all in cost per proposal and you can see the numbers on the slide here. What I wanted to point out, there were three vendors that did provide a proposal. Tyler New World was eliminated from the first round of reviews. They did make it through the vendor demonstrations, but not through the due diligence and final proposal review. BS&A was eliminated because they did not provide that full functionality for the City. There were significant gaps that existed in their technological requirements, their GIS capabilities, and also in their payroll and HR processing, adjudication, Police tickets and advanced scheduling. Tyler Munis was selected based on data driven from all of the pieces that we went through, through the vendor demonstrations, the proposal review, all the site visits and I'm going to move you to the next slide here so you can see the two year cost proposal broken down by specific function. All in when we looked at this initially we were looking at a Capital Improvement process of about a million dollar project, anywhere from 750,000 to a million dollars for this project. All in for Tyler and Baker Tilly project management services is about 820,000. As we've mentioned before this is about a two year timeframe. We're also looking at software that's going to maintain at our City for a very long time. Anywhere from 10 to 15 years and as we've heard from Gary at Tyler it can even be longer than that, so this is a very long-term investment for the City of Rolling Meadows. So I wanted to leave you then to Baker Tilly so that she, Caitlin here can provide you with some of the implementation and pieces that will take place through Baker Tilly's role in this process.

Ms. Humrickhouse: So there's a lot of change that happens with an implementation. In addition to the kind of two year process of taking your data and moving it to a new system and designing that new system, there's quite a few things that happen with the people that work here. People's jobs tend to change a little bit. Business processes change a little bit because you're moving from more of that transaction environment to a strategic environment so what Baker Tilly helps our clients do during that process is a few things. We supplement the project management that Melissa and Justin would provide with key activities such as business process mapping so we'll

take a look at and sit down while your users are getting trained by the Tyler team, Baker Tilly would be right there with them documenting what your new processes are going to look like. So that when Tyler leaves and your employees are using the new system they'll know how to use it. They'll have a guide on how to use it. You'll have that institutional knowledge. If someone leaves and walks out the door it will be documented in a process and procedure. So that's quite a bit of what we do during implementation. We also help design a system and data governance framework. Basically to answer the questions okay after implementation who's accountable for this system? Who makes sure that the data has integrity? Who makes sure that our employees are being trained on the system? And who makes sure that we're using the system to its fullest potential to really realize the investment we made in it? So we help design that framework before you go live on your system. And we also do system design and testing the system so what will happen during implementation is the Tyler team will come in and sit down with your employees and walk through basically how the system is going to be designed. So they'll go through the day to day business processes and make sure that the system is set up with all the correct fields and data that you need to track and then after you design the system you'll test it. So you'll test an AR transaction or you'll test a payroll run. What Baker Tilly does in that process is to really hold everybody accountable so we sit in on those design sessions. We document the key outcomes and decisions made in those sessions and we make sure that makes it into your system so that it's designed the way you need it to be. We also review the testing scripts to make sure that you're testing all the functionality you need to so when you go live the system works the way you need and want it to. Any questions?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, why don't we start the comments first. Are there any clarification questions for our guests? Any clarification questions about the presentation that was given or any questions you have directly for them before we get into the discussion portion? No? Okay, and there are no sign in people with respect to this item so let's just go right into the discussion. Would anyone like to have any discussion concerning this item? Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: I've done a little bit of research on this and I know a couple people actually in the field and I'm not, I think everything that we're suggesting be done is something we need to do from the City's perspective. Obviously unless I hear what it needs to be and we need to I guess come out of the 1970's I would call it when it comes to the functionality of the things that we have and being able to do it by, I guess my concern is we've been provided an awful lot of information today but there's still a lot of unanswered questions as to what this is going to cost us from the total cost of ownership on a five to ten year idea vs. I'm hearing that it looks like based on what I saw the software was around 181,000. I know that the CRD which is the permitting and the licensing process that Mt. Prospect uses is roughly 250K on itself and so what I'd like is a further breakdown of what all these modules are going to cost us because as we piece this together the numbers I'm hearing just seem substantially lower than the research that I've done. I think it's going to cost us significantly more over the course of time. I also would like to know a little bit more about when it came to the RFP process three people came in, but if I'm correct in what I've been told, which I could be incorrect, but Tyler Munis and Tyler New World are basically the same entity. Tyler New World they bought the New World product and then they turned around and did some things to it and I think they've got another one, Dynamic AX or

something like that as well so it's the same vendor. It's just a different product. And then the people that I spoke to and I'd like to find out moving forward is to where this was issued, the RFP, because they couldn't find it and they looked for it specifically. I gave them the date that it was issued, September 9th, based on what we had in the council packet so I'd like to know GFOA, where they came into the picture or didn't come into the picture. They've got a consulting arm free of ERP's and why we didn't use them or what their take on this would be is something that I think we'd be interested to know. I think there's an awful lot of questions that need to be answered before we just take and issue a contract and say okay, this is going to cost X. I don't know if this is a SAS or if it's an on premise thing. If it's a SAS how long is it going to be until we're up and live and if it's a two year process is there a discount for a couple, the first two years. Why would we pay for something we don't have? There's a whole bowl of questions that without having the knowledge and just the minuscule amount of information that was provided to us in the packet there's no way I could make a decision and commit the City to this kind of project over the course of the next few years. I think the project needs to be done, but is the right process and the right way to do it? I don't know, so I think based on what we've received I'd like to be able to take that back to some of the people that have given me some information and help me out and I think sit down with the City Manager and say these are the questions that I have that we'd like to get more answers to so that the council can make a decision. I think that would be helpful. I think if we could do that and maybe bring it back on the next COW meeting and go further I think that would be helpful for everybody before we start spending a million or two or three million dollars on this because I think this number is probably lower than what its actually going to be long-term, especially since we don't know so many different things. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, and before I leave you, or you leave me, just to clarify what you just said is you'd like to get more information, a little more in-depth information, realizing this is roughly a million dollar ticket item, 800,000 whatever, and get some more information before we would bring this to a council vote on the 28th or something like that. Is that correct?

Alderman Judd: Correct, just because we've got implementation. We've got Baker Tilly in here who's going to implement. Who's going to usually, what pieces are going to be done with what? Where's it going to house? There's a whole lot of different information I think needs to be answered for everybody to make a solid decision.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Gotcha. Any other discussion on that note before we leave Mr. Judd? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: I guess one of the questions maybe to piggyback on what Mr. Judd is saying is I'm not a very high tech guy so a lot of this is really out of my wheelhouse, but I guess I am worried about the numbers. The actual financial cost. I too have a friend who is in this industry, but it doesn't do government work, but I guess the question that comes up all the time with my discussions with his when he's dealing with his customers is the additional modules that have to be purchased both near term and long term. I don't know if those are included. I know with the way he does business in his sector they actually buy separate modules to different functions. I

don't know if that's a part of this system or if that's something that is over and above. I have a couple of other things. Go ahead.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: Well first thing, the number that you see with the 120,000 dollars, that's for all the modules that we need and what staff has reviewed so I want to also premise that question that's also been bought up, this process has been very transparent. It has actually been well known throughout different places so anybody at home that says hey is there a question about the process, it's been vetted through and that's also why we had Baker Tilly also go through this, but the number that you see for that two year analysis of the 820,000, remember I'm rounding slightly, is really to get us all the modules, all the other pieces, all the information that we feel to get us into, I'll be much nicer than what has been stated, into the real world of what we really need. And again as what has been stated over the year and obviously what we talk about the problems with MSI and Harris continue to develop and some of the headaches we have so we know the two year implementation with Baker Tilly being here, we know how the process will go through their few people, obviously I'm one of them, who have gone through these processes before, but again the modules are the ones that we feel comfortable with. We think that obviously Tyler Munis knows exactly how we were going through this so we don't see down the line that we need to buy something else. We might do some upgrades down the line, but again Tyler Munis has always been able to productively and also fiscally look at those things. So I understand what Alderman Judd is asking for, for more analysis with long term and I'm sure that Tyler Munis can give us those snapshots. And again, nothing is crystal ball because one of the numbers that's up there again this is Tyler Munis hosting fees at 15,000 dollars, hopefully that stays consistent but they would know what their historical look and some of the other, the licensing obviously you see that it's a one year, but we can get you some additional breakdown, but again we wouldn't be bringing this process to you if we didn't feel comfortable where we are and we do greatly appreciate Baker Tilly helping staff. It's been a really long year for a lot of different things and I know again a lot of kudos to Justin and Melissa because a lot of it I was staying out of because I've gone through enough of these processes. Once the process is here teach me what I need to use because I use enough of the process and I used to have a lot more hair before we got Harris so that's my nice way of saying it.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you.

Ms. Gallagher: May I also add to that from just as an add on Mayor?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Go ahead

Ms. Gallagher: Thank you Mr. Krumstok. I did want to add on Mayor that it has been a fully transparent process. We began this process back in January. One of the things we've done all the way through is make sure that we fully document. When we received the RFP's they were actually in about a 5" binder so obviously what you're seeing here is just a summary of the actual cost proposal which is very thick. We summarized it for you in that way. One of the things too

as we mentioned as far as next steps, we can obviously get more information to the City Council to make further informed decision, but one of the things we did was summarize just so you had a broad based look at everything. We also looked to our auditors. We sat down with our auditors and also discussed what are your thoughts here and our city auditors mentioned that Tyler also comes highly recommended across all of their audit firm's recommendation. We talked with Chase Bank, where our bank deposits are. They also mentioned that they had great dealing with Tyler. So I think that we, I wanted to share with you some of the pieces that we looked at. As far as GFOA goes as well, we worked with different municipalities in terms of what their opinions were and getting that municipal references done. So I did want to mention those kinds of pieces along the way there, but we did take that snapshot and summarize it here so that's why it's such a condensed look.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: I'd just like to make myself clear. I'm for the system, though I get the sense that you guys think I'm negative because I'm not negative at all. I think it's great that we're doing this. I'm just worried about long term costs. I'm not challenging anybody. The little bit of knowledge that I hear about the licensing fees and add on modules as you go along seem to be big issues. I'm not saying that's going to happen to us, but if it is we have other cities we could find out do we pay that licensing fee every three years, two years? I don't know what the answers to some of those questions are.

Mr. Dube: One of the things I had mentioned was how the product was very scalable and I mentioned the City of Naperville is looking at the exact same products and services that the City of Rolling Meadows is. The same license fees for the City of Naperville were a million dollars. The actual license fees that we proposed for the City of Rolling Meadows was about 330,000 and we provided a 50% discount off that license fee so that's how you got to the 160,000 for the licenses. The recurring fees will be about 75,000 a year. By paying that recurring fee that provides the City with unlimited help desk, you call the 800 number, you send emails to our help desk for support questions. We provide support. We also provide annual updates and enhancements to the product. So for 75,000 approximately 3 to 5% increase annually on that support fee you would have the current product that we are marketing at that time. So it's a one-time license fee. It's a one-time services fee which would be expended over about two years for the services and then you pay that annual support and hosting fee of about 75,000 with the 3-5% increase every year. There is no relicense so you buy the license one time for 160 and there's no relicense fee so we have clients that have been using the product for 20 years. They never relicense the product. They pay an annual support fee for help desk and they get annual enhancements and updates to the product. So I guess I was looking to address why the license fee is the price that it is.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Can I ask you one quick question? As far as users go, to the change with the number of users you have vs.....

Mr. Dube: That's a good question, no our product is a site license so it's an unlimited users. There are a couple of products in terms of the number of inspectors that you might have and we license that at I believe 14 so there's kind of an estimate there, but it's a license for 14 building inspectors, fire inspectors, but the rest of, all the products are site license beyond those specific ones.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: I can direct this to whoever. That's the first time I've seen the numbers so maybe there's an easy explanation. Can someone just explain what the 100,000 dollars for travel costs is?

Mr. Dube: All these prices are itemized. Obviously there's a line item fee for the licensing for the General Ledger Module. The day of conversion associated with the General Ledger. The training services and the support services. Every module has an equivalent line item. Our implementation people, our training people come from throughout New England primarily for this region and the travel fees are based on over 200 days of being onsite, personnel here on site, working with your staff doing training, doing data validation, doing planning, processing so that's the fee for maybe 60, 70 3-4 day trips that we'll come out. We only invoice the exact amount that we incur and you'll see those receipts.

Alderman Cannon: Okay, that's great. Thanks for the explanation. It helps a lot. The last question I would ask this is the one thing that I got confused when I was reading this whole thing over the weekend. Why we would not use your company to do the implementation as opposed to Baker Tilly.

Mr. Dube: Our organization is going to do the implementation. When we say implementation that's primarily managing our people, project managing our people, doing the training, the end user training, doing the analysis, doing the electronic data conversions with taking the data from the MSI payroll system and moving it into the Munis payroll system. What Baker Tilly's going to do is primarily guidance and documentation of the processes. So the idea is we come in, we evaluate as a team the policies, the procedures. We implement the software according to those policies and procedures. They document how certain departments are going to use the product. The idea is three years from now somebody can come in, pick up this document that's not used the system before and have a blueprint of how to process a payroll. How to process a water bill run, etc. Tyler will be here more than 200 days of onsite services. We actually like it when there's a third party like this because they can provide governance for the vendor, but from our standpoint we also like that because they can provide governance of the City. We can schedule training. We can be very firm, but we can't ensure that the City is holding their end frankly, and it's nice to have a third party like this that kind of sits between both organizations. So their role is that type of project management. That governance and in the documentation and do you want to add anything to that Caitlin.

Ms. Humrickhouse: Sure. I think another way to think of it too is Gary and his team are going to do a lot of the technical system things. Designing the system. Looking at the infrastructure. Assigning the security roles within the system. In addition to kind of oversight of some of that. What my team does is more of the change management part of it so looking at how are people's jobs going to change. How do we make sure that they know how to use the system? So the people side of it. I'm not going to be in the system designing it, putting in fields, anything like that. What I'll be doing is making sure that when Tyler leaves the City has a system that it can use and really leverage the big investment that you made.

Alderman Cannon: Great, one last question. I was wondering, does Justin have enough personal hours in the year? Is he going to need help or is he going to need another body?

Ms. Humrickhouse: That's the other part that I think is useful is that that's what I'm here for even though Justin and Melissa will be the day to day project managers for the system. There are only so many hours in the day and they will also serve as subject matter experts for their areas. When the system is being designed Melissa will serve as a subject matter expert for Finance so when things start to kind of get overloaded and something falls off that's also my role too is to help pick up some of that slack and can help move things forward and make sure that nothing is kind of getting left behind.

Alderman Cannon: Thanks for all the answers. Thank you.

Mr. Dube: I just wanted to address one other question that came up. So Tyler does have a SAS model, in other words we can host the product in our facilities in Maine and basically you would run and print locally, but what the City has selected, or elected to implement, is an on premise so you buy the servers, you run the system here. You host the system here. You maintain the system here. We provide software updates and software support. There is a hosting fee and online services are going to be hosted by Tyler. So eventually hundreds of employees can be getting on the system online at one time. Hundreds of citizens can be getting on the system at one time to make a payment. We're going to provide the band width and the access and the security for that from our facilities, but 95% of the applications are going to be hosted here on your hardware.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, thank you for that. Any other discussion on this item? No discussion? So let me try and clarify and summarize what I just heard, or what we just heard. There appears to be two items here that we want to discuss and perhaps get a straw vote on. The first one is Mr. Judd and I guess Mr. Cannon talked about getting some more information and talk a little more about what long term expenses could be. We had a little bit of discussion from our visitors. Does that clarify that Mr. Judd? And so that would actually require some more investigation and more question answering for the council. And would obviously delay this from the 28th which I believe is what the next meeting would be. So that's the first item. The second item would be depending on how the first one goes, the second one would be to give a straw vote on moving forward for the 28th. Is that true Mr. Krumstok?

Mr. Krumstok: That's correct

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Well with that in mind let's talk about the first straw vote and let's talk about and recognizing that this is a million dollars here folks and a lot of money over two years and I recognize having put in a few of these systems myself this takes 110% commitment by the City staff as well as the vendors, as well as anybody involved. This is a huge undertaking and I recognize that. So it also involves quite frankly a 100% commitment by our City Council. All of us need to be shoulder to shoulder as we move forward on this. So if there's any questions on people on this council we're spending a million dollars for something over two years. We need to ferret that out so let's start with the first one then. With Mr. Judd, what he asked for, that is to just have a show of hands of folks who would like to get a little more information what Mr. Judd was saying for not only present information but going forward type information. Does that crystalize that pretty well?

Alderman Judd: Pretty much.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, let's show a raise of hands. Who would like to get more information on this item by a raise of hands? That's one, two, three, four, that's five people so that's a majority right there so with that five votes then we'll ask Barry and your staff to come back to us at the next COW meeting with some more information and Mr. Judd we'd like to ask you, if not Mr. Cannon, to go back and have some conversations with the staff prior to the next COW meeting too?

Alderman Judd: Of course.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So we kind of clarify everything. I think its worthwhile when you spend a million dollars to get everything bought out in the open so let's take the time between this meeting and the COW meeting to get any questions that you both have out on the table. Fair enough?

Alderman Judd: I appreciate that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: And that kind of concludes what the second item would be that we'll just kind of delay it. I'm not sure if there's a need to do a straw vote on this item? Mr. Krumstok, okay? Alright, is that enough on the first item?

2) Hillside Property

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Moving rapidly along, let's move on to Hillside Property, Number 2 and I'll defer that to Mr. Krumstok as well on this one and thank you all visitors for all the effort that you've shown the City of Rolling Meadows. We appreciate everything you do. Thank you.

Mr. Krumstok: Obviously the next one that we mentioned is the Hillside Property located at 3650 Berdnick and behind me and they're actually going to come up to the podium in just a little bit are Mr. Mark Balek and Ms. Coleen Balek and they're actually from Hillside and as we wrote in the write-up for information they do own the 3.8 acres in the M2 location. It used to be Prairie Material Sales. Staff has actually met with them a few times. They really have some nice ideas. This is Option #2. Option #1 that we originally talked about had some changes and now we're back into the two distinct uses on the property. The east side would be for Hillside daily operations and the west side would be for the property for landscape transfer station, coming soon, which actually might help the City too. This really is in for information to the City Council so they also have the feedback from the City Council before they go to the Plan Commission, but it's also for them to unveil this to the City Council for you to understand what's going to happen with this piece of property. It's been very easy to work with Coleen and Mark. It's a company that's almost 100 years old. Everybody knows the name Hillside. They have multiple uses obviously that they've done before. They are our current vendor for towing and they are also because of their professionalism and all their additional work they actually do. IDOT and some other items too, so with that I would like to bring up Coleen and Mark Balek to just go over this presentation. And again it's just for information so you know what we're talking about.

Coleen Balek and Mark Balek. I'm Coleen Balek. This is Mark Balek. Mark is one of the owners. I'm his daughter and corporate attorney. We're just here basically to present the concept that we have for the property as Barry said. What we're interested in doing is on the west side of the property putting in a yard transfer station. Basically what that would be is trucks coming in daily. They would stop at the office. They would get weighed. They would dump the yard waste, come out, get weighed again, pay and all of the waste would be removed from our property on a daily basis and we would take it to a disposal station. That would all occur on the west side of the property. On the east side of the property we're interested in parking some of our equipment so we can respond to calls a little bit closer to this area, but we do not plan on bringing the vehicles back to that yard at this time. We have two other locations that we use right now. The purpose would be mostly for responding to calls in a quicker manner and then we would also like to utilize the existing facilities to continue our park and trailer repair as well as dumpster repair. So we have provided a site plan which shows generally where we expect to put everything and how we expect vehicles to go in and out. I'm not sure if it's on the slide or if they were given packets. So that's basically our concept at this point and what we were hoping to do. With that we're also planning on updating the property. We need to fix up the fence in the front. We also want to add some additional landscaping. We've already removed over 500 of the concrete blocks that were there and we're continuing to remove those. And then just continue to make some update to the property.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Very good, thank you. So I guess moving on then, do you want any discussion or clarification of what's going on with this?

Mr. Krumstok: No, we just wanted to make sure that the council knew, if you had any questions. That's why they're here because obviously this will be going through the Planning Commission and obviously before you see it come back to you with the recommendations we wanted you to

feel comfortable with the Hillside Plan. Obviously what Coleen mentioned the cleanup of the property and also some of the outside on the street. Staff talked to them about it because again there is some dumping and unfortunately I'm putting Mark on the spot here. His brother is also going to put a nice tree, landscaping.

Mr. Balek: He's the horticulturist.

Mr. Krumstok: But it was also a part of what we asked with some of the cleanup too, but we wanted the council, if you have any questions about them, what they're other plans are for you to have that opportunity before you saw it when it comes back from any additional discussion.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, very good. We always appreciate getting a heads up on things before it comes our way so we appreciate you coming.

Mr. Balek: Also, if I could add, there is office space over there and we'd like to put our dealer license over there so you would get the revenue off the sales, the tax dollars for the Village.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I vote for you then.

Ms. Balek: We wouldn't be doing on the ground selling. It would all be via the internet or through dealers so we're not planning on having inventory there, but we do need a physical office location, but any sales tax would go to you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Make sure you put that at the beginning of your presentation with the Zoning. Thank you. I'm glad you clarified that and brought that to our attention. We like that even more.

Mr. Balek: We also do a lot of work with Advanced, your transfer station leases that. We work very, very closely with them so we would actually be moving their dumpsters and repair their dumpsters so it's a little more convenient for them to bring those in and out. The other thing is they're actually looking for a transfer station. It basically for the grass. The grass and at the end of the year leaves and trees.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. One quick question. Assuming everything sales through zoning group and all that, how quickly are you planning on having this happen?

Mr. Balek: We can make it happen immediately. We have 52 trucks and trailers that we work out of three locations. We'd like to start moving stuff over here because we're getting a little overwhelmed.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: We would be happy to help you with that.

MR. Balek: We appreciate that.

Mr. Krumstok: And I would actually give the pitch, if you're looking for concrete blocks, they're more than happy....

Ms. Balek: We're giving them away.

Mr. Balek: I've got a lot of them.

Ms. Balek: And if you need transport we have transport.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That's free advertising. We don't mind that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Balek: Thank you.

Ms. Balek: Thank you.

Alderman Judd: Can I ask a question?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: Is this, is there a potential for us to be able to use this or because we're tied in with SWANCC or whatever are we going to be snuffed out of this?

Mr. Krumstok: That's actually one of the discussions we had so until they get their transfer station up and running through the IEPA, the answer is we're going to try to use this transfer station because landscaping typically is not a SWANCC item and I know Fred is now walking up behind me, but typically we're trying to as some of you know where we bring our landscaping right now is a drive. This would be more convenient and easier for us to do, but that's something that we're hoping once they get their IEPA and all the other pieces that hopefully we would be able to drive our trucks just a few feet away from where we're actually housed.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Very good.

Alderman Judd: Thank you

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you Baleks.

Ms. Balek: Thank you

Mr. Balek: Thank you.

3) Bike Path Map and Maintenance

Mr. Krumstok: For the next three Public Works Director Fred Vogt has the podium, so this is from a discussion and request from Alderman Judd about our overall bike paths. So this is a new program that we're actually talking about because we've updated the whole maps that we have so we're hoping with this discussion tonight that we would be able to bring back to the City Council on the 28th to actually approve those maps so we can start publicizing that a little bit more. So with that I give that to Public Works Director Fred Vogt.

Mr. Vogt: Thank you Barry. I handed out before the meeting what I'll call our old map or our existing map that has a lot of pictures on it of some of the points of interest in the City and bike routes and then there's a combination of folded up maps. One is the proposed 2017 new bike path map and the second one is a maintenance map that I'll talk about briefly. But to cover the proposed new bike path map historically we've had City Council formally approve those over the years for the versions that we've had. It's been several years since we made the improvement to a new map. We wanted to reflect the several bike paths that have been built since the last version of this in 2007 when we added the Salt Creek/Plum Grove Road bike path. The Plum Grove Road itself bike path from Kirchoff to north of Euclid. The Commuter Drive bike path. The Salt Creek at the Library bike path last year that was opened and hopefully later this year or into 2018 the Euclid Avenue extension between Rohlwing and Salt Creek that will link up with the existing bike paths at each end. One of the ideas and we've talked with our News & Views editor, as well as City administrative staff, is to put this in like a pocket format like I'm holding up here that can be used at our Community Events for distribution, Farmers Markets, perhaps even put some kiosks at places along the bike path route where you can pick these up. The ideas are also potentially inclusive of advertising depending on how we want to go about that, but we want to get the information out to the public and particularly those that use the bike paths either for bicycling or for walking and other recreational purposes. So that's what we present before you and there's been a lot of work and review gone into this by our City Engineer, by the Traffic Review Committee, and Public Works staff over the last several months on and off to get this information here regarding our neighboring communities so that you can link up and travel outside the Rolling Meadows limits not only with their existing paths but what their potential future paths are. We worked with the Municipal Conference on this as well to promote our bike path efforts. So one other thing to point out when we go through bike paths, not always can we get a path in that's off the street, so we identified on this proposed plan both some locations where we already have what we call bike routes which are signed such as on Oak Lane, on Emerson, on Industrial and then a couple of locations where we believe we can develop a bike lane which would be a stripped lane a few feet off of the curb that can also be signed. Examples of that are on Meadow Drive and on Campbell where the street is wide enough and it's in a residential area from a safety standpoint. Those are the highlights in terms of the changes that have occurred over the last several years.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, very good. Then let's start with any clarification questions for Mr. Vogt concerning his presentation before we get into discussion? Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: Just a thank you and this will be going out as you said throughout the community, correct?

Mr. Vogt: Yes

Alderman Prejna: So just thank you. It's great and thank you again.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Any other clarifying questions Mr. Vogt? Any other discussion concerning this? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: Fred, can you just kind of give me an overview. I know we talked a couple of weeks ago about this maintenance issue. I assume we inspect each bike path every year?

Mr. Vogt: Yes

Alderman Cannon: And if there's like big cracks in them and stuff like that we try to make an effort to fill those in and stuff?

Mr. Vogt: Yes

Alderman Cannon: Every year?

Mr. Vogt: Yes, we make the effort every year. The paths are inspected. We rate them based on where we have to have patching or there's crack sealing, slurry sealing, the whole thing.

Alderman Cannon: Okay, I guess the other question I would ask, I'm not expecting you to know the answer but I'll ask anyhow, so do you have any idea what the maintenance structure is for Rolling Meadows Park District? Are they as diligent as you?

Mr. Vogt: I don't know the answer to that question, but we do get complaints from time to time on both our bike paths if there's a hazard as well as getting complaints from locations that end up being part of the Park District maintenance because the general public doesn't often know who's maintenance responsibility it is so any of those inquiries we turn over to the Park District.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That would be a difficult question for you to answer since you're not in charge of the Park District paths. Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: I did have a meeting with the Rolling Meadows Park District and they're putting 100,000 dollars into their bike paths this year for maintenance and upgrades. They are aware of the issues that are there. In answer to that question.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: There you have it. Thank you very much. Any other discussion concerning this item?

Mr. Vogt: Just to talk about maintenance if there are any other comments or questions. We did provide in the packet a bike path maintenance map, an inventory of all of our bike paths. I believe we put in the packet a sample inspection sheet. It's probably the last sheet that part of our annual inspection of the condition of the paths. Just to give you an example the path on Euclid from the court house east is in some need of probably the worst condition of tree roots growing up in it and some cracking so we'll be putting some significant efforts into that. The one out west along Salt Creek also has some maintenance needs. That one we share maintenance with the Palatine Park District on that one, but in general the bike paths, some of them have held up for over 20 years. They're not like streets in that they get a lot of wear and tear on them so with proper maintenance, drying out of asphalt and some settlement, we've been able to keep up with them and they should get at least 30 years before we start looking into having to do some major resurfacing on them or even longer. We really don't know because we haven't experienced one we've had to do an overlay on yet.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, very good. So your presentation is more for information purposes. You don't need any direction from the City Council on anything, correct?

Mr. Vogt: Don't need any direction unless there is something the council wants us to pay attention to.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much for that item.

4) Sunset and Brookview Utilities

Mr. Vogt: This has been a discussion over the last couple of months again. It's something that has been discussed on and off for several years with regards to locations in the City that either do not have water mains for them and in several locations out in the west part of the City where there are no sanitary sewers. We received an inquiry and a request from a property owner at 5250 Sunset a couple of months ago inquiring about public sanitary sewers. His lot is located in a couple of locations less than 300 feet away from the public sanitary sewer however it's not in the front yard. It would be in the back yard or the side yard which causes some logistic issues to be addressed. We've looked at those with our staff engineer to try to find some ways, and we do believe there's a preferred route, if the City were to be interested and willing in looking at the extension. The last time I was here at the Committee-of-the-Whole on this the council asked us to do a survey of the interest of the residents in the area of Sunset Drive and the adjacent Brookview Lane. Those survey results trickled in over the last couple of weeks. We even got one after we put this report together but of those that responded with an interest immediately in talking about public sanitary sewer access, 8 were wanting to talk about it immediately, 5 had no interest, and a couple other ones said well in the next 1-5 years, or 6-10 years. Of particular interest also is would you be interested in attending a public information meeting on the topic. If so the City would provide some cost estimates, funding options, which was always the point of interest when we've had these meetings before because we have had a few over the, going back several years, but 11 people said yes they were interested, only 2 said no, and 1 didn't answer the

question. So I think of the roughly 20 mailings that we did in that area there is enough interest to move forward with putting some information together and perhaps some funding options if the Council is willing to put some information together or at least indicate a consideration that we would be open to providing those utilities if we can develop a funding mechanism, whether it just be the connection fees that currently stand at 7,000 dollars per lot if they connect. If the City installs the sewers or some other mechanism such as a Special Service Area where the homeowners could pay those costs over a longer period of time. We've had discussions going back I think into the 1990's with some of the areas out there with regards to utility extensions and potential of Special Service Areas. So we're happy from a staff standpoint to talk to residents. Get their input. We also need to give them some input and direction as to where the City is coming from.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, very good. Let's start with clarification of your presentation and is there any questions about what Fred just presented to us? Before we get into discussion I just want to clarify with Mr. Krumstok, so you want direction from Council to go back to these residents and explain more information to them including funding dollars what have you?

Mr. Krumstok: Yes, staff would like some clarification and if you would like us to have information meetings. If we're going to go through this process or council is now just going to say we don't want to spend any time, staff put this in the back burner and at this point in time we're not interested. That's my nice summary of that with what staff is actually looking for tonight.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, and as a summary to my knowledge we just had the resident who wants to build a house. That wants to tap into that. Right now that's the only activity we have, correct?

Mr. Krumstok: That is correct.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: The rest of these people that we've sent out the questionnaires, the citizens I should say, you've got the information.

Mr. Vogt: The property owners at 5250 Sunset has indicated a desire to construct the home, would like to by as I understand it, mid to late summer have the ability to access the sanitary sewer. Either they build it, we build it as part of a long term project. We're not proposing to do anything in 2017 other than address that on the short term.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: And am I correct in saying that new resident can't do anything until we put in a larger line? We'd have to invest a lot of money before we could add him, correct?

Mr. Vogt: If we don't find a way to extend that sanitary sewer this year, we would have to consider allowing a septic system to be put in.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: And the dollar amount to just put a line in for this person. Do you know what that is roughly?

Mr. Vogt: Roughly we're estimating 50 to 100,000 dollars.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: And that's just for that resident.

Mr. Vogt: That would serve others in the future.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Got it. That's what I needed to know. Open up for discussion? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: Fred, so with that one house so maybe you could explain. If we did the work as you have in this proposal, other people could then hook onto that line up and down Sunset? That would kind of be the start of their system there?

Mr. Vogt: That would be the start of the City's system to connect to an existing sewer.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: They would have to pay their amount of money into that system. They would have to tap in for the 7,000 or whatever it is.

Mr. Vogt: It currently stands at 7,000 dollars per connection, yes.

Alderman Cannon: How long has it been at 7,000?

Mr. Vogt: Probably at least 10 years. Probably since 2005 or 6 I believe when we last amended the Code.

Alderman Cannon: Obviously I've got a lot of discussion about this because it's in my Ward. As I've stated from the beginning I'm for the concept of doing this if people are willing to buy it. So I guess what I would offer, I would be more than willing to help lead a meeting. Maybe we could do it at Plum Grove Jr. High because it's right down the street and get as many of these people involved and get a commitment from them and I guess before I would want to move forward myself I think it would only be reasonable because of the major investment we're talking about making, to get some kind of a contract commitment from these people. Anybody who is interested in doing it because to go back to the previous discussions, if we didn't make this hundreds of thousands of dollars investment and no one uses it, like we run into on Old Plum Grove Road, I think it's just a waste of money. If the people are willing to do it and are willing to commit to it I'm all for it. That's great. I think that's our obligation as a City, but we have so many other things that we need to do right now I hate to stick our nose out that far if we don't have the commitments.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Good discussion. Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: This cost is just ours to the City. The residents would have contractor costs to connect from their house to us, so there's, my understanding is there is an additional cost which could be double what the City is. In other words if its 7,000 dollars for example from some of the residents I talked to out there, it might be 7,000 dollars for the City, but it may cost them that amount for a contractor from their house to our connection. Is that correct?

Mr. Vogt: Yes, the property owner's obligation is to extend from what would be the City's main in the right of way to their home and that cost would solely be theirs and based on some cost estimating several years ago it could be 5000 dollars or more to extend that sewer. They also would have to abandon the septic system.

Alderman Prejna: Thank you. The discussion I had with folks out there was this is the City's cost but we also have to do our own cost to shut down the septic system and pay for the connection.

Mr. Vogt: And some of the previous meetings concerns that residents had and this does go back several years was not so much their willingness and desire to have access to the sanitary sewer system, but didn't want to pay for it all up front and we're looking for ways to spread those costs over time or to defer their obligation to make the connection for a number of years and that's where past discussions have gotten bogged down.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Any other discussion? Mr. Banger

Alderman Banger: This has been in front of the council a few times and each time the big picture is let's take a sanitary sewer and extend it all the way to the end and hopefully that money being put in that would be recovered somehow by people connecting and each time the response of people has been maybe a tenth respond that they want to do this and it's never been compelling enough for us to bite into it. The point is get these services underneath before we repave and I get that. The alternative is if at some point in the future people want the utilities, whack all the trees on the side of the road and put the utilities in which is not a good solution and we've had those discussions and I just don't think they've gone anywhere. I think we're hesitant, like Mr. Cannon said, to front a ton of money to see one every five years. One house turnover and the new owners say well I want to spend a wad of money and connect and that's just not fast enough to recover the significant money it's going to take us to trench this pipeline that hopefully people will use. So I read this once again and I just, even for that poor homeowner who wants to tap in, I just don't have a good response. I'm just not a fan of doing anything because I've never seen an overwhelming response. I'm talking even 25% of people who have said we'll sign up for this. It's never made us want to spend those hundreds of thousands of dollars so I'm still not compelled to say let's go ahead and do this.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Straightforward, clearly said. Thank you. Any other discussion on this point? Mr. Krumstok how would you like to proceed?

Mr. Krumstok: I think that the first thing is not to waste too much more time, but would be to ask the first question would be do you want City staff to have another meeting with people. The second question would be do you want Staff to spend any more time on this and just shelve it. Maybe the opposite order. Maybe you should ask if we should just stop. One way or the other I think because we sent out the survey we need to tell people what's up.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I was going to put an addendum to your item there. And that was Mr. Cannon was going to step up to the plate and be part of this conversation, correct?

Alderman Cannon: Correct. May I ask a question before you vote please?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Go for it.

Alderman Cannon: I don't want, this one homeowner who wants an answer I guess. I think we owe him an explanation as to what we're going to do so Fred, would it be possible, without putting a lot of pressure on your Department because I know this is a really busy time for you, could you get a more exact number of what it would cost us to do that. 50-100,000 is a huge difference in numbers and if they really want to be on maybe that would be more attractive if it was closer to 50 maybe it's more doable for that one person, but they're looking for an answer I'm guessing.

Mr. Vogt: Yes, and we certainly could get something more accurate with a little bit of effort on the part of Public Works staff and our RJN the engineer that we use for many of our sewer projects to get that more refined and even do it from the perspective of what would it take to get a permit from the Water Reclamation District for it to do that extension because that is the key location if we are going to consider any further extensions in future years with those streets and hopefully before they're paved as they're scheduled in the next several years, to either say yes or no.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Cannon that was a good question. So let's do this then if I might again clarify. I don't have an issue if anyone else doesn't have an issue with Mr. Vogt at least giving a more accurate number to that person as to what it's going to cost. Show of hands on that. Is that okay? That's fine with number one. Number two, I don't think it's an issue if Mr. Cannon meets with his people in his Ward to talk to them about and get a little better confirmation how serious they really are. Is that okay with everyone? Show of hands on that. Okay, that unanimous too. Two for two so far. The third one is pretty much do nothing it sounds like right and never talk about this until we get a number of people outpouring and coming to the council or something like that, correct? Is that what kind of the third one is?

Mr. Krumstok: That is the third one.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That's the third one. So do we want to vote on that? Who feels that we should wait and not do anything here until a whole group of them come forward and make an issue of it? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, so that's all seven on that one Mr. Krumstok.

Mr. Krumstok: We'll contact RJN. We'll get a number. We'll have a meeting and then that's about as much more.....

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Right, then let's hear about it whenever that might be. You know what I think too, rather than spend a lot of council time on even a summary on this, maybe after Mr. Cannon gets his information and you get it, can you kind of send it to us as information so we don't have to have a COW meeting about it.

Mr. Krumstok: That's what we'll do.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you.

5) Brookwood Detention

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Who in the audience wants to have a conversation with us this evening that didn't sign in? Show of hands. You need to sign in and maybe we didn't clarify that. That's why I asked for the sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Who told you that? Who? Please sign in at least your name and address and that you'd like to come to the microphone. That's fine with us.

Mr. Krumstok: Remember the sign in was taken after we started the meeting. So it was there to sign.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Everyone is signed in and we'll bring the sheet back really quick. No worries. That's what we're here for.

Alderman Judd: Are they here for Brookwood or here for the Sunset because.....

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Brookwood

Alderman Judd: If its Brookwood let Fred go and they can speak.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Vogt key it up. So we'll let Mr. Vogt have his presentation then after the presentation we do clarification of his presentation and then after the clarification of his presentation we open it up for people to come forward. That's the way we always do it. We have one person signed in, right? Okay, very good. Okay, Mr. Vogt.

Mr. Vogt: Thank you again. This is also a topic that I have been here many times talking to council about over the last several years regarding the Brookwood storm water detention areas as

we know it immediately to the north of the Jody Court homeowners area. When we last had discussion on this we went back to our City Engineer to determine if the existing detention area could be expanded to provide more storm water detention given the direction to not consider expansion of the detention area to the south towards the Jody lot home back yards. The need to do that is precipitated because of the City Attorney needing to have a legal description of the property that is subject to potential condemnation acquisition based on our long standing request to obtain a storm water public easement there for the improvements and the long term maintenance of the area. The City Engineer has put together a report that's included in the packet. There's a couple of maps showing the two limited areas where we feel that at least at reasonable cost with minimal disruption to the Brookwood parking lot area we could, and to not eliminate parking spaces at Brookwood, to provide for more storm water detention. While minimizing the disruption in the one area being in the center directly in front of the front door of the southernmost Brookwood building and then another smaller area to the far west the cost benefit is quite honestly very questionable in terms of it costing two to three hundred thousand dollars more in having to put in retaining walls, removing and then replacing, altering some of the parking areas so those are presented on the front page of the report as Options 1, 2, and 3. Option 1 being to go back to the basics to simply consider cleaning, clearing the area, regarding the area. We would provide an additional .2 acre feet of detention storage. There currently is .06 acre feet there so it wouldn't quite get us to even 1/2 of what should have been provided there, but that cost remains at about 150,000 dollars and just as an aside there still is life to the 75,000 dollar State Grant that was approved several years ago, but for the last year and a half its funding has been suspended due to the State budget situation so Staff believes that money may be available someday. It's almost an advantage that we've kind of slowed down this process because we couldn't get that money now if we would have moved forward earlier with it so, but we don't control that so it may be available, it may not be available. We really don't know but I just point that out as a side note. Option 2 as identified by the Engineer expands the detention area that exists just to the north. That cost is estimated to be about 350,000 dollars. That picks up an additional .2 acre feet to get us to about 50% of what the total storage should have been. Then Option 3 which adds an area to the west adds about another 80,000 dollars to the cost up to 435,000 dollars with a slight increase in the detention storage. So those are the options we face. The cost benefit as I said a few minutes ago is kind of questionable in terms of the amount of money to spend to get some more storm water storage, but one must realize that in any event with some of the storms that we did experience back in 2008, 2011, we did have a considerable amount of water in people's yards. Water in the streets such as Jody Court, but with one exception we're not aware of any homes that took on any water and that one home that did take on water is removed somewhat from the Brookwood area and has other complicating factors with that that we've had several discussions with that homeowner and some improvements there so it's not totally unrelated, but it's not directly related to what we would do here at Brookwood in terms of trying to solve that particular problem. So with that, that's where we stand right now. If the Council would give us some direction as to what they want to do moving forward, we can then turn it over to the City Attorney with assistance from the City Engineer to put the legal description together and move forward. There is also one other matter regarding short term maintenance. We were asked back last fall about the cost of clearing the area just to the vegetation. It took us a while to get a proposal. There weren't a lot of people interested in the

winter. Kind of surprising with that, but the price that we got was about 30-35,000 dollars to clear all of the vegetation out of that area. That's certainly something that would be included in the 150,000 cost estimate to do all of the dredging and regrading so that really is a Council option as well as to whether to proceed with that sooner or wait until we're able to secure the easement either by negotiating or by condemnation and then do that work at that time.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, very good. Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: I just want to stress one thing and I know that City Attorney Jim Macholl has moved closer to the thing, but I do want to reiterate that obviously the City Attorney cannot start doing any condemnation until we know the proposed easements that we're actually talking about, but also he has counseled numerous times to Public Works that we can't proceed onto the location to do any of the vegetation because again it comes back to what is our property and what is not our property. So I give you that caveat when we choose an option, but also if the determination is made on an option the actual legal description that we're going to go after that would deal with the City Attorney and I think that's the summary of some of the stuff that we actually talked about because I think Public Works Director Fred Vogt was very diplomatic with his mentioning trying to get contractors out there and at one point people coming out of Brookwood and actually yelling at our staff and the contractor.

Mr. Vogt: We were not well received.

Mr. Krumstok: That's my nice way of saying that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That's what we have police for Barry.

Mr. Krumstok: It got close to that point.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Let's start this out and I just want to make a quick public comment here too. It's my understanding that the Jody Court residents didn't get their letters until, if not yesterday the day before, if not some didn't get them at all. So that was a no no and we apologize to all Jody Court residents for that. So put that one on the table right off the get go number one. Number two, and I know they were sent out, they just got there late.

Mr. Vogt: They were mailed Friday morning.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So it took a long time anyway, so we'd like to give people more advanced notice on that. With respect to your presentation, any questions for Mr. Vogt about what he just said? Then just before we get into discussion I just want to clarify and understand something for myself. So, we wanted to go forward with cleaning up this area is my understanding, I thought. So in order to do that we have to get some legal rights, correct? And I'm not putting words in people's mouths but I'm just trying to clarify what I thought the plan is and was. So either which way we need to clean up the creek and get our legal right to do it and we need to clean this thing out, with the vegetation which has no harm to the Jody Court side of

the road really. We're just trying to clean it all up and I see that as step one. And that's got to happen and my understanding is that's 150,000 dollars. Is that right?

Mr. Vogt: To clean the vegetation and to do the.....

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Yes and the hope is still to get the 75 grand which you have a 50/50 or....

Mr. Krumstok: My nice way of saying it is it's in suspension, but you're talking about the State of Illinois. They can't get their budget right so they keep on telling us it's suspended so we don't know what that means with the State of Illinois who can't get a budget.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So maybe that's where Senator Rooney can help us out. The guy who came from here. So there's a little bit of a question mark then about the 75 grand right?

Mr. Krumstok: Yes

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So I just wanted to clarify that. I always thought that was like step one and get that all going because we need to do that anyway it sounds like, correct?

Mr. Krumstok: Yes

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So let's just leave that one. I'll table that one for now and does anyone have any clarification questions for Mr. Vogt about the presentation? If not let's have some discussion then. Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: The question is, Brookwood didn't clean this up to begin with and seems to be angry because we want to clean it up. What obligation, what's their obligation in this whole situation right now. Is it all, do we have to get in a legal fight with them to get them to do anything or, it seems like they're not living up to their agreement of just being a good neighbor. So why, and I think we'll make a decision tonight to do something, but I guess I'd like clarification along those lines of what's involved there.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I'll let our legal staff answer that.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you.

Mr. Macholl: Alderman Cannon, there never has been an agreement with Brookwood. We tried to agree. We failed to agree. The avenue right now is to condemn an easement and go in there and clear it out. Now the thing to keep in mind is what area do you want to have cleaned out? Ideally, according to the engineer, it would include cutting down all those trees that separate Brookwood from the single property owners to the south. Neither the single property owners from the south nor Brookwood want those trees taken down. So it involves some direction in

that regard as well, but I think the thing to do is we need to go in there and condemn an easement and then get the right to go in there and do whatever we want to do.

Alderman Cannon: Can you give me any kind of a timeframe for that? High, low?

Mr. Macholl: I've got to get the appraisals updated. I've got to get into court.

Alderman Cannon: A substantial time frame no matter what.

Mr. Macholl: Barring an agreement from Brookwood to let us go in there and do some work, yes. We tried to put that in the overall project. Unfortunately now we're dealing with this one portion of it. But we're moving along as fast as we can. It's just difficult for me to give you, I wish I could give you a better idea. I truly do, but I can't.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: We've been dealing with this for I don't know how many years. We've talked about it for so many years. I think, I don't need to hear anything from anybody other than tell the City Attorney go in there, condemn what we have to condemn, and let us get in there and clean it up so people on Jody Court don't get their houses flooded anymore and don't take any land away from you guys period. We've talked about this for years. It's just time to do something. It's time for us to do it. We've tried to reach out to Brookwood. We've never gotten a response back. We've talked to their association. They never got the vote. Why beat our heads on the wall anymore for this? Let's just do what we have to do. I'm sure the Jody Court people are going to tell us what they want and don't want, but what we need to do is get this cleaned up so you don't have to suffer anymore. Period.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Any other discussion? Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: Just a clarification. To clean it up and do the little bit of grading we're talking about we have to get a condemnation, correct? But we also spoke about potentially carving out part of their parking lot to add stuff. Can we, if you go for condemnation obviously you don't want to go for two separate condemnations, would you just condemn the whole thing? And then are we required at that point in time to do something with it or is it ours and we can just do the clean out and then potentially we realize we did this clean out and five years from now it doesn't, it hasn't sufficed and then we can do it? Is that the process or if we condemn it and say we want to condemn it because we want to build this basin, are we required to build that to do that kind of work immediately or would we just own it? Do you follow what I'm saying or no?

Mr. Macholl: I do, but currently the authority was previously expressed is just that narrow area of the drainage area. In other words I have no, I don't have a defined area beyond that. We talked back in November of going in the parking lot of Brookwood or go down east of that area. I don't have a defined area to condemn that. I don't know what that entails.

Alderman Judd: I guess that's the question is would we be intelligent to do that now so you only have one condemnation process?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd, can Mr. Vogt answer that?

Mr. Vogt: In your packet there are areas shown, this being one of them, that takes some of the parking lot. That cost to do that improvement with retaining walls and the like is another couple hundred thousand dollars to do. I'd have to, from a legal standpoint, know if I'm understanding your question, if we would condemn the larger area to keep our options open in the future, can we do that legally without doing an improvement within a certain amount of time.

Mr. Macholl: I think we could.

Alderman Judd: That would seem to be the smart way to do it because then we're not paying you again five years from now if what we do, the clean out doesn't work....

Mr. Macholl: Right

Alderman Judd: And then we're back in the same boat we are in now.

Mr. Macholl: Right and the worst case is the court says no I'm not going to give you the larger area. I'm going to give you the smaller area and we'll deal with what we got, but at least we're going forward.

Alderman Judd: That would be my thinking.

Mr. Macholl: Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Any other discussion? Okay then. Let's see what the council, oh I'm sorry. Frank would you like to come to the microphone?

Frank Sanoica: Good evening everyone. My name is Frank Sanoica and I'm a resident for the past 25 years in Rolling Meadows. I used to live on Davis Court and I moved over to Jody Court one night when I saw a house for sale. I've been in that home now for, since 2000, so 17 years. I enjoy the home a lot and I have a few things to talk about. It's been very interesting sitting here for the past hour and 45 minutes listening to the council talk about spending 800,000 and you're a wise man over here because there's a lot of hidden costs. I work for Northshore University Health System, a big hospital system. I couldn't begin to tell you the number of oh yeah we're going to sell you this and then there's that add on and that module, etc. So there's a lot to think and ponder about. But I do want you to realize that the idea of cleaning out, adding and adding .2 cubic acres you're calling it, acre feet, I think everyone here should understand what that means. And I don't think too many people here do understand that. Number 1, how many acre feet do we fill up right now? I know what it's drawn to show, but since you said there's a lot of wood and trees and debris in there. Do we have .2 acre feet right now?

Mr. Vogt: I believe about .8 for total storage capability just in that basin. The requirements for both developments was about 2 acre feet.

Mr. Sanoica: So less than half. That was an important thing.

Mr. Krumstok: Fred could you come to the mic because people at home didn't hear that.

Mr. Vogt: To answer the question the detention is a little bit less than 1 acre foot now that the City engineers calculate is available. Had Brookwood built what they should have built and maintained what they should have over the years, theirs was a little over 1 acre foot I believe required and the Jody Court/Coleen Court development area was a little less than an acre so the total should be about 2 acre feet and we're at about .8 right now. So if we would do these improvements as we've discussed over the last few minutes we would get to about 50%. We would have about 1 acre foot of storage total.

Mr. Sanoica: Thank you Fred. So my whole point here is if we spend all this money, and the largest estimate here with over 400,000 dollars, half of what the City wants to spend on needed software, etc., we're going to gain .2 acre feet. To me it doesn't sound like much. In fact I think these rainfalls that we've had, and I've been through them, in fact I think I'm the person that Fred alluded to as the one person who can't be helped by this solution because what happens is in my back yard I have a 27" storm sewer that fills up and that's the holding basin, but 27 inches goes down to 8 inches and no matter how big you dig that hole by the way it's not going to help and those two sewer covers which have the fountains coming up fill up the back yards between myself and a neighbor of mine. So, I'm concerned about who is going to pay for this. I know you talked about 150,000, Tim right?

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Actually I said first step would be to spend the 150,000 dollars to clean out the area that we're saying is .8 that is not .8 because it's filled with debris. You're not getting your .8 right now so we're talking about the .8 plus the, clean up the .8 which I have no idea what the .8 really is. Its .3 probably right now it's so filled up so you're really not getting the .8 so we'd like to get you at least back to the .8 and then talk about the .3 afterwards for the 150,000 dollar.

Mr. Sanoica: And then the 75,000 that may or may not come from the State as Brad said and that's really true and I know in the hospital systems we're not getting our money from the State either so no one is getting any money and I don't see it happening tomorrow either. So, where does that 150 come from? In previous discussions that we've had, the neighbors, we were all told we the neighbors of Jody Court and Coleen Court have to pay for it and the Brookwood people, but that's all. That's a lot of money for just a few people. You're budget for the 818,000 dollars is coming from all of Rolling Meadows, right? All of 22 to 24,000 people, so I don't know how we can be expected to carry that burden so we need more than just Coleen Court and Jody Court carrying on. Now, I believe this gentleman over here spoke about hey what are we fighting about? What are we arguing about? Let's just get it done. I agree with you at least on

the cleanup side, but why does there have to be 150,000 attached to that clean up option? So, I'm asking for help. I'm asking you guys to think about it. I myself am really disappointed because I have a beautiful house that every time it rains I worry. And I'm getting to be kind of old now to be worrying about rainfalls and I need your help. So whatever you can do to help us out we appreciate it. Thank you very much. That's all I have.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Any other discussion about this item? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Someone needs to correct me. The 150 is to do everything. Someone said 35,000 just to go in there and do a cleanup.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Correct

Alderman D'Astice: So we can go in there and do a cleanup with 35,000. That's probably step one, but how do we do that? Do we have to get....

Mr. Krumstok: Until you get the condemnation...

Alderman D'Astice: The legal, we can't get into it any other way?

Mr. Macholl: Well, we can ask again, but and I will ask again, but failing to answer yes I've got to get an easement.

Alderman D'Astice: Do we know, do we have, does the City have the easements right now? Do we know where they are or we just don't know where they are?

Mr. Macholl: We don't have an easement in that area. We have some easements, but we don't have the ability to go over that particular area.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: Correct me if I'm wrong. Maybe I misunderstood. I thought when we talked about this in November that we gave the instruction to contact Brookwood as well as the two-prong attack for you to initiate condemnation. So have you initiated the condemnation that we told you to do in November?

Mr. Macholl: No I have not. I think we didn't get a number of what it would cost to include that and I believe I had no ideas as to what you wanted to do by way of an expanded area because back in November we talked about going into the Brookwood parking lot.

Alderman Judd: But I thought we were going to start the condemnation process at that point in time because we talked about it being a two-prong attack that we were going to try to get Jody,

not Jody, but Brookwood to talk to us and start condemnation. Have I misunderstood something somewhere?

Mr. Macholl: Well maybe I did, but I needed to know the area that you were going to expand to the north.

Alderman Judd: All of it.

Mr. Macholl: That wasn't....

Alderman Judd: Just take the whole building.

Mr. Macholl: I didn't have the ability to get an appraisal for that and I don't have an area to define to get an appraisal for that so....

Alderman Judd: I think, it's my opinion that if we can do what Fred suggested, take everything that we want to take, but not be forced to do this. If they say listen if you take this you have to do something to it within x years, 5 or 10, then obviously we want to consider whether we want to do that, but if we don't then take what we need to take for the most aggressive to get these guys to where they can be and move forward. That's my opinion.

Mr. Macholl: And maybe I misunderstood. Back in November we were talking about different phases and different ideas and different costs and that's why we came back here tonight to define what exactly you wanted to do.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Vogt

Mr. Vogt: And if I could Mayor just for the benefit of the residents that are here and those that aren't here. Our intent tonight was not to discuss cost participation. That would be something that would happen at some point in the future once we resolve the issues that we talked about tonight.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Any other discussion? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: Mr. Mayor, is it going to be possible for us to make a suggestion to move with proposal A tonight since it's going to take a substantial amount of time to get that. Is that possible to do that? Just ask to bring it up, a solution that we need to do.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: Can I just before you have that thought, I think that the first thought and first vote to do is to give direction so we can produce a legal description for what you want staff to go ahead with so if as Alderman Judd has stated take everything. We will get the legal description to do everything. If the straw vote is do the limited amount that gives us the legal description

that we can go for. So if you can do that first vote before you do Option A, or B, or C, so we know exactly what the legal description needs to be for the condemnation.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Define get everything. How far are we going out? I mean are we taking that little bump or are we taking that bump and leveling it off across the whole way?

Alderman Cannon: Ask for it all and then we'll come back and take what we want eventually. Let's get moving right now.

Alderman D'Astice: Well yeah....

Alderman Cannon: That's what Brad's saying I think. Get it all.

Alderman D'Astice: Well okay. I'm looking at this thing and we've got that little bump in there. So my assumption is at the peak of the bump you just level it off all across the thing and just take that much of it period?

Alderman Cannon: Take it all the way to proposal C. Take it all to proposal C and then.....

Alderman D'Astice: But that's not the easement part of it. Proposal C is not the easement.

Alderman Cannon: Its north and east. That's all of it. The third proposal is for north and east. So I think the point was made already let's take it all. Our lawyer said that was all right and then at least we get the process going. If we decide to just stay with A, that's all right. Is that my interpretation?

Mr. Macholl: We can always scale it back.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Vogt

Mr. Vogt: I could in holding this up, keeping in mind, and I'm holding up what's Alternate B in the packet, if the City Engineer estimates an additional 200,000 dollars in development costs for the detention here plus then on a secondary to the west that adds about another 80 to 100,000 dollars just keep in mind if we're talking about taking any more it's a significant parking issue, parking spaces, the cost will go up far more than the 200 and 100,000.

Alderman D'Astice: But it's not significant to us. It's significant to Brookwood to get them to say okay you can go in there and do something. Don't take all this from us.

Mr. Vogt: That's a decision that council can make.

Alderman D'Astice: Right? Doing nothing, I say go from bump to bump and take that and say that and that's what we want to condemn.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, can we stop at that and take a straw vote on that? Who is ready to go forward and take as much as we need? That's a majority vote. So that's the plan okay Mr. Macholl? We're good?

Mr. Macholl: That is the plan although I want to say too that based on that drawing and based on the additional construction and such, it may be that the City is going to have to actually acquire that property as opposed to an easement based on those improvements, but we'll take a look at it and do what we have to do.

Mr. Vogt: And I would if I could suggest that we have our City Engineer cost calculate that out and part of the legal description would be to add that because I would think you would need that information.

Mr. Macholl: I definitely need it. Then we get to the appraiser and he can update his appraiser and we'll proceed now that we have an idea to go forward.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: We just wanted to reiterate what City Attorney Jim Macholl mentioned. Now we know what we have to make for a legal description and then we will have the appraisal done so there is timing going on, but it would be the next thing after the appraisal out there would be to contact Brookwood again having the conversation so going back to Alderman Cannon's point, again this is approximately a year process.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I say contact them now and let them know this is what we're doing and don't wait a year and then tell them. I think call them right now. Call them tomorrow morning and tell them the council decided we're going to take half your parking lot away from you and we're going to condemn it. Do you want to talk to us or just wait to be condemned? Don't wait a year. Do it now. We've waited too long for these people already. We've got people who are suffering. We need to help them. We've talked about this for years. I hated this project for years. Talk to them tomorrow.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Macholl

Mr. Macholl: I'd just like to add once we get the appraisal in then we have to make an offer so we're not going to wait a year. When we get the appraisal we'll make them the offer. We'll start the process and that's what we'll do.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay. Any other discussion? Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: Can you give us a timeframe?

Mr. Macholl: I've got to get the legal from the engineer. I don't know how long that's going to take. The appraisal has to be updated. The appraisal normally takes 4 or 5 weeks and once that done in the meantime I can get going on the final and once that comes in we can move forward.

Alderman Judd: June 1st?

Mr. Macholl: That's doable if the legal falls in place, the appraisal falls into place, we can do that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mrs. Majikes

Alderman Majikes: But otherwise we can't, we're stuck. We can't do anything until all this is done.

Mr. Macholl: Not unless they let us go in and do it at our own cost.

Alderman Majikes: No, I know, but the area that we have the easements, there's nothing we can clean up or anything.

Mr. Vogt: We don't have easement access to get to it without their permission.

Alderman Majikes: Okay

Alderman D' Astice: Is there any way to access any of this through any of the homes on Jody Court?

Mr. Macholl: Not really

Alderman D' Astice: I'm just asking.

Mr. Vogt: It's logistically and drain wise.....

Alderman D' Astice: I'm just trying to look at the different options.

Mr. Macholl: But by way of clarification we're talking about taking the trees out too right?

Mr. Krumstok: That's Option 1.

Mr. Macholl: Yeah, we're taking the trees out.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: Can you send them a letter this week saying we're starting condemnation or do we have to wait until everything else falls in line?

Mr. Macholl: I can always send them a letter.

Alderman Prejna: And say look this is where we're going forward.

Mr. Macholl: I can always send them a letter. I can call their attorney. I'm happy to do that. I can certainly do that tomorrow.

Alderman D'Astice: Do it.

Mr. Macholl: I don't know, if any, response I'll get but I certainly can do that.

Alderman Prejna: I guess my question is if you're telling them we're going to condemn the property does that do anything to them?

Mr. Macholl: I've told them that before.

Mr. Krumstok: And we've told the attorney too.

Mr. Macholl: We tried to settle it before too but that didn't work out.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Any other discussion? My last comment is I also agree with Mr. D'Astice and Mr. Judd. This is way too long. I haven't been on the council that long myself, but I'd be extremely frustrated if I lived down in Jody Court so let's, if there's such a word as streamlining this to get this thing done like as quickly as possible. Whatever you can put your shoulder to I appreciate it and I might add too if we need to approve, let's just say like 35,000 to clean this thing up as soon as you have what you need, what we need I guess, and Fred you'd be lined up to have someone ready to clean it up.

Mr. Vogt: Yes we could.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: And you get it to the City Council yesterday so we can approve the money to at least get it cleaned up. Mr. Macholl

Mr. Macholl: I'm sorry. I just want to clarify, absent Brookwood's permission I can't get in there and have Public Works clean it up. Just so we all understand.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I'm saying as soon as, the moment you understand that we've got the approval to go in there and do what we have to do.

Mr. Macholl: Right

Alderman Mayor Veenbaas: Let Mr. Vogt know and then he lets the City Council know so we can authorize the money or unless you want to authorize it tonight and I don't have a problem with that.

Mr. Krumstok: No, you can't do it tonight

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Can't do it tonight because we're not a real council meeting right? Anyway, that's what my thought process is. Fred, is that what everybody's thought process is?

Mr. Krumstok: But I think that we're clear about is if they were to give us authority to do the cleanup we'd be back here pretty quickly.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay. Any other needs Mr. Vogt?

Mr. Vogt: Thank you for the direction.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you everyone for that. So that's enough on Brookwood detention.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That pretty much ends the third item. There's been a request to go into Closed Session this evening for Land Acquisition which falls under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. This requires a motion and a roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session this evening for the above purpose? Mr. D'Astice has made the motion. Has it been seconded? Mr. Cannon has seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The press and audience are advised that the Council does not plan on taking action upon returning to open session. Thank you very much.

Entered Closed Session at: 9:29pm

Returned to Open Session at: 10:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm