In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm with Council President Darryl Neher presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 5, 2014

Roll Call: Ruff, Sturbaum, Sandberg, Granger, Neher, Mayer, Rollo, Volan, Spechler,
Absent: none

ROLL CALL

Council President Neher gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes for approval at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marty Spechler noted that CVS pharmacy and drug store chain had announced they would no longer sell tobacco products. He applauded them for not selling these products that he said killed people. He noted e-cigarettes just encouraged the addiction and sent the message to young people that it was okay to smoke. He advocated an increase in the cigarette tax and alcoholic beverages to replace the business property tax or the declining revenue from casino gambling. He said this would be good for the state and good for young people.

Steve Volan noted that on March 1st the area code 930 would overlay the 812 area code as a second area code for southern Indiana. He said callers would need to use a ten digit phone number by the beginning of September. He advised people to change the saved numbers in their phones to accommodate this.

Dave Rollo said he had been following the results of the Fukushima reactor meltdown disaster of March 2011 during a tsunami. He relayed malfeasance in the clean up efforts, pollution in the Pacific with radioactive isotopes, and environmental devastation that had not been covered by the press to the extent that the global crisis deserved. He likened the issue to the movie "The China Syndrome." He called for an expert international team to appeal to higher governmental agencies to monitor the issue and to insure transparency.

Tim Mayer thanked the workers in the Public Works and Utilities departments for their work in clearing snow, fixing broken water mains around-the-clock in the recent bad weather.

Dorothy Granger welcomed a number of IU students of Lisa Marie Napoli who were in attendance at the meeting.

Susan Sandberg noted that it was the middle of the season for filing for the 2014 county and township elections. She thanked those who were running for office this year.

Sturbaum addressed the student visitors to the meeting. He said government was developed at this small scale, and as it got larger it had badly behaved people and was dysfunctional. He said that he was saved from real cynicism by working at the local level where real problems exist and real people solve them. He said the council listens to citizens and think hard about what is right to do.

Darryl Neher reminded people to help their differently-abled neighbors clear their sidewalks in times of snow events.

There were no reports from the mayor or other city offices this evening.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- PUBLIC

Gene DeFelice noted that the Fukushima crisis affected people locally because lots of our fish and produce came from the Pacific and West coast. He said the Monroe County Solid Waste District director was advocating

Public Comment *(cont'd)*

for a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), and part of that advocacy was promoting a three acre greenhouse for the community. He said this would help secure a local food supply, keep materials out of landfills, recover organic waste with composting, and lease the space to local farmers. He said the community wanted this type of facility. He also noted that there was a Citizens Advisory Committee to the MCSWD and a MRF working group that people could get involved with.

Glenn Carter talked about the homeless situation in Bloomington and said to those in that position it was an incomprehensible tragedy. He said he was thankful that when he was in that situation he had the resources of facilities and resources in Bloomington to help him get off the streets. He noted the Ubuntu Shelter Group was working on this issue and invited people to an upcoming meeting to work on a low barrier year round shelter. He said that addiction was a disease recognized by the AMA since 1955, and was not a moral issue.

Dave Schliebaum said he was currently a night manager at a Laundromat that was open 24 hours a day on the east side of town. He said both he and the business owner were worried both about the people who attempted to sleep in the business at night, and the business that might be left open in inclement weather. He said he consulted the Shalom Center and the Interfaith Winter Shelter about getting these people into the shelters and offered to transport the people to the shelter to no avail. He asked what he should do about the problem that had crept up in the last couple of years.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

There was no legislation for second reading or final action.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 14-01

Ordinance 14-01 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish Local Historic Designation of a "Conservation District" - Re: Matlock Heights Conservation District (Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, Petitioner)

Susan Sandberg said she was a co-owner of a home in this neighborhood and would not be deliberating on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted that there was an Internal Work Session scheduled for Friday. Neher polled council members, determined that there would not be enough present to hold the session, and asked for a motion to cancel.
The motion to cancel the Internal Work Session was approved by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

APPROVE:

Darryl Neher, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington