

Commission Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023
5:30 pm

Mayor Scott Roberts said before we begin the official meeting of the Starke City Commission there will be a time of voluntary prayer. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Commissioner Mortimer will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

This meeting was the second regular meeting of the month. Members attending included Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, Finance Consultant Jim Farrell, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Attorney Clay Martin, City Manager Drew Mullins and Fire Chief Gary Wise. Commissioner Redding was absent.

Mayor Roberts asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Clerk Crosby said none that he is aware of. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2023-49 agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for administration of federal grant funds, Resolution Number 2023-50 amending the request to the Florida Department of Transportation for fencing to enclose a certain drainage pond, Resolution Number 2023-51 increasing the amount of funds authorized for legal fees and costs in furtherance of an eminent domain proceeding pursuant to a special project letter dated October 1, 2021 and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Mortimer asked about item 4.D. and how much the cost would have been if it had been done in 2021. Attorney Martin said nothing would have been done differently. He said the eminent domain proceeding was \$11,700 and probating the estate was about \$5,000. Attorney Martin said the court has approved the taking and \$8,000 for the property has been remitted to the clerk of the court and if there are no issues they should close by November or December. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts asked for emergency items. There were none.

Mayor Roberts read the statement for citizen requests "The City of Starke welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the city commission. This is not a question or answer time. It is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about city personnel. If you would like to address the commission, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called,

speak into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.” Mayor Roberts called Carolyn Spooner. Mrs. Spooner said she is here as a county commissioner and the address is 945 North Temple Avenue. She is asking the board to help with the strategic planning process by setting up a town hall meeting between the city and county. Mrs. Spooner said there are town hall meetings set up with Lawtey on the 21st, Brooker on the 22nd and she is looking at the 29th for the City of Starke. She said the idea is to get input from each municipality. Mrs. Spooner said she will be the facilitator for the process.

Mayor Roberts called Harold Hill. Mr. Hill stated his address as 415 East South Street. He asked who is going to be responsible for repairing the damaged roads around South Street. Mr. Hill said he is being told one thing by DOT and would like an answer because they are getting in bad shape. Mayor Roberts said this is not a question and answer time but he is aware of the problem and the problem with repairing the roads today is the heavy trucks will be back tomorrow. He said he will get with the city manager and thanked Mr. Hill for bringing it to their attention. Mr. Hill said if this is not a question and answer time how do you get questions answered. Mayor Roberts said you should get with the department you have the question with, in this case the city manager and set up a meeting. Mr. Hill thanked the commission.

Mayor Roberts called Markleyann Cash. Ms. Cash stated her address as 415 South Street in Starke. She said one of the jobs of the city manager is to ensure the financial integrity of the organization. Ms. Cash said they hear over and over again that the city has no money. She said the city manager proposed combining the police department with the sheriff’s office with the same service to save the city \$1,000,000 but three of the commissioners voted to pass the buck to the citizens who don’t know about the infrastructure. Ms. Cash said the commissioners were elected to address these problems. She said the tax payers in one of the poorest counties in the state do not need you raising taxes, water and sewer rates to fix what has gone unattended for years. Ms. Cash said the commissioners hired the city manager to show them how to save money and fix the problems and you ignore his solutions. She said it is your job to make the decisions instead of passing the buck to the tax payers. Ms. Cash said the commissioners receive hazardous duty pay. She asked what is hazardous about your job. Ms. Cash said the commissioners should do the right thing and vote that out and give the money back to the city. She suggested the commissioners serve free of charge. Ms. Cash said she knows that what she said is not popular but it had to be said.

Mayor Roberts called Russ Hale. Mr. Hale state his address as 527 North Walnut Street and he is the Pastor at Grace Baptist Church. He said his concern is with the budget cuts to the police department and fire department and raises being discussed for the commission and the mayor. Mr. Hale said he does not like cutting resources and personnel that the city needs. He said we had a drag queen on a street corner and a pop-up party in Lake Butler of over a thousand people that three police forces came to put a stop to. Mr. Hale said there was a van at a park with a pedophile in it and other instances. He said if it was him, he would keep the police department and the fire department and increase those two budgets before giving any raises to any city official. Mr. Hale said he has pastor friends that stopped taking a salary because if they

continued the church would have to close. He said he preaches because that is what he is called to do. Mr. Hale said the commissioners were called and voted to represent the people of the city. He said if he cut deacons and Sunday School teachers but gave himself a raise, he would look selfish.

Mayor Roberts called Randy Wyse. Mr. Wyse said he is with the International Association of Firefighters 625 Stockton Street in Jacksonville. He said your firefighters are willing to sit down at any time like they have tried to do over the last month and discuss this budget.

Mayor Roberts called Shane Worten. Mr. Worten stated his address as 1509 North Temple Avenue in Starke. He thanked the commissioners for the time to speak. He said he is the pastor of New Life Baptist Church. He gave thanks for the great men and women who defend and protect Bradford County. Mr. Worten said he does not know where we are going with decreasing and slashing our fire department. He said you say in one breath that this county is hurting financially so let's get rid of the firefighters and certain budgets but that there will be a five percent raise given across the board. He said he is not the most smartest person in the room but even his dog can understand that things don't make sense in this situation. He said six years ago the church he pastors lost its sanctuary to a fire. He said if it were not for fast response of the great men of Bradford County and Clay County they would have lost their fellowship hall and the neighbors could have lost their homes. Mr. Worten said due to the response of the firefighters and the wisdom they received in training they did not lose both buildings. He said if your family is stuck in a burning building and there is nothing you can do but call 911 and if all the other firefighters are dispatched you must wait your turn in line. Mr. Worten said God forbid your child should die in a fire. He asked if you are still supporting this budget cut. He said the Bible says one day every man and woman will stand before God almighty and give an account of every decision they have made. Mr. Worten said how many lives will be lost at the hands of the commissioners. Mr. Worten said he says this not as a threat but if he ever loses a family member to a fire due to a lack of firefighters he will get back the money and will personally fund the salaries of the firefighters with the money that he will receive. He thanked Bradford County for the good decisions that you have made and we pray that God will give you wisdom in this decision. May God bless our mayor, commissioners, firefighters, police force, emergency personnel, Bradford County and may God turn this county to be a county that honors him in all that we do. Amen.

Mayor Roberts called Deirdre Hale. Mrs. Hale stated her address as 527 North Walnut Street. She said like her husband and Pastor Shane she is concerned that there may not be sufficient help when needed for anyone in this county. Mrs. Hale said if you propose to put two men on a shift is it your family that is not going to have someone. She said it could be and she is very concerned about that. There are people in the county that barely have enough money for taxes and to feed their families. She said there is a vital need for these services and you have an obligation as elected officials to provide for the safety of this community. Mrs. Hale believes the reduction of these services will be to the detriment of the city and this council.

Mayor Roberts called Judith Young. Ms. Young stated her address as 413 North Cherry Street. She said you know me and you know what's going across Facebook and she said people are not happy with these budget cuts. Ms. Young said Mayor Roberts I live in your district and I have been emailing you. She said she has other stuff she wanted to talk to you about but she figured you didn't want to talk to her because of this stuff. Ms. Young said she has serious concerns about things that are going on in her neighborhood. She said this falls on your shoulders and you have not answered a single email. Mayor Roberts said don't attack me. If I have not responded to your emails it is because I am having trouble with my city email. He apologized but said don't attack me. Mayor Roberts said if this is about the fire department he will meet with you after the meeting or whenever. Ms. Young said she would love to speak with him after the meeting. Ms. Young said she believes everyone in here is against the budget cuts and it is not what Starke needs. She said you are going to turn this town into the wild west. She said peoples lives, homes and businesses could be lost. Ms. Young said who would want to come here and pay these enormous taxes and fees. She said catch me afterwards. Mayor Roberts said he would be glad to.

Mayor Roberts said he does not have any more cards. He asked if anyone would like to turn one in.

Chris Campbell came forward and stated his address as 504 North Westmoreland Street. He said in 1996 Plant City cut the firefighters and the cops. He said in 1997 his best friend left high school at 11:00 to go to lunch and was hit by a drunk driver and they didn't have anybody because of the cuts. Mr. Campbell said he doesn't support ya'll. He supports them guys because every day they put their life on the line. He said he doesn't care about budget cuts that's not the reason because we keep pouring money into things we really don't need and that we really don't as a county use. Mr. Campbell said you are going to let these guys go home and tell their wives they don't have a job because you want to put another dollar in your pocket. He said if he has a kid and they die in a fire the first people he is coming after is y'all because you are the reason. Mr. Campbell said it is sad our firefighters have to stand in the rain holding a sign trying to save their job. He said give me one reason it makes sense to cut the people who protect our homes day and night and it is time we did what is right for Bradford County.

Dwayne Roberts came forward. He said he is the owner of Spratlin Towing. He said every time he goes out to a wreck these guys are the ones out there saving one of the kids stuck in a car. Mr. Roberts said you say we don't need them but let one of your kids or one of my kids be the one hollering daddy please help me and you can't do nothing for them. He said they are the ones that you count on. Mr. Roberts said you can't rely on Bradford County. He said he was in the middle of the mess in Lake Butler and they were there. Mr. Roberts said you don't think we need them but the people of Bradford County say we do. He said if there is a budget cut why don't you cut your budget and save them.

Mayor Roberts called for public hearings. He asked for second reading of Ordinance Number 2023-06 amending Ordinance Number 2023-02 extending the existing moratorium on the

acceptance and processing of applications for telecommunications towers and antennas. Attorney Martin read the ordinance by title. He said the appropriate motion would be to adopt Ordinance Number 2023-06 as read by title only. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2023-06. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts called for first reading of Ordinance Number 2023-10 calling for a referendum question to be placed before the qualified electors of the city at a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 providing a charter referendum question determining whether the Chief of Police shall be selected by the city commission or alternatively continue to be selected by popular election. Attorney Martin read the ordinance by title. He said the appropriate motion would be to advance the ordinance as read by title only. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to disapprove it. Commissioner Smith suggested a motion for discussion. Commissioner Nugent said he made his motion. Commissioner Mortimer said your motion is to not approve it. Commissioner Nugent said because it does not say what it should. Mayor Roberts said this is a motion to put it on the ballot. Commissioner Nugent said or he will make a motion to discuss it. Commissioner Smith said he needs a little clarification on the way it is presented. He said it sounds like a power grab by the board but we are looking at dissolving it from the charter. Commissioner Nugent said his motion was to keep it from being dissolved. Mayor Roberts said Commissioner Smith is looking for clarification. Commissioner Nugent said he is making a motion to remove it and not process it. Mayor Roberts said he can't remove it from the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer asked if Commissioner Nugent was asking to disapprove the referendum and not pass the ordinance. Commissioner Nugent said yes. Attorney Martin said the way that that would occur is to not offer a motion at all and it would die for lack of a motion. He said it doesn't take a motion to disapprove it. Inaction is an action in and of itself. Mayor Roberts asked for clarity. Is it doing away with the ordinance altogether or reword it. Commissioner Smith said he would like it reworded. Attorney Martin said he would need direction on what to come back with. Mayor Roberts said there is no motion so it dies. Mayor Roberts asked if Commissioner Smith would like to add anything. Commissioner Smith said he will do it during his comments. It should say for a citizen vote and not for the commission to decide on it. Mayor Roberts said this ordinance is dead until something is brought back to the city. Mayor Roberts asked Commissioner Nugent if he had anything. Commissioner Nugent said he made a motion to increase the millage but he is still looking at it. Mayor Roberts asked Commissioner Mortimer if she had anything. Commissioner Mortimer said she has some talking points she would like to make an official part of the record. Commissioner Mortimer said "in May a majority of the commission voted to reduce the police department from spending \$2.2 million dollars to \$1.6 million dollars. A few weeks after that the sheriff came and said he could provide the level of service he thought we needed for about \$400,000.00 if we were to combine the departments. He rightfully pointed out that the city tax payers

are already paying for law enforcement at the county level and that he is already providing a high level of service. The additional dollars were to provide enhanced services and guarantee there would always be a patrol in the city limits. A few weeks after this was passed, Chief Johnson came back and said he could provide a basic level of service for \$1.1 million. I asked him specifically if this was his idea to offer this budget amendment and he replied that it was. One can only assume that the commission's effort to get control of spending in this area was well founded since he came back and offered up more than was requested. We had a majority of commissioners in May vote for a fire department budget of \$1 million. Since then, in subsequent budget workshops the discussion has been on how this would affect staffing. What has not been adequately discussed is how the county and city fire departments work as one even if under different management structures. The city property owner pays for fire protection to the county budget as well as to the city budget and people throughout the city and county benefit equally. Again, the county at the invitation of the city commission made a presentation in which they offered to provide a minimum of three firefighters and make the city station the county hub and this was voted down 3-2. Three years ago, the county decided to go into the full-time firefighting business and opened four stations. Each station staffed with at least two full time firefighters. Since the Starke property owners and citizens also help pay for these additional county stations it's hard to see how anyone can question the commitment to adequate fire protection. With this new commitment to county wide firefighting in just three years Starke citizens and property owners have gone from paying for one station with four firefighters per 24-hour shift to now helping pay for five stations and ten to twelve firefighters per shift. The combined force is between 35 and 45 firefighters with a budget reaching around \$9 million. Our combined resources have greatly enhanced firefighting in the last three years. It only makes sense for us to adjust our spending when the county makes such a change in investment. Remember the Starke citizens pay in addition to the maximum 10 mills in county taxes an additional 5.6 mills in city taxes. Some have asked are other cuts being made. We provide basically three big ticket areas of service; public safety, utilities and transportation trust fund (which is basically paid for by gas taxes). The reason we haven't made cuts in the utility budget is because we have not been adequately addressing needs in our infrastructure for some years now. We have not maintained our water tanks and as a result we have now been hit with a \$400,000 bill to clean them. We have also been forced because of past years of neglect to build a new sewer plant. This will create a loan payment of \$500,000 annually. We have seen just in the past week when it rained sewer backed up in homes because the pump's lift station could not handle the flow. We are voting to purchase property needed to build another new lift station needed on Call Street. It will not be the last and we just got a report from the City Attorney on that. We have a \$5 million collection system project pending. This too will be a combination grant/loan project. This is just the tip of the iceberg, These and other pending needs have been brought to our attention by our city engineers. It's been said we know it's needed but we can't afford to do that right now but can we afford not to do it. We can't keep kicking the can down the road. The truth is the utility system has been funding the fire and police with transfers some of them close to a million dollars in past years. We can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results. Taking this town in a different direction is not an option, it's a necessity. Basically, in order to get a budget passed, we have come down to one question. Will we adjust to a combined fire program in our county which has gone from one station with four firefighters per shift to a combined city/county firefighting program of five stations with ten to twelve firefighters on each shift while at the same time reducing costs to the city residents by about \$500,000

or not? I would ask that we decide that issue and move on one way or the other. Everyone is equally committed to public safety, but we cannot let the costs be the only measuring stick for defining that commitment. Two firefighters have already transferred to the county. The county will work with us in providing jobs for those affected. And all personnel moves can be handled by attrition without anyone being fired or receiving a pink slip. No one will go without a job. No one. Also we have already looked into the and the Chief of Police has agreed to a training program which will ensure our police officers are better trained to assist our firefighters when arriving on the scene of a fire. I've asked that this be placed in the official minutes to capture my voting record and clearly demonstrate my consistency throughout the budget process. I have consistently voted to reduce transfers from the utility fund in hopes of keeping rates as low as possible. There was a vote by Commissioner Smith joined by Commissioner Redding and Commissioner Nugent to raise the millage to 5.4935. Around a twenty percent increase and this motion passed 3-2. This is something that the citizens of the City of Starke should not be having to endure. We can provide an appropriate level of public safety without breaking the bank or the tax payer. The offer to combine the fire departments into one efficient department that would mimic the current arrangement of a four person engine is still on the table and available. I would seriously ask commissioners to consider that offer tonight. Thank you sir." Mayor Roberts asked for comments from Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith said he has nothing. Mayor Roberts said he would like to echo some of the information that Commissioner Mortimer read. He said most all of that has been stated in this room. Mayor Roberts said going after police and fire is not adequate from his standpoint. We have things in the city that have to be taken care of. He does not think we would be talking about this if the county did not already have an \$8 million budget fire department. They have said they would make the hub here. Mayor Roberts said there is a whole lot of stuff that is funded and people are saying we are not cutting everywhere but there are areas have not been funded. He said it is hard to say they haven't cut areas that haven't been funded. Mayor Roberts said the transfer out of the utility fund that has been close to \$1,000,000 has let the utility fund go without. He said we have aging fleets and infrastructure. He said transformers that use to cost \$15,000 or \$20,000 now cost \$75,000. He said people saying we are going to leave people to burn in buildings is out of line. He said we can disagree on that but we have to look at the whole city when we make decisions. He said we have to pass a budget. He said we have a proposed millage of 5.4935. Clerk Crosby said you have a balanced budget under that millage. He said you can drop it but if you do you will have to find a place to decrease spending. He said that added an additional \$115,000 to the police and \$115,000 to the fire department. He said that is the budget you will be voting on September 7, 2023. Mayor Roberts asked if there is a meeting prior to the 7th. Clerk Crosby said there is a meeting on September 5, 2023. Clerk Crosby said the meeting on September 19, 2023 is when you will have to adopt a final budget.

Mayor Roberts called for the city manager's report. Mr. Mullins said there are a couple of items in the commissioner's boxes. He said the June monthly rate report will be there soon.

Mayor Roberts called for the Police Chief Report. Chief Johnson had nothing.

Mayor Roberts called for the attorney's report. Attorney Martin had nothing to report but said he will need direction on the Police Chief Referendum. Commissioner Smith said he would like it to be clear that they are wanting to dissolve the police chief position from the charter and not have the board appoint one. He does not want it to seem like they are trying to take the power away from the people. Attorney Martin said the City of Starke is unique in that the Chief of Police is elected. It is usually selected by the commission or it is delegated to the city manager. He said the referendum has to be clear to the voter. He said if you want to remove it from the charter by default it would be chosen by the commission or delegated to the city manager. He said the third alternative would be to state in the charter that you do not want a police department at all but he would advise you against that because then you have locked into your charter that you do not want a police department at all. Mayor Roberts said the chief of police is the only thing in the charter not the police department. Attorney Martin said if the charter requires a chief of police then by extension there is a police department. He said he thinks Chief Johnson offered it as the determination of whether the people want a police department or not. He said if the people want a chief they also want a department. Chief Johnson said he does not think the vote would go against having an elected chief but if it did he agreed to transfer assets to the sheriff's office. Attorney Martin said if the question is how does the community feel about having a police department you could have a nonbinding straw poll. Clerk Crosby said that would not resolve the issue of the elected police chief. Commissioner Nugent said the ordinance did not pass so why are we talking about it. Commissioner Smith said it is about the wording. Commissioner Mortimer said there was a motion to do the referendum. Commissioner Smith agreed. Commissioner Nugent said it died for a lack of a motion. Mayor Roberts said what Commissioner Smith is saying is that the language should be changed. Commissioner Mortimer said she thinks Commissioner Nugent is wanting to rescind the original motion to place the referendum on the ballot. Commissioner Smith asked if Commissioner Nugent voted on the winning side. Commissioner Nugent said yes. He said he does not think we should spend money on it. Mayor Roberts asked Commissioner Nugent what he is talking about. Commissioner Nugent said the election cost. He said the police department budget is where it needs to be so he doesn't think it needs to be dissolved. Mayor Roberts asked Commissioner Nugent if he wants to vote not to put anything on the ballot. Commissioner Nugent said yes. Attorney Martin said there are two ways you can go. He said he brought it back but you don't want to advance it but if the commission wants to put a very blunt punctuation mark at the end of this sentence someone who was on the prevailing side could move to reconsider the motion and if that passed it would be dead. Mayor Roberts said we voted to do it but it failed because of the language and that is why they are talking about it. He said he had the same question that Commissioner Smith had that's why he was willing to let it die but now that it has been explained he understands it better. Commissioner Smith said if it was flipped and the city commission was put second would that work. Attorney Martin said if

you look on pages 3 and 4 those are the changes that would be made to the charter if the referendum passed. Commissioner Mortimer said it also says in article 2 section 7 on page 3 a chief of police and a night police. She asked what that is. Attorney Martin said he would suggest removing that as well but that was outside of the scope of what he was asked to address. Commissioner Mortimer asked Chief Johnson what the night police is. Chief Johnson said it was the chief and 1 police officer. Commissioner Mortimer said, so the chief worked during the day and the night officer worked at night. Chief Johnson said yes. Commissioner Mortimer said and it goes on to say and such other officers as the city commission may employ and appoint. Chief Johnson said you would appoint anyone beyond the chief and the night police. Attorney Martin said in paragraph O that is the first paragraph that has an amendment removes the requirement that the chief be elected and explicitly states that the commission has the power to prescribe and regulate by ordinance the duties, term of office and salary of all police officers including the chief of police. He said that paragraph removes the chief of police as an elected official and includes them in that statement. Attorney Martin said on page 4 there is an additional 4 lines to clarify that at the end of Chief Johnson's term commencing on October 5, 2025 because he was sworn in on October 2, 2021 thereafter, a chief of police shall no longer be a mandatory official of the City of Starke, and the city commission may determine by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, how a chief of police, if any, shall be selected. Attorney Martin said Commissioner Smith asked about flipping the sentences and if you want to make the changes this is the implication of it and if you do accept them x if not y. Commissioner Smith said it read as a power grab. Attorney Martin said he understands that but if the power does not lie with the voters it falls on this body. Commissioner Smith asked if he is going to bring this back without the nightwatchman in it. Attorney Martin said you could vote on it tonight and advance it to second reading and he could make the changes to the nightwatchman. He said the supervisor of elections needs this in early September if it is going to be on the ballot at all. Mayor Roberts said to clarify you are going to get nightwatchman and correct that and that will be the one you are going to propose to us. Attorney Martin said yes and on second reading you will have the changes to the text.

Commissioner Nugent said he wants to speak to the attorney after the meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer had nothing further.

Commissioner Smith asked chief to get with DOT on the turn lane they are building and the wait at the light is six or seven cycles. Chief Johnson said they are trying to extend the timing on the light. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Mullins about the truck parking. Chief Johnson said we don't have a parking ordinance. Commissioner Smith said they passed something. Chief Johnson said they passed the parking ordinance but did not ratify it. He said you have to have fines, penalties and times defined. Commissioner Smith said there are 2 hour parking signs.

Chief Johnson said from Crawford Road to Weldon Street there is not. Commissioner Smith asked Chief Johnson to bring something back they can vote on. Mayor Roberts suggested looking at another city and what they are doing.

Mayor Roberts had nothing further.

Mayor Roberts asked Attorney Martin if he was ready. Attorney Martin said looking at page 3 of the ordinance if you want to remove the reference to night police he would remove it on line 79 and line 83 he said if you could advance it with those changes. Attorney Martin read the ordinance by title. He said if the commission wishes to advance this the appropriate motion would be advance Ordinance Number 2023-10 as read by title only. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to advance Ordinance Number 2023-10. Commissioner Smith made a motion. Mayor Roberts passed the gavel and seconded the motion. The vote was 2-2. Commissioner Mortimer and Commissioner Nugent opposed the motion.

There being no further business Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting.