

March 12th, 2011

At 8:30am, on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, in the Board Room of the Landis Municipal Building, Mayor Dennis Brown called to order the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen of Annual Budget Meeting. Those present along with the Mayor were Aldermen James Furr, Roger Safrit, Tony Hilton and Craig Sloop, Town Manager Reed Linn, Finance Officer Ginger Gibson, Public Works Director Steve Rowland, Police Chief Brian McCoy, Deputy Town Administrator Debbie Goodman, Recreation Director Andrew Morgan, Division Chief Art Delaney, Administrative Assistant Heather Wood and Town Attorney Rick Locklear.

A quorum was met.

Mayor Dennis Brown opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Dennis Brown.

The Board received an update on the Town's electrical system from AJ Molner with Southeastern Engineering. He stated that the Town was doing a lot of the "right things" for the "tone of business" right now. The 12kv conversion was going well, and doing the conversion provided a lot of benefits to the Town. Mr. Molner informed the Board that he has contacted Electricities to see if the Town can get any savings from them because they had a program that promoted efficiency in power systems.

There was further discussion of the 12kv conversion process, and Mr. Molner stated that Lee Electrical was handling the conversion process, which he felt was the most efficient way.

He stated that the Town was in "standby mode" and that they were in good shape with their resources, and they were taking care of existing facilities very well. Mr. Molner commented that it was a "good business to be in", especially in the future. He felt that the Town was managing their resources as tight as they could, and that they were doing a "good, efficient job".

Public Works Director Steve Rowland then addressed the Board stating that in next year's budget they would be including a few pick ups (trucks) and that he wanted to be able to continue the 12kv conversion along Mill Street out to Highway 29. This way, they would be able to get some of the big structures onto the 12kv lines. Also, if any other businesses were to become established in that area, the conversions would have already taken place. He also stated that Public Works had gotten caught up on tree trimming this year and with all the wind, rain and snow the lines hadn't been bothered by limbs.

Mr. Molner stated that he saw a day in the future when the Town would be able to close down the 4kv side of the substation all together, but did not want to see the Town bite off more than it could chew too early. He also felt there was no need to build a new substation. He did however comment that there were not a lot of power companies left with 4kv systems.

Director Rowland stated that they are continuing the conversion of the Highway 29 area all the way to Daybrook and that the cable there was already set to handle 12kv. There was perhaps 30% left to be converted.

Alderman Craig Sloop inquired as to how much was budgeted each year for the 12kv conversions. Finance Officer Ginger Gibson stated that \$250,000.00 had been budgeted in the current fiscal year, and last year approximately \$50,000.00 had been spent. Alderman Sloop stated if they continued in that way for 4-5 years

then they should be able to complete the conversion process. Director Rowland confirmed that it would not take that long.

There was further discussion concerning the 12kv conversion.

Matt Schull of Electricities then addressed the Board and provided a presentation that went over the history and structure of Electricities, as well as the 2011 NCMPA1 budget and debt service. He stated that the 2011 budget was lower than the 2010 budget and that revenues were dropping while expenses were rising.

Mr. Schull then went over the rate projections for the upcoming budget year. He stated that a 5% increase would not be enough without restructuring their debt service. Without debt restructuring they would be looking at a 7.6% increase, with restructuring they would be able to keep the increase at approximately 2.5%. They were currently right in the middle of the budget process, so they did not have final numbers on the rates yet. The restructuring would affect flexibility and increase the overall debt cost. Mr. Schull was unable to provide the Board with a "bottom line increase" today, but there would be a meeting on April 22nd, 2011 to discuss that matter.

Mr. Schull then went over the pros and cons of debt restructuring, as well as Duke Energy's rates. He also spoke about the proposed Duke/Progress merger, stating that if they succeeded it would make Duke the largest utility in the country. Electricities had been in contact with both Duke and Progress concerning the merger over the last few months. He went over some of the next steps that would happen in the process.

Mr. Schull also updated the Board on some upcoming issues on the legislative agenda, as well as a Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) that Electricities offered.

Robert Van Geons of the Economic Development Commission (now known as RowanWorks) then addressed the Board. He went over economic development in Rowan County and the structure of RowanWorks, as well as upcoming projects and businesses and projects that were under construction.

He commented that only large businesses get publicity but there was a lot more going on than the big projects in Rowan County.

Alderman Tony Hilton inquired what needed to be done to have sites in Landis that were "ready" to go. Mr. Van Geons recommended having adjacent property owners market their properties together because the "larger acreage" amounts were more appealing. Also, a factor would be the "utilities capacity" of the properties in question. He advised that the Town would have to take the lead on matters, as the EDC did not have the staff. Mr. Van Geons commented that Electricities had said repeatedly that they were ready to help get "turnkey projects" ready. He recommended that Town Manager Reed Linn contact Electricities to remind them. It was his opinion that this would be the most efficient way to start, and that Electricities had done this for other areas.

Alderman Hilton inquired what the Town needed to do to get the process started. Mr. Van Geons recommended starting by placing a call to Brenda Daniels at Electricities and telling her that the matter had come up at the Town's Budget Retreat. Alderman Hilton said that we needed to get "hot" on this so that Landis could become a more attractive and viable place for the EDC to look at.

The Board instructed Manager Linn to go forward with contacting Electricities concerning getting property in Landis ready for development. Mr. Van Geons commented that if Electricities would not do something, the EDC could. He also stated that they were seeing an "unprecedented level of activity" right now and that the southeast was the "best place in the county to weather the storm". Alderman Hilton stated that he

appreciates what Mr. Van Geons and the EDC was doing – that it was a hard job, but he had taken more of an interest than any of his predecessors.

The Charlotte Swim Club then addressed the Board. They stated that there were changes in pool regulations on both the state and Federal levels.

The first had to do with pool fences. The state of North Carolina had eliminated the grandfather clause for existing pools. The baby pool that the Town had would now have to have a fence. There was some discussion about the various options for bringing the Town into compliance.

The next regulation would be a “2012 item” and it had to do with making the main pool ADA compliant, which would require putting in a lift – with the size of the Landis pool there would probably be two required. Or they could put in one lift and a sloped entryway. The baby pool would also need a sloped entryway. They must allow access to both pools – the most common solution for baby pools was a ramp.

There was further discussion on this matter, and the Swim Club provided quotes from a group that could handle the renovation at the pool, with several different options.

The baby pool would have to be brought up to regulations before the 2011 pool season, but the ADA requirements would not have to be met until the 2012 pool season.

There was further discussion on the matter and the Swim Club informed the Board there were a few other compliance items, one being that the intakes in the pool must meet the new standards. This would be completed prior to the 2011 season and was only a \$1,000.00 item.

Alderman Furr stated that it was ridiculous that a town the size of Landis had to have a lift on both ends of the pool and a slope on one end. He asked if there was any way to gain exemption from these standards. The representatives with the Swim Club confirmed that there was no way to get exemption, especially not for a municipality. Alderman Furr stated that the ADA was a justified act, but things had been carried “so far out of hand”.

Manager Linn stated that the minimum that would have to be done to prepare for the 2011 pool season would be to replace the intakes and either fence in or cover the baby pool. He stated that they would also need to begin work as soon as the pool closed in 2011 to make it ADA compliant for the 2012 pool season. They were looking at several months worth of work, permit depending, to bring the pool into compliance for the 2012 season.

Alderman Hilton stated that the first thing they needed to decide was whether or not they were going to keep the pool open and if so, were they willing to pay the amount it would take to bring it into compliance. Manager Linn stated that last season the Town had seen more pool membership than they ever had before. The pool had generated \$12,000.00 in revenue.

There was further discussion on the matter. It was stated that there was Federal grant money available and there was also money available to bring the pool into ADA compliance. Manager Linn stated that the best option for the 2011 pool season was probably to deck the baby pool over and not use it at all.

Alderman Hilton then inquired why the Landis pool still had a diving board. The representatives from the Swim Club stated that insurance companies don’t want the pools to have diving boards, but that users want them there. They would not take a stance in either direction on the matter.

The Town's Engineer Mike Acquesta then addressed the Board concerning updates on the upcoming Water/Sewer Projects. The water system project had gone out to bid. Last year they had to move the lines down Main Street. There was discussion on some of the Department of Transportation and Railroad requirements. Last week, the Town had received the final Railroad permit, everything was now approved and it had gone out to bid on Wednesday. They had already received nine bidders.

In addition, the PARTIF grant had been completed for the upcoming passive park.

Also, there would be another photography workshop held in two weeks.

The sewer video inspection project had been completed. They had found one major inflow source and the Town would need to apply for a grant to fix that. The application process would open in August.

The Booster pump plans had been completed and they had been 100% permitted, but the USDA had not yet given the go ahead. Right now, approval to move forward from them was the only thing that the project was waiting for.

The USDA had asked the Town not to move forward on the sewer rehabilitation projects until after the water lines were under construction. So, they would probably be seeing something soon with the sewer projects.

The first thing that citizens would start seeing would be all the old services taken out on Zion and Mill Streets that connected to the old cast iron system so they could be connected to the new lines. Holes would be dug, but they would not be tearing up the roads. There was more in depth discussion of this matter.

The pre-bid conference for the Water System project would be on April 6th, 2011 and the bid opening would be April 13th, 2011.

There was also discussion of hydrants and cut off valves, which would make it easier to work on the water lines. Changing out the hydrants could require another ISO inspection for the Fire Department, which might enable them to get a better rating.

Director Rowland stated that he would like to operate the next budget year on the same maintenance budget for the Sewer Department as the year before. He would like to add two new sewer stations and to make communication at all the stations the same. Also, crews continued to replace small infiltration areas. Around \$30,000.00 would need to be budgeted for root control this coming year, as all that was done the previous year was to cut out the roots where they had come through. They would be concentrating on the lines that would not be replaced in upcoming projects. The maintenance would be good for approximately three years.

Representative Fred Steen then spoke to the Board, going over some of the pending legislation and issues.

One issue was the high speed rail – which would require a reoccurring payment of \$50 million a year from the Highway Fund. Representative Steen did not think this sounded viable, given the shortfalls already present in the Highway Fund. He felt that priorities were in the wrong place given how many troubles that the state was still having with surface travel. He stated that he would love to see the high speed rail program happen, but he did not think the citizens would support it.

Representative Steen also spoke about a Rail Corridor Protection bill that he was a sponsor of.

There was also an Electrical Transfer Bill that was in committee this week. He told the Board they were welcome to come up. Representative Steen commented that there were sixty members in the House with Electricities in their districts. There was some discussion on this matter.

The bill would not be voted on this week, discussion only. Alderman Hilton asked Representative Steen if there was a vote this week, how he thought it would go. Representative Steen stated that he felt it would not pass if a vote was called during that session. Alderman Sloop stated that he felt they were overstepping their boundary powers, by trying to pass a bill stating that municipalities with electric companies could not transfer any money to other funds. Representative Steen commented that he thought the sponsors of the bill now realized that there was already a transfer policy in place that governed such things.

Representative Steen then stated that they were still working very hard on the upcoming budget. The revenue outlooks were better than they had first thought and he would know more after April 15th, 2011. They were still looking at a \$3 billion shortfall that they would have to trim. However, he stated that they were further along in the budget process this year at this time than he had ever seen before. It was moving very fast and very efficient.

Alderman Hilton thanked Representative Steen for co-sponsoring House Bill 111 – which changed concealed carry laws. He felt it was overdue. There was more discussion on this bill.

Alderman Furr then inquired about the video gaming internet parlors, wondering what would happen in the session concerning this matter. Representative Steen said he was uncertain at the moment, but that members wanted to go back and look at the issue and have more regulation on it. It was also being said that it could generate \$80 million in revenue. There had been some discussion but no answers yet. There had been a bill introduced that was going in that direction though. However, the point at the moment was that it was outlawed last year and the Governor had stated that they would probably see the issue again. He stated that he felt it should be handled in the private sector, but heavily regulated. It was his personal opinion that he did not like these kinds of establishments. There was also some discussion concerning the lottery and where that was going. Representative Steen stated that it was hard to outlaw things on the internet and it was a very complex issue that must be looked at closely.

Alderman Safrit stated that his initial concern had been that the establishments receive everything and the Town gets nothing. He inquired if we really wanted to be a “gaming state”. Representative Steen stated that there were also traffic issues with the establishments. Alderman Safrit stated that the Town’s Zoning Ordinance currently handled such issues. Mayor Brown stated that they wanted to avoid any problems. Representative Steen reiterated that right now, these types of establishments were outlawed. Alderman Hilton commented that right now they were, but if something can create a new revenue stream, it will eventually attract attention. He stated that people will indulge in vices, so the key was to learn to manage it or it would turn into anarchy.

The Board thanked Representative Steen for coming.

There was then a break for lunch.

After the lunch break, Manager Linn addressed the Board concerning the enterprise funds and specifically the General Fund.

All of the funds, save for the General Fund, were doing well, so he intended to focus on the General Fund. As of January 31st, 2011 the General Fund had collected 75% of its projected revenue. Manager Linn stated that if things continued as projected, the General Fund would be \$38,000.00 over budget at the end of the fiscal year. To handle this, all unnecessary spending for all departments should be avoided.

Manager Linn then went over the progress that had been made in the General Fund since 2007. At fiscal year ending June 30th, 2007 the General Fund had been at \$129,563.00, versus the current year to date as of January 31st, 2011 of \$1,080,310.00. He stated that they had made “tremendous strides” and picked up nearly \$1 million since 2007. Manager Linn highlighted some of the projects that had been completed since 2007. He felt that the Town had made great strides to get where it needed to be while still getting its cash management up.

With the new tax re-evaluation the Town was looking at a \$15,500,000.00 drop in the tax base. This would equal a \$61,000.00 revenue loss (at a 97% tax collection rate). In order to remain revenue neutral, the Town would need to raise its tax \$.03. This would bring the tax rate to \$.43 per \$100.00 evaluation. A \$.01 tax increase would generate approximately \$22,000.00 in revenue.

Manager Linn then stated that after speaking with the Board of Aldermen he had heard some of the following suggestions:

- Merit Raises
- Cost of Living Rises
- New Vehicles
- Tax and Fee Increases
- Furlough Days for Employees

Manager Linn stated that the only thing the Administration Department was requesting this year was to update the security cameras at City Hall and at Public Works. The current alarm system at City Hall worked fine, but the camera system did not.

Alderman Sloop commented that all of it should be upgraded. Manager Linn clarified that they were looking to do these upgrades in the upcoming 2011-2012 budget year.

Manager Linn also stated that employees had not received across the board raises in several years. Another suggestion, if the money could be found, would be to implement merit raises, which would be done on an individual basis.

There had also been a request for a new vehicle for the Administration Department. Manager Linn stated that there were other things that they could spend money on, but it had been requested that it be brought up.

Manager Linn did feel that tax and fee increases should be looked at, reminding the Board that if taxes were not increased, then they would not stay revenue neutral and would be looking at \$61,000.00 less in revenue from taxes. He also stated that they did not have the numbers from the state yet.

Manager Linn stated that every other fund pays for itself and generates revenue. The General Fund needs more revenue coming in and the only way to accomplish this is to raise fees and taxes.

Finance Officer Ginger Gibson stated that the Water Fund was currently showing negative, but when they sell the bonds the funds would go back into it and that would be done before the end of the fiscal year.

Manager Linn also informed the Board that he had received confirmation to reduce the lake restrictions for Lake Corriher and Lake Wright. They were no longer considered public drinking water and no longer had restrictions. Alderman Safrit stated that they still did not need to allow petroleum based vehicles in the lakes. The Board agreed.

Manager Linn stated that at the very least staff was requesting that they remain revenue neutral with taxes and look at additional fee increases. Alderman Hilton stated that he would like to see staff look at anything they could use to make up for the \$61,000.00 and see what could be changed or cut. He commented that he was reluctant to raise taxes if there was any way to not have to do so. He wanted to look at other options first. Manager Linn confirmed that Alderman Hilton was requesting that the current tax rate be left as is, at \$.40 per \$100.00 evaluation. Alderman Hilton confirmed that. Mayor Brown stated that he felt that was what the entire Board wanted. Ms. Gibson pointed out that the savings from using furlough days was close to \$60,000.00.

Manager Linn commented if the Board decided to use furlough days again, that would produce the lost revenue from taxes. He stated that a few employees had not liked it, but it was staff's opinion that even if employees were off one day a month without pay, they still had a job and benefits. Ms. Gibson stated that she had heard people say they would prefer furlough days to losing their jobs. Alderman Hilton commented that he did not want to "balance the budget on the backs of the employees".

Manager Linn inquired if the Board wanted him to look into reduction of force and reduction of services to balance the budget. Alderman Safrit stated that it wouldn't mean the suggestions were final, just something to look at. Manager Linn inquired if the Board wanted them to go forward without looking at increases. Alderman Sloop stated that it was not "off the table" but they were not looking at that option just yet.

Alderman Furr stated that he personally would like to see the tax rate remain the same, but he would like to see staff look at the fee schedule, he would prefer to see any increases be done there.

Alderman Sloop asked about Powell Bill funds this year. Manager Linn stated that so far they were projecting the same reduction as last year, so they were budgeting for \$89,000.00 but did not know for certain.

Alderman Hilton inquired about the status of the pole attachments. Manager Linn stated that Time Warner and Windstream were still being billed as normal and the Town had received that revenue. They were still in litigation with Time Warner and were waiting to send new rates to Windstream because of that. Right now the pole attachment rates were the same as they had been since 1978.

Public Works Director Steve Rowland inquired what direction the Board would like to go in as far as Powell Bill funds. The Town had three roads unsurfaced (East Round, Stagecoach and the end of Lawing). If they paved the roads, there would be no curbing or guttering, just drainage. He confirmed that there was money for this in Powell Bill funds. Alderman Sloop asked if any sidewalks would be done this year. Director Rowland stated that he would like to do some work uptown. Alderman Hilton stated that he would rather see work done on sidewalks before "dead end roads" were paved.

Manager Linn stated that every sidewalk in the 100 block of North and South Central needed to be pulled up and redone, that there were major drainage issues there. Director Rowland confirmed that they were disintegrating. The Board agreed that sidewalks were the first priority with the Powell Bill funds.

Alderman Hilton commented that any Powell Bill funds that the Town had in the bank, they needed to use it. Ms. Gibson agreed, stating that currently the Town had \$495,000.00 in the bank in Powell Bill funds and the state may wonder why the Town was "hoarding it". There was further discussion of the Powell Bill funds.

Recreation Director Andrew Morgan then addressed the Board concerning the Recreation Department. He stated that the passive park was counting on the PARTIF grant and that he had spoken to the Board about the pool already.

He then went over some of the issues with the pavilion, such as needing a new roof. He stated that he had gotten quotes and the longer they waited to replace the roof the more expensive it would be. Alderman Sloop stated that the roof needed to be metal. The pavilion also needed new doors and deadbolts. The pavilion building, as well as the benches, needed painting which he could do himself. Director Morgan stated that they also needed to replace the lighting fixtures and he wanted to get some kind of guard to go over them to keep them from being busted out again.

As far as the playground equipment went, it needed some touching up and repainting, but otherwise it was not in bad shape. New equipment would cost between \$8,000.00 and \$13,000.00. Director Morgan did not feel this was something that needed to be done right now, but it would be coming up in the future.

Director Morgan said all the trash cans needed replacing as the current models were prone to blowing away.

Also, the tennis courts were in bad shape and resurfacing would cost close to \$15,000.00 because of this. Once they were fixed, they would need to be pressure washed every two years, and every five years they would need to be resurfaced. With that schedule, the resurfacing would only cost \$5,000.00 every five years after the initial \$15,000.00. Director Morgan stated that he did not know if the return was worth the investment, and he did not know if the Board wanted to keep the tennis courts. Right now he was looking at fixing the existing cracks, though he wasn't sure if it would work. They were going to try a small section first. Alderman Sloop stated that they would probably have to take out the existing courts and start over.

Alderman Furr stated, that while he hated to say it, he also wondered if there would be a return investment on the courts, inquiring if there were enough people who actually used the courts to justify the cost. Alderman Sloop pointed out that people could also play at other places.

Director Morgan then stated that the opening date for Lake Corriher was currently September 3rd, 2011. There were certain issues that needed to be addressed before this could happen.

One issue was trash. They needed to find ways to prevent trash being dumped, but there was also no way to get there easily.

There were also several safety hazards such as leaning/downed trees and the state of the piers. The current gates did not keep people off the piers, and there were also no rails to prevent children from falling. He stated that they could not take them all out, but they needed to fix them up, perhaps attach floating docks. The pump houses also needed to be touched up, and their decking was under water. The spillway is higher than the decking. Some of the aesthetics also needed touching up, such as something to act as buffering for the chain link fence and the water plant building.

There was also discussion about the lake house renovations and what needed to be done there since it would be the main place at the lake, such as restrooms, bait and tackle and concessions.

Director Morgan stated that, excluding the lake house renovations, the other improvements/repairs needed to be completed by September 3rd, 2011 in order to open. Alderman Sloop stated that there was a lot that could be done with volunteers. Director Morgan stated that he was working with the YMCA and had already advertised for a volunteer day on Saturday, April 2nd, 2011.

Police Chief Brian McCoy then addressed the Board concerning the Police Budget. Chief McCoy stated that he did not have a lot of expenses to ask for aside from day to day operating expenses. The vehicles were in good order and they currently had spare vehicles. The equipment was up to date and there were no capital expense requests. They would need to look at upgrading to digital radios in the future to be compliant, but for this fiscal year he was only asking for a standard operational budget.

Alderman Hilton inquired if the county would be helping with the cost of the radios. Chief McCoy stated that the police departments were not receiving aid on the mandatory upgrade, that it was mostly the fire departments and EMTs that were receiving the funding. Alderman Hilton inquired when the digital requirements would go into effect. Chief McCoy said he believed some time in 2013. He did not know exactly what the cost would be, as it depended upon the radio. One model was \$5,000.00 per radio for the cars; the Police Department had purchased two this year. Handhelds were around \$2,500.00 per unit.

Alderman Sloop stated that they would be looking at \$100,000.00 or more to get what was needed. Chief McCoy stated that he had contacted the county to see if they would help but he was unsure. Alderman Sloop commented that all the police departments needed to get together to do a "blanket purchase" to save money. There was further discussion on the digital radios. Chief McCoy stated that the compliance date had already been pushed back. The digital radios were the only "big ticket item" coming up unless something happened. He stated that he could look at various line items in his budget to see if he could make any reductions.

Division Chief Art Delaney then addressed the Board concerning the Fire Department. He explained why the Fire Department was currently over budget, stating that day after day one thing after another kept breaking. He stated that as it stood now, they had things broken that they could not fix until the next budget year. There was further discussion of this matter. He stated that he was "super proud" of the guys and what they had done over the last two years.

Chief Delaney stated that calls were up, and they had started putting the firefighters into the brush truck to respond to some calls in order to save on the use of the fire engines. He stated that he would be asking for an increase in the maintenance budget, but he would attempt to make cuts where he could. Chief Delaney was requesting that the grant line item be left in the budget, as he was still pushing grants.

Alderman Sloop recommended looking at doing a QRV (Quick Response Vehicle). Chief Delaney stated that is what they were doing with the brush truck. Alderman Sloop stated that it would be better to use something more like an SUV to save on the brush truck use. Chief Delaney stated that they use the brush truck because they can also answer medical calls in it and still have a pump. There was further discussion about vehicles being taken on calls.

Alderman Hilton inquired why the Fire Department responds to medical calls. He stated that there comes a point where we have to realize that "we can't be everything to everyone". Alderman Furr stated that he was glad to see the brush truck being used on medical calls, as he had never understood why a big engine needed to roll to respond to medical calls. Also, as far as the first responder issue was concerned they could look into the matter but Alderman Furr stated that he wasn't sure he wanted to "open that can of worms"; but that Alderman Hilton had a good point that the government can't be all things to everyone.

Manager Linn confirmed that the county subsidy for medical response was \$100.00 per month.

Public Works Director Steve Rowland then addressed the Board concerning Public Works. He stated that they were changing the way they ran their routes in an attempt to save money and he felt that they needed to be "inventive". He stated that he felt the Town could maintain good service, but did not need to go out for turn ons and turn offs two times a day. He stated that all the equipment was doing alright at the moment.

As far as Sanitation, in the next budget year (2012-2013) they would need to look at purchasing a new garbage truck.

Also, if possible, he would like to get the area behind Public Works paved, as well as concrete in the bays. They were doing what they could to save money and make money. Alderman Furr advised Director

Rowland to check with Centralina, as he believed someone had gotten a free garbage truck because it was a hybrid.

There was further discussion and Manager Linn stated that they would have to get creative with ideas on how to save money in each department.

Alderman Furr stated that any diesel vehicles that they needed to purchase, they should also look into grants because there were currently some for new technology diesel engines.

Mayor Brown thanked the staff for their hard work and stated that they had a “long road ahead”.

Alderman Furr motioned, seconded by Alderman Sloop, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm on Saturday, March 12th, 2011.

Heather Wood
Administrative Assistant