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March 20, 2023
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on March 20, 2023 at 7:06 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troup #120 from Grace Lutheran Church.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Davis, Lipian, Oswald, Mitchell, Tollett, Simmons, Schneider, Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Safety Service Director Lundy, Safety Service Director Williams, Asst. Safety Service Dir. Calvert, Finance Director Pileski, Asst. Fin. Dir. Farrel, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, Eng. McKillips, Superintendent Korzan, CD Dir. Scott

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the March 6, 2023 council meeting as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield provided congratulatory messages to the Elyria Roll Arena for celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary and Rita's Italian Ice Cream for hosting a kick-off to spring celebration. Mayor Whitfield thanked those who may have participated in one of two state of the city addresses. Mayor Whitfield shared that he would be in Columbus advocating with Moms Demand action against gun violence on Wednesday March 22nd. A proclamation was presented on behalf of National Surveyors week. The week of March 24th, Lorain County Community College is hosting a semiconductor conference.

Safety Service Director Lundy:

SSD Lundy shared that crews had been repairing potholes between rainfalls. SSD Lundy expressed his appreciation to the community development and building departments for assistance with meeting a deadline for Elyria City Schools scoreboard placement. Meetings were held with NOACA to discuss federal funding programming and future grant opportunities to address congestion mitigation. SSD Lundy urged residents and council members to keep a watchful eye on HB1, that would slash an estimated 1.2 billion dollars from local governments.

Finance Director Pileski: No report

Law Director Deery: No report

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

Police Chief Pelko:

Chief Pelko provided an update on retiring officers, Lt. Jason Cunningham on March 23rd, who worked as the night shift Officer In Charge, retiring with twenty-five years of service, and Lt. Matt Eichenlaub who worked as the day shift, retiring March 31st. Both officers were wished the best of luck in their future endeavors. Promotions will be held in council chambers April 3rd at 3:00p.m. Sgt. Poole and Sgt. Wadle would get promoted to Lt. and patrol officers James Wide and Adam Garvin will get promoted to Sergeants. Council member Lipian asked if there were any updates to the Harvard incident, Chief Pelko responded the incident was still under investigation. Council member Callahan inquired what the number of employees would be on the police force after retirees. Chief Pelko responded, the workforce would be at eighty-six officers as of March 31st.

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti provided an update on another fatal fire that is still being investigated. He explained this fatality makes the fifth in a year and a half. Council member Oswald reminded citizens to place batteries in smoke detectors. Chief Pronesti shared the time change is a good reminder to change batteries.

Asst. Safety Service Director Calvert:

ASSD Calvert provided a reminder to everyone regarding the comprehensive land use plan. Plenty of data will be shared, regarding the number of residents, housing, workers and an overall overview of the city. ASSD Calvert provided a reminder to please take the survey if you have not already done so, it can be accessed at ourelyria.com The survey is open to anyone who lives, visits and works in the city.

Safety Service Director Williams:

SSD Williams provided an update regarding final edits to the Parks Board Master Plan. If there are any suggestions for edits, they can be emailed to Director Reardon at creardon@cityofelyria.org, input is appreciated. The final draft is scheduled for approval in April.

WWPC Superintendent Korzan:

Superintendent Korzan wanted to notify council and the public that the WWPCP had completed the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report, submitted it to the EPA, and the report is posted on the Wastewater page of the city website if anyone wants to view it. Council member Oswald inquired about an update on sewer projects. Superintendent Korzan explained that the Eastside Sewer relief project was progressing down Poplar and Gulf Rd. Construction work is being completed on East Bridge Street. The Windward Siphon project is also progressing. Council member Oswald asked for confirmation of funding allocation for all projects. Superintendent Korzan confirmed 1.8 million dollars in principal forgiveness loans was awarded for all projects in 2023. Mr. Korzan explained this was the first of grant dollars since 1985.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

BO Farkas: No report

CD Director Scott: No report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of a New Liquor License Permit requested by Carter Management Corp. DBA Carter Management Corp., located at 801 Foster Ave., Elyria (Class D3).

REFERRED BY: OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of review and approval of recommendations from the Elyria Economic Development Committee.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) funds to the State of Ohio Development Services Agency.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

4. The matter of authorizing the City of Elyria to apply for an accept if awarded a grant, forgivable loan, a matching grant from the Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA).

REFERRED BY: WTL JACOB

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of applying \$200,000.00 of ARPA funds toward the Building Department.

REFERRED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD - WARD 4

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of entering into a professional services agreement with Makovich & Pusti Architects, Inc.

REFERRED BY: ASSD CALVERT

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

7. The matter of the purchase of a Sutphen SPH100 Aerial Platform for the Elyria Fire Department.

REFERRED BY: MAYOR WHITFIELD

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES: CONTINUED

8. The matter of approving a new roof for the Elyria Police Department.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

9. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into Amendment 1 to the agreement with Black & Veatch Management Consulting LLC for customer assistance of water and sewer bills.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

10. The matter of Authorizing the Mayor to advertise and award a contract for the 2023 West Ave. Water Line Replacement.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER MCKILLIPS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

11. The matter of purchasing radio equipment for the Elyria Fire Department

REFERRED BY: MAYOR WHITFIELD

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES

12. The matter of a presentation for asphalt reclamation approach to paving streets.

REFERRED BY: SSD LUNDY

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES

13 - Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office:

13. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's office for February 2023

7. PETITIONS--LOBBY:

Mike Griffin/ Monet' Roberts- Elyria Community Partnership- Introduction of ECP Ex. Director , Monet' Roberts and updates to city council- Exhibit "A" Council member Lipian asked if additional information could be provided regarding the historical looking glass project. Ms. Roberts explained the project would consist of 5 historical markers placed in the downtown area. The concept is the ability to look into the glasses and see images of past structures that once existed. Council member Oswald thanked Ms. Roberts for the update. Council member Davis inquired if the looking glass project was only for the downtown area. Ms. Roberts explained yes that the project is focused on the downtown area. Council member Davis explained that a historical water tower sits on Mussey Ave. and wonders if consideration of the location could ever be an option. President Stewart encouraged everyone to get involved in the ECP to volunteer to help make a change in the downtown area for the betterment of the city.

Dawn Guanajuato- 311 Gulf Rd., Elyria- East Palestine Train Derailment/ Times Beech Missouri

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Times_Beach,_Missouri) Mayor Whitfield responded that the

7. PETITIONS--LOBBY: CONTINUED

water team testing was proactive, verifiable and the team is amazing. Any questions regarding water quality can be directed to Superintendent Korzan. Council member Lipian encouraged residents to keep bottled water available in the event of a natural disaster.

Jason Pallardy- 312 Harvard Ave., Elyria- Eastern Heights/ Upcoming Levy Renewal- Encouraged residents to store up food , water, medications, medical supplies and have a prepared pre-planned evacuation plan in place in the event of an emergency. Concerned with dispatch call response. Concerned about levy renewal. Stated he would like police, fire and city leadership to be what they need it to be. SSD Lundy responded regarding dispatcher calls, dispatcher jobs are to dispatch the calls, the dispatcher is not the decision maker. In discussion with both chiefs, they are ensuring that they are providing the best public service and safety possible.

Matt Swab- 503 West Ave., Elyria- Building Dept. Budget
Mr. Swab thanked Fire Chief Pronesti for saving a one hundred and forty year old home in the historic district that caught fire recently. Mr. Swab expressed he would like to see a fully funded building department because the housing stock in his neighborhood is deteriorating. Absentee landlords, high grass complaints and litter everywhere. All of these things lowers property values. He would like if the building department had the necessary manpower, the citations could be enforced.

Matthew Van Wormer- 235 Denison Ave., Elyria- Exhibit "A" attached

Tiffani Reedy -113 Williams Street, Elyria- Republic Steel Quarry - Public Town Hall
Announcement: Saturday March 25 at 2:00PM located at 630 Nelson Street: Transformation Outreach Ministries

Mary Siwierka- 119 Fresno Court, Elyria- ARPA Funding- Expressed her appreciation to council for slowing down the development of Chestnut Commons. Pleaded that any additional ARPA dollars in excess of the budget be used for railroad underpasses. Council member Lipian suggested for the East Bridge Street bridge the possibility of partnering with the Elyria Arts Council to paint a mural. SSD Lundy explained the railroads would need additional conversation, however the railroad would need to provide permission as the properties belong to the railroad companies, not the city. Mayor Whitfield explained that during a recent visit to Washington D.C., ownership of the railroad properties and bridges was a topic. His suggestion of community groups painting the properties was met with the community group could be sued. President Stewart encouraged letter writing to local state representatives.

8. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS—FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION
 AYE: 11
 NAY: 0
 ABSENT: 0

PASSAGE
 AYE: 11
 NAY: 0
 ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by:

Finance

- V. Stewart III
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF DEMOLITION RELATED COSTS FOR 144 IRONDALE STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, 44035 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID COSTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION
 AYE: 11
 NAY: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE
 AYE: 11
 NAY: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

Utilities, Safety & Environment

- D. Mitchell
- B. Davis
- D. Simmons
- M. Corbin
- K. Oswald

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND VISITORS OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO FROM THE INHERENT DANGER OF TRAIN TRACKS LOCATED AT OR NEAR THE CITY OF ELYRIA.

Mitchell moved, Simmons seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

10. RESOLUTIONS--FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Council member Callahan stated by supporting this resolution, council is asking that First Responders be notified before dangerous chemicals and hazardous materials travel through Elyria and surrounding communities.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by:
Finance
 V. Stewart III
 P. Tollett
 B. Davis
 C. Schneider
 J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-34
 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Finance
 V. Stewart III
 P. Tollett
 B. Davis
 C. Schneider
 J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-35
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PATROL AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Utilities, Safety & Environment
D. Mitchell
B. Davis
D. Simmons
M. Corbin
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-36
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL BASEBALL FIELD AT SOUTH PARK.

Mitchell moved, Simmons seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION PASSAGE
AYE: 11 AYE: 11
NAY: 0 NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Utilities, Safety & Environment
D. Mitchell
B. Davis
D. Simmons
M. Corbin
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-37
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD AT SOUTH PARK.

Mitchell moved, Simmons seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION PASSAGE
AYE: 11 AYE: 11
NAY: 0 NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Utilities, Safety & Environment
D. Mitchell
B. Davis
D. Simmons
M. Corbin
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WASHINGTON VILLAGE PARK PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 3/27/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

JOINT CD/FINANCE 3/27/2023 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE 3/27/2023 Following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 4/12/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/SSD, Law Director, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 4/03/2023 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Solicitor, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council member Mitchell reminded and invited all council members to the April 12th Utilities Committee meeting where the decision will be made on ward street paving for 2023. Council member Cerra inquired about the Utilities meeting on April 12th and would the members anticipate a presentation of the new street paving process. Also if an update could be provided on quiet zones. SSD Lundy shared yes to the presentation and a follow up regarding quiet zones. Council member Lipian shared that the First Ward Good Neighbors Initiative would be looking into starting a bottled water drive for East Palestine. More information to come. The First Ward Good Neighbors meets every first Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at East recreation center.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:10 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council


Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

RLP/

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: CONTINUED

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING:

Sponsored by:

Community Development

- T. Callahan
- A. Lipian
- C. Schneider
- D. Mitchell
- K. Oswald

Finance

- V. Stewart
- P. Tollett
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-39

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH EATON POINT LLC, OR ITS DESIGNEE.

Callahan moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its second reading under suspension of the rules.

President Stewart stated that the concerns with development , traffic and involvement of ODOT was brought before council. Council is encouraging the developer to work with ODOT as the project moves along.

Council member Corbin, requested a roll call vote:

SUSPENSION :

Callahan AYE, Cerra AYE, Corbin AYE, Davis AYE, Lipian NAY, Oswald AYE, Mitchell AYE, Tollett AYE, Simmons AYE, Schneider AYE, Stewart AYE

AYE: 1 MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

Callahan AYE, Cerra AYE, Corbin NAY, Davis AYE, Lipian AYE, Oswald AYE, Mitchell AYE, Tollett AYE, Simmons AYE, Schneider AYE, Stewart AYE

NAY: 1 MOTION CARRIED

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

March 20th Updates to Elyria City Council

2022 Accomplishments

- 501 C3 Status
- Finished Strategic Plan
- Third Thursdays (June, July, August)
- Fall Festival
- Winter Markets
- Engaged with
 - Over 100 organizations and businesses
 - Over 5,000 residents

2023 Updates

- Executive Director Hire
- Events and Engagement Coordinator open position
- Creating a property owner database
- Year-end calendar of events
 - April 29th 11-2 pm Small Business Luncheon
 - May 20th Movies in the Plaza 9 pm
 - June, July and August Third Thursday's 4:30-8:30 pm
 - Sept 23rd Movies in the Plaza 9 pm
 - October 21st Fall Festival 11-2 pm
 - December 16th Winter Market 5-9 pm
- Land Studios Engagement
 - Held six focus groups
 - Drafting Final Recommendations
 - Identifying potential funding
 - Historical Look Glass Projects
- Collaboration & Connections
 - County
 - Main Streets
 - Partners
 - Community Members

EXHIBIT "A"

Police will be given the 12 hour study

Topic: Eastern Heights Neighborhood

Update on Drive By Shootings:

~~Information on homeowner moving is still false~~

-Any concrete updates from the Police department

-Vehicle fitting description of vehicle involved in drive by shootings has been seen recently in Eastern Heights neighborhood and called in or info given directly to police but in each case were told that "it would be looked into" as though it wasn't a priority... That was actionable intelligence of the vehicle seen within minutes of reporting it. But, again, we'll look into it.

-Continued speeding on side streets, last call made to police was concerning a car that was doing 50 to 60 mph down the street (Harvard) continuously and we were told they'd have someone look into it but after 40 minutes we saw no signs of police to come take a look.

Conversation on response about the city's plans if a similar event to East Palestine happened here.

~~We were told that the city would do its best~~ and I appreciate that, but I believe the answer should've been "you know, we do have plans in place to deal with hazardous materials, BUT here is what citizens should be doing to prepare for emergencies where the city won't be able to help you. Food storage, keeping bottled water on hand, basic medical supplies and medications, having a preplanned location to go to, etc...". This kind of information would have been relevant to the question asked and garnered greater appreciation for the services performed by the department.

I think you missed a moment when asked about

In ending...

-The city needs to do a better job of being better. Time to really look in the mirror and ask yourselves, are you doing everything you can? Are you really making combating crime a priority in ALL neighborhoods? I understand there is still a manpower issue, but I remember a levy years ago that promised 100 police officers and, if I remember correctly, that issue is up for renewal this year. How many times do we have to pass it to hit that number. ~~if we've gotten our money's worth~~



of concerns we starting towards it we're getting our money's worth.

- Be the Police Department we need you to be
- Be the Fire Department we need you to be
- Be the city leadership we need you to be

because "we'll look into it" won't cut it anymore.

EXHIBIT "A"

THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
BIG PICTURE, AND A COMPLETE PICTURE.

IDEAS ARE THE BIG PICTURE^{AND WE'VE HEARD SEVERAL TONIGHT} AND HOW TO ACHIEVE
THOSE IDEAS ~~IS~~ IS THE COMPLETE PICTURE

THE DISTINCTION IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND PEOPLE THAT
CAN SEE ONE, OR BOTH, ARE NEEDED, ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT COMES TO PASSING A COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA.

I WANT TO THANK ^{THE ADMINISTRATION} ~~THE ADMINISTRATION~~ & THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR WORKING
TOGETHER TO TAKE THE BIG PICTURE AND MAKE
IT A COMPLETE PICTURE TO PUT ELYRIA IN THE
BEST POSSIBLE POSITION GOING FORWARD. I'M SURE
THERE WERE MANY DISCUSSIONS, WHERE COMPROMISE WAS
NECESSARY & THE ABILITY TO FIND COMMON GROUND
IS VITAL TO ^{THE} PROGRESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I'M
HOPEFUL THAT CONTINUED COLLABORATION ~~WILL~~
~~WILL~~ WILL ~~PUT~~ PUT ELYRIA ON THE RIGHT TRACK
FOR YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU!

