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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: August 18, 2025
RE: Study Session

LVPD OWL Program

LVPD formally had an Operation Watch Lathrup (OWL) program. The program was set up by the PD, where they would inspect residents' homes and conduct a burglary assessment. The assessment would entail checking window locks, suggesting a security system, and making other general suggestions, such as trimming bushes in front of windows. Residents could call the PD, and they would send an officer over at their request. The residents could also place an OWL sticker on their window to show they've been through the assessment.

OWL was its strongest in 2008-2009, but eventually fizzled out as home invasions became less prevalent. The PD receives investigative bulletins from the area several times per day. They rarely see home invasions. However, the staff has been made aware of an uptick in complaints online.

If the Council desires, the PD could offer this service again in the future. However, it will be after the new officers training is finalized and an update to the program is finalized behind the scenes.

ZBA – Sign Variance Request

Regular Meeting Item - During the regular meeting, the Council will transition to the ZBA to hold a public hearing on a sign variance request from Holbrook Auto Parts. The purpose of this discussion is for the Council to ask any general questions to staff before the regular meeting. The applicant has been invited to the regular meeting, and at the time of finalizing the packet, they intended to have a representative present.

Bond Payment Acceleration

Regular Meeting Item - The City issued General Obligation – Limited Tax Bonds in 2007 to front the cost of water/sewer infrastructure projects. Enclosed in your regular meeting packet is the bond amortization schedule that the Finance Department received from the Bank of New York Mellon (BNY) in April 2024. In the fall of 2024, BNY invoiced the City for a principal and interest payment, which was not reflected on the amortization schedule. When the City requested a corrected amortization schedule, BNY was unable to provide it. The City has now been invoiced for another principal payment, even though it is not reflected on the amortization schedule.

Based on the healthy fund balance in the (water/sewer) enterprise fund and staff's current issues with BNY, we are requesting to pay off the bond in its entirety, which would accelerate the final principal payment, save \$3,562.50 in interest, and save administrative time processing the remaining payments.

The purpose of this discussion item is to address any questions the Council may have before a formal vote during the regular meeting.

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