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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Wilmington City Council**  
**Wilmington City Hall**  
**1165 South Water Street**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on July 18, 2017 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Strong in the Council Chambers of the Wilmington City Hall.

**Roll Call**

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

**Aldermen Present** Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Kirwin, Evans, Studer, Butler

**Quorum**

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

**Other Officials in Attendance**

Also in attendance were the Interim City Administrator Frank Koehler, Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, City Engineer Colby Zemaitis, City Accountant Kim Doglio, Attorney Bryan Wellner

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Evans seconded to approve the July 5, 2017 Regular City Council meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES: 8** Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS: 0**

The motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman K. Hall seconded to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for discussion on Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation Ordinance

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES: 8** Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS: 0**

The motion carried.

*Discussion:* Accountant Doglio informed the Council that the tentative budget was placed on file for public inspection in July 5, 2017 in accordance with State Statute. From the tentative budget there were no changes in revenues so the total revenue is \$16,653,047. In the final version of the ordinances the total expenditures is \$19,251,716 which is a change of \$51,668 from the tentative budget on file. The changes made were: Fund 01-General Corporate, the sales tax credit of

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\$70,000 was removed, added engineering fees in the \$20,000 which are for invoices from the prior fiscal year. In Fund 02-Water Operations there was clerical error in the garbage expenditure line, the tentative budget showed \$478,000 and the number was changes to \$455,000. In Fund 25-TIF #2 Fund, the distributions line was from \$1,980,450 to \$2,005,832. Accountant Doglio clarified for Alderman L. Hall that the estimated revenue for Fund 25-TIF #2 is \$2,011,500. No other comments were made.

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman L. Hall seconded to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

**Mayor' Report**

Mike McMahan, VP of AMI Implementation gave his presentation on the ComEd Smart Meter program which is being implemented throughout the City.

Chief of Police Phil Arnold presented commendations to the following:

**Officer Greg Eggebrecht for Honorable Mention.** Since being hired as a part-time officer in 2014, Officer Greg Eggebrecht has volunteered to get involved and often take the lead on many projects that go above and beyond the scope of his position. One of the first special assignments that Officer Eggebrecht accepted was to act as the Project Manager for the Police facility project. It had been determined that the original contractor did not build the facility to the proper specifications, which led to numerous changes needing to be made to the building being occupied. His hard work and dedication brought the Wilmington Police Facility project to a successful completion.

**Officer Todd Lyons for Honorable Mention.** On December 21, 2016 the Docø Pharmacy in Wilmington was burglarized, the offender stealing over \$4,000 worth of controlled substances. On Christmas Eve, 2016 an agent of the DEA Task Force received a tip and a deal was made for an undercover officer to purchase a small quantity of pills in the parking lot of the Super 8 Motel in Joliet just before midnight. Once the transaction was complete the offender, Timothy M. Spisak was taken into custody. Spisak admitted to committing the burglary and was charged by the Will County Stateø Attorney. Officer Todd Lyons and members of the DEA Task Force left their families on Christmas Eve and worked with a sense of urgency well into Christmas Day until this offender was captured. Their dedication and selflessness not only lead to the recovery of the majority of prescription drugs that had been stolen, but more importantly ensures that they will not be distributed into the hands of drug abusers on the street. These officers and agents are a credit to the law enforcement profession and the agencies for which they serve.

**Detective Matt Kiebles for Medal of Commendation.** On March 28, 2013 the Wilmington Police Department responded to the scene of an overdose. 19 year old Heather Watson was found dead in her vehicle, another victim of what seems to be an uncontrollable heroin epidemic plaguing the country. During a painstaking and in-depth investigation Detective Matt Kiebles

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sifted through and sorted mounds of technological data, phone records, texts, etc. With the information that he uncovered he constructed a timeline of the events that lead to young Heather Watson's death. In that cloud of information Detective Kiebles was able to identify the person that delivered the heroin that caused Heather's death that morning as Joseph P. Alksnis. Detective Kiebles presented the evidence to the Will County State's Attorney's office and was able to get an arrest warrant and \$500,000 bond for Alksnis on May 27, 2015. Detective Kiebles' perseverance and determination in this case helped to bring some sense of closure to Heather Watson's family after over two years of agony. It also brought a drug dealer, Joseph Alksnis to justice.

**Detective Matt Kiebles for Medal of Commendation.** In June, 2014 the Wilmington Police Department received information from an anonymous source that a teacher at the high school was having inappropriate relation with a female student. Detective Matt Kiebles handled the follow up investigation and painstakingly recovered a great deal of evidence. Utilizing the Will County High Tech Crimes Unit and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security it was proven that Lewis had committed numerous criminal offenses. The Will County State's Attorney's office approved an arrest warrant on January 27, 2014 charging Lewis with 4 counts of Criminal Sexual Abuse, 4 counts of Child Pornography and 1 count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. Lewis' bond was set at \$1,000,000 and his passport revoked. On June 17, 2016 Jonathan D. Lewis plead guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse and child pornography and must register for the rest of his life as a Sexual Predator. Detective Kiebles' perseverance and determination in this case helped to make sure that Jonathan Lewis would never again victimize students under his trust and control.

**Officers Kristopher Hopper and Justin Dole – Medal of Commendation.** On November 14, 2015, Officer Hopper & Dole were on a routine traffic stop when they made contact with a passenger in the vehicle of a known heroin user. A consent yielded positive results (crack pipe, heroin spoon, and baggies with white powder residue), leading to an arrest for drug paraphernalia. Subsequent to the arrest the officers convinced the arrestee to become a Confidential Informant. During the next several days they obtained information about the identity and whereabouts of a suspect involved in several retail thefts that had recently occurred in Wilmington which resulted in an arrest. They also gained valuable knowledge about a local heroin dealer and were able to work with their new C1 to complete two controlled buys of narcotics. Finally, information was acquired about the location of a subject wanted for domestic batter, which was also pursued and lead to an arrest. Officer Hopper's and Officer Dole's persistent efforts and professionalism demonstrated through those series of events went above and beyond their normal duties.

**Officers Matt Kiebles and Richard Santana – Life Saving.** On May 30, 2016 just before 6PM, Officers were called to the South Island Park after two children (a boy 12 years of age and a girl 13) wandered into the water and were pulled in to the roller current of the dam. Two bystanders that saw the children jumped into the water in attempt to rescues them, but were also soon in distress. Police Officers arrived quickly and deployed water-rescue throw bags. One of the bystanders (Alvaro Ibarra) was able to grab the rope and was pulled from the violent water and up the wall by Sgt. Thomas, Officer Matt Kiebles and Officer Richard Santana. The second bystander (Ramon Ibarra) was ejected from the turbulence and was pulled out of the water. Sadly, neither child was able to be rescued. There is no questions that the officers team work,

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quick thinking, and immediate deployment of the water-rescue throw bags saved the life of Alvaro Ibarra.

**Officer Todd Lyons – Medal of Honor.** On August 30, 2016 Officer Todd Lyons assisted in investigations that lead to the apprehension of suspected drug dealer. There is no question that Officer Lyons' courage under fire, quick thinking and training led to the apprehension of a dangerous criminal that day.

Mayor Strong announced that on August 1, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the South Island Park the Wilmington Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out. Citizens are encouraged to come meet the Wilmington Police Department in this Night Out Against Crime. See the police vehicles, Police K9, Wilmington ESDA, and the Wilmington Fire Protection District. There will be inflatable jumpers, games, contests, free raffles and much more.

**Citizen Comments**

Sherry Michaels informed the Council that she recently attended a training seminar and learned that K9 Officers may often need a dose of narcan due to the lethal drugs they are sniffing out. Ms. Michaels indicated that if the City is interested in this for Mao she would love to make a donation.

Robin Hunding raised her concerns with the ComEd Smart Meters.

Don Dalicandro is a resident in Deer Ridge subdivision and is requesting street name signs for the two streets Deer Ridge Drive and Nikki Lane. Council members suggested that this item be placed on the Water, Sewer, Streets & Alleys Committee meeting for further discussion.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Police & ESDA Committee**

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Tutor seconded to approve the Hire of Two Full-Time Police Officers (Luis Castro, Jr. and Michael Randall) as Recommended by the Police Commission.

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*Discussion:* Alderman Studer stated we are running a deficit budget and believes that it would be inappropriate at this time to make this expenditure knowing that it has not been appropriated in the FY2018 budget and attends to vote no on this motion. Alderman L. Hall stated that he is total agreement with Alderman Studer and is also voting. Chief Arnold clarified for the Council that this is to replace the two officers that resigned in May 2017, these are not additional employees, these are replacements which the Council approved the Police Commission to seek replacements at their meeting on May 16, 2017.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        0

**NAYS:**        8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

The motion was denied.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee**

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report dated July 18, 2017 in the amount of \$625,414.69 and the June 30, 2017 Collector's Report in the amount of \$352,469.00 as presented by the City Accountant

*Discussion:* None

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS:**        0

The motion carried.

Alderman Studer made motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve Ordinance No. 17-07-18-01 ó An Ordinance Appropriating for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Wilmington for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018

*Discussion:* Alderman Tutor stated that she has some very legitimate concerns and understands that a lot of time and effort went it to this but is not comfortable until we sit down and talk about a few of these things in executive session until she will say yes to this budget. Alderman Studer stated that he has stopped in City Hall several time to discuss, with both the Interim City Administrator and City Accountant, the budget to understand where the cuts are being made and why and unfortunately we are in a real tough situation here, we have to some tough decisions and we are still deficit spending. Alderman Studer stated that our staff does a really good job of pinching every penny they can when they can and everyone needs to remember that this is an appropriation this is not set in stone and does not mean we are spending every one of these dollars. Alderman Tutor stated that one of her biggest concerns was that she does not believe we were running a \$600,000 deficit when we originally sat down for budget meeting in June. Alderman K. Hall stated to staff that to please not take this as attack because he knows that staff is dedicated to making this budget right but from his last four as alderman we have always worked with a deficit budget but there has always been a fund balance to back it so he is just not comfortable voting yes for this. Alderman Tutor requested that a special meeting be scheduled so

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questions can be asked in a more proper setting. The Council agreed to have a special meeting on July 25, 2017 at 6PM.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     2 Aldermen Studer, Persic

**NAYS:**     6 Aldermen L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans

The motion was denied.

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Evans seconded to approve Pay Request #4 payable to Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. for the South Arsenal Road at IL RT 53 Project

*Discussion:* None

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve Amendment No. 1 to the IDOT Economic Development Program Agreement for the Kankakee River Drive / Wilmington-Peotone Road Intersection Improvements

*Discussion:* None

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve the VFW Building Permit Fee Refund in the amount of \$11,225

*Discussion:* None

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     7 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans

**NAYS:**     1 Alderman Studer

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

*\*\*Alderman Tutor left the meeting at 8:24 pm.*

**Ordinance & License Committee**  
**Co-Chairs – Larry Hall & John Persic Jr.**

Alderman Butler announced the first reading of the following ordinances:

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An Ordinance Amending Title III of the City of Wilmington Code of Ordinances Providing for Cost Recovery Provisions

An Ordinance Establishing Vehicle Weight Limits, Dimension and Permits for the City of Wilmington

An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking County Road

An Ordinance Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Issuance of a Commercial Filming Permit in the City of Wilmington

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee**  
*Co-Chairs – Larry Hall & John Persic Jr.*

Nothing at this time

**City Engineer's Report**

City Engineer Zemaitis presented his monthly report to the Council. This report is attached to the minutes for reference.

**Interim City Administrator's Report**

Interim City Administrator Koehler prepared report is attached to these minutes for future reference.

**Attorney's Report**

Attorney Wellner reported to the Council that he has been working on old Marathon Gas Station property and has researched and reviewed the ordinances regarding Commercial Filming and Overweight Trucks.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Studer and seconded by Alderman Kirwin. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on July 18, 2017 adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk



# Engineer's Report

July 2017

Project	Status	Anticipated Date Start / End	Contractor	Project Limits	Notes
<b>HIGH SPEED RAIL</b>					
Kankakee River Bridge	Project Awarded	March, 2017	Illinois Contractors	East of North Water Street to west side of Kankakee River	Coordination with IDNR to move forward with the river crossing
N. Kankakee Street	Project Awarded	Spring, 2017	Illinois Contractors	Canal Street to Chicago Street	Continue to remove railroad bridge over Forked Creek
First Street	Project Awarded	Spring, 2017	Illinois Contractors	South of Davy Lane to south side of private entrance. (270' total). Approximately 215' down Railroad Street	Continue to restore and improve subbase for new track alignment
N. Water Street	Project Awarded	Spring, 2017	Illinois Contractors	South of railroad crossing to Rte 53	Coordination with IDNR to move forward with the river crossing
Stripmine Road / Route 53	Project Awarded	Summer, 2017	"D" Construction	West entrance to Berkot's south on Rte 53 approximately 1,100' and west on Stripmine	Quad gates are being installed along with traffic signal improvements
Coal City Road / Route 53	Project Awarded	Fall, 2017	"D" Construction	1,500' south of Coal City Road intersection and 1,600' north of the intersection.	No updates.
<b>HSR - CITY UTILITY CONFLICTS</b>					
Project Description					
Conflict # 141: Kankakee River Drive	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	TBD	Filling abandoned 10" watermain along north side of KRD	Completed
Conflict # 142 & 145: Kankakee River Drive	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	TBD	Filling abandoned 12" watermain along north side of KRD and realign/lower existing 16" watermain that is in conflict with the proposed ditch improvements	Completed
Conflict # 176C: Forked Creek Watermain	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	Austin-Tyler	Realign and bury with concrete in the creekbed a 12" watermain that is in conflict with a proposed bridge pier	Completed
Conflict # 179 & 180: Kankakee Street	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	TBD	Filling an abandoned 4" watermain on the east side of Kankakee Street and extending the 24" casing on the west side	No updates.
Conflict # 188: First Street	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	TBD	Extend existing sewer casing or bore new casing and realign new sewer main on east side of First Street	No updates.
Conflict # 193 & 195: First Street	Plans Approved	Spring, 2017	TBD	Realigning 8" and 12" watermains to east side then across the tracks in a 36" casing	No updates.
<b>CITY</b>					
Rte 53 and S. Arsenal Road	Construction	Spring, 2017	Austin-Tyler	Intersection of Rte 53 and S. Arsenal Road	Two (2) lanes of PCC Pavement have been poured, HMA subbases all in place and Curb and gutters are completed. Traffic signal handholes are being
Rte 53 and Peotone Road	Bid Award	Spring, 2017	Austin-Tyler	Intersection of Rte 53 and Wilmington-Peotone Road	Revised PPI forms have been approved. Amended EDP Agreement has been prepared and awaiting approval.





# Economic Development Report

July 2017

Project	Status	Ant. Start Date	Ant. Completion Date	Project Manager	Estimated Cost	Notes
<u>Ridgeport</u>						
Buck Easement	Plan Review	Spring, 2017	Summer, 2017	Hey & Associates	\$1M	Weekly meetings with BNSF, Hey & Associates and City being held to discuss the storm outfall for the project.
Building M / Project Hot Dog	Construction	September, 2016	Summer, 2017	Alston Construction	TBD	Watermain installation and inspections have been occurring. Contractor pouring concrete floor inside the building and parking lot outside.
Building Charlie	Plan Review	Spring, 2017	Fall, 2017	Alston Construction	TBD	Mass grading occurring on site.
World Foods	Construction	Winter, 2017	Spring, 2017	N/A	TBD	No updates.
<u>Commercial</u>						
N/A						
<u>Residential</u>						
Deer Creek Estates	Construction	November, 2016	Summer, 2017	Pro Builders	TBD	No updates.
Foxtail Commons	Construction	March, 2016	Summer, 2017	Jeff Fisher	N/A	No updates.



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Roy Strong, Mayor  
Alderman Larry Hall  
Alderman John Persic  
Alderman Frank Studer  
Alderman Fran Tudor

Alderman Steve Evans  
Alderman Kevin Kirwin  
Alderman Kirby Hall  
Alderman Lisa Butler

FR: Frank Koehler, Interim City Administrator

DT: Thursday, July 13, 2017

RE: **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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## **KANKAKEE RIVER WATER TRAIL**

In 2016, the Kankakee River was designated a National River Water Trail, one of only 22 rivers in the County receiving such a designation. I am working with representatives from Kankakee County to formalize an organization that would promote awareness, advocacy and safety along the River.

As part of this effort, a meeting will be held in Wilmington on Thursday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Hayden's Crossing for any individual or organization in our area that would like to be part of this process. Invitations will be sent to Will County, Will County Forest Preserve District, Island City Park District, and others

## **BUCK DITCH**

We continue to work to secure a permanent easement for the placement of a storm sewer serving RidgePort Logistics Park. In as much as this may impact BNSF property, we are coordinating our efforts with representatives from both Elion and BNSF. Weekly conference calls have been scheduled for Friday mornings to expedite the review and approval process.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

We recently met with a street lighting company representative to discuss a grant program being offered through Com Ed. Com Ed will reimburse municipalities up to 75% of the cost for replacement and installation of new LED light fixtures. The new fixtures have a longer life than conventional fixtures and require less energy – hence a lower operating cost. We are in the process of identifying the total number of street lights owned by the City that may be involved with this program. We will then send out an RFP to see if there are other companies that may be interested in working with the City.

## **ROUTE 66**

The second leg of the Route 66 corridor through Illinois is being celebrated in Bloomington this weekend.

I am working with the Illinois Route 66 Association to identify funding programs for improvements along the Route 66 corridor in Wilmington, and for events that continue to promote travel along Route 66. A number of years ago, the Eagle Hotel was the recipient of upwards of \$10,000 in grant money for improvements to the

building. That funding program is still in place. The City of Joliet has obtained grants in recent years for their Visitors center and for improvements to the Rialto Building.

## **CMAP**

We continue to be involved with CMAP programs. As you know, we recently hosted a presentation by CMAP on their 2050 initiatives.

We have submitted our application to CMAP for funding to undertake the BISON BIKEWAY study. We won't; know the success of our effort until sometime in late August/early September.

I will be attending a workshop hosted by CMAP next week in Homewood. The topic of the workshop is "the future of economic opportunity".

Finally, and most importantly, work is progressing on the CMAP Downtown Study for Wilmington. A summary of the early findings will be presented in a meeting on Wednesday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting invitations will be sent out next week. A Visioning session open to the full community will be held on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Island Park District facility on Water Street. We are looking for increased involvement of area residents in the planning process. More information will be forthcoming on this in the next week.

## **FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wilmington continues to remain involved with the Freight Advisory Initiative of the Will County CED. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at CED offices in Joliet.

## **MIDEWIN**

Efforts are ongoing to forge a working relationship with Midewin as a way for the Wilmington Business community and Midewin to partner on the attraction of visitors to each area. The next meeting for this effort will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Midewin

## **ELION/TIF**

We continue to meet with Elion to review the operations of the TIF District and how regulatory procedures might be improved. Part of this is to standardized distribution of tax increment, reimbursement to the City for Police Services pursuant to the terms of the annexation agreement, and for clarification of specific revenue stream.

## **CITY FIREWORKS**

Below is a list of those who contributed funds to the City's firework:

Angelo's Liquors

Baskerville Funeral Home

Bellettini Foods

Free Press Newspaper

Garrett Smith, DDS

Hughes & Hughes Financial Advisors, Inc.

International Transload Logistics Inc.

John Tryner Attorney at Law

Junior's Tire Services, Inc.

Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, LTD.

Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC

Patrick Yerkes, DDS

S.D. Notter & Associates

Schoppe Design Associates, Inc.

T&T Firearms

The Corner Tap

Thomas Hayden

Tuffy's Lounge, Inc.

U.S. Cold Storage

The total amount received at of 07/17/2017 is **\$5,580**

Should you have any questions on these or other items, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you.

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