


To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Wendy Mis Clerk-Treasurer 

Date: October 4, 2021

Re: Ordinance 1839: Creation of a Plan for the use of American Recovery Plan Funds

Ordinance 1839 was heard on first reading at the September 20, 2021, meeting. This will create the required plan to allow expenditure of the American Recovery Plan monies.

The plan currently allows the use of \$500,000.00 for government services by the Park Department; \$1,100,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire engine; and the balance for the implementation of a residential water meter replacement program. All are allowable uses under Section 603 of the law.

When Council held the first reading, there was discussion about other possible uses. Council scheduled and held a work-study session on September 27, 2021, on this matter. A variety of ideas were shared at that meeting. Council was reminded that no funds can be spent until a plan is adopted, but the plan can be modified later.

There is a sense of urgency for the revenue replacement for the Park Department. The fire engine will take at least a year to purchase and be delivered so there is a sense of timeliness with this matter as well. An amended Ordinance 1839 has been prepared for Council's review reflecting the discussion in the work-study session.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and roll call vote, adopt Ordinance 1839 as amended on second reading.