
The Mandan City Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2016 in the Ed “Bosh” Froehlich Room at City Hall, Mandan, North Dakota.

Commissioners present were Van Beek, Tibke, Rohr, Braun and Laber. Department Heads present were Finance Director Welch, Police Chief Ziegler, City Attorney Brown, City Administrator Neubauer, Director of Public Works Wright, Fire Chief Nardello, Business Development & Communications Director Huber, Planning & Engineering Director Froseth, Planner Decker, Project Manager Fettig, and Assessor Shaw. Absent: Building Official Lalim.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Laber requested that a second topic, “Safety Committee”, be added to Other Business on the Agenda. Commissioner Laber moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Rohr seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval of the members present. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Van Beek invited anyone interested to speak for or against any items on the Agenda to come forward. A second announcement was made for anyone to come forward to speak on the Agenda. Hearing none, this portion of the Public Communications was closed.

D. MINUTES:

1. *Consider approval of the following minutes from the Board of City Commission of January 5, 2016 regular meeting.* Commissioner Braun moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval of the members present. The motion passed.

E. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. *Consider Approving Special Assessment Policy.* Planning & Engineering Director Froseth stated that during the 2015 ND Legislative session the legislature added a new section to the ND Century Code that requires the governing body of a City with a population of more than 10,000 people to adopt a written Special Assessment Policy. City staff has worked on this since the legislature mandated this policy. Phyllis Hagar, (who has worked on Special Assessments with the City for over 20 years), and Kim Fettig, (who has worked with Special Assessments in some capacity for the last 10 years), have done the majority of the legwork on putting this policy together. Their efforts included reaching out to other larger cities within the state to understand their policies. They also reviewed what the City of Mandan has typically done with past assessment projects while incorporating their own experience and recollection of those projects. The proposed written policy is a formal reiteration of the methods that the City currently utilizes to assess costs to projects of benefiting projects. Meetings have occurred with City staff and the City attorney to review and approve of the draft policy as presented. February 1, 2016, is the date the legislature designated as to when the policy is to be in place. If the policy is deemed to be agreeable to the City Commission, Director Froseth requested it be approved.

Commissioner Laber stated she has reviewed the policy and provided questions to Director Froseth previously. She noted that there is listed a flood protection provision and

there is not a lot of assessment strategy for the flood protection now or into the future. Director Froseth stated that the section on flood protection is simple and covered in one sentence. Those costs will have to be addressed at the time the flood district costs would occur. He stated that the provision in the sentence is comparable to the way the storm sewer assessment district area would be based. Commissioner Tibke commented that another meeting may be needed if the City decides to go forward with ideas for future assessment policies specific to new developments. Director Froseth commented that the intent behind the creation of the policy is to assure there is fairness in place when special assessments are considered.

Mayor Van Beek announced this is a public hearing and invited anyone interested to come forward to speak for or against the City of Mandan Special Assessment Policy. A second announcement was made for anyone to come forward to speak on this matter. Hearing none, this portion of the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Braun moved to approve the City of Mandan Special Assessment Policy. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

F. BIDS:

1. *Consider low bid for South Side Pump Station Emergency Generator.* Director of Public Works Wright stated that the emergency generator project was approved by the City Commission on August 18, 2015. The generator will supply emergency power to the water pump station and Emergency 911 Communications tower located in the Plainview Heights area. The project is part of a FEMA mitigation program wherein the City secured 75% federal funding assistance and 10% state funding assistance. On January 12th five bids were opened for the project with Skeel's Electric, Bismarck, as the low bidder at \$210,075 for the construction of the project with the Engineer's Estimate at \$215,000. It was recommended to accept the low bid from Skeel's Electric.

Commissioner Laber moved to approve the bid to the low bidder Skeel's Electric. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. *Consider approval of monthly bills.* TOMAN ENGINEERING CO - 2,889.60; WATER SMITH, INC - 19,696.60; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES - 41,039.75; ROHR/DENNIS - 57.52; ADVANCED ENGINEERING SVC - 6,168.30; AT & T - 763.52; BALABAN LAW OFFICE - 1,500.00; BEAVER CREEK TREE SERVIC - 2,200.00; BOBCAT OF MANDAN INC - 7,000.00; COMPANION LIFE - 10.00; DAKOTA MEDIA ACCESS - 9,704.00; EXTREME SALES - 5,025.00; FORT DEARBORN LIFE - 1,693.29; GLASS/THOMAS J. - 1,500.00; KELSCH KELSCH RUFF & KRA - 4,000.00; ND PERS - 110,096.60; NDUCEFA - 35.00; PORTSCHELLER/BEAU - 3,200.00; ZIEGLER/JASON - 461.70; MANDAN

MUNICIPAL COURT - 800.00; WELLS FARGO COMMERCIAL C - 119,631.59; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES - 22,003.87; AL FITTERER ARCHITECT PC - 10,750.72; ARMSTRONG SANIT & ROLL O - 46,931.38; BIS-MDN TRANSIT BOARD - 40,411.47; CBI BUSINESS SERVICES - 7,434.91; CENTRAL MECHANICAL INC - 41,040.00; COMFORT INN & SUITES - 441.55; COMPUTER PROFESS UNLIMIT - 93.00; COOK/MICHAEL - 56.02; CROWLEY FLECK PLLP - 4,500.00; CUSTER DISTRICT HEALTH U - 1,075.00; D & F TELEPHONE - 80.00; FETZER ELECTRIC, LLC - 4,306.19; FLATEN/LORI - 25.00; GEORGE STROH TRUCKING IN - 2,100.00; HDR ENGINEERING, INC - 1,869.24; HUB INTERNATIONAL OF ND - 117,060.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY D - 591.15; INTERGOVERNMENTAL SHOP - 9,108.94; ISAKSON/CHARLES - 100.00; KADRMAS, LEE & JACKSON, - 12,017.93; MANDAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 80,823.19; MANDAN MUNICIPAL COURT - 3,426.00; MANDAN PARK BOARD - 5,500.00; MOODY'S INVESTORS SVC IN - 13,000.00; MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC CO - 2,494.24; MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR - 27,536.76; MORTON COUNTY RECORDER - 26.00; MORTON COUNTY TREASURER - 100,890.48; MORTON MANDAN PUBLIC LIB - 156,441.32; MOTTER'S CUSTOM GRINDING - 14,550.00; MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATI - 2,934.00; MY GOV, LLC - 1,050.00; ND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATI - 20.00; ND LEAGUE OF CITIES - 11,369.00; ND STATE DEPT OF HEALTH - 3,241.34; ND WATER & POLLTN CONTRO - 60.00; ND YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CE - 569.50; NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PAT - 741.20; ONE CALL CONCEPT INC - 62.70; PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC - 864.00; POST BOARD - 125.00; PRESORT PLUS - 1,756.98; RAZOR TRACKING - 425.00; SCHLOSSER EXCAVATING INC - 4,125.00; SEVERIN, RINGSAK & MORRO - 100.00; ST. ALEXIUS MEDICAL CENT - 624.00; TOMAN ENGINEERING CO - 12,623.17; WEHRI/RADEANNA - 600.00; ZANDER BODY SHOP INC - 377.39

2. *Consider approval of pledge of securities reports as required by NDCC 21-04.*
3. *Consider advertisement for Wastewater Treatment Facilities purchase of a new skid-steer type machine.*
5. *Consider approval of first replat of Block 2, Sharon Heights Fourth Addition*
6. *Consider approval of the following abatements: (i) Correction in 2015 True & Full Value for Clifford Mund – 4404 Highland Road NW. (ii) Correction in 2015 True & Full Value for Dave & Kathleen Kottsick – 1704 Canyon Road SW.*
7. *Information item, Wastewater Treatment Facility Change Orders.*
8. *Consider the request from the Finance Department to dispose old records in accordance with the North Dakota Records Management Program.*
9. *Consider appointing Attorney Patrick Brooke as additional alternate judge for Municipal Court.*
10. *Consider a correction in 2015 True & Full Value for HIT, INC for property used as Group Home for Disabled Persons.*
11. *Consider Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement for Mandan Water System Improvements Project 2015.*
12. *Consider the Amendment to Traffic Safety Contract from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Office.*

Commissioner Laber moved to approve the Consent Agenda items No. 1 through No. 3 and No. 5 through No. 12 with exception to No. 4 and No. 13 to be removed for discussion. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

4. *Consider approval of an assignment and consent agreement with EVI Mandan Apartments LLC for TIF exemption for 200 W Main Street:* Commissioner Laber requested further information with regard to the transfer from the developer to another party and the rights and responsibilities that the City has with the original motion or the original TIF to the new owner. City Attorney Brown explained that the tax exemption is actually granted to a project consisting of real estate, buildings, etc. and not to the developer itself. There is no requirement in state law or in the City of Mandan agreement that would prohibit the original applicant from transferring it to another one. This allows all the benefits of the tax exemption and the responsibilities to flow with the assignment. EVI Apartments are stepping into the shoes of CRT Investments, the original applicant, and they will have the same responsibilities to complete the project. It is a benefit to the project not to the developer. Commissioner Rohr asked for clarification if this is for the transfer of the apartment portion. Business Development & Communications Director Huber replied that is correct. The Renaissance Zone exemption expired at the end of 2015 for the building in its entirety which includes approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space at street level. She stated that the apartment portion of the project will be subject to this agreement.

Commissioner Laber moved to approve the assignment and consent agreement with EVI Mandan Apartments LLC for the TIF exemption for the apartment portion of 200 W Main Street. Commissioner Braun seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

13. *Consider Public Comment letter to EPA concerning chemical applicator training rule change.* Director of Public Works Wright stated that the intent of the proposed letter is to serve as a public comment on behalf of the City of Mandan for the EPA rule changes for chemical applicator training. The letter was prepared by Joe Camisa, the Code Enforcement Officer, and the Weed Board recommended approval of the letter to be included in the EPA public comment process. Commissioner Laber stated she was surprised at the increase in costs that NDSU Extension Service said that implementing this rule would be between \$7.5 million to \$15.6 million in North Dakota alone. City Attorney Brown stated he has reviewed the letter and said that it will have significant cost impact on the City of Mandan and other cities throughout the state. EPA wants people to comment and this serves as our comment. Joe Camisa stated that he has not discussed this matter with Morton County but he has met with the State Weed Board. He said there are very few counties that are in support of these rule changes. Mandan will most likely join the group that has come out against these changes in addition to the Extension Service. Director Wright said that currently the City has three current applicators with two additional being Joe Camisa and the arborist is the other one. So the

City will have a total of five applicators. Commissioner Laber requested staff make sure that Morton County is aware that this is coming to the forefront so they can also submit a letter to the EPA if they deem it appropriate.

Joe Camisa said that at the Weed Board meeting there was much discussion and opposition to this. He said that he has not spoken directly with any of the counties in relation to Mandan. He said a good share of the costs will be related to sending out additional inspectors for requirements such as new reporting and new age requirements. There will be a new group of individuals that will now be required to do reporting resulting in additional costs for that. EPA noted that there is about an \$185,000 benefit to the state of North Dakota such as in worker comp claims and those types of benefits they will gain. NDSU Extension Service and the Weed Control Association pointed out a huge contrast between the two. This will affect everyone across the nation, not just North Dakota. Commissioner Rohr stated he is opposed to far reaching federal implementation because the rules and regulations can get very bureaucratic wherein they expect us to do things but they do not want to pay for it. Anything the City can do to protest it, he stated he is in favor of it. Camisa stated that the rationale for this rule change is to have tighter standards for EPA noting there has been work in progress to change the standards since the 1980's. In North Dakota, there have not been any pesticide related deaths for over 20 years and according to the Extension Service, there is about an 85% compliance rate. They said these changes should not affect us (North Dakota) too much in compliance or for preventing more injuries. It is unknown how that will affect other states as to what kind of compliance rates they have.

Commissioner Laber moved to approve that the letter be sent to the US Environmental Protection Agency prior to the closing of the public comment period. Commissioner Braun seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Consider Mandan Growth Fund (MGF) Committee recommendations:* Business Development & Communications Director Huber reviewed the following:

(i) *Policy changes for Storefront Improvement programs.* This matter has to do with compliance with the Business Incentive Accountability Law with regard to the Storefront Improvement Program. This requires all political subdivision grantors to enter into a Business Incentive Agreement (BIA) with any business that receive an incentive of \$25,000 or more within a year. This item came up because the level of matching funds for the Storefront Improvement projects was increased in October 2013 from a maximum of \$10,000 per property to a ceiling of \$30,000 with a provision for consideration of as much as \$60,000 for larger downtown corner properties with multiple stories. This would be incorporated into the storefront application information so that applicants are aware of the requirements. City Attorney Brown had recommended extending the loan or claw back period for the storefront improvement recipient agreements to five years. Currently

the matching funds are completed for storefront projects as an interest free loan that is pro-rated and forgiven over the course of three years contingent upon project completion and the building remaining intact. This will change that from three to five years with a longer period for that to remain intact. With the BIA there is a provision in the public purposes for community development projects and they are going to have neither a goal of retaining nor creating jobs because the goal and incentive is being provided for by the property improvement itself. The Mandan Growth Fund Committee recommended approval of these two changes for Business Incentive Agreement for storefront improvement recipients and to increase the forgivable loan period for the associated matching funds to five years.

Commissioner Braun moved to approve the recommended changes in policies and procedures for the Storefront Improvement Program. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

(ii) *Storefront Improvement Application for Schmidt Car Sales at 3420 Memorial Highway.* Business Development & Communications Director Huber stated that Dustin Schmidt is proposing to make improvements to the property located at 3420 East Memorial Highway. The business was previously called Rohrich Auto Sales.

Mr. Schmidt will be investing nearly \$132,000 for exterior improvements and also an entire interior remodel for a total project cost of approximately \$275,000. The application provides plans to replace siding with new sheet metal, colored stucco, installing additional windows including front display windows, an automatic door and landscaping. The Mandan Growth Fund Committee recommended approval of up to \$30,000 in matching funds for the Storefront Improvement project by Schmidt Sales LLP at 3420 Memorial Highway. Mr. Schmidt and the contractor were present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Tibke moved to approve providing up to \$30,000 in matching funds for the Storefront Improvement Project by Schmidt Sales LLP at 3420 Memorial Highway. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed. Attorney Brown stated that Mr. Schmidt and his companies are clients of his but stated that he was not involved in this application.

2. *Consider appointment of Shadd Piehl to the Dakota Media Access Board of Directors.* Commissioner Laber said that she is a member of the Dakota Media Access Board as a function of being on the Mandan City Commission. A radio station is being organized and it will be found at FM 102.5 with a “go-live” date at the end of January. It was suggested to organize an Advisory Committee. It was felt that the Radio Station should have a representative on the DMA Board of Directors. It was recommended to appoint Shadd Piehl to the Dakota Media Access Board of Directors.

Commissioner Braun moved to approve the appointment of Shadd Piehl to the Dakota Media Access Board of Directors with a term ending July 1, 2020. Commissioner Rohr seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

3. *Consider request to advertise for Request for Proposals for Professional Architectural Services for Public Works Expansion.* Director of Public Works Wright stated the City Commission approved the partial use of HUB City funds for construction of additional storage, office and mechanic space and a salt/sand storage facility at the existing Public Works Shop. This expansion will cover immediate needs for storage and office space. He explained that the first step is to advertise for architectural services. He reviewed the timeline of securing services commencing on January 22, 2016 up through March 15, 2016. At that time the proposals would be reviewed and a firm would be chosen and submitted to the City Commission at the March 15, 2016 meeting. Director Wright recommended moving forward with the advertisement for this project.

Commissioner Laber stated that the land is being used well for these projects. She wondered if one month would be sufficient time to determine architectural services since there are so many components to the project. Director Wright stated the timeline presented is not for the design of the project. Rather, prospective architects will give examples of what they have done in the past and the City would determine if they are capable of doing this project. When the firm has been chosen, then the design of the building will be taken into consideration. Commissioner Rohr stated there have been discussions on the expansion project over the last 4-5 years.

Commissioner Laber moved to approve to advertise for Professional Architectural Services for the expansion of the existing Public Works Facility. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

J. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

1. *First consideration of Ordinance 1233 related to water meter installation.* Planner Decker explained that this is a request for a correction. He explained that when the City went from the old Code to the new Code, a sentence was added about requiring contractors to follow our standards for installing water meters. That sentence got left out when the new Code was added so this represents language to correct that inadvertent omission. Commissioner Tibke moved to approve the First consideration of Ordinance 1233 related to water meter installation. Commissioner Rohr seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

2. *Second Consideration and Final Passage of Ordinance No. 1224 renaming street in Lakewood Commercial Park Fourth Addition.* Commissioner Tibke moved to approve the Second Consideration and Final Passage of Ordinance No. 1224 renaming street in

Lakewood Commercial Park Fourth Addition. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

3. *Second Consideration and Final Passage of Ordinance No. 1225 amending Section 105-4-4 of the municipal code relating to floodplains.* Commissioner Laber moved to approve the Second Consideration and Final Passage of Ordinance No. 1225 amending Section 105-4-4 of the municipal code relating to floodplains. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

4. *First consideration of Ordinance 1234 An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Sections 4-1-3, 4-2-20(c) and 4-2-20(d)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mandan relating to hours of alcohol sales.* City Administrator Neubauer stated that when the topic of when alcohol can be sold early on Sundays, we did a review of the City's Code and determined that the language indicated that establishments could be open the same hours that is allowed by state law which is they can be open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Bismarck has gone with closing at 1 a.m. The language being proposed includes being open at 11 a.m. on Sunday if the establishment wishes to be open at that time, but closing at 1 a.m. There have been a couple of inquiries about the 11 a.m. time. However, no one has expressed interest in staying open until 2 in the morning. It was recommended to insert the actual hours rather than as "stated in state law". Commissioner Rohr moved to approve the First consideration of Ordinance 1234 An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Sections 4-1-3, 4-2-20(c) and 4-2-20(d)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mandan relating to hours of alcohol sales. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: No; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

5. *Consider for approval the Resolution amending fees and charges administered by the Public Works Department.* Director of Public Works Wright stated that when reviewing the fees and charges it was decided that some changes and clarifications needed to be made. The major changes were for the weed control and grass cutting fees and the cleanup of private lots that are not within compliance to the weed and grass cutting ordinance. The previous fee for that was \$150/hr., with a minimum of one hour charge. There will now be a \$150 flat fee charged in addition to the hourly fee of \$150 for every time the City goes onto that private lot to mow or maintain weed control. There were also a few minor changes to equipment rates that were a little out of line from private contractors. Commissioner Laber requested that a spreadsheet be prepared indicating the actual costs of these services as to what it normally costs in comparison to market rate costs of services when provided by the City. Mayor Van Beek clarified that the \$150 rate is above market rate costs. He explained that the City is not in the business of taking care of resident's lawn mowing and other services. So the (inflated) rates were determined based on encouraging citizens to take care of their own properties.

Commissioner Laber moved to approve the Resolution amending fees and charges administered by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Rohr seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

K. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Van Beek announced that a Corridor Improvements Study Public Involvement meeting will be held in the Veterans' Memorial Conference Room of City Hall on January 26th from 5:30-7:30 with a presentation at 6:00 p.m.

2. *Safety Committee:* Commissioner Laber stated that the City of Mandan has a Safety Committee that meets once a month. Recently some of the Safety Committee duties have been officially assigned to certain members of staff. There has been some fluctuation as far as what kinds of Workforce Safety rates and questions regarding the Committee as being effective. She stated she looks at it as being part of a Finance portfolio because there are financial ramifications and that touches all departments within the City. Sandy Tibke, Finance portfolio holder, indicated she would be willing to sit on the Safety Committee representing the City Commission to make sure the transition goes well. Julie Frye was requested to add Sandy Tibke to the Safety Committee agendas going forward.

Commissioner Laber moved to have the Finance portfolio holder member of the City Commission sit on the Safety Committee. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Rohr: Yes; Commissioner Tibke: Yes; Commissioner Braun: Yes; Commissioner Laber: Yes; Commissioner Van Beek: Yes. The motion passed.

There being no further actions to come before the Board of City Commissioners, Commissioner Tibke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Laber seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval of the members present. The motion passed.

/s/ James Neubauer
James Neubauer,
City Administrator

/s/ Arlyn Van Beek
Arlyn Van Beek,
President, Board of City
Commissioners