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terested in expanding. AMS approached the city about a month ago about wanting to expand land behind the building.

Members of the CIC approved an agreement to sell lot 6 for \$15,000 and accept a deferred payment for up to two years. Approval to act as an agent to sell that land will now go to St. Marys City Councilors to vote on. The price of \$15,000 is how much the city purchased that piece of land from Thomas Rammel when AMS was just moving into its

building.

In June 2018, the city purchased 50 feet of land south of AMS's building and to the width of the building from Rammel, who owned the land. That land has been used to allow trucks to turn around from their loading docks.

The CIC also approved \$100 in funding four signs for the Caring Friends of St. Marys on Celina Road/state Route 703 and Indiana Avenue near Rite-Aid. Those signs will be put up in May.

Noble also announced that Tuesday was the pre-bid meeting on the grist mill project with a

number of contractors attending the meeting.

"There was a nice representation," Noble said.

Opening for bids began July 24 for the Grist Mill Rehabilitation, Phase 1 project and will close bids at noon Aug. 22.

The city is hoping to begin work on the mill soon after having to go through months and years of government red tape. Noble added that the building has absorbed additional damage recently.

The idea is that the project will cost at least \$1 million, but officials are hoping that bids become in below that amount.

Reaction

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pened so close to home.

"It didn't seem like an area where something like that would happen," Tuttle said.

Waterman said she went to the Oregon District not too long ago.

"If it happened there, it's scary, it could happen here," Waterman said.

Mark Holthaus of Ft. Loramie, was in to Lucky Steer in Wapakoneta.

"It's an awful tragedy. I've been down to the Oregon District before," Holthaus said.

"I wish they would find some sort of legislation against military style guns and supporting mental health."

In his backyard near downtown St. Marys, Scott Kenny said the response time was important.

"A quick response time is great to hear for these sorts of tragedies. If there are first responders, law enforcement, or lawful concealed carriers nearby it cuts the response time down," he said

Kenny believes mental health was a factor and people needed to wait until the facts come out about the shooter. Laws, he said, are only so effective.

"You can't legislate evil," he said.

Fishing off the east bank of the St. Marys River, Ed Shroyer of Wapakoneta, had a sim-

ilar sentiment to Kenny.

"There's people out there that don't care if they live or die, they just want to make a statement. I don't think the police response could have been quicker," he said.

Just outside the Beer Barrel Pizza and Grill, Dan Danaher of St. Marys blamed evil.

"Evil is everywhere," he said. "Society is changing too fast the wrong way. People blame guns; guns don't pull the trigger."

In New Knoxville, Jerry Kuck said, "I think the kid was troubled in some way. It was fueled by hate.

The police did a wonderful job neutralizing the situation. I feel bad for the policeman who did it. When they went out on patrol they didn't plan on shooting anybody."

At the St. Marys VFW, John Wale, Lima, said, "Kudos to everyone that responded. It's just disconcerting; you never would have thought it would happen here."

"Insurance Companies should cover more mental health," Wale continued. "Mental health professionals are some of the lowest paid people in the medical industry."

At the St. Marys MacDonald's, Don Axe said the first thing people want to do is take guns away.

"We've got plenty of gun laws; we need to enforce the one's we've

got," he said.

John Mihm of St. Marys was with Axe at a table and said, "The human race is going to have to start rearing their children with a little bit more respect for human life. Until then it's not going to change."

Outside of St. Marys Circle K gas station, Jefferey Vance, Amiyah Sharpe and Kaloeb Cornett stopped to talk about the shootings.

Vance, noticed that shootings don't happen in isolation.

"Some people are crazy, every time I hear about them there is a bunch," he said.

Amiyah Sharpe of St. Marys said she heard about it from her parents, and didn't see much information on social media. She thinks there should be more gun regulation.

"I think we could stop it if we tried," she said. "It hurt a lot of people especially everybody's sons and daughters that were killed," Cornett said.

Robin Martens was at Main Street Station in New Knoxville and didn't think regulations were the answer.

"Gun regulations are not going to take care of this. It's devastating, if they don't find a way to do it, they will find another way to," she said. "Being 64, I see there is no morality in the homes anymore, people are just going off the deep end."

Near the Miami Erie Canal in St. Marys, Au-

dria Durham, and Brent Huttis, of St. Marys gave their reactions to the shooting. Durham said she saw people are taking selfies with the building and posting on social media.

She said she was near Clayton, northwest of Dayton, when the shooting happened.

"It's too close to home, that's for sure," Durham said.

"It's pretty crazy that the cops were right there when it happened," Huttis said.

He thought the response time was great.

"The only thing they could do was bring him down. He had an extra clip and an extra weapon, he knew what he was doing, it was premeditated. There are millions of people in this country with guns that don't hurt people. It's the guy behind the trigger."

He said taking guns away won't help.

"They'll never get them away from people that want to do bad things. I pray for their families. It's horrendous."

Kayla Zizelman, New Knoxville, was taking her children to the Wapakoneta Riverside Arts Center. She also called for prayers.

"With kids going back to school it's a very hard time for the teachers and the kids in the Dayton area," she said. "They had the tornado too, they just need everybody's prayers right now."

Gun reform urged in Ohio

DAYTON (AP) — Ohio's Republican governor bucked his party to call for expanded gun laws Tuesday and some Democrats in Texas told President Donald Trump to stay away as both states reeled from a pair of shootings that killed 31 people.

A racist screed remained the focus of police investigating the massacre at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, while the FBI opened an investigation into the mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, citing the gunman's interest in violent ideology.

PUSH FOR LEGISLATION IN OHIO

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine urged the GOP-led state Legislature to pass laws requiring background checks for nearly all gun sales and allowing courts to restrict firearms access for people perceived as threats.

Persuading the Legislature to pass such proposals could be an uphill battle. It has given little consideration this session to those and other gun-safety measures already introduced by Democrats and DeWine's Republican predecessor, John Kasich, also unsuccessfully pushed for a so-called red flag law on restricting firearms for people considered threats.

"We can come together to do these things to save lives," DeWine said.

FBI INVESTIGATING DAYTON SHOOTING

On Tuesday, the FBI opened an investigation into the mass shooting at a popular Dayton nightlife district to try to determine what ideologies influenced 24-year-old gunman Connor Betts.

Special Agent Todd Wickerham, head of the FBI's Cincinnati field office, said the agency is looking into who might have helped Betts and why he chose his specific target. Wickerham didn't say whether the FBI is looking at treating the case as domestic terrorism, as it did in the Texas mass shooting earlier in the weekend.

EX: OHIO SHOOTER SHARED DARK THOUGHTS

A woman who briefly dated the Ohio gunman said he suffered from bipolar disorder, joked about his dark thoughts and exhibited a fascination with mass shootings. Adelia Johnson wrote in an online essay that Betts showed her a video of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting on their first date. She said Betts expressed "uncontrollable urges" that she called "red flags," which eventually led her to call things off in May.

GUN CONTROL AND IMMIGRATION

On Monday, Trump made a vague expression of openness to new gun laws, suggesting a bill to expand gun background checks could be combined with his long-sought effort to toughen the nation's immigration system but gave no rationale for the pairing.

Studies have repeatedly shown that immigrants have a lower level of criminality than those born in the U.S., both shooting suspects were citizens, and federal officials are investigating anti-immigrant bias as a potential motive in the Texas massacre.

In both El Paso and Dayton, a young white male was identified as the lone suspect.

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