

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

**6:15 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**
  - Bedford Historical Society (BHS appointment)
  - Arts and Cultural Board Liaison (Council Appointment 2 yr term)
  - Community Council
  
- **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL EXPENDITURES** (Pozar 11/2/15 – 11/16/15 – 12/21/15)
  
- **DISCUSSION OF NEW BOARD OF ZONING APPOINTMENT**
  
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development)

Bedford, Ohio

January 19, 2016

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:23 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Pro-Tem Michelle Hollo, Police Chief Kris Nietert.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 4, 2016, the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2016.

A proclamation is being presented to Jeanne Sapir who is retiring from the Cuyahoga County Southeast Library.

Ordinance Nos. 9343-15, 9344-15 and 9345-15 are amendments to current sections or newly enacted sections of Bedford Codified Ordinances relating to hunting. The Police Department is requesting to implement a deer culling program and changes to the ordinances are required to apply for a permit with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. These ordinances were on first reading December 7, 2015, second reading December 21, 2015 and tabled January 4, 2016. Chief Nietert was present to answer questions.

Mr. Mallis reported that he met with Mr. Genutis and Chief Nietert regarding concerns Mr. Genutis had. They worked together taking Mr. Genutis' recommendations and revised the verbiage of Ordinance No. 9343-15. Changes made were regarding utilizing a firearm only, our program must be in conjunction with the state program, prohibiting net and bolt trapping, annual review by City Council and limits regarding private property.

Discussion held regarding memo and spreadsheet to Mr. Mallis from Chief Nietert dated January 18, 2016 (copy attached). Chief Nietert stated he would not outsource the program and would be using his staff. The costs of using police officers is \$6,800.00. The officers working the program would do it on their scheduled shift to avoid overtime costs. This is not considered an additional cost because the City is paying the officer regardless of his assignment. Examples of fixed costs are tree stands and silencers. The silencers are not needed, but would be for the benefit of the residents not hearing the noise. The total fixed costs for the program are \$2,300.00. Reoccurring costs for the program are \$145.00. Reoccurring costs are the ammo and feed. Chief Nietert stated the shot rate is 95 percent. For example, if we received a permit for 20 deer we would need 21 bullets.

We would start culling on City properties such as the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are not looking to go onto private property, but there is an option in the ordinance if needed in the future that limits the program to only large tracks of vacant, non-residential land.

There was an inquiry as to what is the reduction of deer number to make the program effective. Chief Nietert explained that number is determined by the Division of Wildlife. When the permit is applied for, the Division of Wildlife will survey the city and authorize the number of deer permitted. Chief Nietert stated a good estimate is 20 deer per square mile. This number is also determined by where the concentration of deer are. Mr. Mallis explained that in order to apply for the permit, our ordinances need

to be changed to allow us to do a deer culling program. Once the ordinances are passed, we can apply for the permit.

There will also be an annual review of the program by City Council. This will allow for the opportunity to make adjustments accordingly.

Discussion held regarding Ordinance No. 9345-15, throwing or shooting projectiles. There was debate whether or not amendments to this ordinance were necessary. There was discussion if Section 549.09, which is the section being amended by Ordinance 9345-15, deals with bow and arrow and also discharging a firearm (is a bullet a projectile). The amendments to the ordinance addressed utilizing a firearm, but Section 549.08 is the section of the Codified Ordinances that already deals with discharging a firearm. Mr. Mallis and Chief Nietert said passage or failure of amendments to this ordinance would not affect the permit application with the Division of Wildlife, but it was their recommendation that Council fail it.

Ordinance No. 9355-16 is a contract with Stryker EMS for the purchase of a power cot. The power cot will eliminate lifting of patients in and out of the rescue squad. The total cost is \$16,805.88. Mr. Gambosi stated the City received a grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation for \$12,115.09. The City is responsible for the remaining \$4,690.79. Stryker EMS is the sole proprietor manufacturer for this equipment.

Ordinance No. 9356-16 is a contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln for the purchase of a 2016 Ford SUV Utility Interceptor through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for \$29,681.00. This vehicle purchase was approved during the budget hearings. Mr. Mallis stated that after this purchase, our vehicle fleet will be where it was in 2011. The rotation used to be a purchase every year with a vehicle being transferred to another department. Because of budget constraints, we got away from the rotation. The last four vehicles put out of service have either been junked or sold on EBay for parts. There was an inquiry regarding the necessity of a SUV for other departments. Mr. Mallis explained the ease of transporting huge equipment in the Service Department or large amounts of sporting equipment to various fields in the Recreation Department that would take several trips with a car.

Ordinance No. 9357-16 is a contract with Hall Public Safety Company to equip the Ford SUV for the Police Department. The cost of this equipment is \$10,201.03.

Ordinance No. 9358-16 amends the City's pay ordinance. Mr. Mallis stated that positions were added and removed. A senior coordinator was added and housing coordinator and police dispatchers were removed.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

#### **Discussion of Council Representatives:**

Bedford Historical Society – Mrs. Mizesak is the Council Representative on the Board of the Bedford Historical Society. She stated it is an honor to represent Council on the Board. Mrs. Mizesak reported a member recently passed away and named the Historical Society in her will. An uninvited guest who tried to attend a wedding reception became angry and damaged a stained glass window at the church. In March, the annual fundraiser dinner will be held.

Arts and Cultural Board Liaison – Mrs. Spinks is the current liaison and her two year appointment is coming to an end. She was complimented on the Weekend of the Pooka and this event has become a plus for the City and the Board. Mrs. Spinks plans to extend her donation efforts outside of Bedford this year.

Mrs. Spinks has gained many connections with dance groups over the last two years. The first planning meeting for the Weekend of the Pooka is Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Bedford Falls Café. City Council reappointed Mrs. Spinks as Council liaison to the Board.

Community Council – There was discussion concerning the status of this organization. Mr. Saunders stated that there is only a couple hundred dollars left in the bank account and it will be donated to someone deserving. At this time, there is no need to appoint a Council Representative.

**Discussion of Council Expenditures:**

No discussion held.

**Discussion of New Board of Zoning Appointment:**

After discussing the qualifications of the applicants, Council agreed to appoint Laura Hulett, of Broadway Cyclery, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion to appoint Mrs. Hulett will be at a future Council meeting.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to go into an executive session to discuss personnel and economic development. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:41 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mallis, Finance Director Gambosi and Law Director Montello went into an executive session to discuss personnel and economic development.

At 8:07 p.m., Bedford City Council temporarily adjourned executive session to conduct regular Council meeting.

Executive session reconvened at 9:37 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Motion by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into executive session. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to adjourn executive session. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Motion by Genutis and seconded by Saunders to adjourn work session. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



Clerk of Council Pro-Tem



Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
3. **ROLL CALL**
  
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 4, 2016
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2016
  - c. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2016 (No Work Session was scheduled)
  
5. **PRESENTATIONS** – Jeanne Sapir
  
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 12/7/15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg 12/21/15 Amended – Tabled 1/4/16)
  - a. Ordinance No. 9343-15 amend §505.20 (a)(b) “Hunting Prohibited” & Enacting §505.201 “Special Permits for Culling Deer”
  - b. Ordinance No. 9344-15 enacting §505.26 “Interference with Taking Wildlife”
  - c. Ordinance No. 9345-15 amending §549.09 (a)(b) “Throwing or Shooting Projectiles”
  
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
  
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9355-16 authorize contract w/Stryker Medical (\$16,805.88)
  - b. Ordinance No. 9356-16 authorize contract w/Statewide Ford Lincoln (\$29,681)
  - c. Ordinance No. 9357-16 authorize contract w/Hall Safety (\$10,201.03)
  - d. Ordinance No. 9358-16 amend Pay Ordinance (Bldg/PD/Recreation)
  
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
  
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

January 19, 2016

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:08 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Absent: None.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Saunders to appoint Michelle Hollo as the Clerk of Council Pro-Tem. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 4, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci presented a Proclamation to Jeanne Sapir who is retiring from the Cuyahoga County Southeast Library. Mayor Koci read the proclamation in its entirety. He commended her for all her accomplishments. Ms. Sapir thanked everyone for things that they have done for her, the library and Bedford. She was congratulated.

ORDINANCE NO. 9343-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.20 (a) (b) ENTITLED “HUNTING PROHIBITED” AND ENACTING SECTION 505.201 ENTITLED “SPECIAL PERMITS FOR CULLING DEER” OF THE GENERAL OFFENSE CODE OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 7, 2015, SECOND READING DECEMBER 21, 2015 AND TABLED JANUARY 4, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizsak to remove Ordinance No. **9343-15** from the table.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to amend Ordinance No. **9343-15** as discussed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9343-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained Section 505.20 and 505.201 were amended because the Administration and Council chose to establish a Deer Management Program due to the automobile accidents. There would be a process put into action to address the deer culling. A private company would not be hired to address the deer population; costs would be minimal and handled in house.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9344-15 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 505.26 ENTITLED “INTERFERENCE WITH TAKING WILDLIFE” OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 7, 2015, SECOND READING DECEMBER 21, 2015 AND TABLED JANUARY 4, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to remove Ordinance No. **9344-15** from the table.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9344-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained Section 505.26 would be enacted as proposed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9345-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.09 (a) (b) ENTITLED “THROWING OR SHOOTING PROJECTILES” OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 7, 2015, SECOND READING DECEMBER 21, 2015 AND TABLED JANUARY 4, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to remove Ordinance No. **9345-15** from the table.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. **9345-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this provided the Chief of Police authorization to utilize a firearm while participating in a deer management program. Mayor Koci stated the way the current codified ordinance was written was Council's intention and did not need changed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak. Nays: Genutis, Koci. Motion carried.

The Administration and Council congratulated Ms. Sapir on her retirement and appreciated her efforts she has brought to the City of Bedford.

City Manager Michael Mallis invited everyone to the State of the City Address. Mr. Mallis gave updates on the following projects: Broadway Avenue sewer, Union Street sewer and Columbus Road Bridge. He commended the Police Department for their professionalism and efforts in catching the intoxicated male who damaged properties in the downtown area and the Fire Department for their efforts with the recent kitchen house fire. He explained the closing of Wal-Mart was being addressed accordingly; even with the bad news, the City had experienced positive news for the City. The Bedford Wal-Mart location would be sold in the future. He said with the deficit the City was experiencing, it would have to be absorbed as a team effort by the employees, residents and added pressure on the City Administration and the Council members. It was obvious the City needed to continue to focus on new businesses such as the good news of Xellia. Mr. Mallis gave an update on Xellia regarding packaging and shipping equipment being delivered to the site.

Law Director John Montello congratulated Ms. Sapir on her retirement.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained the Standard and Poor's ratings phone call today went well as the City continues to address the cuts from the State and the closing of a couple of the main revenue sources/businesses in the City. He referred to a newspaper article in the Plain Dealer from December 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the state cuts to cities.

No report from Councilman Genutis.

Councilman Pozar spoke of the recent bad news prior to the weekend regarding the house fire, the PNC bank robbery and the recent closing of Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart's closing could be viewed differently as there would be a cost savings with the amount of police calls and reports, the Bedford Municipal Court's time and the hours spent in personnel time. He stated it was common sense that a business closes when it is not profitable. The only Ohio store was Bedford and it should be taken personal as there were 160+ stores closing across many other states. There is a much bigger picture or situation as to why each Wal-Mart closed. He stated the Bedford Wal-Mart and Target stores closed due to the large amount of ongoing thefts. He understood there was a directive that the minimum wage had increased from \$8.25 to \$10.00 per hour and the stores couldn't absorb the increase. He hoped the closing of Wal-Mart would boost the sales for the local stores even though there were a number of jobs being eliminated.

He said there was going to be more major changes and decisions made in the City's Administration and Council in addressing additional cost savings. He referred to the history of this specific property and as it unfolded for various reasons and why the City of Bedford suffered the loss of a Ford dealership; a major auto bazaar which located in Maple Heights. He said the City was going to have to reevaluate all the employees, residential services and downsizing. Mr. Gambosi added the meeting today went very well and the outlook didn't necessarily mean a downgrade and there needed to be hard decisions made in the future. The City maintained an AA rating. Mr. Pozar urged anyone to come forward with constructive/positive suggestions and he asked everyone to be patient. The City would address a lot of issues during the upcoming Ward and Regular meetings informing the public.



Councilman Saunders urged the residents to help their neighbors during the winter season, assist in clearing snow from around the fire hydrants, shovel their sidewalks, watch for those walking in the streets and report the individual residential contracted snow plow drivers who were plowing the driveway snow into the streets; this was a safety issue. He urged the residents not to park on the streets.

Councilwoman Zolata also had an issue with the residents parking in the city streets for various reasons. She felt Bedford would prevail through this difficult time. The complaints regarding the new rubbish cans had diminished; however, it was not so easy to move the containers in the snow.

Councilwoman Spinks talked about the 125 children who participated in the successful dance program at Ellenwood. She expressed her concerns with the closing of Wal-Mart as she had bonded with the Wal-Mart's management team. The Bedford Wal-Mart was a good supporter for those residents who were in need in the city. The Administration and Council would continue to work on the financial issues that were before them.

Councilwoman Mizsak thanked Joyce Daunch and Jeanne Sapir for all their efforts and support that they continue to do for the City. She also thanked Russ Masetta for all he does for the City and the residents.

Mayor Koci announced Laura Hulett, owner of Broadway Cyclery, would be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He thanked her for applying.

ORDINANCE NO. 9355-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRYKER EMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9355-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained every three years the City of Bedford applied for the Bureau of Workers Compensation grant and successfully received a grant for \$12,115.09 to be applied to the cost of the equipment. The City's costs is \$4,000. Mayor Koci added this cot would save the City on back injuries and claims.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9356-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2016 FORD SUV UTILITY INTERCEPTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9356-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this purchase was budgeted in order to maintain the rotation schedule of the replacement of the vehicles; past cars were sold as parts as they were not fit to give to another department for service.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9357-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY CO. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9357-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the new police vehicle needed to be equipped. This company would equip the vehicle on site and it would be finished and ready for service in about a week.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9358-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9241-15 PASSED JANUARY 20, 2015 ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9358-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was a housekeeping issue to reflect the elimination and creation of jobs. Housing coordinator and police dispatcher were eliminated and senior coordinator was added.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Jeanne Sapir, Cuyahoga County Southeast Library, 70 Columbus Road, stated libraries transform lives, transforms communities and are a great gathering place to meet your neighbors and that was the goal. She spoke of upcoming programs being offered at the library.

Beth Housiaux-Steward, 93 Avalon Avenue, thanked the Administration and Council for their efforts amending the deer culling ordinances. She thanked Clerk Villers, Ms. Hollo and Mr. Mallis for filling her public records requests in a timely manner. She read two parts from a document regarding Maryland's Deer Sterilization Program; she explained why the program worked (see attached). She questioned how Chief Nietert was going to achieve his goals if an Officer was going to cull deer on his regular shift and how this could not reduce services to the residents. She felt there were not enough Officers on patrol and referred to the recent bank robbery. Mr. Pozar thanked her for her involvement in this matter but he felt the State ODNR should prolong the hunting season and increase the amount of deer to be culled. He said the Officers on duty responded to the bank robbery from wherever they were in the City so what is the difference if an on-duty Officer was in a tree stand. He felt with the closing of Wal-Mart the Officers could perform their duties more suited for the City's needs instead of the hours it took to write a Wal-Mart theft report.

Carole Pittis, 19 Elm Street, questioned what was going on at the Ellenwood Recreation Center because she could not find out what the dates were for the activities and they should be informed. Mr. Mallis said there would be information in the next water bill insert. He explained there was a difference between City programs and the programs that were managed by an outside instructor renting a room to do their private programs. The Ellenwood staff was in the process of working on a publication.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman, stated he was not sure when the actual Regular Council meeting was because of the holiday and the recent removal of the complex sign. He called the afterhours City Hall phone line and the recording listed the outdated November events. He found out the meeting date and time on the website calendar. Upon reviewing the website, he felt the Bedford History document posted on the website needs to be rewritten to be more about Bedford history.

Mayor Koci announced the Work Session would reconvene in 10 minutes.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem

  
Mayor – President of Council