

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
& BUDGET**

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

5:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **MUNICIPAL COURT**
- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**
(Re-appoint Dell Judd / Rich Palcisko)
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development / Litigation) (45 mins)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Heather Rhoades, Victor Fluharty, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Paula Mizesak and Donald Saunders [excused at 6:10 p.m. returned at 7:20 p.m.]. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Finance Director Jen Howland, Law Director John Montello, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly [joined at 6:15 p.m.] and Clerk of Court Tom Day.

A couple Cub Scouts were present to observe the Work Session.

Municipal Court

Clerk of Court Tom Day was present this evening representing the Bedford Municipal Court for their budget. Mr. Mallis felt the City and Court had a great relationship. Mr. Day appreciated the joint cooperation and support from Council and the Administration. Both Judge Melling and Judge Paris were also appreciative of the City's support. Mr. Day explained each page of the Court's Budget and how it was utilized. The computer fund was a driven fund for professional services, computer maintenance and other items. The Revenue portion of the budget for the General Fund varied throughout the years. Some of the money came from State funding from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment and the costs were divided/offset accordingly. The remaining Revenue items were basically the same as the Expense portion of their budget. Council, the Administration and the Court employees felt the City and Court worked well together. Council reviewed the budget with Mr. Day who satisfied their questions and/or concerns. Mr. Day thanked Council and the Administration for their time.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

There were no changes to the October 15, 2018 Work Session and Regular Council Minutes and no changes to the October 22nd and October 29th Budget Work Session Minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 9646-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8934-12 SECTION 1105.03 ENTITLED "RENTAL RATES FOR THE ELLENWOOD RECREATION CENTER" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was previously explained after research of what other communities were doing and the additional overtime costs at Ellenwood the Administration suggested the following amendments:

1105.03 FEES, DEPOSITS AND CHARGES

- a) The Parks & Recreation Department, Council and City Officials, Boards and Commissions are permitted to use the Center for any Municipal purpose or function free of charge.
- b) A refundable fifty dollar (\$50.00) damage deposit shall be charged to each group contracting for regular meetings in the Center. Private parties utilizing the gymnasium require a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) security deposit. Private parties utilizing the multipurpose room or classrooms require a fifty dollar (\$50.00) security deposit. Organizations using the Center for regularly scheduled meetings shall be required to keep a security deposit on file with the City for as long as they use the Center. Contracts shall be for one-year periods.
- c) No rental fee will be charged for regular meetings for any room Monday through Friday for contracted senior groups, youth groups, non-profit, charitable, and service groups holding regular meetings no more than once a week. Rates for Friday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday will not be free of charge.
- d) Hourly Rental Fees (minimum 3 hour rental 5:00 pm Friday through Sunday):

1. Gymnasium
 - Maximum seating capacity – 120
 - Security Deposit – \$100
 - Fee – \$75 per hour (includes use of the warming kitchen)
 2. Multipurpose Room (Room 4)
 - Maximum seating capacity – 80
 - Security Deposit – \$50
 - Fee – \$55 per hour
 3. Classroom
 - Maximum seating capacity – 30
 - Security Deposit – \$50
 - Fee – \$40 per hour
- e) Senior groups and youth groups shall utilize the facilities without charge from Monday through 5:00 p.m. Friday. Non-contracted non-profit, charitable, and service groups whose memberships are composed of at least fifty percent Bedford residents shall only pay seventy-five percent of the fees and deposits as specified previously in this section if such use takes place Monday through 5:00 p.m. Friday. Any group utilizing the facility from 5:00 p.m. Friday to 10:00 p.m. Sunday shall pay the regular rate with no exceptions.
- f) The Parks & Recreation Director or designee will automatically request a security deposit refund be granted to the permit holder once the event concludes, unless there is a problem with the Center. A check will be issued by the Finance Department and will be mailed approximately thirty days after use of the facility.
- g) The cost of repairing any damage to the Center or its contents shall be charged directly to the permit holder in occupancy at the time of the damage. Such cost will be charged against the security deposit. Any cost over and above the security deposit will be the responsibility of the permit holder.
- h) Any violation of Center rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of the total security deposit.
- i) Cancellation of any event must be made in writing and at least seventy-two hours prior to the event, with a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Any written cancellation made less than seventy-two hours prior to the event will be penalized fifty percent (50%) of the security deposit. If no notice is given, the person or group shall forfeit the entire amount of the rental fee and security deposit.
- j) The City Manager or designee has the authority to reduce or waive fees as deemed necessary.

Mr. Mallis explained the intent was to not rent Ellenwood to non-residents which would free up space/rooms for programs/classes and save overtime costs. Mrs. Rhoades asked for clarification/the findings that was mentioned on October 1st about the use of credit cards. Mr. Gambosi had some concerns regarding the use of credit cards and the credit card security deposit refund which might result in a filing of a W-9. On October 1st he said he needed time to do some research. It was determined this would be read as third and final this evening and Mr. Montello would follow up on Mrs. Rhoades questions/concerns.

ORDINANCE NO. 9647-18 AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING EMPLOYEE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE INSURANCE PLAN PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS ON A PRETAX BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 THROUGH WAGE WORKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Gambosi explained this allowed employee participants to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pretax basis for next year. It was determined this would be read as third and final this evening.

ORDINANCE NO. 9650-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9616-18 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS FROM NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCH, GPD GROUP, SIRNA CONSTRUCTION AND TUCKER LANDSCAPING AT UNION AND NORTHFIELD STREETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained this was an amendment to Ordinance No. 9616-18 passed in July for the sinkhole problem located at Union and Northfield Streets which ended up to be a hole the size of a car. The Administration decided to contract the five different aspects of the job to save money hence the listed five separate costs. Council was already aware there were some unforeseen additional repairs concerning the depth of the sink hole which resulted in increased costs for Northeast Ohio Trench - \$48,428.47, GPD Group - \$2,200.00 for additional engineering services, Sirna Construction - \$8,915.00 for curb and asphalt repair and Tucker Landscaping - \$3,554.00 for hillside restoration at a total cost of \$63,097.47.

ORDINANCE NO. 9651-18 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 53 BEST STREET (P.P. #814-10-065) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained the property located at 53 Best Street was declared unsafe, insanitary and unfit for occupancy and should be condemned. This property was an ongoing problem without positive results from the Landbank and was currently being addressed by a third contractor. Mr. Fluharty talked about the many issues/complaints with the property. Mr. Beverly explained the back and forth with the deck becoming a sunroom and then a bedroom which was not per code. The Administration's stance was either the Landbank needed to comply or the structure needed to be demolished because it was unsafe.

ORDINANCE NO. 9652-18 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 34 UNION STREET (P.P. #814-01-010) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained the property located at 34 Union Street (former Moonglow) was purchased by the City (Ordinance No. 9340-15) and was unsafe, insanitary and unfit. The property was purchased "as is" knowing that it would be demolished to spur economic development in the area. The City continued to seek a business/restaurant for the location.

ORDINANCE NO. 9653-18 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi explained there were two methods to approach the annual budget which was mandated by the State of Ohio; finalize by the end of each year or do a temporary budget and pass it early the next year. His forecasts were: Grand Total for the General Fund - \$17,061,496.00 and Totals for All Funds - \$37,234,836.00. He said there might be a few amendments prior to the final reading on December 3, 2018. He requested this be placed on first reading this evening.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation of October 16, 2018 for the application of Adrian Delgado, Vapor House LLC, 34280 Vine Street, Unit B, Eastlake/1472 Mentor Avenue, Painesville seeking a retail electronic cigarette store at 701 Broadway Avenue in the Historical District (§1944.03 (n)) (PC Failed)

Mr. Mallis explained the Commission was not in favor of placing this type of business in Historical District plus the applicant Adrian Delgado didn't show up for the meeting for questions. Discussion was held regarding the unsubstantiated health concerns of those who use these types of devices and parents allowing/suggesting their children/students use vapor devices instead of cigarettes at home or in school. Mr. Genutis felt it was not the City's business on how parents raised their children or what the students were doing in school regarding e-cigarettes or marijuana use. There were many unsubstantiated articles regarding the possible long term health issues of e-cigarettes. Discussion was held comparing Vapor Stores, the recent Broadway Avenue Cigar Store and the former Romito Smoke Shop. Romito Smoke Shop had cigars, tobacco and adult magazines upstairs and downstairs church items for sale and was in business for many years. Everyone agreed vapor/e-cigarettes were a popular item but at what health risks. Mrs. Rhoades explained her meeting with Heritage Ohio who felt Bedford was over regulating the Historical District and suppressing businesses. It was also understood some of the landlords' downtown had the business mindset of the 1970-1980's or fossils. Chagrin Falls downtown area and Gordon Square were briefly discussed and it was determined the Historical Downtown area was an issue that needed additional discussions.

DISCUSSION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

(Re-appoint Dell Judd / Rich Palcisko)

Mr. Gambosi requested the re-appointment of Dell Judd and was available for questions or concerns regarding former employee Rich Palcisko. Council did not have any issues re-appointing Mr. Judd or appointing Mr. Palcisko at the November 19th Council meeting.

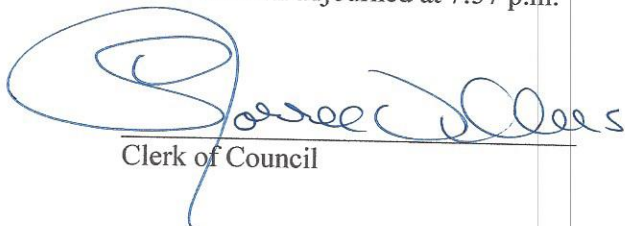
Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to go into executive session to discuss Personnel 121.22 (B) (1) / Economic Development / Litigation. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Saunders [rejoined the Work Session at 7:20 p.m.]. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:09 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel 121.22 (B) (1) / Economic Development / Litigation.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Koci opened the floor for comments. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of evaluations for the four Council appointees, pros and cons of hiring a new Human Resource position and amendments regarding compensatory time for Directors/Chiefs/salaried employees. Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi would be presenting Council with their suggestions/amendments at a future meeting.

Work Session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2018

AGENDA

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of October 15, 2018
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018
 - c. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Work Session of October 22, 2018
 - d. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Work Session of October 29, 2018
5. **PRESENTATIONS –**
6. **OLD BUSINESS** – (1st Rdg: 10/1/18 – 2nd Rdg: 10/15/18)
 - a. Ordinance No. 9646-18 amend Ordinance No. 8934-12 - §1105.03 entitled “Rental Rates for the Ellenwood Recreation Center” (“Fees, Deposits and Charges”)
 - b. Ordinance No. 9647-18 employee participants to make insurance plan premium contributions (Plan 125)
7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9650-18 amend #9616-18 Northeast Ohio Trench for additional repairs (\$63,097.47)
 - b. Ordinance No. 9651-18 declare 53 Best Street a nuisance and therefore condemning (#814-10-065)
 - c. Ordinance No. 9652-18 declare 34 Union Street a nuisance and therefore condemning (#814-01-010 / #9340-15)
 - d. Ordinance No. 9653-18 City of Bedford 2019 Appropriation Budget (Rdg: 1st)
 - e. Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation of October 16, 2018 for the application of Adrian Delgado, Vapor House LLC, 34280 Vine Street, Unit B, Eastlake/1472 Mentor Avenue, Painesville seeking a retail electronic cigarette store at 701 Broadway Avenue in the Historical District (§1944.03 (n)) (PC Failed)
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 5, 2018. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Absent: None.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of October 15, 2018. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session Meeting of October 22, 2018. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session Meeting of October 29, 2018. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizesak. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9646-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8934-12 SECTION 1105.03 ENTITLED “RENTAL RATES FOR THE ELLENWOOD RECREATION CENTER” PLACED ON FIRST READING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND SECOND READING OCTOBER 15, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. **9646-18** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the Administration surveyed other communities regarding rates, hours and rental availability and amended accordingly.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9647-18 AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING EMPLOYEE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE INSURANCE PLAN PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS ON A PRETAX BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 THROUGH WAGE WORKS PLACED ON FIRST READING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND SECOND READING ON OCTOBER 15, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Rhoades seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9647-18 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this allowed employee participants to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pretax basis for next year for hospitalization. The City established a Premium Only Plan (POP) per Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code (1986) so that employee participants would not have to include as taxable income the amount of compensation used to pay their premium contributions to eligible insurance plans.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration and Council gave kudos to Police Officer of the Year Sean Allred and Firefighter of the Year Mike Scabbo who well deserved the award selected by their peers. Also the City thanked the Eagles Club who donated \$5,000 to both departments as well as the Ladies Auxiliary who donated \$500 to both departments. Residents were urged to get out and vote. The Administration and Council were pleased with Halloween Trick or Treat festivities this year.

City Manager Michael Mallis reported the leaf collection was underway and the Service Department would make several rounds throughout the City. The Cuyahoga County demolition funds were released to the Land bank so the City would be demoing multiple residential structures including the former Moonglow property. He urged the residents to report any street lights by its pole number that were not working even though the City had patrols making a list. He said the City was working on better signage throughout the City; he urged residents to take the survey on the City's website.

No report from Law Director John Montello.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained the 2019 annual appropriation budget (Ordinance No. 9653-18) would be read as a first reading this evening. His forecasts were: Grand Total for the General Fund - \$17,061,496.00 and Totals for All Funds - \$37,234,836.00. He said there might be a few amendments prior to the final reading on December 3, 2018.

Mayor Koci read the meaning of Veterans Day and the correct position of the poppy. (See attached) He acknowledged the Veterans in the audience and thanked them for their service.

Councilwoman Rhoades announced the \$10 Valentine's Day Chocolate Walk was February 16, 2019, First Fridays would start March 2019 and the Resident Welcome packets were being delivered to those who purchased a home but the Administration/Council needed help of those who were new renters so if anyone knew of a new renter to please let the City know. She invited everyone to join The Bedford Downtown Alliance who would be decorating the crosswalk on November 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. with seasonal snowflakes. She asked if the Board of Elections would be at Ellenwood Center with all the construction projects. Mr. Mallis replied, yes. Mrs. Rhoades stated the Christmas in Bedford Falls was in great need of volunteers.

Councilwoman Spinks gave kudos to Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan on the recent Halloween Party. She announced Uber was offering free rides to polling locations.

Councilwoman Mizensak was pleased with the continued Fire Department training which resulted in well trained professionals. She asked everyone to pay extra attention to the roads because of the recent time change.

Councilman Genutis thanked Mrs. Rhoades for her efforts with the Bedford Downtown Alliance.

Councilman Fluharty was very impressed with the Officer of the Year dinner and organization. He welcomed the Scouts who were present this evening in the audience. He questioned the deadline date of the San Bernardo project on Broadway Avenue. Mr. Mallis replied later in 2019.

Councilman Saunders was pleased to see Troop #447 in attendance and urged the young men to finish the program. He suggested residents call the Board of Elections if they had issues/problems with the voting poll location changes of City Hall and the Southeast Library to the Ellenwood Center. Three Wards would now be voting at the same location. He asked if the Ellenwood Center doors were handicap accessible. Mr. Mallis replied, yes. Mr. Saunders hoped the old locations were posted properly so residents knew where to go. He wished the candidates luck. He announced there would be a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. He had over 100+ trick or treaters for Halloween. He attended a seminar recently that addressed City signage and small cell towers.

Mayor Koci announced the San Bernardo number was 330-928-1988 for additional information. He announced the Day Break Yoga was now open for business on Broadway Avenue next to the Dolphin Restaurant. He explained how important it was to conduct Budget Hearings between Council and the Administration.

ORDINANCE NO. 9650-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9616-18 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS FROM NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCH, GPD GROUP, SIRNA CONSTRUCTION AND TUCKER LANDSCAPING AT UNION AND NORTHFIELD STREETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. **9650-18** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was an amendment to Ordinance No. 9616-18 regarding the sinkhole problem located at Union and Northfield Streets. There were some unforeseen additional repairs concerning the depth of the sink hole which resulted in increased costs for Northeast Ohio Trench - \$48,428.47, GPD Group - \$2,200.00 for additional engineering services, Sirna Construction - \$8,915.00 for curb and asphalt repair and Tucker Landscaping - \$3,554.00 for hillside restoration at a total cost of \$63,097.47. Mr. Saunders asked why GPD Group had a cost of \$2,200. Mr. Mallis explained it was additional engineering based on the depth of the repair and the repair to the headwall. This was a special project and was not covered under the normal contract.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9651-18 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 53 BEST STREET (P.P. #814-10-065) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9651-18** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the property was controlled by the Land bank located at 53 Best Street was declared unsafe, insanitary and unfit for occupancy and needed to be condemned. The Land bank needed to make the necessary repairs or the home needed to be condemned.

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

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

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

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9652-18** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9653-18 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. **9653-18** on first reading.

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

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation of October 16, 2018 for the application of Adrian Delgado, Vapor House LLC, 34280 Vine Street, Unit B, Eastlake/1472 Mentor Avenue, Painesville seeking a retail electronic cigarette store at 701 Broadway Avenue in the Historical District (§1944.03 (n)) (PC Failed)

Mayor Koci explained a “Yea” vote would agree with the Commission to fail the request and a “Nay” would approve the applicant’s request. Council agreed with the Commission.

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

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

Sarah Gnoddie, 70 Columbus, Cuyahoga County Southeast Public Library was pleased to announce the library received another five star rating for 10 consecutive years and urged everyone to visit the library. She demonstrated the usefulness of a gadget called a Hot Spot. She listed several programs and showcases at the library.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman, questioned the website signage survey. Mr. Mallis explained this was an overview regarding signage; he listed numerous types of signage throughout the City that needed to be replaced or new installed. Mr. Duber felt the City had sign pollution because of repeat signs on several roads throughout the City.

Jeff Asbury, 71 Eldred, asked why the Planning Commission failed the Vapor Store. Mayor Koci replied the applicant did not show for the meeting and the State was looking at new regulations on health issues.

Ron Valentik, 1197 Edgecliff, again asked why the crosswalk was not painted on Broadway Avenue near San Bernardo. Mr. Mallis said the tenant was working on their plan they presented to the City of how the area would be addressed. Mr. Valentik thought Bedford lost the Tree City Award. Mr. Mallis explained the City proclaimed April 27, 2018 as “Arbor Day”. Mr. Valentik asked when the railroad tracks near Walgreens was going to be fixed. Mayor Koci said the railroad was aware of the situation. Mr. Valentik suggested the City buy snow blowers and clean the sidewalks. Mayor Koci said the guys who were driving the bombardiers were being hit by residents with snow shovels and residents were throwing obstacles at the workers. Mr. Mallis explained there were too many resident complaints of the bombardiers tearing up their lawns; it was not a program that could be sustained. Mr. Valentik suggested snow blowers not bombardiers. He asked why the Police cruisers did not have the wording “Proud to Serve” on them anymore. Mayor Koci said the Police Department handled the design of their own vehicles. Mr. Valentik noticed there were unmarked Police vehicles and questioned if they were supposed to be unmarked. Mayor Koci replied, yes.

Jay Watson, 40 Berwyn, had several items of concern. He thought the street light information should be mentioned in the water bill, trees should be trimmed accordingly to allow proper street light illumination. He was recently greeted by the Mayor of Cleveland which made him feel very important. He knew there were many items on the City’s to do list but he chose Bedford for the variety of businesses, the Quality of Life, location of the community, surrounding communities view of Bedford and a good school system. He mentioned the State rating list which placed Bedford School system at the bottom of the list for grades of “D’s and F’s”. He now understood why Walton Hills wanted to pull out of the Bedford School system.


He didn't claim to be 100% accurate or have all the answers but he realized it was more than a City issue. He was not seeking a response from Council or the Administration but wanted to voice his concerns. He listed the changes he has seen: many closing businesses he viewed as an anchor for the City, the closing of the Catholic Schools, renters continued to move to Bedford who would not be involved with City functions, the poor workmanship regarding the cold patch during the winter season and the senior citizen Quality of Life especially at Valley Field Apartments and Woodside Village attributed to slum landlords. He was pleased with the professionalism of the Police Department especially with the treatment of the minorities which had been in the news in other areas. He also had safety concerns regarding the use of drivers using cell phones, drivers running red lights and those who were parking across the sidewalks forcing people walking to step into the streets. He felt Bedford had a lot to offer with its Historical value, a Post Office and three RTA routes; however, he felt Bedford still needed a newspaper.

Mary Burge, 1302 Caryl Drive, Senior President, was upset because the Senior Citizens could not utilize the gym area for their functions; however, other organizations/people were able to reserve a space at Ellenwood for their functions. She felt the closing/remodeling of Ellenwood was way too long. She said the senior exercise class was moved to the church and questioned why the class was not allowed at Ellenwood. She talked about the senior classes that were cancelled because the Ellenwood employees did not have the time and those residents that utilized the Senior Van could not get ahold of the Recreation Department at City Hall. Mr. Mallis explained the many hurdles that had to be dealt with concerning the Ellenwood project in conjunction with the seasonal services that needed to be addressed. He said he would talk to her after the meeting.

Mayor Koci thanked the Scouts for attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship badge.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.


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