

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017**

**6:30 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**
- **DISCUSSION OF PARKING ON CUL-DE-SACS**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development / Litigation)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Donald Saunders, Sandy Spinks and Paula Mizesak, Walter Genutis, Greg Pozar. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello. Residents: Trish Karabowicz, Otto Ersek, Jeff Asbury, Heather Rhoades, Kathy Williams, Dot Schwende, Joyce Daunch and Laura Hulett.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

There were no changes to the July 3, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 9495-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi previously explained the City had been experiencing some ambulance service delinquencies and this was another avenue to collect the money. The City currently provided ambulance services for its residents as well as non-taxpaying non-residents. He recommended the City utilize the services of the Ohio Attorney General to assist in collection of non-taxpaying non-residents ambulance fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 9498-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9423-16 CODIFIED ORDINANCE §911.03 "RATE REDUCTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS" FOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi previously explained the City intended to provide a 30 percent discount (30%) in water/sewer base rates to the following individuals: 1) Applicant must be age 65 or older or have been declared 100 percent (100%) totally and permanently disabled by a State or Federal Agency having the function of so classifying persons per Ohio Revised Code 323.151. 2) Applicant, their spouse and any other household members over the age of 18 residing in the premises must have a combined household income of less than \$32,681.00 for the year 2016 to receive the discount in the year 2018. 3) Applicant must own and occupy the residence i.e., residents residing in rental property do not qualify for the water/sewer discount. 4) Applicant, their spouse and any other household members, over the age of 18 residing in the premises, combined must not have more than \$3,000 per year in dividend and interest income. 5) Applicant and/or their spouse must not be delinquent on municipal income taxes owed to the City of Bedford and further must not be behind or delinquent more than three months on their City of Bedford water/sewer bill in order to keep their eligibility for the water/sewer discount. Accordingly, once the delinquency is paid in full by the applicant and their spouse, the discount will be reinstated (not retroactively).

He explained the new definition of income includes, but was not limited to, wages, salaries, refunds, credit from the State of Ohio and local income taxes, alimony, all types of business income, capital gains, IRA distributions, pensions, annuities, rental real estate, royalties, partnership income, S corporation income, limited liability corporations, Ohio Lottery prize winnings and other gambling (games of chance) income, dividend income, trust income, farm income, interest income, unemployment compensation, social security benefits, annual disability benefits greater than \$5,200, insurance contracts and any other income earned by applicant and their spouses or household members over the age of 18, including but not limited to income as defined in Chapter 178. The household income threshold of \$32,681.00 would be increased annually in January of each and every year by the lower of three (3) percent or the change in the annual Midwest Urban Consumer Price Index measured for each fiscal year. He explained in seeking to obtain water/sewer discounts commencing in 2018, all eligible applicants must file an annual application to receive the water/sewer discount prior to the last Friday in September in the previous calendar year,

based upon income earned in calendar year 2016. He said for example, to receive the water/sewer discount in 2018, the applicant must file the water/sewer application at any time prior to the last Friday in September in the year 2017. He added any applicant willfully falsifying information revokes the right to a reduction for three years.

ORDINANCE NO. 9499-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM GRANT ENTERED INTO BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi previously explained the creation and retention of jobs and employment opportunities was integral to the continued economic health of the City and its citizens. The use of governmental resources for the promotion of economic development in the community was in the public interest and was a proper exercise of municipal powers. A Job Creation and Retention Program authorized by Sections 178.064 and 178.065 has been developed to provide incentives to businesses to create, retain and expand employment opportunities with the City of Bedford without utilizing tax revenues or impacting negatively upon the local school system. The electorate of the City increased the income tax rate to three percent (3%) effective January 1, 2018, which necessitates amendment to the current agreements with various businesses.

Mr. Gambosi explained Ordinance Nos. 9500-17, 9501-17, 9502-17 and 9503-17 were the same situation. The economic rules and regulations of the State of Ohio stated if a company had a million dollar payroll there needed to be a compensation agreement with the schools otherwise there was an automatic 50% tax sharing payment to the schools. It was important to negotiate such agreements with the schools with the ongoing financial concerns of the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 9500-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 9501-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 9502-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 9503-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 9507-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR BEDFORD'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCE ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi noted this was the annual criminal activity nuisance ordinance. He said as usual the City had notified individuals who have failed to pay per Codified Ordinance Section 511.12. The persons listed on the attached addendum have not paid nor attempted to pay amounts billed for criminal activity per City's nuisance ordinance. Mr. Gambosi explained per the Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.01, 727.12, 727.13 and 727.14 allow certification of unpaid accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate as a lien on the property served from the date it would be placed on the duplicate to be collected as other taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9508-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Gambosi explained the Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the daily operation of a Municipal Department. The persons listed on the attached addendum had not paid nor attempted to pay for water and sewer services as provided by the City and the accounts have been delinquent for at least 60 days. The Ohio Revised Code Chapter 727 and Section 743.04 provide for municipalities to certify unpaid water accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate and further that this will be a lien on the property served from the date it is placed on the duplicate and was to be collected as other taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9509-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9443-16 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Gambosi presented the following changes for Council review. General Fund: The increases in appropriations for 2017 in the general fund was due to the following: Police P.S.- Unemployment costs for 6 months \$6,505, Police Dispatcher costs (\$108,810) of new contract and old and extra month reserve, Economic Development \$52,809 business grants and payments to the BBOE for businesses and tax sharing agreements, Finance (\$2,500) and Tax (\$2,000) department overtime due to one less employee on leave and new system entry, Law Department personnel increased costs and benefits \$31,175, Municipal Lands increased by \$16,284 for parking lot repairs, Transfers out to Safety Forces Levy to cover costs as required by State Budgeting 5705.41 (B). Fund 111 General Fund Reserve: to account for transfers into the general fund out of rainy day fund to cover expenses in the amount of \$100,000. Total to date \$600,000. Fund 209 Street M & R Fund: to account for unexpected, separation pay for Service Department employee (\$19,000). Fund 210 Law Enforcement Trust Fund: to account for Drug prevention costs as determined by Police Department \$715. Fund 213 Grants Fund- New grants and donations need to be appropriated for 2017: Ohio EMS Grant – Fire \$2,750, Juvenile Diversion Fees \$240, Recreation Donations \$590, and Recycle Grant \$4,906. Fund 401 BMC Computer Fund: To account for Muni Grant records storage \$58,644. Fund 403 Capital Improvement Fund: To account for Sunoco Union/Northfield storm sewer. Fund 500 Water Fund: to account for more water purchases associated with Xellia production and current purchases \$70,000. Fund 805 SEALE Unforfeited Monies Fund: To account for refunds and allocations of confiscated funds to program income and amounts refunded as directed by the Courts \$126,147.

**DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Mallis explained the Administration continued to seek additional funding and what would be the best use or fit for the community for the Willis Street area, Moonglow property, the Viaduct Park area working closely with the Metroparks and others. The Moonglow building would be torn down but the thought was for the historical home to remain. In the future, he would be presenting "draft" renderings to spark ideas for necessary discussions and so others could envision what could be done in these areas. The City continued to work closely with the Metroparks for their knowledge and support.

**DISCUSSION OF PARKING ON CUL-DE-SACS**

Mr. Pozar received some complaints about people parking on cul-de-sacs and wanted to revisit the topic. He felt in certain situations it was a safety concern. Mr. Saunders agreed and felt there was an ongoing issue in certain areas citywide. He noted some of the streets didn't even have cul-de-sacs; the street was a blunt dead end which created different problems. A thought was to post signs for no parking on City streets on all dead end and cul-de-sacs on all City dedicated streets. Mr. Pozar also pointed out some of the streets were very narrow which created other problems and possible safety issues. Mr. Mallis said he previously had this discussion with the Police and Fire Department Chiefs and they both were not concerned with the safety or police vehicles getting to the emergency call. Mayor Koci asked for specifics so the issue could be discussed in more detail. Council agreed this issue needed more discussion. .


Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to go into executive session to discuss Personnel / Economic Development / Litigation. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:39 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 / Economic Development / Litigation.

Motion by Mizensak seconded by Zolata to adjourn executive session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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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 Work Session of July 3, 2017
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 3, 2017
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (Rdg: 1st 7/3/17)
  - a. Ordinance No. 9495-17 Ohio Attorney General for collection of non-taxpaying non-resident ambulance fees
  - b. Ordinance No. 9498-17 amend 9423-16 §911.03 entitled Rate Reduction for Disabled and Seniors
  - c. Ordinance No. 9499-17 amend Job Creation and Retention Grant authorized by §178.064 and 178.065
  - d. Ordinance No. 9500-17 Compensation Agreement w/BCSD re: Penske Automotive Group / Toyota
  - e. Ordinance No. 9501-17 Compensation Agreement w/BCSD re: Penske Automotive Group / Audi
  - f. Ordinance No. 9502-17 Compensation Agreement w/BCSD re: West-Ward Pharmaceuticals
  - g. Ordinance No. 9503-17 Compensation Agreement w/BCSD re: Independence Court Realty
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9507-17 levy assessments for Bedford's criminal activity nuisance (§511.12)
  - b. Ordinance No. 9508-17 levy assessments for delinquent water bills
  - c. Ordinance No. 9509-17 amend Ordinance No. 9443-16 making additional appropriations
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 7, 2017. 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: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Absent: None.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of July 3, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 3, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9495-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the City had been experiencing some ambulance service delinquencies and this could be an avenue to collect the money. The City provided ambulance services for its residents as well as non-taxpaying non-residents so he recommended the City utilize the services of the Ohio Attorney General to assist in collection of non-taxpaying non-residents ambulance fees.

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

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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: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9498-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi clarified a few of the changes: the household income increased to \$32,681, the applicant, their spouse and any other household members over the age of 18 residing in the premises combined must not have more than \$3,000 per year in dividend and interest income and the applicant and/or their spouse

must not be delinquent on municipal income taxes owed to the City and must not be behind or delinquent more than three months on their water/sewer bill in order to keep their eligibility for the water/sewer discount.

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

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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: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9499-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

Mr. Gambosi explained the next four ordinances the economic rules and regulations of the State of Ohio stated if a company had a million dollar payroll there needed to be a compensation agreement with the schools otherwise there was an automatic 50% tax sharing payment to the schools. It was important to negotiate such agreements with the schools with the ongoing financial concerns of the City.

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

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

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9500-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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



ORDINANCE NO. 9501-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PLACED ON FIRST READING JULY 3, 2017 WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9501-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9502-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PLACED ON FIRST READING JULY 3, 2017 WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9502-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9503-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PLACED ON FIRST READING JULY 3, 2017 WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9503-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

City Manager Michael Mallis extended congratulations to the Police Department for being successful with several criminal situations and investigations. He announced the contract with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center and the City started August 1, 2017; a tour might be available for the residents in September. Due to the recent thefts, he urged everyone to make sure their cars and garages were locked as this allowed crimes of opportunity. He informed everyone the Police Department had increased patrols throughout the City. The Administration currently was reviewing and planning for the City's upcoming infrastructure projects. He appreciated everyone's patience regarding the closing of Union Street for unexpected difficulties during the repairs. The focus was to finish the repairs on Washington Street prior to the start of the school year.

No report from Law Director Montello and Councilman Genutis.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated tax non-filer letters were mailed out to update records. The Police Officer testing continued to move forward; currently background checks were being addressed. He figured there would be another Civil Service Commission meeting scheduled to review the outcome. His Finance assistant was working on the Criminal Nuisance and Delinquent water bill assessments for the County. He appreciated the departments working together on the assessments.

Councilwoman Mizesak asked for an update regarding LaGra's Jewelry Store. Mr. Mallis did not have anything to report. Mrs. Mizesak asked if Dominion was going to fix any of the grass areas they tore up. Mr. Mallis replied, yes. Mrs. Mizesak urged everyone to attend the next Party in the Park event that would be sponsored by the City.

Councilman Pozar noticed a flurry of activity regarding citations written by the Building Department for violations. He felt the rubbish and recycling container program was another success for the City. Recycling had increased substantially plus the containers contributed to a cleaner looking City. He encouraged the residents to call the non-emergency number to report neighbor's trash containers that needed to be removed from the tree lawn after they were emptied and/or rubbish that was piled on the tree lawn days prior to pick up. He said the Recreation Department continued to run smoothly without the replacement of a new Director and new Assistant Director plus it was a budget savings; kudos to the Administration. He noted the chipper service was the first full week of every month for the residents who needed the service. He explained there was a list created monthly at the Service Department by those residents who called in for the service. It was clarified after the list was completed then the remaining streets were checked for debris.

Councilman Saunders was proud to announce his father would be 91 years old on August 17<sup>th</sup>. In Peninsula on August 21<sup>st</sup> ODNR would hold a seminar on deer management at a cost of \$20 per person. He pointed out to Mr. Mallis the Union Street Bridge was an earth and fill bridge so Dominion needed to be aware for this project. He felt the project on Washington Street was poorly planned because of the opening of the upcoming school year. He stated for the record the Logan Street neighbors were not happy with the ongoing issues at the Safely Home. He heard the Safely Home had changed its operations which contributed to the recent issues at the home involving the Police being called.

Councilwoman Zolata encouraged everyone to attend the Party in the Park and upcoming events. She felt the Chagrin Valley Dispatch would serve the residents well. She congratulated the Police Department for solving some of the recent crimes. She was delighted with the progress at the new park at the corner of Mitchell and Broadway that was donated by Walter Tiburski. She explained the Historical Society was instrumental in getting the Historical Downtown District listed as eight out of fifteen beautiful downtown areas.

Councilwoman Spinks talked about the recent unassociated two shootings in Ward 1. The one incident was a neighbor who had their window shot out and the other was a visitor being followed and shot at when they got out of their car. She was very mad about the situations being so close to home; however, she was not pleased with shootings happening anywhere. The Police Department responded very, very quickly but the shooter was not caught. She urged everyone to call the Police if something seemed suspicious. She stressed times were changing; "See Something, Say Something". She also was pleased with Bedford being named one of the most beautiful downtown streets and she was pleased to be involved with the Historical Society over the last couple years. She was pleased with the recent cleanup of Tinkers Creek with Bedford's Girl Scouts. She announced on August 14<sup>th</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hoop it Up program.

Mayor Koci welcomed Mr. Saunders to the meeting after his recent surgery. He announced in the month of August it was scheduled to allow the residents to recycle their computers and hazard waste at the Service Department from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He announced the Historical Society Flea Market on August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Flag Retirement Ceremony and the Five Points Farmers Market. He reported the Cee Ray Motel had a car crash into the motel at 90 mph with three people hurt and nobody killed.

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9507-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi said the assessments were based on the number of calls to the listed addresses per Codified Section 511.12. Mayor Koci said the City was not looking to make money but rather compliance and to be a good neighbor.

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

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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: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. **9508-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this entailed those residents who were delinquent in paying their water bills. The City had a process they followed prior to adding their name and address on the list.

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

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

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9509-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi highlighted the following: Police P.S.- Unemployment costs for 6 months \$6,505, Police Dispatcher costs (\$108,810) of new contract and old and extra month reserve, Economic Development \$52,809 business grants and payments to the BBOE for businesses and tax sharing agreements, Finance (\$2,500) and Tax (\$2,000) department overtime due to one less employee on leave and new system entry, Law Department personnel increased costs and benefits \$31,175, Municipal Lands increased by \$16,284 for parking lot repairs, Transfers out to Safety Forces Levy to cover costs as required by State Budgeting 5705.41 (B). Fund 111 General Fund Reserve: to account for transfers into the general fund out of rainy day fund to cover expenses in the amount of \$100,000. Total to date \$600,000. Fund 209 Street M & R Fund: to account for unexpected, separation pay for Service Department employee (\$19,000). Fund 210 Law Enforcement Trust Fund: to account for Drug prevention costs as determined by Police Department \$715. Fund 213 Grants Fund- New grants and donations need to be appropriated for 2017: Ohio EMS Grant – Fire \$2,750, Juvenile Diversion Fees \$240, Recreation Donations \$590, and Recycle Grant \$4,906. Fund 401 BMC Computer Fund: To account for Muni Grant records storage \$58,644. Fund 403 Capital Improvement Fund: To account for Sunoco Union/Northfield storm sewer. Fund 500 Water Fund: to account for more water purchases associated with Xellia production and current purchases \$70,000. Fund 805 SEALE Unforfeited Monies Fund: To account for refunds and allocations of confiscated funds to program income and amounts refunded as directed by the Courts \$126,147.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. 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.

Rich Novak, 1252 Broadway, felt the Chagrin Valley Dispatch was a great decision and was very professional. He showed a brochure from Bedford, PA and felt Bedford needed to do the same type of advertising to promote the City of Bedford. Mayor Koci suggested Mr. Novak spearhead the brochure project. He was pleased the Historical District was listed as one of the most beautiful downtown districts. He talked about a picture of a sunset at Bedford Reservation he saw on social media which he replied that was only one gem of many gems in Bedford.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson Avenue, heard Safely Home was opening up two homes for Human Trafficking for females which she noticed did not go to the Planning Commission. Mr. Montello believed if it was under a certain number the program was under the Federal and State Laws. He was not sure of

the situation at this specific location on Logan Street. She understood two Meadowbrook parcels were recently sold and wondered what was going to be at these two locations. Mr. Mallis explained the supermarket and other stores were currently being negotiated. An overlay district was being considered because it was sufficient to have 60-70 acres of retail. He explained there were several in house meetings held discussing many options. He said the Administration would submit recommendations to the Planning Commission to strategically zone all of the property for future development. He assured Mrs. Williams there was interested parties in the property. Mrs. Williams wondered if a Simon Supermarket would affect surrounding supermarkets. Mr. Mallis and Mayor Koci assured her the thought of closing another local store was not the intention of the City Administration; there's always room for more.

Beth Housiaux-Stewart, 93 Avalon, wanted clarification as to where the City stood with the hiring of the new Officers; she knew three Officers would not be hired until 2018. Mr. Gambosi explained the process was time consuming and thorough background checks were being done. He figured there would be another Civil Service test before the end of the year. Mrs. Housiaux-Stewart stated her car and her neighbor's cars were locked when broken into. She mentioned the BSPC still desired to move forward with their ideas to better Bedford. She suggested an Officer start ticketing the vehicles to generate revenue who were traveling Broadway Avenue that were illegally crossing lanes at Union Street while it was closed for repairs.

James Slifka, 130 Grand Boulevard, asked if the Police non-emergency was 232-1234. Mayor Koci replied, yes or 232-7600 during office hours.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles Street, was pleased with her new water meter. She was also pleased to witness the professionalism of the Police Officer who handled a domestic violence call at one of her neighbor's homes. She asked for clarification regarding the basketball hoops. Mr. Mallis explained the equipment would be at Ellenwood for smaller children. She asked why Get-Go closed. Mayor Koci said the statement from the corporate office was they couldn't find enough good help and there was a huge employee theft problem along with Applebee's who also closed due to corporate decisions. Ms. Future referred to a former list of vacant homes that were possibly for sale. Mr. Mallis explained some of the homes were City owned and some were owned by banks or actual homeowners and the City did not have or create such a list.

Trish Karabowicz, 431 Union Street, invited everyone to the Flag Retirement Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. and the Cleveland Clinic Concert Band performing at 3:00 p.m. along with a food donation.

Pat Brown, 12<sup>th</sup> District, introduced herself as a candidate for Ohio State Representative to replace Mr. Barnes in 2018. She listed several things she accomplished during her political career.

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: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.



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