

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

5:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **BUDGET HEARINGS –**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT & MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

- **DISCUSSION OF “BROADWAY ZONING”**

- **DISCUSSION OF “ELLENWOOD RENTALS-PAVILION”**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LITIGATION)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UHAUL, MEADOWBROOK

LITIGATION - CANO

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(Council Minutes and Agendas posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Heather Rhoades, Victor Fluharty, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Paula Mizsak and Donald Saunder. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello and Clerk of Court Tom Day.

Municipal Court

Clerk of Court Tom Day was present this evening representing the Bedford Municipal Court for their budget.

Mr. Day stated that the judges extend a "Thank You" to Council and the Administration and that the major issue was back in September the Courts had a cyber attack and they have resolved it. They were able to control it with no major changes and they are working with BPI to keep this from happening again. He continued to stated that employee's coming in from an outside source and that the trend now is to sign-in with a second password. Mr. Gambosi stated that it is happening to a lot of cities and what they are doing is mirroring the server/computers.

Mr. Day answered a question from Council regarding where do most of the cases come from for the court and he replied most of the cases come from Bedford. City Manager Mallis stated that the relationship with the Court is strong and the City is appreciative of that.

Mr. Day stated that in the last couple of years people are moving on or retiring. He then stated Mr. Defabio will be retiring soon. At this time, they started looking at the line items and for Professional Services Mr. Gambosi stated that they are doing a great job at maintaining it. Mr. Day stated that when it came to the revenue part that they are pretty much where they were last year. Mr. Gambosi explained that court costs help us to reduce over all costs and that every other year they will be owed to the community. Mr. Day stated that court costs are a civil penalty and that the judges can suspend the fines. He also stated that the fines are set by the state.

Law Department

Law Director John Montello was present this evening representing the Law Department for their budget.

Mr. Montello stated that the special changes will be with re-districting and the Charter Changes, and the charter has to be done in January. He also mentioned the settlement in the Punn Case.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

There were a couple of changes to the October 21, 2019 Work Session and Regular Council Minutes.

Ordinance No. 9730-19 apply for CDBG grant for the televising of the City's sewer system.

Ordinance No. 9731-19 apply for CDSG Fund for Phase Two of the City Sign Initiative.

Ordinance No. 9734-19 providing for issuance and sale of bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a pumper and ambulance (\$935,000.00). Mr. Gambosi asked Council to turn this down because the City will save money doing a lease instead.

Ordinance No. 9737-19 repealing Section 505.11 "Coloring Rabbits and Baby Poultry; Sale or Display."

Ordinance No. 9738-19 City of Bedford 2020 Appropriation Budget. Mayor Koci stated that this will be placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 9739-19 grant of Conservation Easement to West Creek Conservancy. Mayor Koci stated that this will be placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 9740-19 amending Chapter 1949 "Signs" of the Codified Ordinances. Mayor Koci stated that this will be placed on second reading. Mr. Genutis asked what is the difference between an "Electronic Sign" and a "Change Sign."

Resolution No. 2546-19 resolution of Public Censure as to a Councilperson. Mayor Koci stated that this will be discussed in Executive Session.

Ordinance No. 9741-19 regarding agreement with Hawthorn Valley Youth Council

Ordinance No. 9742-19 adopting the October 2019 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance No. 9743-19 for the execution of a Master Tax Exempt Lease/Purchase agreement for the Fire Department.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of archiving records with HF Group AssureVault. Mrs. Simons stated she did get in contact with the storage company that the Finance Department uses and AssureVault is cheaper and that she would plans to go look at the facility.

Discussion of archiving records with HF AssureVault was concluded.

Mayor Koci began discussion of "Broadway Zoning." Mr. Mallis stated if we could us an incentive for the buildings or for the houses in the Broadway area there is potential there. He also asked if we could use or copy our mixed-use ordinance there as well. He also stated that it nice how houses are converted into office space, and if it is a business that is already there it will be grandfathered in. Mrs. Rhoades stated that maybe a mixed-use and historical district would be good. Mr. Mallis stated that zoning is a six-month process. Mr. Genutis stated to give an incentive to tear down an old building and construct a new building. Mayor Koci also mention about looking at the street scape as well.

Discussion of "Broadway Zoning" was concluded.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development for Meadowbrook and Potential Litigation. N The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to adjourn out of Executive Session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

11-18-19
Date

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of November 4, 2019
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2019
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9738-19 City of Bedford 2020 Appropriation Budget- 1st reading 10/21/19, 2nd reading 11/4/19.
 - b. Ordinance No. 9739-19 grant of Conservation Easement to West Creek Conservancy – 1st reading 10/21/19, 2nd reading 11/4/19.
 - c. Ordinance No. 9740-19 amending Chapter 1949 “Signs” of the Codified Ordinances – 1st reading 10/21/19, 2nd reading 11/4/19.
7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9744-19 amending Ordinance No. 9653-18 making for additional appropriations.
 - b. Ordinance No. 9745-19 contract with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works.
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council Minutes and Agendas posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 4, 2019. 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: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session of October 21, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Koci presented a proclamation to Sharyn Macklin. He stated that she saved the child from getting struck by a vehicle. He thanked Ms. Macklin for being there and also the child for listening to her.

ORDINANCE NO. 9730-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to apply for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Fund through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for the televising of the City's Sewer System and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9730-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis stated that this is a grant program that is offered Cuyahoga County that we apply for each year for various projects. It's been since the mid to late 1990's since we've televised the sewer system to identify areas that need repair for future work. We will not be able to televise the entire sewer system, but we want to start with some of the areas where there might be some issues.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9731-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to apply for Community Development Supplemental Grant Fund for Phase Two of the City Sign Initiative and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9731-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis stated that this is a County Grant Program and we were successful in obtaining the funds this for \$50,000.00 and we also have some funds that were set aside for our First Phase of the Sign Initiative. We have worked with a company call Guide Studio for Wayfinding signs, gateway signs, and downtown signage. He continued to state that we went out to bid and we received a very good bid package and this will secure funding for the second half of that project. The First Phase has already started and the intent is to have them all installed by June 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9734-19, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$935,000 of Notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a pumper and an ambulance for the use of the Fire Department, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto; and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9734-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci stated that it is our need to defeat it because we are going in a different direction as far as funding.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this would be our normal procedure for funding the fire truck and the ambulance, however, we looked at alternatives that were better and, in this case, we found a ten-year lease that we could do for the equipment. We bid it out with the various banking institutions and we were able to get a very good rate and I ask Council to approve that this evening in lieu of the bonds. He continued to state that we will turn this down and pass 8 (c), which is the ordinance for a Master Lease Agreement.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9737-19, an ordinance repealing Section 505.11 “Coloring Rabbits and Baby Poultry; Sale or Display” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9737-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci stated that this is an effort to get rid of some useless ordinances that are on the books. He also stated that we are going to start doing this to clean up some of the useless ordinances that aren’t needed anymore.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9738-19, an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and expenditures of the City of Bedford, Ohio during the year 2020 and declaring an emergency

was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9738-19 on second reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9739-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a Grant of Conservation Easement to West Creek Conservancy (Grantee) and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9739-19 on second reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9740-19, an ordinance amending Chapter 1949 “Signs” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9740-19 on second reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2546-19, a resolution of Public Censure as to Councilperson Donald Saunders was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Resolution No. 2546-19 was removed from the agenda. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that we have started our leaf collection and we will have our crews going through the entire town multiple times and we will get through it as quickly as possible. He stated that Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day and our Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Veterans Park at 11:00 a.m. And on Wednesday, November 27th our annual Lighting Ceremony down at the square. He stated that we are working the sidewalk program and it should be wrapped up this week. He stated that the Recreation Department is going to start a Winter Camp, while the children are on winter break. He stated that he, Mayor Koci and Mrs. Kuzma had an opportunity to welcome a new business in our downtown area, and that business acquired Mr. Gee’s. It will be a great addition to our town. It is a professional insurance business and it will bring about 15-20 employees.

Mayor Koci stated that he received a hand written not from the business and they are thrilled to be here and they are leaving Beachwood and coming here because they love our old downtown area.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello welcomed BBG to the community and he congratulated Ms. Macklin along with reminding everyone to vote tomorrow.

That concluded the Law Director’s report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that they will have the final results from the fire lieutenants test. He also reminded everyone that we have to pass 8 (c) tonight and we do need to get those funds for the ambulance and the fire truck.

That concluded that Finance Director's report.

Councilman Fluharty wished the candidate's good luck and for Ward 3 we are at the Light of Hearts Villa and the best way to get in there is off of Northfield and Union.

Councilman Saunders stated that tomorrow is Election Day and every Ward has something on the ballot, so make sure you get out and vote. There are important issues for the School Board, Tri-C issue, and a County Council issue for the Sheriff's Department. Those three issues are on the ballot for everybody in the City. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and it's a right that a lot of people have died for over 200+ years in this Country, and we need people to take an interest in this Country again.

Councilwoman Rhoades thanked everyone for attending the Día de Los Muertos event that was this past "First Friday." The next "First Friday" is on December 6th and it has to do with Community Organizations.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that in her Ward down limbs on the tree lawn and she asked Mr. Mallis if the City guys were going to pick them up or what do they do with them. Mr. Mallis stated that he doesn't think that they had the chipper out, but that he would check on it tomorrow and find out if it's available or not. She also stated that on Friday, November 8th the Historical Society will be show casing an award-winning quilter Ms. Heart will be speaking on the history and evolution of quilts. There is a \$10.00 fee for that. On Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. you can see them and there is no charge the charge is just for Friday night. She also stated that the event on Saturday is family friendly and the activates will be in the church basement.

Councilwoman Mizesak thanked everyone from Ward 4 for a great 24 years and it's been a great learning experience. She thanked the City for the hands-on training and it's been a great experience to be here. She also stated that she loves everybody in the City regardless, and whoever calls her she will try and point you in the right direction and take care of your concerns.

Councilman Genutis stated that he had a wonderful speech prepared but that since the resolution for public censor was removed he will not have to deliver it.

Mayor Koci stated that the Day of the Dead was a wonderful thing and it was very positive. It was to honor our family members and friends who passed before us and it was really well done. He also stated that we need to have the police pay attention to people parking on the lawns. It goes through a cycle and everywhere I look there are cars back on the lawn and it is starting to look bad again.

Councilwoman Mizesak extended a congratulations to Mr. Fluharty on his wedding anniversary today.

ORDINANCE NO. 9741, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9648-18 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hawthorne Valley Youth Council for the purpose of sponsoring students in the program for the year **2019-2020** and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called.

Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9741-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci stated that the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council teach high school kids about the function of government. They do a Supreme Court hearing down in Columbus in the Supreme Court Chambers. We are so proud to have them doing this and we are so happy to sponsor the four kids to do this. It's held in Oakwood and each community has about three or four kids in it. Mrs. Hladky, who is the Clerk of Council in Oakwood is the one heading up the program and she does a great job with the kids. It's helped to build better citizens for us and to someday take our positions up here. Mr. Genutis stated that this year the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council will have a little twist to what they have been doing, and the emphasis year will be on Community Service Projects. So, if any of you have any ideas for Community Services that these kids can get involved in please pass them along to me. Mayor Koci stated that Mr. Genutis is the representative for that group.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9742-19, an ordinance providing for the adoption of new matter in the Codified Ordinance of Bedford to approve, adopt and enact the October 2019 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinance of Bedford, Ohio, hereinafter "Codified Ordinances", to repeal certain ordinances in conflict therewith or deemed obsolete and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9742-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Montello stated this is for changes to our Codified Ordinances that are mandated by the State of Ohio that we adopt, so that we can enforce them locally. It is a financial matter and if we charge them to our local code we get to retain more money than if we charge under state code.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9743-19, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement and Property Schedule thereto between Key Government Finance, Inc. and the City, providing for the lease and eventual acquisition of an ambulance and a pumper for the Fire Department, and related matters and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9743-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci thanked Mr. Gambosi for all the work that he did and that by doing a lease instead of the bond process we are saving a lot of money.

Mr. Gambosi stated that they put the banks against each other regarding the note issues and the bonds and we also put them together against the different types of leases and various alternative that we could do. The end result was this schedule that gave us the best financing that we should do on those trucks. It is for ten years with Key Bank at 2.3% and funds will be available before November 25th on a draw down basis.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Fluharty, Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. 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.

Carmen Basile, President of the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce, 33 South Park, stated that over the past couple of months there has been talk that there is no chamber for the City of Bedford and that is not true. He stated that it has been re-structured and the City of Bedford did not lose its membership and the City went from a General Membership to an Affiliate Membership. He also stated about personal attacks coming from Ward 1 Council Member and their spouse with making comments about stuff that we have done in the past, by saying stuff online and in the park, and making announcements that people should not go to our café. He stated that an LLC is not a non-profit and you can give money to a for profit company and it is not considered a donation. He stated that for their GoFundMe it was \$624.00 and for the t.v. raffle it was \$1,837.00 and both of those amounts were claim on our taxes. As a for profit it's considered a profit. He stated that the install for the hood was \$12,000.00 and another five or six for the fire one level suppression. Mr. Montello stated that he has made his point.

Jim O'Neal, 155 Gould Avenue stated that you have people telling other not to go to a business in town and he asked what the Downtown Alliance is for and what's its purpose? Ms. Rhoades stated that they promote all of them. He stated that Councilwoman Spinks should be censored. He stated that he doesn't show up here because he can't take it.

Angela Koncz, Welcome Home Community Development Corp., and the Treasurer of the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce, 33 South Park, stated that the Chamber has gone through some restructuring, however, we are a business and we believe honorably. She stated that she was on the square when Mrs. Spinks called Mrs. Basile a whore. Mrs. Spinks stated that she has never met this lady, never spoke to this lady, and she has personally attacked me on social media. She also stated that she doesn't know what her problem is, but that she works very hard. Mrs. Koncz stated that Mrs. Spinks was out of order. Mr. Montello stated that she was disrupting a Public Meeting and we are going to ask you to stop. Mrs. Spinks stated that she is not going to sit up here and have someone here say. Mrs. Koncz stated that it was not here say and that she was present even though Mrs. Spinks didn't see her standing there.

She stated that we do have a lease with the City and the City choose to evict us from our office and that it was written in the lease. She continued to state that they received the eviction notice and it was taped to the office door and a picture was taken and when she wasn't in the office it was taken off the door and taken over to the Bedford Falls Café and taped it on their door and took a picture of it. She continued to state Mrs. Basile walked into her place of business to find an eviction notice on the door of the Bedford Falls Café and that they don't run the Chamber business and that the notice should have stayed on the Chamber door. She continued to state that the whole procedure bothers her and that it's a constant harassment of a business who is part of the Chamber and the Chamber advocate for the local businesses. She stated that City workers were told not to frequent the business and that they have not been in the business, and that if they did frequent the business that they would be fired. Mayor Koci stated that is not true.

She stated that the Christmas in Bedford Falls Event was removed from the Chamber and that they have been sponsoring it and running it for many years. She continued to state that there wasn't a notice to the Chamber saying that the City is going to run the event this year. She continued to stated that they way they found out is that some A frames were missing from the office and that everybody knew before the Chamber that they were not running the event this year. She stated that the Chamber feels like they are being pushed out of the City and that the Chamber has blood here. She continued to stated that she is feeling personally attacked as a Chamber Member by all of the uncourtously and disrespectful behavior that is going on.

She stated that she was going to run for office against Mayor Koci and when you ran she was going to run for Council and she called the City of Bedford and asked what does it take to run for Mayor and what does she have to do. She was told by Mr. Pocek "so you think your running for Mayor, to go ahead and give it a try." She stated that was the first threat from someone who worked with the City, and then she considered running for City Council and she was told by Mrs. Rhoades how to do but the best thing to do was to find something dirty to run on against my opponent. Mr. Montello stated that there is nothing good coming from this conversation. Mrs. Rhoads stated that there are several falsehoods in speech so far and she can actually document it. Mrs. Koncz stated that the challenges with the businesses in the City don't want to speak up because they are afraid that things will happen to them and as a Chamber we have heard this time and time again and we would like to work to make it a friendly environment for businesses that do exist here in the City.

Lucy Viskor, 662 Johnson Ave., stated that for the past few years in the summertime they have been having problems with the teenage boys playing basketball in the streets. She stated that it starts when the weather is starting to get nice out and the boys come out and they don't stop until ten o'clock at night. She stated that they call the non-emergency number and the police come out and talk to the boys. She stated that her concern is the language and the music that is absolutely atrocious and it is all the time. She stated that she gets it from all the sides and that the properties are connected in the backyard, so they are running around in the backyards and there is no respect for anyone's property. She wants to know what if there is something in place where you are called once for being disruptive to the neighborhood to be sent home. She stated that the boys are disruptive and that it affects their quality of life and it's been a little bit of a challenge.

Penny Codner-Wood, 395 Columbus St., stated that this is her first Council Meeting and she thanked those who put politics and this mess behind them and getting back to putting Bedford first.

Tim Tench, 286 Marion Dr., stated that he didn't know that Ms. Macklin was getting a proclamation this evening and he is glad that he was here for it. He stated that being a bus drive is a tough job and she is a by product of what we are producing over there as employees and he is so proud of her and the work that they do down at the garage. He asked Mr. Gambosi if there was a cap on the amount that you can borrow on the lease. Mr. Gambosi stated that there wasn't and that they did it in line with the two pieces of equipment and that you have to have a purpose for it. He also stated that we had a 10-year limitation for the equipment useful life. Mr. Tench asked if it was something that is open to the district. Mr. Gambosi stated that many times the district does leases in regards to the busses. He continued to stated that it was a timing issue to since the rates went down, so in this case he thought that we did very well overall. Mr. Tench stated that it was a nice option and thanked Mr. Gambosi for finding that out and it saves us a lot of money. Mr. Gambosi stated that this was recommended by one of the banks and he was surprised that it was this good.

Mr. Tench stated that he was glad to see that the City was getting involved with the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council. He continued to stated that it is a great organization and Mrs. Hladky does a wonderful job.

Connie Garcia, 67 Avalon Dr., stated that she has never been to a Council Meeting and she finds it interesting. She continued to stated that she thought the Council Meetings were for people to come and talk about what they need to talk about. Mr. Montello stated that we are just trying to keep everybody safe. Mrs. Garcia stated that she has seen in other cities the Hometown Hero Flags. They make the city look so good and wanted to know if Bedford would consider doing something like that. She wanted to know what do we have to do to find out if we could do something like that. Mr. Mallis stated that they have looked at how some other communities have done it and most of them are sponsored by a family. Mrs. Garcia stated that as you drive through there you get this hometown feeling. Mr. Mallis stated that we've looked at it and there are a couple of different designs and that we haven't committed to anything yet. He stated that there are a couple different ways that some of the communities have done it and the designs but we haven't rolled anything out yet, but it is something that we've looked at.

Mr. Tench stated that they will be using Chanel for a film production starting next week and it will be for the next month.

Tony Boersma, 83 Woodrow Ave., stated that the proclamation you gave to the bus drive was really nice. He stated that a lot of people are irritated and this town needs to get out and vote. He stated that if you want your voice heard come to a meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Racy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

Stark
Mayor – President of Council

11-18-19
Date