

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

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- DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - PERSONNEL – Clerk of Council
 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 - LITIGATION

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Bedford, Ohio

August 5, 2019

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Vic Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Heather Rhoades, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Pro Tem Michelle Hollo. Absent: None.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of July 1, 2019, the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2019, the Special Work Session of July 8, 2019, the Special Work Session of July 11, 2019, the Special Work Session of July 15, 2019, the Special Work Session of July 23, 2019, and the Special Work Session of July 30, 2019.

Ordinance No. 9707-19 is a contract with Terrace Construction for the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park / Art of Beauty waterline replacement. The City is required to provide adequate flow at the street. Art of Beauty's insurance company states the fire suppression did not pass the flow test and it is the City's responsibility to correct. From an economic development standpoint, we anticipate good things happening in the future as Art of Beauty is looking at potential expansion. The engineer's estimate was \$176,000 and two bids were received with Terrace Construction being the lowest at \$171,350.00. The City recommendation is to go forward with Terrace Construction.

Ordinance No. 9708-19 is a contract with Arcadis U.S. to conduct a water rate study and cost of service evaluation. Mr. Gambosi explained a proposal was received from Arcadis U.S. for three phases which total cost would be \$162,000. Phase 1 is a water rate study and Phase 2 is a sewer rate study. The Administration made the decision to start with Phase 1 only, the water rate study and cost of service evaluation. The cost of Phase 1 is \$49,000. A study has not been done since the 1990's and it should be done. The Administration believes the rates are where they should be, but this study will verify the rate structure. The study would also include establishing a water incentive plan for high business users. The study would also determine if our minimum rate is where it should be. All utilities have minimum rates. The study would be paid for from the water fund and not waste water or general funds. Mr. Mallis spoke about the waste water study. This may be required once we obtain more information on our pending EPA renewal permit. The EPA requires less than 5 bypasses a year, but we are currently at 12-15 bypasses. Bypasses occur during heavy rains. The EPA may require us to submit a plan. Arcadis can do this study for \$159,000. Mr. Saunders suggested the City should do a manhole program, if there is a patch every 50 feet the water main should be replaced, the entire sewer system should be analyzed by televising all sewers and we need to look into storm water fees. An inquiry was made if the City Engineer would have a fee to review this study. Mr. Gambosi responded that Mr. Ciuni has a five year capital improvement plan. Mr. Ciuni will have to provide data regarding capital plans and what has been done. Mr. Gambosi anticipates a few hours of billable hours. Referring to page three of the proposal, Mr. Genutis stated that Arcadis will follow the American Water Works Association manual and inquired about this. Mr. Mallis responded that Arcadis would follow benchmarks of what is considered acceptable in the industry and Arcadis U.S. is an expert in the field.

Ordinance No. 9709-19 is a contract with Simplex IT for the purchase and installation of new computers including software. Mr. Gambosi stated that in January, Windows 7 would no longer be supported and all

computers would be upgraded to Windows 10 and Office 2016. The file server is running out of space and needs to be replaced. The contract also includes the purchase of 22 computers. Mr. Gambosi received quotes from Simplex and Dell. The cost of the contract is not to exceed \$21,138. Discussion held regarding using laptops versus desktops, security, and factory refurbished desktops which are guaranteed and have a warranty. The computers and software have been budgeted for.

Ordinance Nos. 9710-19 and 9711-19 are for purchases of a pumper and rescue squad for the Fire Department. Mr. Mallis stated that during the budget hearings, equipment for the Fire Department was discussed. The City would need to borrow the funds and not take from the General Fund. It was decided to issue a five year note in December 2019 for these purchases. Because of the cost involved with doing a bond, it does not make sense unless borrowing over \$1 million. In the future, the City would need to have a commitment to the EPA for waste water treatment plant capital improvements which would cost well over \$1 million. This is when the City will do a bond issue and include these equipment purchases and interest paid. A pumper takes 9 to 11 months to build and a rescue squad is at least 6 months. Payment would not be due until arrival of the equipment. Mr. Mallis stated pre-payment discounts were looked into and there is not a discount for the squad. For a pumper there is minimal discount, but it must be paid in full up front. It does not make financial sense to do so. The two pieces of equipment being purchased would replace a 2000 rescue squad and a 2006 pumper. We had received a \$30,000 grant to purchase an automatic lift in the rescue squad. We will remove this lift and install in the new squad. An inquiry was made on what the current equipment is worth. It is estimated the squad would be \$25,000-\$30,000 and the pumper \$125,000.

Ordinance No. 9712-19 is an ordinance authorizing going out for bids for the City's signage and wayfinding program. Mr. Mallis stated the committee has been working with Guide Studio on designs for gateway and wayfinding signage. The first portion of the program will focus on gateway signs, i.e. entrance, Historic District, parking, City Hall. The City has approximately \$70,000 to do this project. We received a \$50,000 grant to start this project and an insurance settlement from a vehicular accident that destroyed a gateway sign on Center Road.

Ordinance No. 9713-19 is an ordinance to levy assessments for false alarms. After a series of false alarms, a bill is sent for police response. The individuals on the list have failed to pay. Mr. Mallis confirmed that businesses and residents are not billed for one alarm. It has to be several alarms and action is not taken to correct the issue.

Ordinance No. 9714-19 is an ordinance to levy assessments for grass cutting. The majority of these properties are vacant and foreclosed properties. Adequate notice is sent to maintain and if grass is not cut, the City's landscaper is advised to cut it. Discussion held regarding if the \$200 fee is a punishment. The landscaper charges approximately \$35 an hour. Indirect costs involved are staff costs and certified mail postage. If the fee is too low, there would not be an incentive for a property owner to cut the grass if the City would do it. The landscaper takes a before picture with a yard stick showing grass height and takes an after picture when completed to prove the grass was cut. It was also discussed that an entire wooded lot does not need to be cut, but the tree lawn must be maintained and the grass cut so far back.

Ordinance No. 9715-19 is an ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent water bills. Many of these are vacant and foreclosed houses. Mr. Gambosi stated that water bill assessments are done twice a year.

Ordinance No. 9716-19 is an ordinance making additional appropriations. Mr. Gambosi went over his memorandum to Council dated August 5, 2019 detailing the reasons for the increases or decreases in appropriations.

Resolution 2538-19 is to authorize the City Manager to apply and accept the Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant. Mr. Mallis stated the City used to budget annually for tree planting but in

2006 it was removed from the budget. Cuyahoga County has a grant to provide funding for tree planting. We applied for \$40,000 and this amount would cover the cost for purchasing and planting 100 trees. If successful, the streets where planting would occur are Greencliff, Brune, Belle, Corkhill, High, McKinley, Santin and Shawnee. The Ash trees were removed from these streets. The plan would be to plant half the trees this year and the remainder of the trees next year.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel – Clerk of Council, economic development and litigation. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:23 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mallis, Finance Director Gambosi, Law Director Montello and Administrative Assistant Michelle Hollo went into an executive session to discuss personnel – Clerk of Council.


At 7:43 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mallis, Finance Director Gambosi and Law Director Montello went into an executive session to discuss economic development and litigation.

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

Executive Session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Clerk of Council – Pro Tem


Mayor – President of Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of July 1, 2019
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2019
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session of July 8, 2019
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session of July 11, 2019
- e. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session of July 15, 2019
- f. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session of July 23, 2019
- g. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session of July 30, 2019

5. REPORTS

- a. City Manager
- b. Law Director
- c. Finance Director
- d. Council Reports

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 9707-19 contract with Terrace Construction for waterline replacement (\$171,350.60)
- b. Ordinance No. 9708-19 contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc. to conduct water rate study (\$49,000.00)
- c. Ordinance No. 9709-19 contract with Simplex IT for purchase and install of new computers (\$21,138.00)
- d. Ordinance No. 9710-19 purchase of Quantum Pumper from Finley Fire Equipment Co. (\$658,469.00)
- e. Ordinance No. 9711-19 purchase of emergency medical vehicle from Horton Emergency Vehicles Company (\$270,000.00)
- f. Ordinance No. 9712-19 advertise for bids for Signage and Wayfinding Program
- g. Ordinance No. 9713-19 levy assessments for false alarms
- h. Ordinance No. 9714-19 levy assessments for grass cutting
- i. Ordinance No. 9715-19 levy assessments for delinquent water bills
- j. Ordinance No. 9716-19 amending Ordinance No. 9653-19 making additional appropriations
- k. Resolution No. 2538-19 apply and accept Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 5, 2019. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for victims of mass shootings in Dayton and El Paso. Mayor Koci stated resident Joyce Daunch passed away.

The roll was called. Present: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Absent: None.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session of July 1, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Abstain: Rhoades. Motion carried.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Abstain: Rhoades. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of July 8, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of July 11, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of July 15, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of July 23, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizzsak. Motion carried.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of July 30, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizzsak. Motion carried.

City Manager Michael Mallis reported the Union Street waterline project has started. A portion of the road is closed at Broadway. A waterline is being installed from Broadway to the area of St. Mary's. It is important this waterline be replaced as it is from the 1930's and the County Public Works Department has committed to resurfacing Union Street from Broadway to just across Northfield Road in 2020. The Center Road project is moving to Bedford on August 8th. This is a County project. The Service Department is going to start marking sidewalks in Ward 3 for the sidewalk program this year. Sirna Construction is doing the work. Letters will be sent to residents on those streets offering them the opportunity to use Sirna Construction to replace walks which would be the homeowner's responsibility at the City bid price. A few months ago, the Police Department lost a K-9. The City is going to enter into a contract to purchase another K-9. This K-9 unit should be back on patrol in the spring and the department

will be back to two K-9 units. The WanderLust production has been outstanding and has brought many people to town. It is hoped more productions in Bedford are planned. Mr. Mallis thanked all of the pool and day camp staff for the outstanding job this season. Mr. Mallis reported he spoke with the new management company of the Colony Club Apartments and they did acknowledge having challenges as far as turnover and acquisition. The management company is in communication with the ownership group who is out of state. The management company is sending all police and/or property damage reports to the ownership group to keep them informed regarding issues. Mr. Mallis is having a follow-up meeting to discuss status of concerns and changes. The owners do plan on investing \$3 million in the buildings by installing security cameras at one pool and the party room, will be eliminating one pool and turning it into a dog park for the residents, updates to the apartments including stainless steel appliances, hardwood floorings, new signage and will include a name change. They did acknowledge they want to ensure the complex is secure and safe. Mr. Mallis stated it was a positive conversation.

All Administration and members of Council send condolences to the family of Joyce Daunch.

Law Director John Montello acknowledged the great job by recreation employees with the summer programs.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi reported the City is starting the budget process for year 2020 beginning with Department Heads.

Councilman Saunders spoke of Mrs. Daunch and his mother and gardening. Mr. Saunders stated his concerns about the County being able to maintain one way traffic on Center Road during the resurfacing project. Mr. Saunders also stated his concern regarding the residents and the Fire Department entering and exiting their driveways. Mr. Saunders spoke regarding the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant the City is applying for. The City has cut down several hundred trees and there are many more trees to be cut down. If successful, the grant will assist in replacing the trees. Mr. Saunders stated he received a concern about the rental house at the corner of Woodrow and Johnson that it is a mess and there is a pile of branches on the tree lawn. Mr. Saunders requested the Service Department check all catch basins as many are filled with dirt and growing grass.

Councilwoman Rhoades reported the First Friday street dance event was a success. The next First Friday is September 6th and is a movie night. The movie is Wizard of Oz. This event is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Before the movie there is chalk art and a sea shanty group singing. The Bedford Downtown Alliance continues to look for volunteers. The next volunteer meeting is August 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Bedford Falls Café. Mrs. Rhoades shared Mrs. Daunch was a huge influence in her life.

Councilwoman Spinks stated Mrs. Daunch was instrumental in bringing the Celebration of the Arts: Weekend of the Pooka to the City. She heard WanderLust was amazing and good for the City and showcasing the Bedford Historical Society buildings. Mrs. Spinks has concerns regarding the Center Road project and the traffic on Grand and requested special attention. The house at 188 Greencroft has been razed. Tickets are on sale for the Friday night event Cirque Du Bedford on September 13th at the Square. The theme is Art, Music, Dance and Food from Around the World.

Councilwoman Mizesak shared when Joyce Daunch offered her a large screen for the visually impaired. Mrs. Mizesak stated she would like for a group of Colony Club residents being able to have the opportunity to meet with the out of state owners of the Colony Club. Mrs. Mizesak reported the Sunoco station will be called Hop In. Mrs. Mizesak stated her concerns regarding the increased littering throughout the city.

No report from Councilman Genutis.

Councilman Fluharty inquired about the speed camera on Paul Street. Mr. Mallis responded the camera was up and working for a week. He will forward the data to Council. The camera does not flash a speed when driving by. Mr. Fluharty thanked Ms. Hollo for taking care of his grass concerns.

Mayor Koci reported he attended the National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs Council meeting in the Dayton area. The Council visited the destruction from the 14 tornadoes that went through the area Memorial Day evening. Two months later and the area still looks terrible. The officials from Trotwood, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton, reported how the emergency was handled and what was learned about the disaster plan. Mayor Koci will be receiving a copy of the final report and he will share this information with Bedford Safety Forces. Mayor Koci spoke about the recent gun violence that occurred in Dayton and elsewhere.

ORDINANCE NO. 9707-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terrace Construction Company, Inc. for Tinkers Creek Commerce Park / Art of Beauty Waterline Replacement being the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Rhoades to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9707-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis stated the City is required to provide adequate flow at the right of way. Art of Beauty is looking at potential expansion and the water at the street would not provide the adequate amount of flow based on future plans. The engineer's estimate was \$176,000 and two bids were received. S.E.T. Inc. bid \$268,663 and Terrace Construction \$171,350.00. The City recommendation is to go forward with Terrace Construction as soon as possible. The tie-in will be at Hemisphere and go along the right of way in front of that business. Any future tie-ins would be up to the business.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9708-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc. to conduct a water rate study and cost of service evaluation and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Fluharty. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizzsak to place Ordinance No. 9708-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated Arcadis U.S. is an international company that specializes in water rate studies. The company would be doing a study to ensure the rates are fair and equitable. There is a structure of how we bill especially with businesses. Arcadis would review business incentives with major businesses coming in with substantial water use that the City has the proper profit percentage in regards in making fair and equitable incentives. A study has not been done since the early 1990's and it is time to have a study done again.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9709-19, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Simplex IT for the purchase and installation of new computers including software 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 on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9709-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated Simplex IT is the City's IT company. Quotes were received for hardware and software in order to be compliant with the January deadline to update to Windows 10 and Office 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9710-19, an ordinance authorizing the purchase of one Quantum Pumper from Finley Fire Equipment Company and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9710-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis said during budget hearings equipment was discussed. The City is now in the position to purchase and rates are low. Both the pumper and the rescue squad will be purchased through the state purchasing program. A pumper takes 9 to 11 months to build and a rescue squad is at least 6 months. Payment would not be due until arrival of the equipment. We did look into discount for pre-payment and there is not a discount for the squad. For a pumper there is minimal discount, but it must be paid in full up front. It does not make financial sense to do so. In the short term to cover the cost of these two equipment purchases, the City will issue a note in December. Based on the results of our Waste Water Treatment Plant and renewal with the EPA, we are going to have to commit to spending significant capital at the plant. At that time, the City will issue debt and bonds for plant improvements and include the equipment purchases because the debt would be greater than \$1 million. It would cost the City approximately \$100,000 a year for ten years to pay for the pumper and rescue squad. The two pieces of equipment being purchased would replace a 2000 rescue squad and a 2006 pumper.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9711-19, an ordinance authorizing the purchase on one Horton 623 Type I emergency medical vehicle from Horton Emergency Vehicles Company and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9711-19 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9712-19, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids as recommended by Guide Studio, Inc. for the City's Signage and Wayfinding Program and declaring an 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: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9712-19 on third and final reading and passed.

The City and Guide Studio have been working on designs for new gateway, secondary and wayfinding signage. This will be a multiple year and a multiple grants project. The City has already received a \$50,000 grant to start this project and an insurance settlement from a vehicular accident that destroyed a gateway sign on Center Road. A downtown business owner has been involved giving input on locations for the signage. The bidding would begin with gateway signage.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9713-19, an ordinance to levy assessments for Bedford's False Alarms Ordinance in the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Mizzsak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9713-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi reported on the next three ordinances being assessments for false alarms, grass cutting and delinquent water bills. The false alarms are for police responses to an address three times. The grass cutting is for properties that were in violation that we sent the City landscaping company to maintain. The delinquent water bills have not been paid. False alarm and grass cutting are assessed once a year and delinquent water bills are assessed twice a year.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9714-19, an ordinance to levy assessments for grass cutting on various lots in the City of Bedford, Ohio during the year 2019 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9714-19 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9715-19, an ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent water bills in the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Mizzsak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

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

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9715-19 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9716-19, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9653-19 making additional appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Bedford, Ohio during the year 2019 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9716-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi reported on his memo to Council explaining the necessary appropriation changes. There was a change in Finance Department from personal services to other, there was cost and revenue generated from forfeitures and confiscations from drug busts, revenue from Safe Passages, EMS and juvenile diversion grants and to allow these funds to be spent, Forbes Road study engineering costs, increase in costs to 2018 and 2019 road programs and engineering costs, budgeted the Union Street waterline project and engineering costs. Mr. Gambosi allocates a portion of drug bust money to the SEALE fund, but sometimes confiscations are with the Marshal, FBI and other agencies and proceeds must be shared after the court has rendered judgements on cases.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2538-19, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply and accept a grant through Cuyahoga County pursuant to its Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant program 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 resolution on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Fluharty. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizzsak to place Resolution No. 2538-19 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis stated that Cuyahoga County released a grant to provide funding for tree planting. The City removed tree planting from the budget around 2006. Many years ago, the City would remove a tree and replace it. This has not been done for some time. We applied for \$40,000 and this would cover the cost of purchasing and planting 100 trees in the areas of Greencliff, Brune, Belle, Corkhill, High, McKinley, Santin and Shawnee. The Ash trees were removed from these streets. If successful, we would plant half the trees this year and the remainder of the trees next year.

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

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

Bill Astalos, 685 Archer, stated he had recent incidents witnessing drivers running red lights. Twice on Northfield Road at Columbus and Northfield at Forbes. He was stopped at the red lights and cars in the lane next to him drive through the red light. Another incident when driving, turned off of Northfield onto Union, a Jeep pulled out of Light of Hearts Villa in front of him. The Jeep was two houses from the intersection when the light turned red, the Jeep was going approximately 40 MPH and drove through the red light. Mr. Astalos has not been a proponent of red light cameras but it may now be necessary. Stop signs are a problem also. Mr. Astalos also announced the Bedford Lions Club is having the second annual Night at the Races on September 7th. He has tickets and he is accepting donations for a Chinese raffle.

Melvin Cook, 678 Turney #4, said dogs are defecating in the pool at Colony Club. He reported it to management and was told there was no dog defecation in the pool. The pool is closed and kids are climbing over the fence after hours every night. Mr. Cook also reported drugs are being sold at the complex which he will speak with Mr. Mallis about after the meeting.

Nancy Lachowski, 197 Wandle, inquired about the planting that was done by the communications company on Henry, the lot located next door to her daughter's house. There is a pile that has been there for over a month. Her daughter was told the pile would be leveled and grass planted. Mr. Mallis responded he is aware of this and the Building Department has already been in contact with the company and the work should be completed soon.

Tina Stradiot, 51 Elm, thanked everyone for everything being done stating there are many positive changes specifically stating grass is being cut, Baseball Days was a big plus, attended WanderLust and spoke with many visitors about the city. Mrs. Stradiot suggested highlighting our assets. The Square and City Hall is beautifully kept up with flowers. Mrs. Stradiot inquired about landscaping and flowers at the pool. The two beds are empty. The swim team could have a car wash and do landscaping at the pool using the same type and color scheme of flowers at the Square and City Hall. She heard there may be cameras being installed at the pool and agreed with that.

Leonette and Gary Johnson, 28 Cresswell, thanked the Police Department for ticketing the cars parking overnight on the street. Mrs. Johnson stated the vacant lot next door at 21 Cresswell has a lot of litter. Mrs. Johnson inquired if a tow truck driver is allowed to park his tow truck with an attached vehicle on city streets and in his driveway overnight. Mr. Johnson said a private tow truck driver brings his tow truck home and some nights he will bring a car attached to it and parks in his driveway. Mr. Mallis will look into this. Mrs. Johnson inquired if Heavenly Kids Daycare, a daycare in Maple Heights, is permitted to bring the children to the Elmer Flick Park in her neighborhood. Mr. Mallis stated it is a public park and nonresidents are allowed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.


Clerk of Council – Pro Tem


Mayor – President of Council