

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of March 2, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9765-20: purchase a Kubota Diesel Concrete Saw from Colony Hardware Corp. City Manager Mallis stated to pass it this evening

Ordinance No. 9766-20: authorize contract w/AC Lawncare & Landscaping for Treelawn and Lot. City Manager Mallis stated

Ordinance No. 9768-20: amending Ordinance No. 9738-19 making additional appropriations. Mr. Gambosi stated that these are left over funds for grants and Workman's Compensation and to pass it this evening.

Ordinance No. 9769-20: CRA agreement with APEC Holdings, Inc. City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the old YMCA and that it can go on First Reading this evening.

Ordinance No. 9770-20: contract with Jay Auto Group Inc. for one (1) GMC Terrain. City Manager Mallis stated that this vehicle is being purchased through the Court.

Ordinance No. 9771-20: contract w/Village of Moreland Hills. City Manager Mallis stated that this contract is similar to the other contract and that this is a new contract. He also stated that our numbers went down due to Bedford Heights re-opening their jail. Mrs. Spinks inquired about the virus in the jail and how is it working out. City Manager Mallis stated that they are here and that they are not allowed to have visitors. Mr. Montello stated that we only take prisoners if we have the capacity.

Ordinance No. 9772-20: contract w/Silco Fire and Security. City Manager Mallis stated that they went through four (4) companies and that he will send the pdf's to Council. He also stated that the fourth company did not submit anything. And that this is updates to the security system and that the current one that we have does not have the capacity.

Ordinance No. 9773-20: amend Ordinance No. 7728-05 regarding Section 151.171 Military Leave. Mr. Gambosi stated that we have always paid the difference in pay and that there is also a matter of do you pay the pension after 176 hours. He continued to state that we do not pay it until they refile and that the difference in Military Pay and City pay the family will receive it.

Ordinance No. 9774-20: authorizing Council to make decisions of an Emergency Nature. City Manager Mallis stated that if we get to a point where three (3) or four (4) Council Members are

absent this would allow us to change the number of votes to pass legislation under emergency measures. It would only be for ninety (90) days and that we can pull it back at any time. He continued to state to keep the meetings as planned. Mr. Saunders inquired if City Hall was closed yet and City Manager Mallis responded that is coming and that we will discuss it.

Resolution No. 2546-20: MOU regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds. City Manager Mallis stated that this will tie us in and that our intent is to join and that this will get sent back to the Ohio Municipal League (OML).

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion regarding the coronavirus. Mayor Koci stated that City Manager Mallis is doing a wonderful job. City Manager Mallis stated that there is no blueprint and that what we plan for today can change by the next morning. He also stated that our law firm has given us a checklist and we follow it. He stated that staff meetings are held every morning and that we are trying to figure out how to rotate the staff. He stated that on the City's website there is information located on the home page as well as links for unemployment, school lunches, wellness checks for seniors along with help for meals. He continued to state that we are trying to create as much information as possible, resources, contact from Spectrum. He stated that they will postpone April's shut offs but that they are still required to pay the bill. He stated that all deliveries are left up front and that the Tax Department has ceased all in person contact. Mr. Gambosi stated that we are trying to keep people from coming in and trying to have them go to the lock box. City Manager Mallis stated the water bills will be paid online and we will have a new normal and that we will navigate through this. He stated that if you haven't received the flu shot yet to get it because it will lessen it. He also stated that Northeast Ohio has the best hospitals in the world and that they cannot have this virus. He stated that in the Service Department workers have assigned vehicles and that they get wiped down. He stated that Mr. Gambosi is looking into FEMA and the insurance and that we have never been in a situation like this before.

Discussion to regarding the coronavirus was concluded.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel: Scheduling/shift/etc., Economic Development: Meadowbrook/Tinkers Creek Commerce Park and Litigation: CANO. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.


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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council


Date

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, March 16, 2020. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:01 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. Present: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades.

Mayor Koci stated that we have the ability to answer your questions and being that this is a public meeting if you email us with your comments you must have your name and address and that we will not answer anonymous. City Manager Mallis stated that you can email the City Manager directly at citymanager@bedfordoh.gov with any questions or concerns throughout the meeting and we will read them and respond accordingly.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of March 2, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Rhoades. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizesak. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Rhoades. Nays: Mizesak. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 9765-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to purchase one (1) 70 Horse Power Walk Behind Kubota Diesel Concrete Saw with a Thirty Inch Guard from Colony Hardware Corporation and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9765-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is a piece of equipment that was budgeted for and it is utilized to open cut the road ways to repair water main breaks, sewer repairs and sink holes.

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

Ordinance No. 9766-20, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with AC Lawncare and Landscaping, being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9766-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this contract is for all of our maintenance to our grass cutting contract and maintenance to other properties that we own throughout the City. He continued to stated that for various notices that have to go out we need to order those to be cut and this is what the contract is for. We received two bids and after reviewing it; it is our recommendation that the most responsible bidder is AC Lawncare and Landscaping.

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

Mayor Koci stated recognized the City Manager and the Administration in how they have handled the Coronavirus situation. City Manager Mallis has been giving us updates and publishing things on our City website since the third week of February. Mayor Koci also stated that everything that Administration is doing to this point is right on with what they should be doing in accordance with the State of Ohio Guidelines and they are doing a phenomenal job.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that he would pass the comments on to the Administration from the Mayor. He continued to state that they are a great team and they've been putting in a lot of work and that there has been a lot of disruption going on as well as some planning. He continued to state that there will be a lot of changes taking place. They will be an inconvenience, and there will be additional changes coming in the next couple of days coming from the State of Ohio. He continued to state that the safety, wellness, general wellbeing of our residents, businesses and our staff being our number one priority. He also stated that we will continue to deliver the essential services and that will not change. He also stated that the services for Police, Fire/EMS, Public Utility and Service will continue and we are making some adjustments on how we delivery some of those services. We are also looking at some adjustments with staffing as well and all of that information we will convey to the public via social media and on our website. He stated that one of the things that went live today is that the City of Bedford designated a specific department for a clearing house of information & if you have questions, concerns, in need of something go to that department on our website. He continued to state that there will be an information piece for the seniors to sign up for wellness checks and we will contact you and we will perform those wellness checks. It is on our website at www.befordoh.gov there is a direct link on the homepage. The purpose if this is to be a clearing house of information to advise the public on this situation.

City Manager Mallis stated that you have seen some of the changes that we put out and they are affective immediately that our Income Tax services is that we will seas in person tax assistance and we are urging people to pay their water bill online. We want the public to begin doing their business with the City of Bedford for the time being either online, over the phone or via email. We want to stop the public form coming into City Hall and in all intense as purposes City Hall will be closed; with that said you will still be able to call the departments, have email responses, and we are going to respond accordingly. He continued to state that we are following the directives issued by the CDC, State Department of Health and by the Cuyahoga County Department of Health. If anybody has any questions those are the three areas to go to for further information and we have that posted on our website. He stated that if you contact me in my office I will be able to provide as much up-to-date information as possible on the situation as far as how we are delivering services and any changes in the immediate future.

City Manager Mallis stated that it was put out there today on social media and our website that there is a new "Code Red" system and even if you were registered previously in the years prior you have to re-register for the new service. You can go on our website and enter all of your information and you will be on our new "Code Red Emergency Alert." He also stated that we will continue to deliver the essential public services from the Fire/EMS, Police, Public Utility and Service Department. Also look for drastic changes in some other ways that we do business and for everyone in Bedford to follow the Governor's recommendations. He stated that we must halt the spike and that we have a hospital in the City and it's imperative that we follow some of those directives. If you have any questions or concern you can contact me at any time.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello stated that Mr. Day sent him a memo stating that the Bedford Municipal Court will be open from in the morning for the morning hearings and if there are any afternoon hearings they will be continued to a later date and you will receive notice via mail.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that with the Corona Virus based on the mandates from the Governor's Office and the CDC in the best interest of the public health and the welfare of our employee's we decided to close the Tax Department window, so that we will not have the in-person preparation of City Income Tax Returns. He continued to state that the City does provide other means of allowing you to do your income tax such as the online system; also, when you are filing you can pay online and you can complete all of your returns. He stated do not drop off the tax return papers off in the Water Box and that there is another lock box that they prefer everyone to send the returns too. If you do need some work you can put your W-2's in an envelope with a letter and statement saying "this is all the income that we have sign-off on it and also provide a signature to create that return for you." He continued to state that you are still responsible for any payments up to that point in time on the filing deadline. He thanked everyone for their patience and it's unprecedented; however, it's important that we follow the rules of the Governor and the CDC.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Mayor Koci stated that he went to a fund raiser a couple of weeks ago for a little guy named Dylan, he was born with a serious lung problem who was in the hospital for over six months and he is home now and doing better.

Councilman Saunders wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day. He also stated that during this crisis he hopes that everyone has a little bit of patience and we know that it will interrupt your life style for a while, but we will all get through this and work from there.

Councilman Saunders stated that the Ward 6 election for tomorrow has been postponed to June 2nd. He also stated that we have been having issues at Burger King especially at the drive thru. People are getting angry with the people in the fast food restaurant, and that he received a

message that people were crawling into the drive thru window. He stated that maybe we could patrol through there a couple of times to keep an eye on it. He also stated that the other thing at Burger King is their drive apron off of Columbus Road is horrendous and that they didn't properly patch it according to our City Ordinance and that he hopes that we stay on them to do the permanent repair in that area. City Manager Mallis stated that we did get some complaints about it and it was a temporary and that they were written and notified through our Building Department and that we will follow up to make sure that it does get addressed.

Councilwoman Spinks wished everyone a safe and Happy Saint Patrick's Day. She also thanked City Manager Mallis and his team for doing a fantastic job in filling everyone in and taking the precautions to safety net our City and our residents they are number one.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that Meals-On-Wheels that we are taking precautions and that we are still delivering meals. She also stated that if you need something please reach out to the City or one of your Council Members and that she will be in the neighborhood a lot more.

Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Councilman Fluharty thanked City Manager Mallis and the Administration for all of the work that everyone is doing. He stated he will also be in the neighborhood a lot more and checking in on some of the seniors and making sure that everyone is safe. He also stated that you can contact him at (440)241-5769 or email at councilmanfluharty@gmail.com and I can help you somehow if you need something. We are all in this together and we don't know what it will like in the next few months and we will get through all of this.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that the Corona Virus Hotline is (833)427-5634 and they will answer any questions that you may have and the City's website is www.bedfordoh.gov and you can also send us an email and we will answer it as soon as possible. She also thanked City Manager Mallis and his staff and everyone on the dais for being here this evening working out the right things for our people and honoring and listening on what the Governor would like us to do so that we do not get sick. If you need something we are available in one way or another we will take care of things for you the best that we can.

Councilwoman Mizesak asked City Manager Mallis about the corner of Brome and Corkhill the sidewalk is all torn up and down to gravel are they replacing the handicap corner and wanted to know of an anticipated date. City Manager Mallis stated that he does not have an anticipated date on it and that he will look into it and let everyone know this week when you receive your report. She also inquired if we can still utilize the water bill drop box located outside for next months water bill. City Manager Mallis replied yes. She also mentioned about the water main break at the top of Circle and Button Rd. week and wondered if everything was taken care of and completed and City Manager Mallis replied that it was.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that all of the Bedford Downtown Alliance, as well as for the Garden Club, that events are currently cancelled while the state of emergency is in place. She also stated to take a moment and get your neighbors contact information and make those calls on a regular basis, especially if your neighbors are seniors.

Mayor Koci stated that if you think that you have flu, cold or virus symptoms call your doctor directly and tell them your symptoms and let them make the determination of how to come in before heading to the doctor's office or the hospital needlessly. If you have an emergency call 9-1-1 but if you have a cold or the flu call your doctor directly. He also stated that everyone should have received the 2020 Census papers in the mail this week and that it is very, very important that it gets done. We need everybody in the City to fill the census out so that we get an accurate count of how many people are in the City, because it affects federal spending and federal dollars that we get. He also stated that it affects the money that the schools receive and that one of the biggest class of people that do not get count are kids five and under. It is safe and secure. Only general information is given and that they cannot give specific information. If you have a problem filling it out there is assistance and they will walk you through it all. It's a very simple thing but very, very important.

Ordinance No. 9768-20, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9738-19 to make additional appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Bedford during the year 2020 and declaring and 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 9768-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that the ordinance that is in front of you today is basically to appropriate all of the funds that were left over from all of the different grants. He stated that one of the large items was that we had a large bill for Worker's Compensation that we have to appropriate to all of the different departments. He also stated that there were leftover funds from the Community Development Block Grant funds that we are appropriating. We are also appropriating our Food Bank Funds, NOPEC Funds from the grant that we are receiving this year and for the rescue squad and the fire pumper also need to be reappropriated because we did not spend the funds last year. We are reappropriating all of the Law Enforcement and SEAL forfeitures Agency Funds for approval for payment in 2020.

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

Ordinance No. 9769-20, an ordinance approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the City of Bedford and APEC Holdings, Inc. and authorizing execution of that agreement by the City Manager and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9769-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 9770-20, an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jay Auto Group to purchase one (1) 2020 GMC Terrain vehicle and declaring and

emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9770-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is a vehicle that is being purchased for the Bedford Municipal Court. The contract with Jay is through the State Cooperative Purchasing Contract.

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

Ordinance No. 9771-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with the Village of Moreland Hills for use of the Bedford City Jail Facilities and declaring and 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9771-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the contract for Moreland Hills is a new contract and this is to provide jail services for the community. Just like the other contracts it is only if we have the capacity to do and we don't anticipate a large influx. He stated that it is also under the same guidelines and contract terms as all of the other communities in which we house prisoners for.

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

Ordinance No. 9772-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Silco Fire and Security for installation of a new High Definition Surveillance System throughout the Municipal Building and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9772-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 9773-20, an ordinance amending Section 151.171 of the Administrative Code 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: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9773-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this ordinance is an update of the 2005 ordinance and the laws have changed regarding military personnel and leave. It addresses the wages that we pay them along with their medical and how we handle the payments in line with the hours earned by the military. He also stated that it will bring us up to date with the Advised Code as well.

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

Ordinance No. 9774-20, an ordinance approving and authorizing the Council to morally make decisions of an emergency nature if significant numbers of Council Member cannot be present during the current crisis and to grant the City Manager extraordinary authority to expend funds of the City for certain purchases of goods and services in order to reduce the need for Council Meetings and the duration of such Meeting during the present crisis and declaring and 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9774-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci stated that this is an authorization for Council so that we can do business should members of Council become ill or quarantined and we cannot have a full quorum here. This is sanctioned by the state that we can do this to lower our quorum for voting to pass legislation. He also stated that we are doing this just in case people get sick to allow us to keep the business of the City moving forward during this crisis. It also gives the City Manager authorization to increase the level of spending that he can do without having Council vote on it. He continued to state that it has a ninety (90) day limit and in ninety (90) days we will revisit this and if it is no longer needed it will be off the books or sooner if it's not needed. He also stated that the City Manager has assured Council that he will keep them in the loop and it will make us more efficient and it is something that they hope that they don't have to use. City Manager Mallis stated that some of those spending examples would exercise the powers with other political subdivisions for product or services in relating to public utilities or in the case of urgent emergency or for the immediate protection of public property and/or public safety. He continued to state that we want to take precautionary measures should something happen that is unforeseen and unfortunate we still want to be able to provide the essential services. He continued to state that we want to make sure that we don't put ourselves in a position to come to a halt legally during Council proceedings.

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

Resolution No. 2546-20, an emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept one Ohio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds 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, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Rhoades to place Resolution No. 2546-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is in regards to the state opioid settlement and the current lawsuit. In working with the Ohio Municipal League (OML) and the Attorney General's Office we have to pass this Memorandum of Understanding in order to participate in any settlement should they become available. He continued to state that by doing so funds that would become available to the City of Bedford obviously would be earmarked for certain things like treatment programs or other types of items.

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

Helen Briggs, 149 Grand Blvd., Bedford Oh thanked Mayor Koci, City Manager Mallis, and Bedford City Council for using the technology and resources at the disposal to help keep the residents healthy during a very challenging time. She also stated that we are waiting to come through to the other side of this epidemic and let's show everyone what a great community we have here in Bedford. She also stated to check in on our neighbors to make sure they are all doing well and to help each other out whenever we can. City Manager Mallis stated that is one of the things that makes us a great community and Mrs. Briggs he appreciates the comments and again check on your neighbors. We appreciate everybody cooperation, understanding and partnership during what is unprecedented times. He continued to state that as a community we will get through it and it will be with some flexibility and with some common sense.

Tony Boersma, 45 Tarbell, Bedford Oh stated the Governor DeWine got blocked and asked if the elections were still on. City Manager Mallis stated that what we do know is that there was an intent to block and it was blocked, but right now the judge's decision has appealed to the Supreme Court and that decision is currently being decided on. He continued to state that we do not have that answer and they are waiting for the Supreme Court's decision. If you are going to follow something make sure it is an accurate source. Ms. Rhoades inquired if it could be added to the home page of the City's website so that people can go and check on it. City Manager Mallis stated that when we do know we will put it up there and as far as a timely response look at either our Facebook or Twitter page. Mr. Saunders stated that if the Supreme Court overturns the overturned polls do open at 6:00 a.m. and the announcement will have to come through pretty quickly. City Manager Mallis stated that we are going to deal with it as it unfolds and it will be

tricky. He also stated let's get through this with flexibility and cooperation. Mr. Fluharty stated to follow our local news channels.

Mr. Boersma stated that the "Coming Soon" sign for the Mazda dealership on Meadowbrook is hanging down and wanted to know if it could be taken down or replaced. City Manager Mallis stated that we will touch base and look at that. He also stated that they are making some significant strides with the building and in addition look for the City's new signage, Gateway signs and the Wayfinding. He stated that all of those locations have been marked and they are going to start going up shortly and it will improve all over.

Mr. Boersma inquired if there has been any movement on the Moonglow property. City Manager Mallis stated that we've discussed the Moonglow property last winter and a couple of the main priorities were before we had that property actively marketed we wanted to take care of some of our infrastructure and we are now waiting for Cuyahoga County to come in and their portion of the infrastructure as well as the State of Ohio. He also stated that the old stone bridge will be reconstructed. He stated that it is in our plans to market that and we have had a couple of individuals in the restaurant business tour it. We will work towards actively marketing it and most likely bring a broker on sometime in the future.

Mr. Boersma stated that there are new businesses downtown and that there are other coming along with some leaving and inquired if there were any prospects for the other vacant spaces downtown. He also inquired if the City has looked into allowing pop-up type shops. Ms. Rhoades stated that in terms of the vacant properties in the downtown area those are privately owned and we have been trying to encourage our landlords to look into pop-up type situations. She continued to state that they have not been receptive to it and that a lot of these properties are privately owned and that it's necessarily a City decision on that.

Mr. Boersma stated that this is a good time to look at ourselves as a City and think that should we live at the whim of panics and irrationality or should we all strive to be more self-sufficient? He continued to state that the City likes to brag about providing its own water; then why not provide its own food? He also stated that residents should be able to grow their own food in their yards and that we should be able to raise chickens and other livestock without reason. He also stated that cities surrounding Bedford allow this and that we could model after or even completely copy their ordinances and that it would be a relatively easy operation and it could be regulated to control the bad apples. He stated that he has brought this up before and that there is a local Facebook Group called Legalize chickens in Bedford, Ohio that is in favor of this.

Mr. Montello stated they are still waiting to see if there is any action by the court if they grant a stay of if they decide and to stay tuned.

Councilwoman Mizzak wished her husband a Happy Birthday.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

4-20-20
Date