

Bedford City Council met in a work session virtually thru Zoom and streamed live via the City website on Tuesday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Vic Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Heather Rhoades, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Absent: Walter Genutis.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of March 16, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9769-20: CRA agreement with APEC Holdings, Inc. and Ordinance No. 9772-20: contract w/Silco Fire and Security were placed on Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 9775-20 membership in the Ohio Municipal League (OML) Joint-Self Insurance Pool and Mr. Gambosi stated that this is a renewal for membership and recommends to approve the three-year agreement and to keep the coverages.

Ordinance No. 9776-20 contract with Simplex for operating system upgrade Mr. Gambosi stated that one of the drives has failed with indicators and one of our older servers is failing. He recommends going forward with the HP product.

Ordinance No. 9777-20 contract with ODOT for winter rock salt City Manager stated that it is the contract with ODOT to go out for bid for the pricing of rock salt. Ms. Rhoades inquired about a second location to store rock salt and City Manager Mallis stated that they have not found a second location. He also stated that keeping equipment and staffing over in a second location would not be ideal.

Resolution No. 2548-20 declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting same, Ordinance No. 9778-20 to proceed with the improvement of certain streets by lighting same and Ordinance No. 9779-20 levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places were all placed on First Reading. Mr. Gambosi stated that every year we look at what the millage would be associated to where we think costs would be for the following year. He stated that last was 1.6 Mill and next year it will be 1.5 Mill to make ends meet in 2021. He also stated that the Tax Budget is also being done early this year due to how things were going to go with meetings.

Ordinance No. 9780-20 levying assessment for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal was placed on First Reading. Mr. Gambosi stated that this is in line with the budget for next year. He also stated that they keep updating the list and that they are on target with the funds with where they want to be in the next five years.

Ordinance No. 9781-20 declaring 83 Henry Street a nuisance and City Manager Mallis stated that this is a garage and we are going to use the demo funds to tear it down. He stated that this is paper for the County to demo it and they want the City to use up all the funds by the end of May.

Ordinance No. 9782-20 advertise for bids for the Street and Sidewalk Program (\$400,000) City Manager Mallis stated that this is authorizing the City to advertise and solicited bids for the program this year.

Resolution No. 2549-20 approving and accepting the proposed 2020 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and Resolution No. 2550-20 request County Auditor to advance taxes from tax levy proceeds for 2020 collected in 2021 were both placed on First Reading. Mr. Gambosi stated that it will be a very tight budget for 2021. Ms. Rhoades inquired as to how much of a loss will it be and Mr. Gambosi stated that he won't know until he sees the with-holding from the current month with March being paid in April. Mr. Gambosi stated that the second resolution is for next year and not associated with COVID-19.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda 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. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to adjourn out of Executive Session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. 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 virtually thru Zoom and streamed live via the City website on Monday, April 20, 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: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders.

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. He also stated that if you have any questions about the COVID-19 you can go to <http://www.bedfordoh.gov>.

Mayor Koci stated that the meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2020 was canceled.

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

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of March 16, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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 an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9769-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. 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 an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9772-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci thanked the Administration for doing a wonderful job leading everyone through this crisis.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that we did receive the new fire squad and the fire engine will be in this week. He also stated that we did receive delivery of the additional trees and they will be planted this Spring.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Saint Peter Chanel demolition and they are working through the asbestos contract and the demolition is expected to begin in June.

City Manager Mallis commended the Service Department and Mrs. Kuzma who worked in applying for two grants. The one grant that we were awarded was to cover the remaining amount for the City signs and the other grant that we received was for \$150,000.00 grant from the County for the Sewer Televising and Maintenance and it will take place this year.

City Manager Mallis thanked Mayor Koci for the kind words and he also commended the staff for the amount of work that they have done and he thanked the public for being flexible with the City and for being a good partner as well. He also stated that City Council awarded a contract a few months ago for a lawn maintenance contract and the winning bidder will not be able to perform that contract and we believe that we will be able to maintain and take on the additional work load in house.

City Manager Mallis stated that if you are looking for updates for COVID-19 please visit the City's website and also follow on social media as well. The City buildings will be closed until June 1st and thank you for your patience. He stated to direct any comments to mmallis@bedfordoh.gov.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello stated for everyone to stay safe.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that Finance Department has had to deal with different ways for social distancing with working from home and at the office. He stated that the Tax Department has done very well with the public in filing their taxes with the lock box, that has worked very well. He also stated that the Efiling and the online filing have also gone very well this year.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Spinks stated for everyone to stay safe.

Councilman Fluharty thanked everyone at City Hall for doing a wonderful job. He also asked the City Manager to see if the police could patrol a little bit more during the day time.

Councilwoman Mizzak thanked everyone for being patient during this time. She also thanked Councilwoman Spinks for putting together the event for last Saturday and that it was wonderful.

She gave a special thank you from a resident for the wonderful job that the Fire Department & Police Department for their help.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that with the next First Friday has been canceled and to check out our social media pages and our website. She stated the Garden Club has been following the same guidelines and that the Plant Sale has been canceled and it will be in June and that a bulb sale will be in the fall. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Bedford Garden Club you can visit <http://www.befordgardenclub.com>.

Councilman Saunders thanked everyone for staying put. He asked the City Manager to have the Police Department to look at two things that have been popping up lately and they are: 1.) the cars playing their radios extremely loud; and 2.) cars that have exhaust systems that are really bad rev through stop sings. He stated that we have two properties that need cutting, one is at the corner of Ennis St. and Center Rd. and the other one is at the corner of Garden Dr. and Ennis St. He stated for everyone to stay safe.

Mayor Koci stated for everyone to stay safe and to follow what the governor asks.

Ordinance No. 9775-20, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9475-17 to provide continuing membership in the Ohio Municipal League Joint Self Insurance Pool providing for payment therefore and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9775-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi recommends that we stay with the pool and asked Council to pass it this evening.

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

Ordinance No. 9776-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Simplex IT for the purchase and installation of a new server and Operating System (OP) Upgrade and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9776-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that the current backup server is over five years old and we had some failures on the system and the disc drives and he recommends Council to replace it and pass it this evening.

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

Ordinance No. 9777-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to participate in the ODOT Winter Contract (020-21) for Road Salt and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9777-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this an ordinance that authorizes us to participate with ODOT for Road Salt and we are committing to purchasing 3700 tons for next winter.

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

Resolution No. 2548-20, a resolution declaring the necessity to improve certain streets in the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting the same and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to place Resolution No. 2548-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 9778-20, an ordinance determined to proceed with the improvements of certain streets in the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting the same and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9778-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 9779-20, an ordinance levying special assessment for the improvement of the street and public places of the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting of the same in accordance with Resolution No. 2548-20 and Ordinance No. 9778-20 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9779-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we are look at a 1.5 Mill assessment verses a 1.6 Mill assessment from last year.

Ordinance No. 9780-20, an ordinance to levy assessments for the expense of Garbage/Refuse Collection, Recycling and Disposal within the City of Bedford, Ohio during the Tax Year 2020 and collected in 2021 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9780-20 on First Reading. The roll

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

Ordinance No. 9781-20, an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 83 Henry Street (P.P #814-14-063) a nuisance and therefore condemning the property ordering action and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9781-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager stated that this is a property that we included in our demo application that was approved by the County. He continued to stated to move this forward so that the County Landbank can move it forward for demolition of the garage on the property.

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

Ordinance No. 9782-20, an ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to prepare specification and to advertise for bids for the 2020 Street and Sidewalk Program and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9782-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is for our annual road program and during our budget process we were looking to up the program to \$600,000.00 and after meeting the Administration we believe that the smart decision is to reduce it back down to \$400,000.00 in anticipation of loss in revenue.

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

Resolution No. 2549-20, a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2020 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2549-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we do this for three reasons:1.) allows the County Auditor to assess the property tax rates for the City of Bedford, 2.) allows the City of Bedford to receive local

government funds that were received annually, and 3.) it allows the County Auditor to provide the City of Bedford a Certificate of Resources as we appropriate those resources as we discuss the annual budget starting in August thru December of this year.

Resolution No. 2550-20, being a resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of Tax Levies for the year 2020 collected in 2021 pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Resolution No. 2550-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gambosi stated it is to advance taxes as they collect them next year.

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

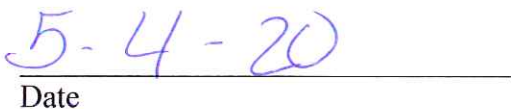
Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council


Date