

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session virtually thru Zoom on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:30 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 June 1, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9794-20: adopting the May 2020 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances Mrs. Simons stated that this is the updated replacement pages for the City's Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance No. 9795-20: declaring 38 Ennis Street a nuisance City Manager Mallis stated that the Building Department deemed this to be unsafe for multiple reasons and that there are a number of issues with the property.

Ordinance No. 9796-20: establishing and maintain a new fund referred to as Local Corona Virus Relief Fund Mr. Gambosi stated that this is to establish a fund to see what is going in and going out along with what funds we can keep. He stated that they are working with what to do with the funds for payroll and that there are a lot of restrictions as well.

Ordinance No. 9797-20: amending Ordinance No. 9738-19 making additional appropriations Mr. Gambosi listed the changes were as followed: The General Fund there is an increase in payments to Bedford Board of Education for CRA agreement payments \$8,078.00. The CDBG Fund regarding the demolition of 96 John Street, \$8,760. The SEAL Fund to account for all of the proceeds and expenditure of the 2020 Recovery Ohio Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00. For the Street Lighting Fund regarding the street lights that need replaced on Willis Street and Broadway Avenue for the amount up to \$40,000. For the Grants Fund regarding that HS cares Funds received From Health Human Services for COVID 19 Ambulance services amounted to \$11,342.77. Also, OCJS has Offered a grant of \$0.00 for Police Associated COVID costs. Finally, the Eagles donated \$5,500 last year and we are appropriating funds for expense in 2020. The Urban Tree grant has the city purchasing \$9,071.00 more trees in 2020 needing budget grant funds still due are \$19,740. The Recycle grant for 2020 will be needing \$6,000.00 in appropriations. The Coronavirus Relief Fund to account for the funds from the Federal Cares Act grant for \$381,147.06 received in 2020. The Clerk of Courts for the Bedford Court Received an Ohio Supreme Court Grant in the amount of 20,046.87 for the purchased of video equipment and the expenditures will be in the amount of \$24,017.17. For the Capital Projects Fund to account for street costs to be reimbursed for crack sealing and county portion of Forbes road \$143,158.09 and the fire pumper cost was overbudgeted by \$1,000. The Wastewater Fund to account for the Wood Creek Trunk Project in the amount of \$80,000. For the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to account and appropriate the funding for the funds received in the amount of \$23,244.22. And for the SEALE Unforfeited Trust Fund regarding the funds confiscated in 2019 needed to be re-appropriated in 2020 in the amount of \$172,258. That will bring us up to date with all of the changes that are going on.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: B2-A Zoning & Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, Litigation: Residential Demolitions and Personnel: Staffing/Schedules. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council


Date

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, July 6, 2020. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

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

Motion made by Spink and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of June 1, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that if anyone has any questions to send them to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov. He touched on a couple of construction projects that are taking place and one is the Road Program that started this week and next week the Forbes Road Project will begin. He also stated that the County Land Bank moved the Chanel demolition to July 15th and that the City is work very closely with the Land Bank, Bedford City Schools and the Alumni Association.

City Manager Mallis stated that Dominion East Ohio is nearing completion on some of the restoration work and once that is finished the City will give them permission to begin on the next phase of the main gas line replacement, which will take place along West Grace Street and Edgewood.

City Manager Mallis stated that some people may be receiving a letter from the Illumination Company regarding the installation of smart meters. It is new technology that is made available to our community with more detailed billing, it will help with power outages and more detailed information to the Illuminating Company.

City Manager Mallis commended the new K-9 officer who finished and graduated last week and look for them on the road. He continued to state that this is an asset to the community and the business owners.

City Manager Mallis reminded everyone that August is hazardous waste and computer round up and the times and dates to drop them off at the Service Department are posted on the City's website.

City Manager Mallis commended Council on the 4th of July parade and that he received emails stating that it was well done and well received.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello stated commended Council on the parade and that he received positive comments on it and hoped that all is well with everyone.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that it is coming down to the extended tax season and when submitting your tax returns we recommend doing the online system. He continued to state if you drop your paperwork off to place it in the box located in at the Tax Department window. He stated that we will not have the one-on-one tax preparation this year. He stated that the penalties will be placed on July 16th per state law and to please get your taxes in and pay the bills that are due on July 15th.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Mizzsak inquired to City Manager Mallis about the corner house on West Glendale Ave. and Turney Rd. is over grown and want someone from the Building Department to check it out. She also inquired about the US Bank property and asked if the filming place was located back there. City Manager Mallis stated that they are not and that in the last six months they've been going back and forth with their attorney and the property owner and the property owner put that property up for auction and a Northeast Ohio developer acquired the property. She also inquired about the personal stats for the City of Bedford regarding the Coronavirus and City Manager Mallis stated that anyone who is positive deals with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. City Manager Mallis also stated that regarding the heat wave what services do we have for seniors who do not have air conditioning and that there are staff member looking into further details regarding that and 1.) we can't open our Senior Center right now based on the State guidelines and 2.) it wouldn't be wise to welcome a large number of senior citizens into that area. He continued to state that have the seniors contact us and get on our Wellness Checks that are done daily. He also stated that if any other cooling centers open up that he will share the information and it will be placed on our website and we will put it out on social media.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the First Friday on July 3rd went really well and that they were out of meal bags within twenty minutes. She continued to state that they are working on the next First Friday and that they are looking for people to help out on it. If you are interested email at bda@bedforddowntown.org or you can visit <http://www.bedforddowntown.org>.

Councilman Saunders stated that when First Energy comes to replace your smart meter that your power will get shut off so make sure that everything is shut down in your home. He inquired if the chipper service would be out this week and Councilman Fluharty replied that they were out today. City Manager Mallis stated that if you do have items out on your tree lawn it will make it more efficient and more effective to call the Service Department with your address and we will get out there and collect it. Councilman Saunders also inquired if we are lifting any of the tree lawn trees and City Manager Mallis stated that we are trimming them now, but typically it is done in the early spring and fall.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that she started off the 4th of July with an event at Woodside Village and she thanked the Mayor for attending their small parade. She also thanked the Police and Fire Department for attending as well it made the residents day at Woodside Village. She

stated that it was an honor to be part of a very personal parade and thanked all of the other Council Members for coming together and making it very special.

Councilwoman Spinks stated to check on your neighbors with the upcoming hot weather and to also check on your animals as well.

Councilwoman Spinks mentioned to City Manager Mallis about speeding on Grand Blvd., Willard Ave. and on Greencroft Rd. and that she personally witnessed a car speeding on her street and didn't attempt to stop at the stop sign and that an officer was on Kenyon Ave and got them. She also stated that something has to be done about it before one of your residents gets hit.

Councilman Genutis stated that the parade was fun and a great idea. He also thanked Mayor Koci for mentioning to go down more streets. Councilwoman Rhoades that the gentleman who joined them during the parade.

Councilman Fluharty stated his grandson enjoyed being in the parade and to include the young ones in on things as much as possible, because they don't understand what is going on now from the current situation with COVID-19.

Mayor Koci stated that we didn't publish the exact route because we didn't want people gathering, the reason why we didn't have the big parade.

ORDINANCE NO. 9794-20, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE MAY 2020 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD, OHIO, HEREINAFTER "CODIFIED ORDINANCES", TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR DEEMED OBSOLETE 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9794-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that it is certain provisions within our Codified Ordinances that need to be amended to conform to the current state law.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9795-20, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 38 ENNIS STREET (P.P. #811-33-009) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9795-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that a rental inspection was performed back in August 2019 and found a number of issues that deem the property uninhabitable and it did not pass the inspection. He continued to stated that the owner of the property has failed on multiple attempts to address these issues and that this is the next step to get things cleaned up and hopefully get some things corrected.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9796-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A NEW FUND FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD REFERRED TO AS LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND) AND DECLARING AN 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, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9796-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that the governor sent through the CARES ACT \$381,000.00 to appropriate in the next ordinance and in doing so the state requires the city to have a special fund aside just for those funds and how we are spending them so that they can track them for federal purposes.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9797-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9738-19 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks 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, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9797-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi listed the changes were as follows: General Fund: The increases/decreases in appropriations for 2020 are as follows: The General Fund there is an increase in payments to Bedford Board of Education for CRA agreement payments \$8,078.00. The CDBG Fund regarding the demolition of 96 John Street, \$8,760. The SEAL Fund to account for all of the proceeds and expenditure of the 2020 Recovery Ohio Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00. For the Street Lighting Fund regarding the street lights that need replaced on Willis Street and Broadway Avenue for the amount up to \$40,000. For the Grants Fund regarding that HS cares Funds received From Health Human Services for COVID 19 Ambulance services amounted to \$11,342.77. Finally, the Eagles donated \$5,500 last year and we are appropriating funds for expense in 2020. The Urban Tree grant has the city purchasing \$9,071.00 more trees in 2020 needing budget grant funds still due are \$19,740. The Recycle grant for 2020 will be needing \$6,000.00 in appropriations. The Coronavirus Relief Fund to account for the funds from the Federal Cares Act grant for \$381,147.06 received in 2020. The Clerk of Courts for the Bedford Court Received an Ohio Supreme Court Grant in the amount of 20,046.87 for the purchased of video equipment and the expenditures will be in the amount of \$24,017.17. For the Capital Projects Fund to account for street costs to be reimbursed for crack sealing and county portion of Forbes road \$143,158.09 and the fire pumper cost was overbudgeted by \$1,000. The Wastewater Fund to account for the Wood Creek Trunk Project in the amount of \$80,000. For the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to account and appropriate the funding for the funds received in the amount of \$23,244.22. And for the SEALE Unforfeited Trust Fund regarding the funds confiscated in 2019 needed to be re-appropriated in 2020 in the amount of \$172,258. That will catch us up with our projects and where we are at.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, 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.

City Manager Mallis read a comment from a young resident thanking everyone for the parade, all the candy and the sharks.

City Manager Mallis read a comment from a resident curious as to the number of confiscated fireworks and the concern that fireworks have been going off for twelve days and as late as 12:45 a.m. City Manager Mallis responded that the officers were extremely busy and that the tricky part is that they need to witness that it first-hand and that he would look into the specific number of confiscated fireworks. He stated that there was a small fire that the Fire Department did respond to and extinguished that was a result of fireworks. He continued to state that if there are concerns to call and give a specific information and specific location and we will respond accordingly.

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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

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Mayor – President of Council

8-3-20
Date