

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting of November 16, 2020, and the Budget Meeting of November 23, 2020. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Ordinance No. 9827-20: City of Bedford 2021 Appropriation Budget – 1st Rdg: 11/2/20 & 2nd Rdg: 11/16/20. Mr. Gambosi stated that we've already had two readings on this and we are looking to pass it this evening. He also stated that there may be one modification as we discussed earlier in regards to the Fire Department, but other than that we will probably amend it in March. He continued to state that right now it is good to go into the new year to start.

Ordinance No. 9833-20: amending Ordinance No. 9738-19 making additional Appropriations. Mr. Gambosi stated that this is to catch up on our grants, and some items that he went through the budget on and there are certain areas that need extra funds at this point and they are: Seasonal employment in the cemetery, for income tax refunds he is putting \$15,000.00 in there to be certain that there aren't any last minute ones, for some adjustments in legal fees, Municipal Court there was an increase and decrease, there were some advances that they will have to do because they are waiting on grants and reimbursements from the county, and advance in COVID that we are going to utilize toward improvements in the Capital Project for: plumbing, doors and a scanner for the Building Department. He stated that we are bordering the budget right now and we are spending more than anticipated and we will have to cover it just in case because it is state law. He also stated for overtime for the Fire Department. He continued to state setting aside a budget for salt for winter this year, Corona Relief Fund we have to budget for the interest that we received from the banks, expenditures for the Northfield Rd. and Rockside Rd. for legal issues and engineering is what the advance is for and the rest has been addressed already regarding the Fire Pension, we are reducing the expenditures because we were able to utilize the COVID Funds to help us with the pension fund and the expenditures of the Fire Department. He stated that our final meeting with Council will be on December 21st and at that point it would allow for any changes to the budget that might happen between now and then or for anything emergency wise. He stated that he will have another \$140,000.00 and he will have to budget for these items of COVID that we will be utilizing on another grant that we will need to account for before the end of the year.

Ordinance No. 9834-20: apply for a CDBG for various infrastructure improvements including but not limited to the sewer cleaning and televising and necessary repairs and **Ordinance No. 9835-20:** apply for a CDSG Fund for adding some modern amenities to the Historic District.

City Manager Mallis stated that we have to pass these two ordinances and they are for grants that we are applying for from the county and we have to have authorization from Council. He stated that the CDBG is to target some additional sewer work like what we did earlier this year with last

years CDBG Funds, where we did primarily up in Ward 3. He stated that there are some other areas that we want to utilize those funds and if Council recalls we were looking for the ADA upgrades to the men's restroom at Ellenwood Center, and this legislation will authorize us to apply and if we are successful those funds will go to those two projects.

City Manager stated that the CDSG is a smaller county grant for \$50,000.00 and one of the things that we are looking to do is to do some modern upgrades in the Historical District and they are: to establish internet accessibility for everyone in the area at no cost, to install four (4) charging stations for electric vehicles and for replacement of any benches and to install a number of bike racks as well as bike repair stations through out downtown and the commons and that is what this grant is for. Councilman Genutis stated that those are good things and that the charging station is a great idea, because people can bring their cars there and the WIFI downtown is a wonderful idea as well.

Ordinance No. 9836-20: contract with CSP Construction Inc. City Manager Mallis stated that we have to provide sewer service to all of the buildings back by the YMCA and their tie in is all the way back near the Wal-Mart facility and we have been trying to get it cleared up for about a month or maybe a little bit longer. He stated that the county was out and they identified a portion of our line that has collapsed, and it made sense to put in a new line in a much shorter area that would extend towards Dave's building and towards the Mazda site and tie into the road, instead of running the whole length back to Wal-Mart. He stated that whatever we choose the city would be responsible, this establishing a new line and we have an agreement with Dave that he will be paying half. He also stated that we will bill Dave and then we will recoup some of it, so we are looking at about \$12,000.00 for a brand-new line that is much shorter and it makes sense to do it. Mr. Gambosi inquired if it includes engineering and City Manager Mallis replied that he believes we have already received it and this number does not include engineering and he will check on it. Mr. Gambosi stated that in the budget this evening you will see that there is \$25,000.00 set aside for it and he will need another \$300.00 to set it up and equal the amount on it, and he will add it at the next meeting.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Historic Preservation Board. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired as to what are doing next with this and Mayor Koci replied that we need to have a meeting among us to discuss this. Councilwoman Rhoades wanted to know what everyone would like the next steps to be with this, and Mrs. Simons gather information on how other cities handle it, so wanted to know what are the next steps to move this forward. Councilwoman Mizzak stated that there should be some representatives from the city to give their nod to approving whatever they would like for their needs. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that this has been on the agenda for two months and it's been researched by Mrs. Simons and we were all supposed to be talking to people in those two months and wanted to know what is our next step to move this forward, because she feels that it isn't moving forward and it is a huge legal issue for the city. City Manager Mallis inquired if Council had a chance to look at the piece that he included about a month ago, it identified where it lists representatives for this board like: Chair of the Planning Commission and three other individuals, so one of his questions is does Council as a group want to start and look at what the list of those individuals and round it out. He also stated that he likes the idea of an individual from Planning Commission and he also likes the idea of working with the Preservation Board in seeing if they have an individual that we can tie into if

we join that group next. He stated that there isn't a lot of time and that we need to have more of these meetings and having someone from that group would be really beneficial. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that with it being in her ward they would really like to see is that we clearly establish what we want this board to do and then work backwards. She continued to state that the way this board was created was lose at best and it was created due to a lot of pressure from the powers that be within the city and that it doesn't have a place here anymore. She wanted to know what as Council do they want to see for their downtown area to preserve. She also stated that no matter how bad a build is in terms of condition we still lose a little piece of our downtown, how much do we want to preserve and how much do we want to move forward for progressive reasons and that it would be nice to get a clear definition of that from Council and that we can have a much better discussion on how to achieve it. City Manager Mallis stated that the ordinance that he located about a month ago is from 1985 and it states that the "Membership of the Preservation Board should encompass the City Manager or his delegate, the Planning Commission Chair, the Council person from the Ward or Wards encompassing the district, Chief Building Official, two members from the Historical Society and two members of the business sector one of which is a property owner within this district." He continued to state the way the board is set up now has been that way for well over a decade and where we gone a stray from the 1985 ordinance and maybe there is something that Mrs. Simons and I haven't come across in the middle, but based off of the most recent information that we've found we're not adhering to that. He continued to state that would we want to mirror that list; would that work and would we want to bring on another group that is something to think about. Councilman Saunders stated that if it's the ordinance then that's how it should be set up and if you want to put a supplement to it that's one thing. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that it's not the ordinance it was what they planned, more of a guideline that was supposed to go along with the ordinance but it never carried through with the ordinance. Mayor Koci stated that the ordinance itself needs to be changed, like the phrase "anything historic in the city the Historical Preservation Board is supposed to oversee", it doesn't have to be downtown. He continued to stated that maybe it's a little too much power for a little board and are we restricting it to just the historic downtown or do we carry it further. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that from most cities that she's seen it's restricted to the Historic District. She stated that you have a Historic District for a reason and the rest of the city you are to let develop as it is because it encourages economic growth. She also stated that she doesn't think that we want to put these types of restrictions on the entire city. Mayor Koci stated that we have to look at the part that says that they can go other areas, even before we define the people on the board. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that these are the things that we have to figure out. Councilman Saunders stated that the Planning Commission is for everybody else. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the Bedford Downtown Alliance has a two-fold view of the downtown, there is what we as a Council consider the Historic District currently just before Five Points all the way too Handyside House, which is the current district. She continued to state that the Bedford Downtown Alliance would eventually like to expand to the train tracks and up to where Rockside Rd. and Broadway Rd. meet and she would like to at least take that into consideration when they put in the zone so that it is covered. Councilman Genutis stated that there is a point at which it's hard not to think about what it would cost to bring an old building back to some type of historical looking feature and who should absorb that kind of a cost, because if you put a restriction against doing anything who gets stuck with the bill for making it historical. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that one of Bedford Downtown Alliance's goals is to go out and find grants and money to renovate those buildings. Councilman Genutis stated that Councilwoman Rhoades is onto something where we need to personally figure out what we want the board to actually do for us, and that we need to find some verbiage

from some these organizations as to what they are about and it could probably be summed up on a couple of paragraphs of intent. He continued to state that we would then have to work on the limitations of that kind of intent as well. Councilman Fluharty stated that most of the building store fronts need a facelift and when you go to other towns and see the same sign uniform all the way across each store, its very appealing and they look nice to go into those stores from the outside, something more uniform. Councilwoman Mizesak stated that insides should be suitable to the customers eye, but on the outside make it look esthetically welcome for a person to come in. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that older buildings become historical someday. Councilman Genutis inquired if there was anything in the downtown area that is newer that fifty years and Councilwoman Rhoades replied that she would have to get the file. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we don't want to hold up future historical buildings. She also stated that as a Council we are more concerned about the visual look of our downtown rather than the historical look, and we just have to establish that. She also stated that maybe the exterior is not as visually pleasing as some of the other buildings downtown, but it's part of our story. Councilman Genutis stated that this discussion is definitely getting them closer to that we need to try and define what this board is going to do, because he thinks that they are driving towards the ultimate point that we are all agreeing on. Mayor Koci stated that they aren't going to solve anything tonight, but we have the conversation and if everybody goes back pulls out the ordinance that City Manager Mallis just sent everyone as well as look at some of the other resources that Mrs. Simons found, we need to put to pen and paper what everyone would like to see, then we can start the conversation. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that now we need to go talk to our residents. She also stated that it is a huge legal liability and we have to redo this ordinance and we have to fix what was broken many years ago. City Manager Mallis stated that when everybody takes a look at the ordinance a lot of the board members are already selected, if Council wants to follow that layout it would just be a matter of filling some of those other pieces. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that she would like to have someone from BZA, architect and someone from the Historical Preservation Society. Mayor Koci asked all of Council if the next step is to have a special meeting about this and if they wanted to wait until after the holidays for the meeting. City Manager Mallis stated that he would get with Mr. Montello and Mrs. Simons and put something together and share it at the next Work Session. Mayor Koci stated that he would like to see a separate day to invite some people from the board and come up with a vision first.

Discussion of the Historic Preservation Board was concluded.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel: Negotiations, Policy/Procedures, Scheduling and COVID - 19. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders 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 8:02 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

Date: 12-21-20

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session on Monday, December 7, 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 Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of November 16, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve the Budget Meeting of November 23, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9827-20, BEING AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2021 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 Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9827-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that after numerous meetings with City Manager Mallis and the Department Directors we were able to go through and put the budget together, but also, we were able to move it onto Council. He continued to stated that we came up with this budget, where we find that the General Fund is at an \$18.4 Million in expenditures and at a \$20 Million of the budget is payroll, so it is almost a 50/50 split in regards to the overall budget in the city.

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

At this time a presentation was made to Meals on Wheels.

City Manager Mallis stated as a reminder that if anybody has any questions or comments send them to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov and they will be read during the Hearing of Citizens portion of the meeting.

City Manager Mallis thank everyone at the Sikh Temple for their donation and it will go towards our food program that the Parks and Recreation Department has been working on. He also stated

that Bedford businesses donated a substantial amount of money to help the public during the pandemic. He also stated that Mr. Gambosi did a tremendous job and we have utilized some additional money to keep it going, where we were providing food boxes every other week. He stated that about a grant that we were just awarded for \$140,000.00, which will be going to some other projects, but a portion of that will go to additional food. He stated that we will give out more food in December to try and help those who are more vulnerable.

City Manager Mallis stated that the snow storm last week has hindered the leaf collection and they will be back out when some of the snow melts. He stated that they will be making one more pass through town for collection. He stated that they have completed the sewer project in Councilman Fluharty's Ward, which was the cleaning and televising and all of the final reports were submitted to the engineer's office. He continued to state that they are compiling that data and they will provide it to us, at which point if there were any major issues that we need to repair we will start laying out a program to address them. He also stated that he will have them in the weekly report as soon as possible.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Building Department went live with a small portion of their new software, where contractors can register, so look for that online and it is something that we will be building on. He continued to state that it is better for the public and that it is more convenient and better for business.

City Manager Mallis stated that there are two other streets regarding the sewers and that they worked with Cuyahoga County on a cost share project, where we received a small amount of money from the Regional Sewer District. He stated that they did some sewer clean on South Circle and along Eldridge and it was completed a couple of weeks ago. He also stated that they are working on a couple of other grants, but we are looking for a grant the Cuyahoga County for Maintenance, where they provide all of the material for specific county roads and one of the roads that we will be applying for will be for Egbert Rd. He stated that Union St. is scheduled to take place this year.

City Manager Mallis stated that they will be looking into extending the timeline for allowing the trash to be taken out during the months where it is dark. He stated that he will put some information together for Council and we will post it on social media. He continued to state that they looking to relieve those restrictions, so that this way they can have the trash out early so that individuals can be safe.

City Manager Mallis stated that in the past this weekend is for Christmas in Bedford Falls and for months we've been speaking with the group that organizes it, and with a lot of the protocols and restrictions that are in place we are unable to do things that we've done in the past. He stated that what we can continue to do is to stress shop our downtown, shop local and shop Bedford. He stated to please follow us on social media with things changing everyday as far as restrictions, we do plan to have some photo opportunities near the train depot and the gazebo through Parks and Recreation to take a photo. He also stated that they will have grab and go bags of crafts to do at home. He stated that spirit of Bedford and Bedford Falls still goes on and please do not forget about the businesses and he hopes that next year we are doing much bigger and better.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello congratulated everyone on their causes and they advocate their causes very and thanked them for their interest in the community and allowing him to be a part of it.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that he was getting caught up with the COVID-19 CARES Act and now doing another grant and that they will be busy pulling all of that data and information and getting everything ready for federal and local audit. He continued to state that we get audited by three different agencies in regards to this money. He thanked everybody for the Meals on Wheels and all of the volunteering that is done, it goes a long way. He stated that they are working on budgets for this year and next year and we are getting ready to finish the year up and he appreciates all of his staff's efforts they did a fantastic job this year.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that as City Manager Mallis mentioned we have a lot of stuff downtown and it is really important to support your local businesses. She listed a few things about our downtown and looking for things to do during these times, that is either cheap or free: a.) Christmas in Bedford Falls and play an Elf on the Shelf game and you can learn more about that at <http://www.bedforddowntown.org>, b.) Christmas Lights, c.) direct mailbox to Santa located downtown. She stated to shop small this time of year, but during these times if you are concerned about health and safety everyone of the shops is cleaning their shops constantly and you will have maybe one or two people in the same shop at any point in time.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that from the Bedford Downtown Alliance they are very pleased to announce that they are going to be providing a rent subsidy to all of the downtown businesses that apply. She continued to state that if you are a downtown business and looking for one months rent covered you can apply for the subsidy from the Bedford Downtown Alliance. She stated that you can learn more about it at our website or you can contact us at stories@bedforddowntown.org on how to apply for that subsidy. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays and to take care of yourselves.

City Manager Mallis stated that on Friday Cuyahoga County released a grant and we did post so of the information online, they released a grant up to \$10,000.00 for restaurants. He stated that the deadline to apply is this Friday, so any local restaurant that is looking for assistance for utilities, rent or mortgage and it fits the criteria and if you need help filling the application out contact our offices there is a staff member to walk you through the process. He stated that it is a quick turn around and they want to award that money within the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Saunders stated it is amazing as to how many people plow their driveways out and leave it in the street. He stated that people need to remember that the regulation is that you keep your snow on your own property. He also stated that there was a lot of tree damage and that he

noticed that the chipper was out in Ward 3 and he wanted to know if we were going to go around and clean up the branches or are we going to ignore it and City Manager Mallis stated that we are not ignoring it because the chipper was out today and it is making its way through town. He stated that our staff is doing their best to collect what they can and obviously if there are huge limbs on private property we can't do that, with that being said once this snow melts we do need to get the leaf crew back out. He continued to state that he can't promise how long that service will be out for because it strictly comes down to man power, we brought it back out and our goal is to canvas the entire town and collect the debris. Councilman Saunders stated that we are going to have to have somebody go through the trees to trim off the broken branches, split sections and in some cases take some of the trees down and we have a lot of damage in Ward 6. He stated that he has been telling people to be patience and that we will get to it. He also stated that he hopes somebody is assessing the damage and making some type of schedule on how we are going to handle it.

Councilwoman Spinks stated there is a lot of limb damage on Grand Blvd. and on Tudor and if you are a resident please don't pull tree limbs from the back yard to the front yard, because we are working with a small crew and they are doing a lot right now with the snow removal. She stated to give her a call to be put on a list to get taken care of.

Councilwoman Spinks thanked the city for helping out with Meals on Wheels, it is really dear to her, and she thanked Councilman Fluharty for being such a big help. She continued to stated that they used to deliver everyday and now with COVID we are down to delivering seven meals one day a week, and sometimes for that senior citizen you are the only person that they see all week long, so you become very close to these people. She thanked everyone who donated and it is an honor to be a part of Meals on Wheels.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that if you haven't been down to the Tribute and Spiritual Gift Shop on Broadway, make it an appointment. She stated that there are some amazing things down there, there is a machine down there that can print all kinds of stuff. She stated that it is really important to patronize our downtown businesses.

Councilman Genutis stated shop downtown that there are some neat shops down there and that it is important. He also stated that with Meals on Wheels it has to be one of Bedford's greatest assets, it's a wonderful thing and Dianna and Dina are heroes. He continued to state that they deserve every congratulations that they can get, because it's a really amazing thing. He also stated that in these times the City of Bedford is doing a lot in order to feed people at one of the local churches recently. He stated for everyone to keep safe and warm through the holidays.

Councilman Fluharty stated that all of the ladies with Meals on Wheels do all of the major work and that he helps out and when he first started doing it he didn't know what he was getting involved in and it is rewarding.

Councilman Fluharty stated that he is also involved with is the School Foundation and this year they raised \$32,000.00 and a shout out to all of the ladies that were in charge of it they did a wonderful job. He also thanked the City and everybody that donated and bought things.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that everyone here all eleven of us have turned into the most caring and generous group of people in the time of need. She stated that we have been there for everybody and they have always appreciated it.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that she was going to give City Manager Mallis a list of the tree-lawn trees that have split from the weight of the snow and that the homeowner will not be happy if they have to trim them and that we will have an arborist come out when the weather breaks and make an assessment of needs to be done before Spring time before the leaves bloom. She inquired about when they were doing the sidewalks for the gas company there was a box installed on West Grace and what the box is doing on the ground there and City Manager Mallis replied that he wasn't sure what it is for but they should have it cleaned up.

Councilwoman Mizesak thanked the Fire Department for responding to all of the calls from the recent snow storm. She stated that since we are getting close to Christmas everybody do the right thing and enjoy your family regardless of how far away they are.

Mayor Koci reminded everyone about the "Lights Out for Hunger" and that we don't have an official date for it but the money that is save on the electricity goes to a hunger center. He suggested that we send some money to a hunger center and the isn't used until January or February when there isn't a big push on helping. He continued to state that even if you don't want to put your lights out you can send a check to the Southeast Clergy "Lights Out for Hunger" and they will make sure that it gets to their food bank.

Mayor Koci stated about the snow plowing out of the yards and putting it across the street it has to be put back on your property it is the city ordinance and keep our streets safe.

ORDINANCE NO. 9833-20: 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 Genutis 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, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9833-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this is to clean up for the donations of the Corona Virus Funds and they are the doors for the Ellenwood Center and City Hall, Building Department will be getting a scanner, plumbing improvements in all of the buildings to have them be non-touch, Northfield Rd. and Rockside Rd. for legal fees and engineering, refunds in the Water Department, sewer improvements, and a reduction in the Fire Pension from the COVID Funds that we are receiving.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9834-20: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS INCLUDING THE TELEVISIONING OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades 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, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9834-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we are applying for a County Community Development Grant and it is a \$150,000.00 grant and we've applied for this over the years on a number of different projects from roads to a sewer program, which was the cleaning and televising of a number of streets in Ward 3. He stated that they intend to conduct a similar program of televising and cleaning lines in other areas of town along with renovating and bringing the men's restroom at the Community Center to ADA accessibility. He continued to state that it is long over-due and that portion of the facility needs to be upgraded and that is what we would like to apply for.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9835-20: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN 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, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and second by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9835-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is another grant program that Cuyahoga County came out with a few years ago and it has a \$50,000.00 cap and what we are looking to do is to apply for funds to install some more modern amenities to the Historic District. He stated that they it would include: public WIFI accessibility for the commons in the Historic District and we would also be applying for the installation of four (4) charging stations that will installed in the Municipal Parking Lot, and with the remaining funds we would replace some benches and install additional bike racks and bike repair stations.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9836-20: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH CSP CONSTRUCTION, INC. ("CSP") FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS 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 Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9836-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that obviously there are main sewer lines that run through both areas of the former Meadowbrook that the city is responsible for and there is one line that provides sewer service to the former YMCA building. He continued to state that a portion of our line that has collapsed that we found while working with the county and we are required to repair it. He also stated that with the layout change of Meadowbrook over the years it makes more sense to install a new line in a shorter span to the main that is in right-of-way in the road. He continued to state that we will be partnering with the current property owner and the city will working to get this installed and provide the adequate service. He recommends that we move forward with CSP so that we can get this repaired and/or upgrade done as quickly as possible. He also stated that right now they do not have sewer service to that facility. Councilman Saunders inquired if the current line come from the old streets that used to go through there before Rockside Rd went through and that is why they are on private property right now and City Manager Mallis replied that he doesn't think this line goes as far back as that, but that it was from when it was originally developed and there is an agreement to where the city is responsible for the main lines that go back there, so that is where it is failed. He stated that it makes sense to put a much shorter line in, in the right-of-way in the roadway almost next to the building.

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

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone had any comments to send emails to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov.

Samuel Urby inquired about how to view the Council Meetings afterwards and City Manager Mallis stated that he did provide Mr. Urby with the information to view meeting via YouTube and that they are posted after the fact. City Manager Mallis stated that for anybody listening that when you visit us on YouTube please subscribe to the channel, it will benefit you by getting notifications when we are live with a new video.

Mayor Koci stated that while you are on the city's YouTube channel check out the Christmas Lights and soon they will be updated. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the City Tree Lighting has had over 700 views and that a lot of people in the city wanted to see that and she is great full that we were able to provide that for them.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

Date: 12-21-20