

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 1, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Special Work Session of January 12, 2021, Work Session of January 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mayor Koci stated that it is a special presentation for MLK Day.

ORDINANCE NO. 9842-21: contract with Axon Enterprise for the purchase of Day Cameras and Body Cameras for the Police Department. Mayor Koci stated that this will be on Second Reading this evening. Mr. Montello stated that he thought that the police wanted to have it passed tonight and Mr. Gambosi stated that he believes it was the case too. Mr. Gambosi stated that when he was talking to the sales woman she was holding the prices for us from last year. He continued to state that they did get the final numbers. Councilman Fluharty stated to do a Third and Final Reading. City Manager Mallis stated that they are working to develop their policies and procedures for all of the cameras, they are also working with the State of Ohio and Ohio Collaborative, which recently certified all of our current policies and procedures, and they have some that involve body cameras and dash cameras. He continued to state that they are working with them to finalize our policies and procedures with the state, so we will have them ready shortly. Councilman Genutis inquired if part of the certification involved has to have these body cameras and City Manager Mallis replied that no and that we could have been certified without them, basically they like you to go through the process to identify, they review all of your current procedural operations and policies within the department. He continued to state that many of ours that we currently have in place are above their standards. He stated that in working with them they can help us develop the new ones with the dash cameras and body cameras.

ORDINANCE NO. 9843-21: contract with Larkin Greenwood Ford for a 2021 Police Utility Vehicle and ORDINANCE NO. 9844-21: contract with Ganley Chevrolet for a 2021 Tahoe. City Manager Mallis stated that with the first one we are looking to purchase one Ford cruiser and that is what we are operating out of now and we are also looking to replace one of the Tahoe's. He continued to state that both of those prices for Larkin and Ganley Chevy are stated bid prices, so they were awarded the state bid numbers and that is why we didn't have to obtain multiple quotes because we are going through the state bidding process. Councilwoman Mizesak inquired if Ganley and the others also part of the state bidding group when we go to bid for the vehicles and City Manager Mallis replied that Larkin Greenwood Ford received that state the Ford Contract and Ganley Chevy but they have the contract for the Chevy Tahoes. He continued to state that Jay Auto Group and Valley Ford, there were multiple quotes provided because they are not on the state bids and you will see that as we look at them later on, except for the Vac/All piece of legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 9845-21: to apply and accept NOPEC 2021 energized Community Grant(s) Funds. City Manager Mallis stated that this is for \$33,000.00 and it is similar to the grant that we have received the last few years. He stated that we were escrowing those dollars and we just recently spent that by replacing all of the lighting down Willis St. along with a few spots on Broadway Ave. and we also upgraded City Hall's hot water tanks. He stated that we just received this grant and what we are looking to do all of our Capital Improvement Projects and one of them is downtown regarding the water project. He stated that ODOT is looking to do Broadway Ave. next year. He stated that what they are looking to do some curb work, but with that being open it makes sense to address the electrical issues that are downtown. He continued to state that with the electrical issues are tied into the streetlights that we can use this NOPEC money to help with those repairs and we are looking to use as much outside funds as possible to lower our expenses. He also stated that nothing is finalized and that they are working on getting some quotes for that project, but that their early recommendation is to use these funds for the downtown improvements. He stated that tonight we need to pass this so that we can accept the money. Councilman Saunders inquired with the downtown improvements are we going to connect the electrical lines and run some lights at the crosswalk for the pedestrians and it's the darkest part of downtown and City Manager Mallis replied that we did some substantial upgrading to the overhead lighting, they are now LED's and they are defiantly better. He stated that they can look at it and that when we tear up the curbs that will be the time where we will need to put all new conduit down there and run all new lights. He stated that we gave the okay this morning for the groups to meet and start going over and developing plans for that, so what we would like to do from a time prospective looking to go out for bid in early summer.

ORDINANCE NO. 9846-21: contract with Jay Auto Group for three (3) 2021 GMC Sierra Pickups, ORDINANCE NO. 9847-21 and ORDINANCE NO. 9848-21: purchase a new Vac/All Model As-13 through ODOT Contract.: contract with Valley Ford Truck for a 2022 Ford F450 Dump Truck. City Manager Mallis stated that 9846-21 we received two quotes, we are replacing two vehicles that are almost twenty years old. He continued to state that the price that came in are from Jay Auto and Valley Ford and we are recommending to move forward and keep it local and we would like to go with Jay Auto for the pick-up trucks. He also stated that the dump truck will be purchased through the Water Department. He also stated that in his memos from the later part of last year it talked about the street sweeper and how it is rotting away and our Vac/All is used to suck out catch basins and various work. He stated that a Vac/All out right is around half a million dollars. He continued to state that Mr. Bellar and Mr. Francis looked at a piece of equipment that is a combination vehicle and the price is substantially cheaper then to just replace the Vac/All and the street sweeper and this combination vehicle does both. He stated that they believe it is the most economical way to go to replace two vehicles that are at the end of their life span. He stated that the number from Valley Freight Liner in Western Star was awarded the state purchasing contract, so we only needed to get the one quote because the contract is through the state, thus we do not have to go out for bid or obtain other quotes.

Councilman Genutis inquired with COVID and that anticipation of less tax revenue due to so many people out of work for the up coming year is it prudent to buy these seven vehicles and Mr. Gambosi replied that when we went through the budget process we had all of this in mind and funds that we are using for this are not the General Fund. He stated that we are utilizing them through the Water Department and in the sewer area of the Service Department. He stated that in line with the rates that we have been charging for water and sewer we need part of that for equipment replacement that we are doing. He stated that we will start on programs this summer

for waterlines that are necessary, so we've been accumulating funds there to get ready to pay for the items. He stated that in the General Fund he has set money aside in anticipation of the losses that we are going to hit this year, so we've also been prudent to scroll away everything that we could from the CARES Act Funding as well as the Bureau of Workers Comp Funding that the governor released and put it aside to get ready for the hits that are going to happen this year. He stated that a lot of the information is already out on the website concerning that, so he believes that it is prudent to go ahead with these vehicle purchases. City Manager Mallis stated that we did discuss this during the budget process and if this was all earmarked the General Fund Council would not see us recommending this at all. Councilman Genutis stated that this is the time, because they are real assets and if we can make them last twenty years its prudent to grab ahold of them while we can who knows what the future holds. City Manager Mallis stated that not only with equipment, we're planning major water projects this year for Broadway Ave. and Ellenwood Ave. Mr. Montello stated that it is a safety issue to keep our employee's safe, those vehicles are becoming obsolete and need to be replaced immediately. He stated that they've done a great job continuing to have them in operation but it is to the point now that they need to be replaced. Councilman Saunders stated that this will end up being a good public relations campaign for people who are looking to move here as well. City Manager Mallis stated that overall a lot of these things needed to get addressed for some time. He stated that we know we're going to have an affect with the pandemic and we've laid out a plan to have money set aside to absorb that, but what better way to prove that we are moving in the right direction of being able to absorb the pandemic, but also upgrading our fleet and fire. He continued to state addressing major infrastructure improvements this year, redoing our downtown area, a lot of this isn't something that happened in the last twelve months a lot of it is that we've been planning this for years and it says a lot about management and Council as well.

ORDINANCE NO. 9849-21: modify the wage and benefits for Police lateral transfers. Mr. Gambosi stated that Mr. Novack passed away and he was on the Civil Service Commission and prior to his passing we met on Thursday going through the process of lateral transfers and setting up the ability of our city to do it for police and fire. He continued to state that they have not discussed the details in regards to fire but we have with the police and in such we are already advertising the lateral transfer process and we have already had quite a few applications already. He stated that it comes down to a matter of incentives in regards to why you want to propose these incentives, because we are in competition for these candidates for the position. He stated that we have come up with two that neither the Civil Service nor the Administration can pass in regards to monetary as well as vacation usage. He continued to state that it has to come from Council as legislative authority. He stated that they are in regards to pay scales for people with experience and for an incentive propose that the pay scale be appropriate in line with the number of years that they were coming on board in line with the union contract. He also stated that the other aspect that we can give to an incentive to the candidate is in regards to time off, if they come in with more than one year they have accumulated two weeks' vacation and the ability to use it, therefore if they make it ninety days on the force and doing well we would allow them to take vacation time, but their seniority to take it is not there they have no seniority what so ever and that is a requirement of the union as well. He stated that they can only get seniority only as an employee of the City of Bedford. He continued to state that those are two nice incentives that we can reach out to people on and allow them to want to come to the City of Bedford and it will perk interest. He also stated that if they take vacation and they decided with their first anniversary with the City of Bedford to move on somewhere else they must have a provision to pay back that vacation time to the City of Bedford, we are giving them the incentive but they

have to stay. He stated that he is only proposing these two parts in this ordinance and we knew that we had to address it, we had a lot of talks with the police on this and we came up with this solution for this round. He continued to state that this is our first time doing this and we will see how it goes. He stated that we can always fall back to a written exam if need be. Mayor Koci stated that Bedford Heights published their lateral transfer and this Sunday they announced their regular Civil Service Test. Mr. Gambosi stated that we have a ranking system with ours so if we do extend beyond ten people, we do have a ranking system so we base it on qualifications, residency and their interest in the City of Bedford. Councilman Saunders inquired if we are going to make them stay a certain time period once they come in and in six months they can leave if another city offers something better and Mr. Gambosi replied that is how we lost our one employee, we don't own the employee's they have the right to leave at any time that they want. He continued to stated that we do offer a very good competitive payroll package and right not we stand very well with other entities right now to compete.

ORDINANCE NO. 9850-21: contract with Hall Public Safety Upfitters to outfit the 2021 Ford Utility Vehicle and ORDINANCE NO. 9851-21: contract with Hall Public Safety Upfitters to outfit the 2021 Tahoe. City Manager Mallis stated that these two are ordinances to outfit the two police cruisers. He continued to stated that we did provide two quotes one from Hall Public Safety and one from Northcoast, and Hall is the cheaper one out of the two quotes. He continued to state that the quotes are a little bit higher than in the past, that is associated with the extra equipment, box as well as an additional cargo box, data control harness and cables so that these vehicles are prepared for the dash cameras and all of that information.

RESOLUTION NO. 2560-21: Fire & Police Department participate in Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. Mr. Gambosi stated that when you have a police or fire employee in their pension system and they are veterans and out on active duty they have the right to buy back their pension during the time period that they are out, the part that they pay. He continued to state that in doing so we need an ordinance that allowed them to defer the pension that they are paying for so that they are not taxed on it now, they will be taxed on it later when they retire. He stated that it is called a "Pick-Up Plan", but what we are doing is allowing the deferral of this payment that one officer wants to do right now and it is open for anybody hereafter. He stated that it is buying back time that missed when he was out getting paid, but now he has to pay for the pension and we are allowing the deferral of it and it would go for any police or fire that does that.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

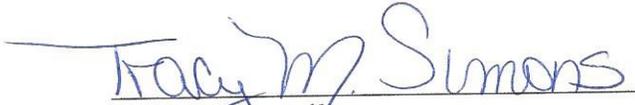
Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: TCCP/US Bank Facility, Litigation: CANO and Personnel: Union Negotiations and Water shut off policy. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

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

Work Session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

Date: February 16, 2021

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session on Monday, February 1, 2021. 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 and Saunders.

Mayor Koci extended his condolences to the Novak family for the passing of Mr. Novak. He stated that Mr. Novak was an active member in the community, a member of the Civil Service Commission and a member of the Bedford Historical Society.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session Meeting of January 12, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Mizesak to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of January 19, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time a Martin Luther King Day Presentation was done by Jayden Dressman.

ORDINANCE NO 9842-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DASH CAMERAS AND BODY CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only.

Motion made by Genutis 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 and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9842-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is a follow up from the last meeting and it is something that we discussed during the budget process of implementing both dash cameras and body cameras for the Police Department. He continued to state that we have looked at this and researched it over the last few years and from an operational stand point for the officers, public, a transparency standpoint and a safety stand point this is a good thing for the community and the department. He stated that as we move forward this has been a goal for the us and as the Administration and Council have talked about it we would like to implement it this year. He stated that we would new hardware from Axon in year three and additional new hardware from them in year five.

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

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 commended Jayden Dressman on a tremendous presentation and when you listen to those words they send a message. He stated that there are a couple of Capital Improvement Projects and the first project is that the county did release the Tree Canopy Grant for this year and our staff is already working to submit another application for this grant. He continued to state that we will be working to identify the areas as we complete the grant application. He stated that the second project is that we have been notified from Dominion East Ohio that they are looking at a Mainline Gas Replacement in the area of Woodrow Ave. and Washington. He stated that those property owners who will be effective will get notification and it will be through Dominion East Ohio and their contractor.

City Manager Mallis stated on some major projects that they are working on to plan from an infrastructure standpoint and some have been in the works for a few years and others we are working on planning now for this year. He stated that first we are going to be moving forward with our Road Program this year with a budget of around \$400,000.00. He stated that they have identified three streets already but we are looking to identify more depending on what those estimates come in at, we are looking to do an assessment in the coming months when the weather breaks. He stated that they received confirmation from Cuyahoga County that they will be resurfacing Union St. this year and plans for that will be extended from Broadway Ave. to Broadway Ave. He continued to state that they are looking at when that project can go out for bid and we will be working closely with Cuyahoga County with that project.

City Manager Mallis stated that they are looking to do a Major Waterline Project through the Historic District, we need to abandon a waterline that was put in, in the late 1920's early 1930's and obviously connect all of the properties that feed off of that line. He stated that there is more extensive work that comes into play with it and we are looking at budget, cost estimates and obviously to see what other improvements in the downtown area that we can do. He continued to state that the reason they are targeting this area in 2021 is because they are anticipating ODOT in the coming years to come in and resurface Broadway Ave. and we want to make sure that our infrastructure is covered before they embark on that project.

City Manager Mallis commended Dr. Cellico, the Bedford City School Board and the entire Administration on a grand opening that he attended last week, they unveiled a School Resource Room. He stated that here in the City of Bedford is that we are here to help, give back and to try and help those in need. He stated that this room is for members of the district that need assistance for clothes, essential items or food. He stated that a lot of it was put forth through grant dollars, donations and they worked with some other organizations it is a tremendous asset to the district, the public and members of all of the communities that are a part of the district.

City Manager Mallis stated that we have not received any information regarding the vaccine availability but what we are hearing is that Cuyahoga County Health Officials are urging patience. He stated to please contact your Primary Care Physician if you are looking for vaccine

information for the Corona Virus. He stated that they can also follow the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and you can also your local DrugMart and other local businesses that are taking sign-ups.

City Manager Mallis stated that on behalf of myself and the Administration our condolences to the Novak family. He stated that Mr. Novak was a huge member of the Bedford Community, volunteer, member of the Civil Service Commission and he will be greatly missed.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello congratulated Jayden Dressman, wished Mr. Spinks a Happy Birthday and wished everyone in the community good health. He also stated that everyone continue to social distance. He thanked Mrs. Simons and the Administration for working hard this week in getting all of the legislation done.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that the Mayor Koci and City Manager Mallis spoke wonderfully about Mr. Novak and he had the pleasure of working with him on the Civil Service Commission for over thirty-years. He continued to state that Mr. Novak was responsible for a lot of hiring of good police and fire men over the years and he did a wonderful job for our city. He stated that he was really good to work with and the chairman of the group for many years. He continued to state that a couple of days before his passing the Civil Service Commission passed some new Rules and Regulations in regards to allowing lateral transfers for the Police and Fire Department, which we will be taking advantage of right now. He stated that there are some advertisements out right now for our police officers to be able to do lateral transfer to the City of Bedford and some specific language this evening on legislation in regards to pay and time used that we came up with for some recommendations for Council and the City. He thanked Mr. Novak and his family and his condolences go out to the family on his passing and he will be missed.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Genutis sent his condolences to the Novak family and that Mr. Novak came to all of the Council Meetings and he always had the most welcoming smile and he will be missed dearly. He stated that even though the city is shut down with COVID-19 City Manager Mallis has some really good projects lined in the future, and he congratulated City Manager Mallis and his staff for all of it, because there are some really good things happening in and around Bedford that people will soon recognize.

Councilman Genutis thanked Mayor Koci for bringing Jayden to us, because that was so inspirational. He continued to state where would we be without the Jayden's of the world. He also stated that when it comes to race these kids are color blind and they don't have the leftover racism that some of the older individuals have and he thinks that things are going well. He stated that when he encounters someone like Jayden he knows that we're going to be in good hands in the future.

Councilman Genutis stated that when he as younger one of his biggest interests in his life was studying ancient civilizations and he had the opportunity to travel extensively around Mexico and Central America, so this month is Black History Month and it is unfortunate that so many of us think that black history in America starts when the slaves were brought here, and what he discovered is that the first great civilization in North America was a black civilization. He continued to state that they were called the Olmecs and they flourished around 1200 BC to 400 BC and that the first civilization in North America was a black civilization.

Councilman Fluharty stated that the one good report tonight is that Union St. is finally getting done. He stated that he has gotten to know Mr. Novak and his family very well, he cared about this city. He will be missed and hopefully the family can put this behind them.

Councilwoman Mizensak offered her condolences to the Novak family. She stated that Jayden will be going far with his life, he was super. She stated that this afternoon on Channel 8 News, the Code Red Alert of the abduction of the little in the middle of the night into Saturday morning. She continued to state that the Chief from Newburg Heights is in charge of some of the commanding position on that group, they are going to work on it. She continued to state that they are either going to curb the timing of these calls or eliminate some of the older people in getting these calls during the middle of the night. She stated for everyone to stay safe and that DrugMart is taking sign-ups for shots.

Councilman Saunders stated that he hopes the ground doesn't see his shadow tomorrow but, in any case, it is winter. He gave his condolences to the Novak family and that he worked with Mr. Novak for many years on the Strawberry Festival and will not be the same, if we even have a Strawberry Festival again. He reminded everyone that during this time period during a winter advisory don't park on the street, it makes it very difficult for crews to plow the street or for the garbage crews to do garbage pick-up. He stated to be courteous and that the street is there for temporary overflow not a permanent extension of your driveway.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that with the weather getting bad and the snow piling up please do not put your trash can in the middle of the street 1.) the garbage trucks can't get it and 2.) it becomes a hazard for people trying to get out of their driveway. She continued to state that with the bad weather coming no parking in the streets and no trash cans on the streets. She gave her condolences to the Novack family and that she had the pleasure of working with Mr. Novak on the Strawberry Festival along with the Car and Motorcycle Show. She stated that the Strawberry Festival will be back but probably not this year. She stated that there are plans for some virtual things for drive-up fundraisers and we are working on trying to have some COVID friendly fundraisers this year. She stated that Jayden is a very talented young man on so many avenues.

Councilwoman Spinks inquired about the trees that were removed off of Natalie Rd. and Grand Blvd. if they were going to be replaced and City Manager Mallis replied that we have to go off of a certain map that the county has regarding certain areas. He continued to state that Mr. Bellar and Mrs. Kuzma were reviewing it and he doesn't know which are will qualify for our score to get us the highest, but he will check it and once we have an idea of what area we are going to look at he will share it.

Councilwoman Spinks inquired about the flashing lights for the speeders and City Manager Mallis replied that we did receive our speed monitors and we did not put them up last week due to the weather, but we are going to get them up. He stated that one of them will be a mobile one and another one will be a permanent, we haven't identified on where we are going to put the permanent one yet and the hope is to get them up in the next week or so. She thanked City Manager Mallis and Mr. Gambosi for doing a lot with a little bit and they appreciate it and that our City is where it is at because of all the work that you are doing.

Mayor Koci stated that he conveys her feelings to our Administration for what they do everyday they do a great job.

ORDINANCE NO. 9843-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LARKIN GREENEWOOD FORD ("LARKIN") TO PURCHASE A 2021 FORD POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE 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, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9843-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that on a yearly basis we look to replace anywhere from two to three police cruisers and this year we are replacing two and this is the first one of two. He stated that it is a 2021 Ford Police Utility Vehicle and that Larkin Greenwood Ford received the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Contract through the State Bidding process and that is why we are going with them.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9844-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA, LLC ("GANLEY") TO PURCHASE A 2021 TAHOE SUV AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9844-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is the second of the police cruisers through Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora. He stated that similar to Larkin, Ganley did receive the State of Ohio bid contract for this type of vehicle. He stated that we did include both of these cruisers in the 2021 budget process.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9845-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO APPLY AND ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Saunders 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 and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9845-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the last few years we've received grants through NOPEC and these grants have to be geared towards energy improvements, upgrades and things of that nature. He stated we are being awarded \$33,000.00 and that we have not identified a specific project yet and once we do that will be shared with Council, but what we need to do tonight is pass this ordinance simply to accept this grant and the \$33,000.00.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9846-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JAY AUTO GROUP (“JAY”) FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2021 GMC SIERRA 2500HD (TC20903) 2WD REGULAR CAB 142” PICKUPS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9846-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the next couple of ordinances address equipment vehicles in the Water Department. He continued to state that some of this will allow the existing vehicles to be transferred over to the Service Department. He stated that we are doing this so the General Fund will not take the hit on these expenses and all of this has been budgeted. He stated that they did receive another quote through Valley Ford for just about \$600.00 more and our recommendation is to keep it local and make the purchase through Jay Auto Group here in Bedford.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9847-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. (“VALLEY FORD”) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 FORD F450 REGULAR CAB, 4X4 DUMP TRUCK

WITH STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders 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, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9847-21 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9848-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2021 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK M2 106 SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH A NEW VAC/ALL MODEL AS-13 COMBINATION STREET SWEEPER AND CATCH BASIN SEWER CLEANER THROUGH ODOT CONTRACT 023-01 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, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9848-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we have two pieces of equipment that are in extremely poor condition, actually our Vac/All is not able to be utilized as it is rotted out and there is some significant rot in our current street sweeper. He stated that with this ordinance we are purchasing a combination vehicle both a Vac/All and a Street Sweeper in buying this combination piece we are going to be saving \$160,000.00 in comparison to buying two separate vehicles. He stated that Valley Freightliner is a state purchase through the State Co-Operative Purchasing Agreement, which is why we only need to obtain one quote. He stated that it is a much-needed improvement to two pieces of equipment that have currently ran their course as far as condition.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9849-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MODIFY THE WAGE AND BENEFITS FOR POLICE LATERAL TRANSFERS 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 9849-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that in line with our Civil Service updates and new rules and regulations we are allowing the ability to except lateral transfers, which are being done all over in the Cleveland

area. He stated that there is a lot of competition for qualified candidates for Police Officers and Fire Fighters, but at this point we worked the Police Department and the Unions in line with what would be acceptable incentives that we could offer to candidates coming to the City of Bedford. He also stated that neither the Administration nor the Civil Service Commission can authorize any types of incentives or pay and we have to go to Council this evening to ask them to look at accepting two items of incentives that we could offer in line with what Unions would accept too. He stated that one being the payroll and the other one in line with this is in regards to what we can offer in regards to vacation. He stated that a candidate coming from another city or another entity who already has one-year experience and will already receive two weeks' vacation. He stated that after a ninety-day period with the city we will look to that candidate the ability to take vacation, however they would not have any seniority on the staff and they can only earn that while being an employee of the City of Bedford. He stated that we do have a claw back provision that we would require that if the employee did not stay with the city for at least a year they would have to pay that vacation time back if they take that. Mr. Montello inquired if the Union has consented to it and Mr. Gambosi stated that they received an email from them saying that they wouldn't be opposed to it.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9850-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY (“HALL”) TO OUTFIT THE ONE (1) 2021 FORD UTILITY VEHICLE 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9850-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the next two ordinances are the cost associated with outfitting both of the two new police cruisers that were passed earlier on tonight's agenda. He stated that they did receive two quotes and Hall was cheaper of the two and we've worked with them in the past and we recommend moving forward with them. He stated that they are a little bit higher than what we've paid in previous years and it is because these quotes do include the additional hardware and components needed for when we are able to install the new cameras that we passed earlier this evening.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9851-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY (“HALL”) TO OUTFIT ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of

said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9851-21 on third and final reading and passed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2560-21: THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO MET AT A DULY CALLED AND AUTHORIZED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON THE DATE SET FORTH BELOW, SUCH MEETING BEING DULY CALLED PURSUANT TO A NOTICE STATING THE TIME, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING RECEIVED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE MADE, SECONDED, AND ADOPTED BY THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING 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, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Resolution No. 2560-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that every once in a while, we have a police or fire employee who is on active duty in the military and when they are in active duty they have the ability to buy back their pension that they would normally pay out of their paychecks, but it is not taken out at that time. He stated that later on they have the right to buy it back but they would also like to buy it back in the form of deferring that pension to be paying taxes on it later. He stated that in doing so they need legislation to authorize this for the pension board.

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

City Manager Mallis read a comment stating what is the effect of the proposed ordinance for lateral transfers for existing employees and how does it effect those employees that have come from other departments and Mr. Gambosi replied that it does not affect them at this point. He stated that we plan on doing a written test within every two years so therefore if they wanted to do lateral they would have done so and therefore they would always be under three-years on that transfer, therefore they would not be at the high end of it. He stated that they have every right to start over in the written test and that is why a lot of cities will follow up with a lateral transfer with a written test. He also stated that no seniority will be given to a person for the City of Bedford, they have to earn it working for the City of Bedford.

Mayor Koci stated that we a name and address to be put in the record.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

Date: February 16, 2021