

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, March 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Paula Mizzsak and Donald Saunders. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello and Finance Director Frank Gambosi. 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 March 1, 2021, Work Session of March 1, 2021, Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021. Councilwoman Mizzsak inquired if there should be a correction in punctuation to a sentence in her comment about NOPEC charges and Mayor Koci stated that the punctuation was fine.

ORDINANCE NO. 9856-21: amending Ordinance No. 9827-20 making additional appropriations Mr. Gambosi stated that there are just a few items to clean up from last time and they are a couple of contracts. He continued to state that they want to restore the reserves in the General Fund back to where they use to be \$5.8 Million, so they are moving up to \$1,435,000.00 and see how COVID affects us. He continued to state that they are planning on allowing that to happen for the year of 2020, just to set the reserves aside on whether or not if we will need it for COVID for the lack of revenue that will happen this year. He stated that for the Finance Department they had software increases this and bank fees increased this year. He stated that they had some more program income from SEAL on confiscations, so we are allowing ourselves to spend that. He stated that there were some capital improvements on Union St. and the estimated figure for engineering at 40% and 20% of construction is what we are budgeting. He stated that for the Chanel demolition that is what's left on the contract that the Bedford Board of Education should spend, that is the estimate right now as to what will be the final numbers that will be spent in 2020. He stated that we have some engineer bills that came in for Northfield and Rockside Rds. that we have to appropriate for, it is an assessment project and anything spend out of that will be charged back to the businesses effected by that. He also stated that in a couple of meetings from now they will address the Ellenwood Project. Councilman Saunders inquired if these were for 2021 and Mr. Gambosi replied that they are for the year 2021. Councilman Genutis inquired that number that is being shown for the engineering charges for Union St. Resurfacing Project is representing the 40% that Bedford is responsible for and Mr. Gambosi replied that we are actually going to pay 100% of the engineering fees and receive a 60% reimbursement when we finalize the project. He continued to state that \$36,750.00 is our portion that we will be spending and that he may have to come back to Council to update it later when they get the final numbers on it. He continued to stated that the county wants to control the construction on the project and they will pay the full cost of the construction and bill us for the 20% later. Councilman Genutis stated that this number represents the 40% and Mr. Gambosi stated that by the time we are done we will have to increase it to 100%.

ORDINANCE NO. 9857-21: for engineering fees for Union St. Resurfacing Project City Manager Mallis stated that what Mr. Gambosi was just mentioning that these fees are associated with the entire Union St. Project. He stated that the original project was slated to be from

Broadway Rd. to Northfield Rd. and as our discussions continued with the county and the city urging to get the project done this, we made the decision and with the discussion with Council to increase that project and expand it from Broadway Rd. to Broadway Rd. He stated that is where some of the fees that we agreed to pay to make sure the whole amount was done. He stated that this ordinance is to reflect the engineering cost and that 60% of the total will be coming back from the county. Mr. Gambosi stated that the \$36,750.00 will be the total and we will get reimbursed 60% of that total later and that is the actual figure on that. Councilman Saunders inquired if the county is taking Union St. all the way to Broadway Rd., which means they cross the intersection of William St., because the last time Union St. got done that little section got missed. City Manager Mallis replied that our engineer brought that up to them and during the design phase we are including that.

ORDINANCE NO. 9858-21: contract with M & G Pools, LLC. City Manager Mallis stated that our intention is to open the Municipal Pool this year and we have been planning a lot of different regulations, rules and if we need to modify some of our procedures. He stated that a lot of this will be dictated based on what happens over the next couple of months in regards to the governor's restrictions. He stated that in years past they have hired an individual along with part-time staff to work at the municipal pool and they are not interested in coming back this year to assist with the opening and closing of the pool. He stated that they reached out to a couple of different companies to obtain quotes for those exact services to assist us in opening and closing the municipal pool. He stated that M & G Pools came back at a little over \$11,000.00 at a \$127 per weekly visit and Pro Pool and Spa came in at \$12,700.00 and it is their desire to go with M & G Pools. He stated that it is a little bit over what we typically spend with the part-time staff that we bring in to open and close, but the reality is that out-door pools are not good when they sit. He stated that we will probably run into some things being that the pool was idled last year, so it benefits us to bring in an outside company to walk us through this project and get the pool up and running so we are ready for summer. Councilman Saunders stated that it looks like the governor is going to recommend nothing open until after the 4th of July and that seems to be where he is heading right now. City Manager Mallis stated that we are waiting on some guidance that has been shared that should be coming very soon regarding a lot of different items like: municipal pools, public gatherings, parades and events, all of that should be released from the state shortly and we will wait and see. He stated that if we can't open in June or the middle of June that we need to start the process of preparing our pool now we will not be ready to open the pool in July. He stated that we need to get those things up and moving sooner rather than later. Councilman Genutis inquired if the municipal pool was heated and City Manager Mallis replied that it is heated. He continued to state that when they did the design build of the pool in 2008 the two items that were not replaced were the pool house and the boiler. He stated that it is still the original boiler. Councilwoman Mizesak inquired if when the group comes is will they completely go over everything, because it has been sitting a year and City Manager Mallis replied that absolutely and there are guidelines that we have to meet. He continued to state that they will be assisting with all of the chlorination, prepping the pool and splash park, prepping the pool house and the restroom facilities. Councilwoman Mizesak inquired about the number of tenants per day and City Manager Mallis replied that it will be dictated by the governor's office. He continued to state that the city's Parks and Recreation Staff have put together policies, procedures and guidelines for multiple circumstances. Councilwoman Mizesak inquired if they are going to pass on swim lessons and City Manager Mallis replied that right now it is too early to

tell and we don't know what maybe offered. He stated that if all we can do is have the pool open for swimming and a lot of that is going to be dictated on some of the orders.

ORDINANCE NO. 9859-21: contract with Terrance Construction Company, Inc. for Ellenwood Waterline Replacement Project City Manager Mallis stated that we have a number of infrastructure projects scheduled for this year and one of them is to replace the waterline on Ellenwood from Broadway Ave. to Kenyon Ave. He stated that they went out to bid for the project and Terrance Construction came back as the lowest bidder for the project. He stated that they also included an add-on for that project for the resurfacing of Ellenwood Ave. on the opposite side of where the waterline will be replaced and those numbers came in very favorable. He stated that it is their recommendation to move forward and award this contract to Terrance Construction this evening for the simple fact that they are looking at a sixty (60) day completion. He stated that they bid it so early is because they want to get the construction completed prior to the pool opening. Councilman Saunders inquired as to what did we do about taking the new waterline down to the pool and City Manager Mallis replied that they are also including that replacement. Councilman Saunders inquired as to why isn't the waterline being moved out from under the street and into the tree lawn and City Manager Mallis replied that he can discuss that with the city's engineers and that some of it may have had to with costs associated with it and he would have to look into it further. He continued to state that he is going off of their recommendation and design. Councilman Saunders stated that it really doesn't cost that much, because they still have to do house connections to and all that, it makes for much easier maintenance in the future.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the 2021 Ward Meetings. City Manager Mallis stated that we typically do these Ward Meetings in March/April and some years we've done them in April/May. He stated that it would be something that we want to bring back and that all of us want to get back some sort of normalcy and that Ward Meetings are a great opportunity for the public to interact with Department Heads and individual Council Members. He stated to really open up those meetings up for them. He stated that one suggestion that they had was looking at possibly selecting three (3) dates maybe after we come back from Summer Session. He stated that possibly September to early October. He continued to state that it would give us ample amount of time and hopefully by then we will be meeting again and that we will be able to have the public at those meetings. He also stated that it might be a good way of coming out of Summer Session. He stated that if we look at some dates we can schedule them as tentative dates and if things don't work out we can always postpone them again. He stated that it would be beneficial for us to at least talk about that it and we do not have to choose dates tonight. He stated that we can look at some dates and bring them to Council at the next meeting if you would like. Councilwoman Mizzak stated that if we wanted to do it earlier have an outdoor meeting down at the pavilion in Ellenwood and City Manager Mallis replied that so some of it will be dependent on the mass gathering orders that the governor has. He stated that right now we can't have more than ten (10) people, but that he doesn't think that the governor will go from ten (10) to unlimited over-night. Councilwoman Mizzak stated that she was thinking of the warmer months and not right away. City Manager Mallis stated that it isn't a bad idea and we can look at it. He stated that those meeting are typically recorded and the last couple of meetings have been

on video and we would not be able to do that if we were outside. Mayor Koci stated that September would be a good time and by then everything should be open and we can have a normal meeting. City Manager Mallis stated that he can look at some dates and at our next meeting we discuss some September dates. He stated that the though process is to do before we get into the end of October beginning of November when we are focusing on the budget. City Manager Mallis stated that Mr. Wagner just told him that we can still record and stream outdoor meetings, so maybe we can keep that in mind and as we discuss this over the next couple of meetings that maybe we do look at an outdoor meeting.

Discussion of the 2021 Ward Meetings was concluded.

Mayor Koci stated that we need to talk about our Boards and Commissions regarding some appointments to some of the Boards and Commissions that are past due. He stated that he would like to have a separate meeting just for that, because it might be a lot longer discussion then just sitting before a regular meeting. He stated that it will probably be a Monday night or a Saturday in April. He stated that at the last meeting over at Ellenwood about the boards he threw out some suggestions for the boards on what he would like to see and for everyone else to bring their own ideas in and see how we want to go with them.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Downtown events, Saint Eugene, Trail/Connectivity Project and Personnel: Union Negotiations. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

Date: March 15, 2021

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session on Monday, March 15, 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.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to Amend the March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda to remove Section Five (5) Presentations and Section Eight (8) New Business subsection "a." and Renumber the Agenda Accordingly. 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 Special Work Session Meeting of March 1, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of March 1, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Genutis to approve the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis reminded the public to follow the city on social media and visit the city's website regarding all of the up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, especially the information regarding vaccinations and the ability to sign-up. He continued to state that there is a website that the State of Ohio created to sign-up if you are eligible given the current perimeters and the website is: <http://www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov>.

City Manager Mallis stated that we have had some inquiries regarding some of the summertime events that take place on the square and although right now there is nothing scheduled, we are unable to do that given the governor's current guidelines. He continued to state that the governor has shared that there should be some information coming in the coming weeks regarding events, festivals, fairs and parades. He stated that we are eager to hear what those possible changes may be, and that our offices have been in communication with a number of organizations that put on some of our events downtown. He stated that as soon as we hear of anything we will share it, but understand that it is something that is on our radar and we are also trying to plan accordingly.

City Manager Mallis stated that later in the meeting there is legislation for a project on Ellenwood Ave. and our wishes to do some infrastructure work there in replacing the waterline. He continued to state that we bid the project early this year with the plan that we will be opening our municipal pool. He stated that our staff has been working on guidelines and a number of different plans to adhere to any scenario that may arise, but we are planning that this year. He stated that along with other infrastructure projects that were previously mentioned our next one

that we will be bidding is our Street Program, so look for that advertisement to come out. He stated that we will be resurfacing numerous streets and you will also see later in the meeting a project for Union St. with some engineering work to work with Cuyahoga County. He continued to state that we are in the design phase for a major infrastructure program down Broadway Ave.

City Manager Mallis commended a number of our departments who have worked on grants throughout the year and we were awarded a \$15,000.00 through the EPA for Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations. He stated that these charging stations will be installed in the Historical District and we will be further discussing those plans with the EPA and our staff prior to any construction. He also stated that we received a \$45,000.00 grant through Cuyahoga County for some maintenance work to take place on the Egbert Rd. bridge.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello had no report this evening.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. He stated that the due date for taxes is April 15th and it has not been extended. He stated that if you haven't put it together the department is not meeting face-to-face with the public but you can slide the W-2's in the mailbox located at the Tax Department window at City Hall or you can mail them in. He stated that they will process the forms if they are received in the next couple of weeks, then we will get them in and out and bill, giving you time to pay by April 15th an any amounts due.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we are going to have some American Rescue Plan dollars coming our way and the city will be studying the requirements of the funding for that and what we can utilize those funds for and running it through Council as soon as he finds out more.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Saunders wished a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of the Irish residents. He inquired as to when the chipper program will start back up and City Manager Mallis replied that the chipper service will start the first full week of April and it will continue each month after that until the fall.

Councilman Saunders inquired if there was a report from the county regarding the inspection on the Union St. bridge and City Manager Mallis replied that there is a substantial amount of work that has to take place on it. He stated that the main issue is the amount of underground utilities that run underneath the roadway. He continued to state that it will make things very difficult and obviously it is safe right now but it will need to be addressed in the near future. He continued to state that they have discussed doing improvements to the current bridge and there have been some conversations as far as constructing a whole new bridge and abandoning the old one. He stated that he is not sure where that stands yet, but our engineering office has been in

communication with Cuyahoga County regarding that project. Councilman Saunders stated that the road way that is on that bridge is a separate entity.

Councilman Saunders inquired about the Northfield Rd. bridge and that the state has been out there inspecting it lately and wanted to know if City Manager Mallis has been in communication with ODOT about the bridge. He stated that while ODOT is out there with their inspection crews that perhaps Mr. Bellar or someone can go out there and recommend to the inspection crew that the rest of the bridge needs done not just the under structure. City Manager Mallis replied that when we were negotiating with ODOT to move up the Broadway Ave. project to 2022 one of our discussion was the condition of that bridge. He continued to stated that the city has provided them over a hundred photos, and they did share with us that the bridge is on their list and that they are looking at doing some work. He stated that what that work entails he does not know, but the fact that they are out there is a good sign. He stated that not only did they move up the Broadway Ave. project, they did indicate that the bridge was on their list to address. He stated that when he gets a timeline on that he will share it with Council. Councilman Saunders stated that if you are walking across that bridge do not lean on the fence or you will go over with it. He continued to state there is some work that needs to be done on that bridge before it really becomes costly.

Councilwoman Spinks wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She inquired if we are going to be doing any patching on the roads and she gave a shout out to the snow plow drivers for this year. She stated that the speeding is getting crazy again on Willard Ave., Flora Dr. and Grand Blvd. and inquired about the flashing signs and City Manager Mallis replied that we do have them and they will be going up very soon.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that if you are out and about take a drive down to 265 Grand Blvd. Easter has made its presents there. She stated that you can stop and have your picture taken with all of the Easter decorations.

Councilman Genutis wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. He stated that since 1927 The Bedford Garden Club continues to be one of the leading service clubs in the Bedford area. He stated that the Bedford Garden Club welcomes them and that they do some really nice things. He continued to stated that everyone is encouraged to join the Bedford Garden Club at <http://www.bedfordgardenclub.com>. He stated that they do great work around town and it is a great organization to be a part of.

Councilman Genutis stated that April is Ohio Native Plant Month. He continued to state that the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District is encouraging people to grow a pollinator garden to help the birds and the bees. He also stated that making a Rain Garden, because it's an opportunity for horticulture as infrastructure to help with the storm water remediation throughout the city. He stated that storm water is a big concern and an ongoing problem that is increasing and there are some opportunities gardening wise to help overcome that.

Councilman Fluharty stated that the Bedford Nazarene Church is having another Food Drive on Monday, March 22, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He stated that they will handing out boxes

of food from a farmer's market. He continued to stated that they are all ways looking for some people who need some help and that it is open to anyone who would like to receive it.

Councilman Fluharty wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that today is "National Nap Day." She inquired about Shred Day and City Manager Mallis replied that we will be having two shred days and also our household hazardous waste and computer round-up plans are being finalized and they will be the last two (2) weeks in April as well as the last two (2) weeks in August. He stated that the two (2) shred days are in the process of being scheduled and they will take place early June and in September. He continued to state that once they have the exact dates they will get that information out in the water bills, social media and the city's website.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that at the Baptist Church on the corner of Turney Rd. and West Glendale Ave. were very thankful and happy in what the city is doing in keeping the neighborhood secure.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that the new doors at City Hall have made it very covenant to come into City Hall or walk over to the Police Department. She stated that the people that she has been talking to like the doors opening for them, instead of them having to open the door for someone.

Councilwoman Mizesak thanked the Service Department with the sink hole on West Glendale Ave. this past week. She also thanked CEI for calling the neighbors in the surrounding area of West Glendale Ave., Broadmore Ave. and Santin Circle in regards to notifying them that their power will be shut off from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., She stated that they will be putting up some new poles with new canisters for the transformers.

Mayor Koci stated that we will probably be going out for bids for street stripping and wanted to know if they could do all of the stripping on the streets, not just the long stripping. He stated that it seems as though their paint lasts longer than the paint that we use and that it would be worth a little bit more investment to get the paint that lasts. He stated to see if it is economically feasible.

Mayor Koci stated that his granddaughter will be graduating Magna Cum Laude from Bowling Green University in May and we are so proud of her. He also stated that he would be happy to make an announcement at the meetings for any graduates or for any special events that are coming up or that have happened.

ORDINANCE NO. 9856-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9827-20 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2021 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 Mizsak and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9856-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we allowing for an advance outback to the General Fund Reserve Fund to set money aside for the COVID hits that we have based on net profits, losses and things like that in the income tax revenue side and expense side on refunds. He also stated that we are allowing a SEAL Income Program, that we did have some more confiscated funds in the amount of \$47,500.00. He also stated that they are setting up the Union St. expenditures that we are going to be appropriating. He continued to state that it being the full amount of the engineering at \$36,750.00, but our share will only be \$14,700.00. He stated that \$150,000.00 will be our estimated 20% cost of the project itself when they do the project. He stated that finally they are budgeting for the Bedford Board of Education costs that are associated to the Chanel demolition.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9857-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF UNION STREET IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD 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 and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9857-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that Cuyahoga County has plans to resurface Union St. this year. He stated that they had discussions with them to extend that project from Broadway Ave. to Broadway Ave., which is what is going to happen. He stated that there were two requests and they were: 1.) for Cuyahoga County to allow us to design the project and 2.) was allow us to manage the project and the construction. He continued to state that the city felt that they could get the project started much sooner. He stated that they did allow us to design, however, they are going to manage it. He stated that this ordinance in reflection of the design costs for \$36,750.00 of this project of which Cuyahoga County will reimburse the city 60% of it. He also stated all of the designs and documents will be turned over to Cuyahoga County the first week of April. He stated that he does not know how soon they will be able to move forward on the bidding process, but that we are going to push them to get this performed as soon as possible.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9858-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH M & G POOLS, LLC FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL 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, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9858-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that it is our plan to prepare for a summer season with the municipal pool. He stated that in the past we have hired seasonal employees along with an individual to assisted us with the opening and closing of the pool and unfortunately the individual is unable to return this year. He stated that we acquired quotes from two professional companies and M & G Pools came in just over \$11,049.40 along with a quote from Pro Pool and Spa at \$12,700.00. He stated that their recommendation is that we move forward with M & G Pools. He continued to stated that it would be money well spent to bring in the professional company to prepare and help us get ready for the upcoming season. He recommends to move forward now rather than later, because it does to get it up and running.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9859-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE ELLENWOOD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, 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, Mizsak and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 9859-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is in regards to the infrastructure for the waterline replacement project on Ellenwood Ave. that we designed late last year. He stated that the intent is to replace the waterline from Broadway Ave. to Kenyon Ave. He continued to stated that they went out for bids and received six bids and Terrace Construction come in at low bidder at \$424,031.50. He stated that included in that base bid was an alternative and it was to resurface the entire roadway not just the area over where the waterline is being replaced. He continued to state that those numbers came in very favorably and our engineer estimate for the entire project was \$513,000.00 and that we are around \$85,000.00 under the estimate. He stated that they recommend moving forward with the waterline replacement as well as the road resurfacing. He stated that there is a sixty (60) day estimate to complete and that he would like to have it all finished as we prepare to open the municipal pool later this summer. Councilman Saunders inquired as to what size water main it will be and City Manager Mallis replied that it is an eight inch. Councilman Saunders stated that he hopes they looked as to what the cost different would have been to go to a bigger size, some cases there isn't much of a price difference at all.

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

Jim Slifka, 130 Grand Blvd., Bedford, OH stated that Union St. was to be paved in 2020 and City Manager Mallis replied that Cuyahoga County has this project planned for this year 2021. He continued to state that earlier this year we passed an ordinance entering into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to have Union St. resurfaced from Broadway Ave. to Broadway Ave. and it is an extension of the original plans. He stated that this evening we did pass an ordinance reflecting the costs associated with the engineering fees for that. He stated that things are taking place and planning for this year.

Patti Sirna inquired as to why isn't there signage on 271 South off of Broadway Ave. notifying everyone which way to go for Rt. 8. She also stated that it is so confusing and that she has ended up in Twinsburg. City Manager Mallis replied that some of it is getting used to the changes in the highway. He stated that they can look at the signage and make possible recommendations to ODOT and that the city is not responsible for signage on the highway, but that we will look into that concern and share it as well.

Cindy Krakora, 99 Wandle Ave., Bedford, OH stated that “the only qualifications to be a Council Member is stated on the City Council Page is that you must live in the Ward for six (6) months, live in the Municipality for six (6) months and not hold any public office. She continued to state that it further states in the absence or incapacity the Mayor and Vice Mayor, majority of Council may appoint an acting Mayor.” She continued to state that nowhere does it state that the Mayor, Vice Mayor and current Council have the authority to appoint a Council seat to be filled with a candidate of their choosing should one open because of health, death or other reason. She continued to state that why was Mr. Asbury not immediately sworn in to the Ward 5 Council Position being the second runner up in the last election, as well as recommended/endorsed by the existing Ward 5 Council person. Mr. Montello stated that in Article II Section IV of the Charter regarding Vacancies, which addresses and gives Council the power and authority to pick a replacement.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

Date: April 5, 2021