

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Work Session on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Jeff Asbury and Donald Saunders. 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 Work Session of May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 3, 2021.

Resolution No. 2563-21: request County Auditor to advance taxes from tax levy proceeds for 2021 collected in 2022, Resolution No. 2564-21: declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting same, Ordinance No. 9869-21: to proceed with the improvement of certain streets by lighting same, Ordinance No. 9870-21: levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places and Ordinance No. 9871-21: levying assessment for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal Mayor Koci asked Mr. Gambosi if he would like these items on second reading and Mr. Gambosi stated that we could do Second Reading for them. Mr. Gambosi stated that we could pass them in June and that we will be filing them with the county prior to July. He stated that we have the advances of taxes, the improvement of streets, which is the street lighting. He continued to state that there are three of them, one resolution and two ordinances and keeping it the same as last year. He also stated that we are levying assessments on the refuse for garbage fee and it will remain the same at \$14.00. He stated that Council can also pass them but it is up to them, but we can wait one more reading if you would like.

Resolution No. 2565-21: approving and accepting the proposed 2021 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 Mr. Gambosi stated that we added the final touch to the Tax Budget, which is the next one under New Business. He stated that will be the proposal accepting the 2021 budget. Mayor Koci stated that because it deals with money we will have to do a suspension and Third Reading on it and Mr. Gambosi stated that it will be on First Reading tonight and in June we will have the Public Hearing, then right after that pass the Tax Budget.

Mrs. Howland stated that this is something that we do every year to pass the Tax Budget for the County Auditor in order to receive our Certificate of Estimated Resources. She stated that we need this to set revenue so that we can also set our appropriations. She stated that it allows the county to set a property rate, tax rate for us and it also allows us to receive the uninvited local government and local government revenue assistance. She also stated that with the Tax Budget we do not appropriate the money at this time we set the revenue side, so late in the year we go over the budget with Council and pass it in December. She stated that there is another update coming for the property tax rates and we will have to wait and see what the county does with that. She stated that the sales have been up so we are expecting an increase, but with everything going on we aren't quite sure what it will look like.

Ordinance No. 9874-21: contract with Vandra Brothers Construction, Inc. for 2022 Street Improvement Plan City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the bidding and recommendation for this years Road Program. He stated that based on the recommendation letter from GPD Vandra Brothers Construction was the lowest of the bids. He continued to state that they received seven bids and this bid does include the \$373,000.00 the resurfacing of Belle Ave., Deborah Ln., Edgewood Ave., and Egbert Rd. from Union St. to the railroad bridge. He stated that \$45,000.00 of it is being paid by Cuyahoga County. He also stated that they asked for an add alternate and it was for Nordham Dr. to be included as an alternate and what it would come in at and Vandra was also the lowest on the alternate at \$216,000.00. He stated that what they are recommending to pass this evening does not include Nordham Dr. He stated that they were recently made aware of a funding source that we can tie into, which will allow us to utilize some funds that we previously set aside for our small portion of Union St. He stated that for us to get Union St. the county was going to do Broadway Ave. to Northfield Rd. and we asked about the cost to do the complete length of Union St. and we agreed to pay about \$180,000.00 for the whole roadway to get done. He continued to state that they have an opportunity to get that funding covered through a zero-interest loan that we applied for three years ago. He stated that what we are looking to do is to see what steps we need to take to secure that funding, if we are able to do so it will free up about \$180,000.00 and we believe we can come back and be able to add in Nordham Dr. He stated that we will know more in a couple of weeks, but right now that is our plan, tonight we simply just want to pass the Vandra Brothers and we would like it for these four streets and if we are able to confirm the other funding we will come back and ask Council to add in Nordham Dr. Mayor Koci inquired if Egbert Rd. would be coordinated with Union St. and City Manager Mallis replied that they are going to try that and what they would like to do is and our recommendation is to pass this tonight so the contractor can get started as soon as possible. City Manager Mallis stated that Cuyahoga County has all of our information for Union St.'s plans and they came back and asked for some adjustments and we made them and they were re-submitted. He stated that right now we are in the process of pushing Cuyahoga County to bid the Union St. Project. He stated that we believe that they will be finished and completed before they start. Councilman Saunders inquired about the engineers estimate for the street resurfacing and City Manager Mallis replied that Egbert Rd. the engineer's estimate is \$100,000.00, Belle Ave. the engineers estimate is \$88,000.00 and for Deborah Ln. the engineers estimate is \$58,000.00.

Ordinance No. 9875-21: apply for a CDSG Fund for adding some modern amenities to the Historic District Mayor Koci stated that this is to authorize the City Manager to get it is all. City Manager Mallis stated that we have already received this grant and it will cover the cost of two EV Charging Stations, new benches downtown with cellphone charging ports, bike racks, along with a bunch of modern amenities for the Historic District including WiFi. He also stated that this is also for the installation for the hardware needed for WiFi for the Commons, this is a formality of us accepting that grant. Councilman Genutis stated that those additions to downtown are wonderful and congrats to making that happen.

Ordinance No. 9876-21: contract with iamGIS Group, LLC for Asset Management Software and Services City Manager Mallis stated that a few years ago we started this project and we went with a small application called 64 Seconds, which was a water point network. He stated that we

own all of our data and it was specific towards Public Works as to what has been replaced, when it was replaced, hydrants, and valves. He stated that what we are looking at now is to take it to the next step, but the current software doesn't have the next step. He stated that the next step includes more detailed asset management, continue to inventory our critical assets, monitor their condition and performance, also be able to put in plans for maintenance repair, as well as cost estimates in all of it. He stated that the biggest benefit is that there is unlimited users and it is functional through our Waste Water, Water, Building Department, Safety Forces, and the Recreation Department. He stated that it is very dynamic across the departments and we can use it on a much larger scale. He stated that the staff is ready to take the next step and this is the best out of the quotes that we received and we recommend going with them. Councilman Genutis inquired that the other departments would be utilizing this software for asset management and City Manager Mallis replied that other departments can use it that the Police Department could use it for the mounting of the speed cameras and the data obtained in these areas, the Building Department could use it for specific information per home or apartment complex's for when a permit was issued, there are a lot of different capabilities that we can use beyond just Public Works. Councilman Genutis stated that it seems vital to have for the city. Councilman Saunders stated that the idea thing is for fire to have the layout of the house so they know where the bedrooms are and things of that nature. He said that the utilities are great, because that is the area used the most. He stated that with the Building Department you will be able to see when someone put an addition on without a permit, it is a great health and safety issue once it's completed, but it takes a long time to put it together. City Manager Mallis stated that our staff did a great job with the first program entering in the data. Councilman Asbury inquired that when this three-year agreement is up can we forecast what we are going to be needing once it is up and City Manager Mallis replied that it will go along with our five-year Capital Improvement Plan and a lot of this is to help with future projects. He stated that we are constantly updating our Capital Improvement Plan for it to mesh together, so we know when there is a grant available we go back to the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, and we will be using these assets as well to look at and determine what would be the next thing to target. Councilman Asbury inquired about with the software if we can renew it after three-years or if there will be a new software available and City Manager Mallis replied that in three-years we can renew again or if we decide to go with another company we can, we own all of the data. He stated that we are not tied to this company forever. Councilman Saunders stated that the cost should come down, because once all of the base data is in, that is where all of the cost actually arises from. He also stated that then it is just maintenance and adding things to it as you build or change. Councilman Saunders inquired about the hidden sewers and if they will be added in when they are discovered and City Manager Mallis replied that eventually they will. City Manager Mallis stated that First Reading would be fine for this, it doesn't have to get passed tonight.

Ordinance No. 9877-21: contract with Pelton Environmental Products City Manager Mallis stated City Manager Mallis requested that they do pass this tonight. He stated that the filter press at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was installed in 1987, we are continuing to operate with it, and we are replacing parts. He also stated that in parts they are large ticket items. He stated that they just replaced a large tension roller and we are in need to replace it for a backup, for a failure or for something like this would happen it would be catastrophic to the operations of the plant. He stated that we also have to replace two rubber coated steering rollers. He stated that they received two quotes one was from Envirodine Systems and Pelton Environmental Products was

the cheaper of the two. He stated that the reason for passage tonight is because the lead time for these parts is eight to ten weeks. He stated that there is no back up for the tension roller and he would like to get it ordered sooner rather than later.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Summer Schedule. Mayor Koci stated that the Summer Schedule for Council Meetings is Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Koci suggested to wait until the First Meeting in September to start back to in person meetings. Mayor Koci stated to keep doing Zoom during the summer. He also stated that we could do Zoom Meeting until December 31. Councilman Asbury inquired with the governor lifting all of the mandates does that leave the decree until the end of the year in place or does it get taken away also and Mayor Koci replied that we will find out, but that they did say it was good until the end of the year. City Manager Mallis stated that they will check the order for the meetings and if for some reason they change it to no more in August we will share it with everyone. City Manager Mallis stated that when we do decide to go back to in person, he doesn't know how we could do both in person and Zoom.

Discussion of the Summer Schedule was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of Boards and Commissions. Mayor Koci stated that he met with Councilwoman Mizesak, City Manager Mallis, Mr. Montello and Mr. Beverly and we set a new schedule for the boards. He stated that expiration dates were all over the board. He stated that he and Mrs. Simons will have to sit down and make a spread sheet to explain it better. He stated that there will be staggered terms that way there is continuity, just like what we did for Council twenty years ago. He stated that once it is figured out it will be sent out to everyone. Councilwoman Mizesak stated that there are non-essential boards of importance that we categorized them with the boards of importance as far as how their schedules would work too. She also stated that the people that we maintained on these boards have been assigned to other boards, because of the knowledge that they have they can carry it onto another board that isn't essential for us to constantly monitor.

Discussion of the Boards and Commissions was concluded.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Spinks to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: TCCP, St. Eugenes and Bentbrook Development and Personnel: Union Negotiations. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor - President of Council

Date: June 7, 2021

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session on Monday, May 17, 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, Asbury and Saunders.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 3, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Asbury to approve the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2563-21:** BEING A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2021 COLLECTED IN 2022 PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by 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, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Resolution No. 2563-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that while the county is collection the tax dollars and real estate in the months of January and February, and instead of waiting until they are done with the final collection process, they have by rights and with our request to be able to advance taxes as they are collecting them throughout the time period. He continued to state that they are asking to county to advance the taxes earlier so that the city can invest them and utilize them for payments as we go through the city.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2564-21:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks 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, Mizesak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2564-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this resolution and the next two ordinances deal with the city's street lighting assessments throughout the year. He stated that they are keeping the mileage at the same amount that we did last year. He continued to state that as we pay the lighting bill for all of the street lights in the city and he asked Council to approve this ordinance so that they can process this for the upcoming year of 2022.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9869-21:** AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only.

Motion made by Asbury 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, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9869-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we do list all of the streets that are affected in the city.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9870-21:** BEING AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2564-21 AND ORDINANCE NO. 9869-21 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury 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, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9870-21 on third and final reading and passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9871-21:** AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE TAX YEAR 2021 AND COLLECTD IN 2022 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 Asbury. Nays: Saunders. Motion carried with Six Yeas and One Nay.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9871-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this is for the refuse fee and we are keeping and maintaining the rate at \$14.00 per month. He stated that we are getting close between the revenues coming in now and the expenses exceeding the revenues for the garbage costs as the contract prices have increased during the contract period. He also stated that we will be close with revenues and expenses in the year 2022. He stated that we will utilize the funds that we built up to start paying down as time goes on with the rate that we charge

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak and Asbury. Nays: Saunders. Motion carried Six Yeas and One Nay.

Mayor Koci stated that the Summer Schedule for Council Meetings are: Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also stated that Council felt it would be safe enough to wait until the beginning of September to have open meetings at City Hall. He stated that should anything change and get worse the start date for open meetings will get pushed back, but if things improve then we will start having the open meetings sooner.

City Manager Mallis stated that that the next phase of the Dominion East Ohio Project has been pushed back until next week. He stated that there is some restoration work that needed to be completed from last years project in the West Grace area and the company is working to address that this week. He stated that the next phase of the Gas Line Replacement will start on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Mallis stated that they were notified that the railroad, they were planning a closure of the crossings also got pushed back. He stated that closure is scheduled to start on May 25<sup>th</sup> and it will last approximately a week. He stated that as we learn more information from the railroad we will share details regarding that on social media and on the City's website.

City Manager Mallis stated that this past week the survey crews have been out throughout the Broadway Area, specifically in the Historic District. He stated that we are continuing to plan for our Broadway Improvement Project, the plans need to be put together and that is what they are doing when they are out there. He stated that they are looking to do a waterline project, curb replacements, and electrical repairs hopefully it will be done later this year. He continued to state that the first step is to put the projects plans in place and once that is completed and we have a realistic timeline for the project we will begin notifying the public and specifically the business owners in that area.

City Manager Mallis stated that the City recently took ownership of an abandoned property at 180 W. Grace St. He stated that it has been abandoned for some years and it is in very poor condition and that we will be moving very quickly to demolish it. He continued to stated that it did go through the Land Bank and they did assist us with it.

City Manager Mallis stated that the pool passes are now on sale, so please visit the City's website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department. He also stated that anyone is looking

for summer employment: summer lifeguards and staffing, that we do provide training, so if you are interested please contact the Parks and Recreation Department or visit the City's website for any openings that we have.

City Manager Mallis stated that the traditional Memorial Day Parade will be taking place this year. He stated that the parade will start at Bedford City Hall at 10:10 a.m. and it will make its way down to the Commons, and then continue down to Bedford Cemetery. He stated that for the Events on the Commons the City is permitting applications. He stated that they have shared the applications with many of their regular event coordinators and that they are working very closely with them, but look for some new programs and events later this summer. He also continued to state with some possible things during the week and additional weekend events as well, so stay tuned.

Mayor Koci stated that the Memorial Day Parade is a salmon parade, we do not allow throwing candy or blowing horns or sirens. He stated that it is to respect the men and women who gave their lives for this country. He stated that this parade has been going on for over 150 years. He thank the joint veterans who put the parade on that we help out with.

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 stated that the deadline for filing taxes has come and gone. He appreciated all of the residents in their cooperation with the Tax Department this year. He stated that things have gone very smoothly and thanks again for a wonder and successful season this year.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Fluharty stated that the neighborhood has been doing very well with keeping up with the grass and everything. He stated that the speeders are out and be aware of them and we need to try and do what we can to get them to slow down. He stated that he would like to see everyone at the parade and it will be a welcome summer for once.

Councilwoman Mizzak stated that the speed meter is out and she put in to have it placed on Santin Cir. She stated that on the LaDablo Properties another townhome is being built as we speak and we are excited to see what it will look like. She stated that she mentioned in the past that the underground home has the gray bags at the end of the driveway (West Grace side). She inquired at to who does the grass cutting for the City, because when those who are delinquent in cutting their grass and its been done they don't know who cut it and City Manager Mallis replied that we are doing it in house.

Councilwoman Mizzak inquired if the street clear has been repaired and City Manager Mallis replied that it has not.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that Colony Club had a meeting on Saturday and they discussed as to how uncomfortable they are feeling as renters there and she hopes that we can give them some sort of resolution of some sort with the problems in time.

Councilman Asbury stated that the Ellenwood Project is in full swing and let's not use it as a cut through between Center Rd. and Broadway Ave., let the crews do their jobs. He continued to state that the quicker they get done with the road the quicker the pool will open up. He stated that May's First Friday was a success and the June First Friday is on June 4<sup>th</sup> and we will honor our Hometown Heroes. He stated that this will include: Police, Fire, Service, Teachers, and UH Hospital. He stated to check out the Bedford Downtown Alliance Facebook Page for more information on that. He reminded everyone about the chipper service and it should be the first week in June, which would be June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also stated that if you have anything that will be in front of your house to call the Service Department to be put on the schedule. He stated that in the month of June the Building Department waives the permit fee, so if you have any projects coming up make sure you get it in June. He stated that he hopes to see everyone at the parade and he thanked Mayor Koci for reminding everyone that it is a salmon event.

Councilwoman Spinks wished a belated Happy Birthday to Mrs. Simons and a Happy Birthday to her oldest and youngest grandsons. She commended the Bedford Fire Department and the Maple Heights Fire Department for doing a wonderful job dealing with the apartment fire this past weekend.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that she has received a couple of complaints from people that live on Grand Park Cir. and Bexley Dr. regarding the two big holes in the street and City Manager Mallis replied that it was the sewer repairs, and we have a number of different dig jobs in different areas where the concrete has to get re-poured. City Manager Mallis stated that he would look into when these two streets are scheduled to be completed.

Councilwoman Spinks reminded everyone to not park on their lawn. She stated that it leaves ruts and kills the grass. She also reminded everyone when cutting their grass please do not blow or rake your grass clippings onto the street. She also stated that with graduations and parties going on please do not park in front of some else's driveway. She also stated to watch the speeding on the streets. She wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day Weekend.

Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Mayor Koci stated that if any has a comment send it to [citymanager@bedfordoh.gov](mailto:citymanager@bedfordoh.gov).

Councilman Saunders inquired if the railroad can do something with the bridge over Washington and he also inquired if we can make sure that when Dominion East Ohio Gas is working that we post the no parking signs on the streets.

Councilman Saunders stated that for Memorial Day they are looking for any veterans from the WWII and they will provide golf carts so that they don't have to walk, but they want as many veterans from WWII for the parade. He also stated that you know of anyone to please contact Mr. Gair.

Councilman Saunders stated that the corner of Ennis St. and Logan St. was dug up several weeks ago and he wanted to know what it was and City Manager Mallis replied that he would find out a timeline for restoration and that he believes it was a sewer issue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2565-21:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2020 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2565-21 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gambosi stated that there are three purposes of the Tax Budget. He continued to state that we will need the county to establish the millage, we need to establish the ability to get local government funds, and to establish the rate structure for our taxes for the next year. He stated those are the main reasons for it and we will get into more detail when we pass it in June. He also stated that the Public Hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021 and it has been advertised as well.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9874-21:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH VANDRA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, 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, Mizzsak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9874-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that on May 6<sup>th</sup> they held the bid opening for the 2021 Street Improvement Program, there were seven bids that came in and Vandra Brothers Construction was the lowest and most responsive bidder. He stated that they came in at \$373,705.00 for the four streets and they are: Bell Ave., Deborah Ln., Edgewood Ave., and Egbert Rd. He stated that the Egbert Rd. repairs will be from Union St. to the bridge. He recommends that they pass it tonight so that we can get moving on the road construction and we are still exploring some options with some of the other projects, specifically Union St. He continued to state that the city may be able to secure some additional funding for the Union St. Project, that will free up money that we may be able to use to award the alternate street for this bid. He stated that the alternate street is Nordham Dr. He recommends that the base bid be approved for the four streets and that they will circle back in about a month to address the additional road being Nordham Dr. if we are able to secure the other funding.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9875-21:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Asbury 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, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9875-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that Mrs. Kuzma put together a successful grant application and we were awarded and this is accepting those funds through Cuyahoga County. He stated that it is for the installation of two EV Charging Stations in the Municipal Lot, purchase of additional benches throughout the Historic District, new bike racks in the Historic District, and all of the hardware that is necessary to provide public WiFi on the Commons.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9876-21:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH iamGIS GROUP, LLC (“GIS”) FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITIES PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance 9876-21 on First Reading.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is to upgrade from our current GIS System, which has been primarily for the public works down in the Service Department. He stated that they are looking at a three-year contract. He stated that it provides for unlimited users, and the city would still own all of the data, and with the unlimited users we could expand our current GIS System throughout the Water Department, Building Department, Safety Forces. He stated that there is a lot that we can do with the new program. He stated that when we started this a few years back we need something to begin with and our staff has been entering in all of the data and doing all of the leg work and now we are at the stage where we need to take the next step and this software will allow us to do that.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9877-21:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PELTON ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS FOR MAINTENANCE AND INVENTORY FOR THE BELT FILTER PRESS SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by

Mizsak 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, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9877-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that a large piece of our belt filter press was installed in 1987 and we are constantly replacing parts and it is a piece of equipment that is used 24/7. He stated that they recently had to replace the tension roller and it is also necessary to have a lot of these replacement parts on hand. He stated that if this piece of equipment went down it would be catastrophic for the plant and that they are looking to replace and have a backup tension roller along with two additional rubber coated steering rollers to have on hand in case we need to make those necessary repairs. He stated that they receive two quotes: one from Envirodine Systems and the second being with Pelton Environmental. He stated that they recommend approving this tonight due to the fact that this equipment takes about eight to ten weeks to arrive at the plant.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Asbury 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](mailto:citymanager@bedfordoh.gov).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

Date: May 7, 2021