

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: Paula Mizesak. 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: Paula Mizesak.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of July 6, 2021, Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021.

Ordinance No. 9890-21: levy assessments for delinquent water bills Mrs. Howland stated that they access these twice a year. She also stated that three were removed because they were paid.

Ordinance No. 9891-21: levy assessments for grass cutting Mrs. Howland stated that they access this once a year. She stated that this is from July 2020 to now.

Ordinance No. 9892-21: contract with Utility Truck Equipment, Inc. to repair a Chevrolet Versalift Bucket Truck City Manager Mallis stated that this is for work that needs to be done to the truck and that it is old and things break down on it. He stated that these trucks get used for many different things and that this is in regards to the smaller truck.

Ordinance No. 9893-21: contract with Jay Auto Group for three (3) 2022GMC Sierra Pickups City Manager Mallis stated that this ordinance was passed previously this year and it is in regards to going with Jay Auto Group. He stated that they could not get the 2021 trucks and that they had to go back out and got three quotes and that Jay was the lowest. He also stated that they did void out the previous ordinance.

Resolution No. 2568-21: Urban Redevelopment Plan for Tinkers Creek Development City Manager Mallis stated that this is the first step in getting things to move forward and that this was brought to all of the attorneys to map things out.

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inquired about transportation and shifts and Mayor Koci stated that he would have her speak on that during the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation of July 20, 2021, for Rickey Kinney, owner 40 Columbus Rd., Bedford, OH 44146 is proposing to construct a 1500 sf covered patio (30X50) on the rear of the existing structure located at 76 Broadway Ave. City Manager Mallis stated that this is in regards to portable coverings. Councilwoman Spinks inquired about the noise with the outdoor patio and City Manager Mallis replied that if you have a stipulation for the noise to state it in there.

Mayor Koci stated that all of these need a "yes or no" vote. He stated that a "yes" vote means that you agree with the Planning Commission's decision and that a "no" vote means that you disagree with their decision.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Garage Ordinance. He stated that in the ordinance that if a resident tear down their old garage that they would have to build a new one and that the Building Commissioner will then require what needs to be done. Councilwoman Spinks stated that they have to have an inspection when the old garage is torn down. City Manager Mallis stated that what are the residents going to do with their stuff when the old garage is torn down and a new one isn't built.

Discussion of the State of the City was concluded.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Broadway Ave. & TCCP and Personnel: Board of Zoning and Appeals, Finance Department, Salary Pay Ranges. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: June 7, 2021

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 2, 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Absent: Paula Mizesak.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to excuse Councilwoman Mizesak. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Asbury to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of June 7, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Asbury to approve the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis stated that for those viewing at home the sound improved since the last meeting but we are still having some technical issues and that the IT and video people are working on it. He stated that if you are having some issue they are aware and we are working to get it corrected.

City Manager Mallis stated that the crews have been out checking all of the sewers and we don't have any major blockages to report. He also stated that we've had two major storms this year: one in June where it flooded out the area at the Municipal Pool and the second one was a couple of weeks ago. He continued to state that based on the data that came in at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that with the one storm it received over three inches of water in a short amount of time and there isn't a system that can maintain that. He stated that we make sure that the sewer mains are clear. He continued to state that during the heavy rains there will be water in the roadways, its when that water is not reseeding is when we know that there is a blockage and there is an issue on our end and to contact us if we aren't aware of it already.

City Manager Mallis stated that there was an announcement made today regarding Governor DeWine and that he will be releasing some grant funding for water and waste water and it is a very short window to get our applications in and there are a lot of stipulations but we are planning to submit a large project focusing on our waste water treatment plant facility.

City Manager Mallis stated that they continue to have discussions in planning regarding the Broadway Ave. Improvements throughout Downtown. He continued to state that they are: waterline, curb, and other improvements. He stated that the engineering and planning are still taking place and once it's completed they will have an idea on a budget and at that point they will have more details to share with the public. He continued to state that they are under a timeline with ODOT and that the Broadway Ave. Project wasn't planned until 2027 and it wasn't good enough for us and we voiced some concerns and ODOT did agree to move it up

substantially and it was moved up to fiscal year 2023. He stated that it means that they hope to start construction on Broadway Ave. next summer. He stated that it is important that we get in and do our improvements so it is done by spring and ODOT is planning a complete resurfacing of Broadway Ave. from corporation limit to corporation limit. He also thanked Mayor Koci for helping with pushing the timeline up four-years and that they will keep everyone up to date as they learn more information.

City Manager Mallis stated that they do have a construction meeting with the county officials within the week regarding Union St. and that it is still their plans to go out for bids on that project and that construction starts on that project this year. He continued to state that it will be from Broadway Ave. to Broadway Ave. and it will be a complete resurfacing of the street. He also stated that in addition to that the City was able to secure Issue 2 Funds for around \$320,000.00 for sewer improvements and it will be done while construction is taking place.

City Manager Mallis stated that they are taking rental reservations at Ellenwood Center for the pavilion and if you are looking for an event contact the department if you are interested. He also stated that the same goes for the summer concert series and that the Parks and Recreation Department is putting those on and they are going very well. He also stated that last Family Movie Night was last Friday and that the next concert is on Wednesday August 11th at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Mallis stated that normally the State of the City is done in February and obviously with everything going on this year it was unable to take place and we weren't looking to do a virtual State of the City, we want to be able to interact with the public. He stated that we are having it on Tuesday, August 24th. He stated that the information has been sent out to the public and it will take place at the Ellenwood Center in the main meeting room.

City Manager Mallis warned the public about the dangers of water and especially the water down at the Via Duct. He stated that the tremendous staff at the Fire Department were able to rescue an individual that went down a couple of weeks ago in that area and there were no injuries. He advised everyone to stay out of the water and adhere to the signage. He continued to state that it is very dangerous to go in the water.

City Manager Mallis stated that we are wrapping up the Road Program, there are two more weeks left for this year and City Council added Nordham Dr. to the list this year. He continued to state that it did extend the project but that street was in much need to get resurfaced and they should be done within two weeks, three weeks at the most. He stated that we are now in the process of going out and securing quotes for sidewalk repairs. He continued to state that they are looking at a specific area to do those repairs and we are doubling the amount, normally it is \$25,000.00 but it will be \$50,000.00 in repairs. He stated that they are looking at what those quotes come in at and to really work with the contractors on the ability if there are some residents outside of that area or if residents want to make additional improvements where they can utilize that cost.

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 we will be starting our budget process for 2022 and the appropriations and the departments are starting to get together all of their request. He stated that they have estimates already projected for next year and we are working with them to finish it up. He stated that we have receive our ARPA Funds and it is a reporting period that will be over the next four years in the way that we will be working with these funds. He stated that there are two projects in mind right now that qualify for the program and it is very limited in how we use things, how we test for utilization of these funds and we will be following through with that.

Mr. Gambosi thanked everyone who came out to the Rotary Rib Festival it was a great festival and well attended.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Saunders stated that the contractor on Nordham Dr. is doing it the right way instead of chipping off certain areas and filling them in with asphalt. He also stated that the construction is going very well and that it will be one of the premier streets that will last quite a while. He stated that the other construction site that is going on in Ward 6, which is the entire presidential street section. He stated that Dominion is closing streets without notifying residents, digging up holes and that the patches in the roads are only temporary and hope that they will come back and do them properly. He continued to state that they dumped piles of dirt on private property, parking tractors parked on private property. He stated that they are replacing all of the gas lines in that area. He inquired if they are going to resurface over the bridge on Union St. and City Manager Mallis replied that he believes that they are not going over it right now. City Manager Mallis continued to state that they have had ongoing conversations with ODOT and the county regarding that bridge. He continued to state that the bridge is filled utilities and it's an issue and it cannot be milled down and gone over. He stated that there was some discussion but there are no plans for it as of right now. Councilman Saunders stated that it would be another great improvement especially when all of the storm sewers that were broken under there get repaired first.

Councilman Saunders stated that now we need to talk to ODOT about getting Northfield Rd. by the hill and the bridge are in poor shape. He stated that something needs to be done before someone loses control on the road. He stated that the parapet wall on the bridge is dropping concrete on the cemetery. He continued to state that ODOT was out there chipping away at it and that they are aware of the situation of the bridge, but we need to stay on them because it is becoming a hazard.

Councilwoman Spinks reminded everyone that the event for the Bedford Historical Society will be the Art & Artisan Festival and it will be on September 10th, 11th, and 12th. She stated that it is a combination of vendors from the Strawberry Festival and entertainment from the Pooka Celebration. She also stated that since the second day falls on September 11th they will start the day off with a special ceremony in remembrance of 9/11 with the Cuyahoga Community Concert Band and Mayor Koci will say a few words. She also stated that the Police and Fire

Departments will be there and that there will also be some pictures there as well. She stated that we want to remember that day because it is the 20th anniversary and honor the fallen.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that the Flea Market is coming up on August 14th and the Historical Society will have a table set up selling memberships as well as some flea market items as well. She stated to buy a membership or a brick it is something that your family will have forever.

Councilwoman Spinks wished Mayor Koci a Senator Yuko a happy birthday. She also stated that the Bedford Seniors had their second meeting out in the pavilion. She stated that there is a resident who is seeing impaired and it is getting hard for her to walk her dog, so if someone is interested in helping out to contact her for the resident's information.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that there was a waterline break this past week on Cresswell Ave. and they hit a gas line and Dominion did a phenomenal job in getting out there to fix it. She stated that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done, but they have to wait a few days to let it settle. City Manager Mallis stated that they have to wait for some of it to settle before they can come in a redo the road, but they are going to get to it as soon as they can.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that in the past couple of years the trash that is being thrown out on the streets has gotten worse and that in a two (2) day she has pick-up seventeen (17) bags of trash in Ward 1. She stated that there are kids that help her out with it on Saturdays. She continued to state that it's not just in Bedford it's everywhere and that she sent a message to the governor that there has to be something that we can do in Ohio to stop it.

Councilwoman Spinks congratulated the Bedford Beauty winners.

Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Councilman Fluharty wished Mayor Koci a happy birthday. He stated that the Rotary Club did a nice job at the Rib Cookoff. He stated that there is voting on Ward 3 tomorrow at the Ellenwood Center.

Councilman Asbury stated that July 2nd was the First Friday, July 14th & 28th were the Summer Concert Series, July 17th was Record Store Drop, Christmas in July, and Sammy's Bench Dedication, July 23rd thru the 25th was the Beer & Rib Festival, and July 30th was Family Movie Night. He stated that there was also two weeks of the Shadow of the Run Production. He continued to state that all of the events were very well attended and we need to keep supporting our downtown area and the local businesses.

Councilman Asbury stated that coming up the first week in August is the week of the chipper, if you have things on your lawn that need chipped call the Service Department to get on the schedule. He stated that the First Friday is on August 6th and the theme is "Putt Around Downtown", on Wednesday, August 11th & 25th is the Summer Concert Series from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He stated that the Historical Society's Flea Market is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 14th. He stated that on August 27th thru 29th is the Cleveland Pagan Pride Festival with a lot of things going on down there and it is a really neat weekend. He continued to state that

hazardous waste and computer round up will be on August 16th to the 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Service Garage located at 100 Solon Rd. and no after hour drop offs. He continued to state that the list of everything that they will except is on the city's website.

Councilman Asbury stated that there is a new business in Ward 5 and it is called Helluvataste Deli so stop down and give them a try we need to support our local business.

Mayor Koci stated that he received a couple of letters in the mail that were anonymous from people who want to complain about something or have a question, but that he will not react to it unless there is a name and contact information. He stated that way he can give them a phone call to let them know about it. He stated that if they are anonymous he doesn't know why they are doing it or what they are doing and he will not deal with anonymous letters. He continued to stated that if a name and address is given he will keep it confidential, but he has to have that contact information for a follow up.

ORDINANCE NO. 9890-21: AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9890-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that twice a year the Assistant Finance Director assesses the delinquent water bills on behalf of the city. He stated that we do have a couple of people who paid and we will make amendments accordingly. He stated that he asked Council to pass it this evening so that they can file it by the deadline that they establish for the tax duplexet in December as well as the one for the grass cutting in the next ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9891-21: AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS, TALL GRASS AND TREES ON VARIOUS LOTS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2021 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9891-21 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9892-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UTILITY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. (UTE) TO REPAIR THE 2002 CHEVROLET VERSALIFT BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9892-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the bucket truck that is used for numerous repairs, tree trimming, replacement on various street lights, banners and the cost is about \$140,000.00 to replace. He stated that they went ahead and made some emergency repairs and receive numerous quotes and Utility Truck Equipment came at the lowest and our recommendation that we go through them.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9893-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JAY AUTO GROUP (“JAY”) FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2022 GMC SIERRA 2500HD (TC20903) 2WD REGULAR CAB 142” PICKUPS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9893-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that when we did last years budget for 2021 we budgeted for three pickup trucks and they would be replacing two 2002 and 2003. He stated that City Council passed legislation and we receive quotes and bids for them and Jay was awarded. He stated that they still have not received these vehicles and they are on back order and there is a chip shortage. He continued to state that they were notified that they would not be able to supply us with the 2021 vehicles. He stated that they turned around and received additional quotes and Jay Auto Group came in as the lowest bid for the three trucks and they will be 2022 and they are budgeted for this year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2568-21: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TINKER'S CREEK DEVELOPMENT 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 resolution on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Resolution No. 2568-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we are moving forward with 27 acres in Tinker's Creek Commerce Park that has been up for sale with the intent to redevelop and we are looking at things that we can do to spur development. He continued to stated that there are multiple interested parties and Cuyahoga County is very involved with this project and there is a large loan that is currently tied to the property and we are in active discussion to figure out a way that we can free up somethings to spur development there. He stated that the property is currently being listed at more than double of what the appraised value is on the acreage and it makes things difficult. He stated that the first step is to make sure that we have this Urban Redevelopment Plan in place for that park. He stated that it puts in place the various zoning codes and zoning requirements for that property then there will be further steps that we will need to take to make some things happen.

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

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve or deny the Planning Commission's decision to approve the recommendation of July 20, 2021, for Quinisha Singleton, 5911 Bear Creek Dr., Bedford Heights, OH 44146 is seeking a conditional use approval to allow the tenant space located at 401 Broadway Ave., Bedford, OH 44146 (former Dairy Queen space) to be used as a Child Care & Education Center. The center will be open 24 hours a day Monday thru Friday with 3 shifts

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

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Rob Burk, 701 Jefferson St., Bedford, OH stated that he appreciated Councilwoman Spinks comment about the trash because it is a very discouraging issue here in Bedford. He stated that what Councilman Saunders stated about the gas company tearing up the streets is an understatement but we look at it as hopefully short-term sacrifice for a long-term gain. He wanted to know if the protocol had been established between the City, Fire Department and the Gas Company for when and if an issue should arise. Mayor Koci stated that there has been for years. Mr. Burk stated that the Fire Department came out and put barriers up and then the gas company came out last Friday to confirm if there was a gas leak but that it is not work up toward the house and that he is going to have to deal with it. He then asked the gentleman from the gas company if they communicate it to the Fire Department and he said that they do not. He then inquired as to how would the Fire Department know that it is clear and he was told that he would have to let them know. Mr. Burk then stated that he called the Fire Department and he asked they received a report back from the gas company and they said no. He stated that he let the Fire Department know that the gas company blocked off two streets and that it was all clear and there would be no problem with traffic coming through. He continued to state that the Fire Department told him that it wasn't their job and that it is up to the gas company to remove them. Mr. Burk told the Fire Department that the gas company said it wasn't their job that it was up to the Fire Department to remove them. He continued to state that the fact of the matter is that the gas company has left and two streets are blocked off. He asked the Fire Department how is traffic going to get through and the Fire Department told him that he could go out and remove them. He stated that as a tax payer he has been band aided out by everyone hiding behind "it's not my job" meanwhile two street are blocked off. He was then told to speak the lieutenant and the lieutenant told him that it wasn't their job. He was told that it is the gas company's job and they have left and two streets are blocked off. He was then told to call the Police Department because they are the ones responsible for keeping access on the streets. He continued to stated that the lieutenant stated that they would call the Police Department to take down the barriers that the gas department erected. He then stated that it revealed the contempt that the Fire Department holds for the residents of this town that there is no regard that they put up barriers and that it isn't their job and that there really isn't a protocol in place when there is an issue. He continued to state that there was no follow through from the gas company or the City of Bedford. Mayor Koci stated that the City Manager is already taking some notes and he will be talking with both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief to get this resolved. City Manager Mallis stated that he tried to connect with him today and that he was out and he did see some of the concerns that were mentioned early on regarding the litter and some of the noise concerns in the evening. He stated that he is very familiar with the specific location on some of them and where they are coming from and it is something that they are looking at and it is a separate matter. He continued to state that in working with both the Fire Department and the Police Department all of

those men and women whole heartedly care about this town and he will always say that. He apologized that the experience wasn't what Mr. Burk may have expected and that he would look into it. He continued to state the Fire Department did identify it and they notified Dominion now following that being that it was a construction project they did get in touch with emergency points of contact, we did send notification out to those emergency points of contacts, specifically the contractor doing the work. He stated that the contractor did turn around and sent notice to the head of Dominion indicating the concern from the residents and concerns that we had and then there is a process. He stated that he does not have an up-to-date status right now but that it was going through the process especially through Dominion and their contractor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: September 7, 2021