

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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The regular meeting of the Bowling Green City Council, held in the Council Chamber, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Hollenbaugh. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando were present. Council Member Dennis was not present. Also present were Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter, City Attorney Michael Marsh, and Public Infrastructure Bureau Director Brian O'Connell. Mayor Mike Aspacher and Public Services Bureau Director Joe Fawcett were not present.

Council Member Herald moved, Robinette seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2022 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Council President Hollenbaugh presented resolutions adopted by City Council to former Council Members Rowland and Zanfardino honoring their service to the City.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Adam Skaff addressed Council on behalf of Leadership BG noting that the group has chosen Wood County Plays as its community project for fundraising efforts. The first fundraiser will be a "Penny War" between Bowling Green Schools and Otsego and will run from March 14-18. A future "war" is in the works between Eastwood and Elmwood schools.

The following individuals addressed City Council regarding their desire to have Bowling Green use ARPA funds to develop pickleball courts in Bowling Green:

- Brian & Debra Sell – 17136 Mercer Road
- Dave Saneholtz – 11934 Sugar Ridge Road

Joe Steinmetz, Tiffin, Ohio, addressed Council regarding his desire to bring his peddle bicycle business to Bowling Green and wanted to make himself available for questions that Council may have. Council Member Herald responded that Council has legislation on its agenda tonight for first reading and a Transportation & Safety Committee meeting will be held prior to the March 21 meeting at 6:15 p.m. for discussion. Council Member Robinette noted that there is currently no prohibition to opening the business prior to the legislation being adopted.

John Whitson, Findlay, Ohio, addressed City Council regarding a zoning change request for land he owns on S. Dunbridge Road that is currently scheduled for public hearing by Council on March 7. He noted that the request is for R-4 multiple family, high density residential zoning that would allow him to construct a 288-unit apartment complex adjacent to the new health care facility currently being constructed. He pointed out that Bowling Green needs more housing. He also indicated that the development of the health care complex and apartment complex would make that area of Bowling Green more attractive for further development by other types of businesses.

NEW LEGISLATION

The following new legislation was recommended by the Administration and presented to Council for introduction:

Council Member Robinette, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Council Member Herald, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced an ordinance creating and adopting Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regulating commercial quadricycles.

Council President Hollenbaugh, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with Toray Membrane, USA, Inc., for the purchase of replacement reverse osmosis membranes and to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of reverse osmosis membranes at the Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency.

Council President Hollenbaugh, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into an agreement with Invoice Cloud, Inc., for electronic bill presentation and payment services, and declaring an emergency.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Mike Aspacher was not present.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter noted to Council that construction on the new City building has officially begun this week with the demolition of the white house next door and the former senior citizen building. Tretter also reminded Council Members of the upcoming Council orientation that will be held on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber. Tretter distributed an agenda for the days' meeting.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Public Services Director Joe Fawcett was not present.

Public Infrastructure Director Brian O'Connell addressed City Council regarding legislation on the agenda tonight for replacement of the reverse osmosis membranes at the Water Treatment Plant. O'Connell noted that it is important to utilize the current supplier that has been approved by the Ohio EPA for the replacement membranes.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Herald announced that the Transportation & Safety Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, March 21, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the proposed legislation regarding commercial quadricycles.

Council President Hollenbaugh reminded Council Members of the Council Orientation being held on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Ordinance #8989 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8989 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8989 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8989. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8989 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8990 authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with Toray Membrane, USA, Inc., for the purchase of replacement reverse osmosis membranes and to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of reverse osmosis membranes at the Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8991 authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into an agreement with Invoice Cloud, Inc., for electronic bill presentation and payment services, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8992 creating and adopting Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regulating commercial quadricycles, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3817 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a capital and operating plan for the years 2022 through 2025 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3818 authorizing the file of an application(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, formula grants for rural areas, Ohio's Rural Transportation Program and/or the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract for the FY 2023 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and 5339 and/or 5311 funding for capital and/or operating assistance, and the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3816 authorizing the City of Bowling Green to participate in the financial and economic analysis relating to the Toledo-Columbus corridor study for passenger rail, for third reading.

Council Member Herald moved, Rubando seconded, to adopt Resolution #3816. On roll call vote, Council Members O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Resolution #3816 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8987 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Public Services Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for sidewalk improvements, pavement striping, deicing salt, and improving streets, alleys, and other public ways in the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for third reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8987. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and O'Dorisio voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8987 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8988 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for approximately 20.71 acres located just north of 525 South Dunbridge Road from A-1 Agricultural to R-4 Multiple Family Residential, High Density zoning, for third reading.

Council Member Phipps moved, Herald seconded, to table Ordinance #8988 until March 7, 2022 at which time a public hearing will be held regarding the ordinance. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rubando, Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, and Phipps voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8988 tabled until March 7, 2022.

Council Member Herald moved, Rubando seconded, to excuse Council Member Dennis from this evening's meeting. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

Council Member Herald moved, Robinette seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh adjourned the February 22, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:46 p.m., subject to call.