

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10146

Held

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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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 Aspacher. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland and Zanfardino responded. Also present were Mayor Richard Edwards, Municipal Administrator John Fawcett, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Works Director Brian Craft, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, and Planning Director Heather Saylor. Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore was not present.

Council President Aspacher declared the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2014 approved as distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards reported to Council that the City has received a clean audit report from the Auditor of State and commended members of the Administration for their work and achievement.

Mayor Edwards requested confirmation of the following appointments:

- Bowling Green Transit Representative to TMACOG Board of Trustees:
 - Tina Bradley, Grants Administrator
 - Vic Gable, Alternate
- Council Representative to the BG Convention & Visitors Bureau:
 - Council Member Sandy Rowland
- Bicycle Safety Commission:
 - Greg Dickerson – term ending May 31, 2016

Council Member McOmber moved, Gordon seconded, to approve the appointments as presented by the Mayor. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett reported that in light of the weather forecast for snow on Tuesday night into Wednesday, he plans to take pre-emptive measures by declaring the snow emergency sometime after 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Fawcett noted that the decision will be made after the latest updates are received from the National Weather Service as to when the storm is expected to begin.

Fawcett also requested an Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss a land acquisition matter.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore was not present.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported to Council regarding recent water service freezes experienced by some utility customers due to the extreme cold temperatures.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that the City currently has 400 tons of salt on hand and has contracted for another 377 tons for the current season. Craft noted that the City could easily use the salt it has on hand for this upcoming storm.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in State of Ohio purchasing programs for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as well as the trade-in or outright sale of vehicles and equipment being replaced and/or no longer needed for municipal purposes, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to participate in the State of Ohio Department of Transportation sodium chloride (rock salt) purchase agreement for the 2014-2015 winter season.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the cleaning of uniforms for the Department of Safety.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of a multi-purpose connector trail to unite the Black Swamp Preserve and the Slippery Elm Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to accept easements for utility and right-of-way purposes from Linda S. Hanna and Harold M. Hanna.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an annual application and execute a contract upon grant application approval under the Community Development Block Grant: Entitlement Program as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2014.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Gordon reported that the Community Improvement Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the formation of a City University Relations Commission. Council Member Jeffers expressed his concern that this commission may overlap and duplicate efforts by the East Side Neighborhood group. Council Member Zanfardino indicated that he did not see it as an overlap or duplicate effort, but rather another avenue for citizens to pursue. Council Member Aspacher expressed his concern over the number of members on the committee, but indicated he supported the concept of forming the commission.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

The following citizens address City Council regarding the recently enacted electric rate levelization plan that increase rates and submitted questions regarding the impact of the Prairie State Coal plan on said rate increases:

- Christina Guenther – 30 Tanglewood Lane
- Todd Childress – 407 N. Main Street
- Beatrice Guenther – 30 Tanglewood Lane
- Vassiliki Leontis – 118 N. Summit Street
- Jennifer Karchers – 407 N. Main Street
- Lisa Kochheiser – 1045 Varsity West

Several Council Members and Public Utilities Director Brian O'Connell responded to their questions and explained the rate levelization plan to them. Council President Aspacher also suggested that perhaps their questions might be answered more appropriately by the Board of Public Utilities.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3560 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an annual application and execute a contract upon grant application approval under the Community Development Block Grant: Entitlement Program as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3561 adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3562 adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2014, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8306 authorizing the Municipal Administrator Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in State of Ohio purchasing programs for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as well as the trade-in or outright sale of vehicles and equipment being replaced and/or no longer needed for municipal purposes, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8306 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8306 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8306. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8306. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8306 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8307 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to participate in the State of Ohio Department of Transportation sodium chloride (rock salt) purchase agreement for the 2014-2015 winter season, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8308 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the cleaning of uniforms for the Department of Safety, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8309 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of a multi-purpose connector trail to unite the Black Swamp Preserve and the Slippery Elm Trail, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8310 authorizing the Utilities Director to accept easements for utility and right-of-way purposes from Linda S. Hanna and Harold M. Hanna, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8305 authorizing the Municipal Administrator 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 second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8304 authorizing an agreement between the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and the Wood County Regional Airport Authority, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8304. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8304 adopted.

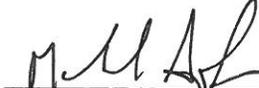
Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to move Council into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a land acquisition matter. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Council Member Gordon moved, Rowland seconded, to move Council out of Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Rowland seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the February 3, 2014 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:55 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council