

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012

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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 Zanfardino. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council President Zanfardino declared the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2012 approved as distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards reported that it was his pleasure to welcome and spend time with the Chinese delegation visiting Bowling Green in conjunction with the Great Lakes Consortium. Mayor Edwards indicated that this visit was being held simultaneously with President Obama's visit to BGSU.

Mayor Edwards also reported that he attended a ribbon cutting for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization who relocated their offices within the City.

Mayor Edwards announced that the State of the City will be presented on Tuesday, October 9, at 8:00 a.m. at the Wood County Library and invited Council Members to attend.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett had no report.

Acting Planning Director Ken Taylor addressed Council regarding political yard signs located within the public right-of-way and noted that Code Enforcement will be notifying people or removing signs that are placed in the right-of-way.

Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore was not present.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell was not present.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that curbside unlimited brush pick up began today and will continue until one pass through the City has been completed. Craft also updated Council on current roadway projects.

NEW LEGISLATION

There was no new legislation to be introduced.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Robinette commented that he had the opportunity to ride with a police officer over the weekend and found it to be a worthwhile experience. Aspacher thanked the Police Chief for giving him the opportunity.

Council Member Jeffers noted that Council received revisions to Chapter 98 of the Codified Ordinances regarding streets and sidewalks. Jeffers asked Council Members to email him with input concerning the changes.

Council President Zanfardino addressed comments made by City resident and recent lobby visitor, Michael Stickles. Zanfardino said that comments and allegations made by Mr. Stickles that impugned Grants Administrator Tina Bradley were unfounded, unfair and inaccurate. Zanfardino noted that further investigation has shown that nothing done by the City or by Tina Bradley was wrong and did in fact follow Federal guidelines of using census tract data to choose locations for CDBG projects. Zanfardino indicated that if Mr. Stickles returns to speak to Council, he will be asked not to bring up issues that are known to be false and unfounded.

Council Member Jeffers noted that he agreed with Council President Zanfardino's comments and said that the City has gone the extra mile to get the maximum benefit from available CDBG funds and that it is time to move forward.

Council Member Robinette indicated that he was concerned with Council's system that allows citizens to keep coming before them making unfounded charges. Robinette suggested putting into writing a reply to Mr. Stickles and what action might be taken if he makes those type of allegations again. Council President Zanfardino stated that he would consult with the City Attorney about the idea of a letter.

Council Member McOmber commented that he thought Mr. Stickles was upset with the requirements of the grant system. McOmber noted that the City does not make the rules, but is required to abide by the Federal rules governing how CDBG funds are spent.

Council Member Rowland extended an apology to Grants Administrator Tina Bradley on behalf of City Council and stated that she has not done anything that was incorrect or inappropriate.

Council Member Aspacher said the incident has gotten the city to look at the way it handles sidewalks. Aspacher said Municipal Administrator John Fawcett and Public Works Director Brian Craft have gone over sidewalk policies and ordinances that may lead to some improvements.

Council Member Gordon suggested citizens should come and talk to City officials if they have a concern before coming to a public meeting and making allegations.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

There were no lobby visitations.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3514 adopting and authorizing an amended B.G. Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8205 amending and adopting Section 35.60 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding rates for ambulance services, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #3512 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to execute an extension of the Joint Development Agreement with Center Township, for third reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Resolution #3512. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried, and Resolution #3512 adopted.

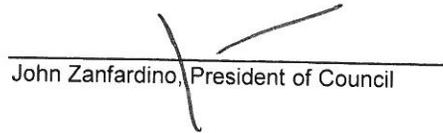
Clerk read Ordinance #8203 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for professional cleaning services for the City Administrative Services building and the Municipal Court building, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8203. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8203 adopted.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Zanfardino adjourned the October 1, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:40 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council



John Zanfardino, President of Council