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 7:20 p.m. by Council President Aspacher. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Gavarone moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 2014 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Richard Edwards temporarily donned a Western Kentucky University shirt during his report. The Mayor explained that he had participated in a friendly "wager" with the Bowling Green, Kentucky Mayor over the outcome of Bowling Green State University/Western Kentucky football game on August 29. Because BGSU lost the game, Mayor Edwards completed his end of the wager in wearing the shirt to the City Council meeting. After acknowledging his official wearing of the shirt, Mayor Edwards presented the shirt to Western Kentucky alumni, Clint Corpe, host of the Bowling Green Morning Show on 88.1.

Mayor Edwards noted that the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing regarding the future land use plan on Wednesday, September 3, in the Wood County Library Atrium.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett reported that City staff had a phone conference with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding participation in the annual contract for road salt purchase. Fawcett noted that ODOT went through the bidding process two times and rejected the bids because the bids came in at 300% higher than last year. Fawcett noted that ODOT has informed the cities that have participated in their contract in the past that they are now on their own to procure road salt for the upcoming 2014-2015 winter season. Because of this, Fawcett indicated that legislation is being presented to Council tonight that declares a real and present emergency and authorizes him to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of salt without going through the bidding process. The Public Works Director has contacted area salt providers and so far has gotten at least one of the companies to say that they will talk to the City about the possibility of selling salt to the City. Fawcett requested three readings and enactment of the emergency clause on the ordinance at this evening's meeting so that he will be able to negotiate with companies and enter a contract upon completion of negotiations.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett also reviewed street and parking lot closures for the Black Swamp Arts Festival which will be held in the downtown area of Bowling Green this coming weekend.

Planning Director Heather Sayler had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore reported that they anticipate the beginning of the "crowd-funding" for Ridge Park around September 10. This will be done through a website called "fundyourpark.org" and will allow individuals to make online donations for the development of Ridge Park. Grigore also noted that there will be a United Way "Day of Caring" held on September 12 to clean up the Ridge Park property.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell updated Council on the construction of the water tower project noting that some of the dates have been moved up which means that the project may be completed earlier than expected.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that the fall heavy item pickup will be done the week of September 15 and the unlimited brush pickup will be done the week of September 29.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Rowland, for the Parks and Recreation Committee, introduced a resolution of appreciation for the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Foundation for completing the Save the Woods Campaign.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance accepting annexation of approximately 21.577 acres of land in Plain Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Robert W. & Patricia A. Maurer, petitioners.

Council Member Aspacher, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance declaring a real and present emergency and authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding for the purchase of road salt for the upcoming winter season, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Gordon, for the Parks and Recreation Committee, introduced a resolution naming Ridge Park.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Zanfardino reported that the Transportation & Safety Committee met earlier this evening regarding revisions to Chapter 98 of the Codified Ordinances concerning sidewalks. Zanfardino noted that the committee received some revisions to the chapter this evening which allows the City to be more proactive in addressing specific sidewalk areas and undeveloped sidewalks in areas of town. Zanfardino indicated that he feels comfortable moving forward with the legislation later in the meeting.

Council Member Jeffers commented regarding the Land Use Plan public hearing being held tomorrow night at the Library. Jeffers wanted everyone to know that it is a regular meeting of the Planning Commission so there will be other business conducted at that meeting in addition to the Land Use Plan.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Barbara Ruland, Downtown Bowling Green, addressed Council and citizens indicated that more volunteers are needed for the upcoming Black Swamp Arts Festival.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3571 naming Ridge Park, for first reading.

Council Member Gordon moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3571 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3571 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Gordon moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3571. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3571 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3572 of appreciation for the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Foundation for completing the Save the Woods Campaign, for first reading.

Council Member Rowland moved, Jeffers seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3572 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3572 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Rowland moved, Gordon seconded, to adopt Resolution #3572. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3572 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8360 accepting annexation of approximately 21.577 acres of land in Plain Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Robert W. & Patricia A. Maurer, petitioners, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8361 declaring a real and present emergency and authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding for the purchase of road salt for the upcoming winter season, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8361 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8361 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8361. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, Rowland, and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Gavarone seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8361. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8361 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8352 amending and adopting Section 33.27 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding vacations, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8353 amending and adopting Section 33.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding salary schedule established, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8354 amending and adopting Section 33.23(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding medical and dental insurance, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8355 amending and adopting Section 33.32 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding certification pay, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8356 amending and adopting Section 33.22 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding sick leave, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8359 accepting a deed for right-of-way purposes from Smith Auto Properties, LLC, for North Main Street, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8348 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to seek qualifications and/or advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and other services relating to improvements at the intersection of W. Poe Road/Fairview Avenue, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8348. Council Member Jeffers asked that bicycle paths be taken into consideration as the design is being developed on this intersection. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8348 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8349 amending and adopting Chapter 98 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding streets and sidewalks, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8349. Zanfardino noted that one of the key questions considered when developing the new sidewalk regulations is would the revisions enable the City to more proactively deal with substandard sidewalks in town. Zanfardino indicated that he believes the revisions do give the City the ability to more actively address sidewalk concerns and feels good about moving forward with adopting the ordinance. Council Member Jeffers pushed for a little more aggressiveness in dealing with substandard sidewalks.

Council Member Rowland moved, Gordon seconded, to excuse Council Member McOmber from this evening's meeting. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Council Member Gavarone moved, Jeffers seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the September 2, 2014 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:57 p.m., subject to call.

Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council

Michael Aspacher, President of Council