

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

DRITON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10146

Held

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

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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, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland responded. Council Member Gordon and Zanfardino were not present. Also present were Mayor Richard Edwards, Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, Planning Director Heather Saylor, and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley. Public Works Director Brian Craft was not present.

Council Member Rowland moved, Gavarone seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2015 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kay Scherreik had no correspondence.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards had no report.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reported that Police Lt. Gordon Finger is currently receiving training for the new K-9 unit that was recently acquired by the City. Tretter noted that the dog assigned to the City is a 1-year old Belgian Malinois name Arci and is expected to be on duty in the City by August 29.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley reported that the newly hired Recreation Coordinator, Ivan Kovacevic, will be starting his employment with the City on July 27, 2015. Otley also updated Council on upcoming Parks and Rec events.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported to Council that the last debt payment on the JV6 wind turbine project will be made in August. O'Connell also noted that Council has legislation before them tonight for first reading that will allow the City to enter into a contract with AMP for the construction of a 20MW solar project on 110 acres of City-owned property. O'Connell indicated that the City would own 10.55 MW of the project which would provide approximately 3% of the City's annual energy needs. O'Connell gave Council an extensive explanation of the project and answered questions posed to him by Council Members. O'Connell noted that Council will be given more details about the project prior to adopting the legislation to authorize the contract.

O'Connell updated Council on the PJM capacity charges that are paid each month noting that the amount paid for the May power bill was \$450,000 and the amount paid for the June power bill capacity charge was \$1,000,000. O'Connell noted that this was an expected increase and was a result of the capacity auction held three years ago. This is what the charge will be for the next 12 months. O'Connell explained how the capacity charges are figured and responded to Council Members questions in how the capacity charges are set by PJM. O'Connell said that the City had planned for this increase and the power cost adjustment factor was set so that enough money was collected to cover the projected increased costs.

Public Works Director Brian Craft was not present.

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 to enter into a Commercial Credit Card Agreement with Huntington National Bank.

Council Member Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an agreement between the City of Bowling Green and American Municipal Power, Inc. for the AMP Solar Project – Phase II for a maximum of 10.55 MW AC capacity, a Solar Project Lease Agreement to construct a 19.8 MW AC solar generation facility on City owned property and authorizing an Interconnection Agreement and to take other actions in connection therewith.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Council Committee reports.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Natalia Balashova, 208 E. Merry Avenue, Apt. B, addressed City Council regarding her concerns about affordable housing in Bowling Green as well as inadequate insulation in rental properties. She also indicated that she experienced problems getting information on utility costs prior to renting an apartment. Balashova also noted that she feels that there should be more clearly marked bicycle pathways in the City in order to provide safety to those who are riding bikes.

Steven Doyle, 1047 Lindenwood Lane, addressed Council asking them to consider adopting a resolution in support of retaining the PBS station, WBGU, as it is important to life and culture in the City and to the region as a whole. Doyle also criticized the City Administration for not making a statement about the value of the station to the City.

Mayor Edwards responded that he has been spending a tremendous amount of time on the WBGU project with fellow Mayors from Lima and Findlay. Mayor Edwards said that they not only met on Friday with BGSU, but he had a conference call with these two Mayors to put together a statement to encourage the retention of the station. Mayor Edwards indicate that three public hearings are planned in the near future. Dates have been set for hearings in Findlay and Lima, with a date to be determined for Bowling Green when the students return later in August. Mayor Edwards noted that there are viable options that are being explored that would keep the station from going dark. He indicated that this is an issue that is important to him and he is working very hard to bring some resolution. He encouraged people to attend the upcoming public hearings and provide their input.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Ordinance #8442 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a Commercial Credit Card Agreement with Huntington National Bank, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8443 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an agreement between the City of Bowling Green and American Municipal Power, Inc. for the AMP Solar Project – Phase II for a maximum of 10.55 MW AC capacity, a Solar Project Lease Agreement to construct a 19.8 MW AC solar generation facility on City owned property and authorizing an Interconnection Agreement and to take other actions in connection therewith, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8439 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 530 East Wooster Street and 111-115 Railroad Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning classification, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8440 assenting to the detachment of property owned by the Northwest Ohio Tractor Pullers Association from the City of Bowling Green to Plain Township, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8429 for cleaning of streets by special assessment, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8429. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8429 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8430 amending and adopting Section 33.03(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to pay for school police, interns, and civil infractions hearing officer, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8430. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8430 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8431 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 425 East Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning classification, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers commented that Ordinance #8431 is scheduled for public hearing on August 17, 2015 and moved to table the ordinance until that date. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Aspacher, Gavarone, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8431 tabled until August 17, 2015.

Clerk read Ordinance #8432 accepting annexation of approximately 1.25 acres of land in Plain Township, Wood County, Ohio, from BG Road West, LLC, petitioner, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Gavarone seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8432. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Aspacher, Gavarone, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8432 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8433 establishing interim zoning of A-1 Agricultural for the property recently annexed to the City of Bowling Green, as petitioned for by BG Road West, LLC, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers commented that Ordinance #8433 is scheduled for public hearing on August 17, 2015 and moved to table the ordinance until that date. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Gavarone, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8433 tabled until August 17, 2015.

Clerk read Ordinance #8434 establishing boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area Number 4 in the City of Bowling Green and designating a Housing Officer to administer the program and creating a Community Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Council, and declaring an emergency, for third reading.

Council Member Gavarone moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8434. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8434 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8435 amending and adopting Section 114.15(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding vehicle inspection, license, and maintenance. for third reading.

Council Member Gavarone moved, McOmber seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8435. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8435 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8436 accepting deeds and/or easements related to the North Main Street improvement project, and dedicating said properties for right-of-way and municipal purposes, for third reading.

Council Member Gavarone moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8436. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Aspacher, Gavarone, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8436 adopted.

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

Council Member Gavarone moved, McOmber seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the July 17, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:15 p.m., subject to call.


Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council


Michael Aspacher, President of Council