

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

Minutes of

Meeting

CARTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 20

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 Acting Council President Bruce Jeffers. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger and Zanfardino responded. Council Member Gordon was not present. Also present were Acting Mayor Michael Aspacher, Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Works Director Brian Craft, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, , and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley. Mayor Dick Edwards and Planning Director Heather Sayler were not present.

Council Member Rowland moved, Seeliger seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2017 as distributed. Acting Council President Jeffers declared motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kay Scherreik noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of March 2017 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

**LOBBY VISITATIONS**

Mary Hinkleman, Downtown Bowling Green, addressed City Council regarding the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Walk on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ms. Hinkleman noted that there will be 32 artists displaying their work throughout the downtown area.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Acting Mayor Mike Aspacher had no report.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter noted that due to absence of Council Member Gordon and the fact that Council President Aspacher is acting as Mayor for this evening's meeting, Council will be unable to suspend the rules to give the proposed Resolution to apply for grant funds its three readings. Tretter indicated that the City's Arborist, Grant Jones, is in attendance at this evening's meeting if Council has any questions regarding the grant. Tretter noted that if the grant funds are received, they would be used to purchase 200 trees; 160 of which would be planted in the City right-of-way and 40 would go to BGSU.

Tretter requested an Executive Session of City Council at the end of tonight's meeting for the purpose of discussing a real estate matter.

Council Member McOmber asked what the next steps would be for the "Welcome Bowling Green Plan" which was the goal of the Resolution #3662 that was recently adopted by City Council. Tretter responded that the Administration will be looking to the Human Relations Commission for guidance as to how they would like to see the initiative move forward. She noted that the Commission meets once a month on the first Friday at 8:00 a.m. and she will convey to the group that Council would like to be updated as the plan is developed.

Planning Director Heather Sayler was not present.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley updated Council on upcoming park activities and noted that registration for summer activities begins on May 1 for City residents and on May 15 for non-residents.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that the City was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in reliability from the American Public Power Association based on the City's few power outages. He noted that cities ranking in the top 25% nationally for outages are awarded for their efforts.

O'Connell also fielded questions from Council Members regarding the proposed legislation to install odor control improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. O'Connell explained the odor removing process noting that he had visited a similar plant in Pennsylvania last year where a carbon filter was successfully used to treat exhaust air for odors after the biofiltration process. O'Connell indicated that the funding for the project was included in the 2017 budget with some funding coming from the Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Fund to cover additional costs.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that the City has been named a Tree City USA for the 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and will receive the Growth Award for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Craft also reported that a public meeting will be held on May 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the BGSU Stroh Center to get public input on the proposed roundabouts project on East Wooster Street.

### **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 participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-18) for road salt, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2379, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member McOmber, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for odor control improvements at the Water Pollution Control Facility.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an application and execute a contract upon grant application approval under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant as authorized by the USDA Forest Service.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Acting Council President Jeffers reminded Council and citizens of the Court Street Connects Festival that will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on East Court Street. Jeffers noted that there will be a trial bike lane available for citizens to try.

### **READING OF LEGISLATION**

Clerk read Resolution #3663 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an application and execute a contract upon grant application approval under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant as authorized by the USDA Forest Service, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8581 authorizing the participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-18) for road salt, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8582 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2379, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8583 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for odor control improvements at the Water Pollution Control Facility, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8575 amending and adopting Section 30.110 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding the Income Tax Board of Review, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8576 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for lime sludge disposal services for the Water Treatment Plant, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8577 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts or participate in the Interlocal Purchasing System for roof replacement at the Water Pollution Control Facility, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8578 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts or participate in the State of Ohio Purchasing Program for a material handling vehicle chassis and lift hoist system for the Water Pollution Control Facility, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8572 authorizing the Utilities 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, transfer or sale of vehicles and equipment being replaced and/or no longer needed for municipal purposes, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8572. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, and Zanfardino, voted yes. Acting Council President Jeffers declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8572 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8573 amending and adopting Sections 35.03, 35.04 and 35.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to utility funds, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8573. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, , and Jeffers voted yes. Acting Council President Jeffers declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8573 adopted.

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

Council Member Seeliger moved, Zanfardino seconded, to move Council into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a real estate matter. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Acting Council President Jeffers declared motion carried.

Council Member Rowland moved, Seeliger seconded, to move Council out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote, Council Members Seeliger, Zanfardino, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Acting Council President Jeffers declared motion carried.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Seeliger seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Acting Council President Jeffers adjourned the April 17, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:02 p.m., subject to call.

  
Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council

  
Bruce Jeffers, Acting President of Council