

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10140

Held

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

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

Council Member Rowland moved, Seeliger seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2017 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik noted that a listing of budget transfers for the month of October was received from Finance Director Brian Bushong and distributed to Council prior to the meeting for approval. Council Member Jeffers moved, Seeliger seconded, to approve the transfers as presented. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried. A copy of the transfers is attached and made a part of these minutes.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS

Mayor Dick Edwards presented a proclamation to representatives of the Christian Food Pantry and the Brown Bag Food Project proclaiming October 15 as CROP Hunger Walk Day in the City of Bowling Green.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Francis Scruci, Superintendent of the Bowling Green City Schools, addressed City Council regarding the upcoming school bond issue on the November ballot. Scruci explained the 37-year, 6-mill bond issue and the plans for a new consolidated elementary building and renovations to the current high school building. He indicated that the project would create revenue streams and costs savings of approximately \$11 million over the 37 year time period. Scruci also addressed a large postcard type mailer that is being mailed to households in the school district noting that this mailer is spreading false information about the bond issue. He noted that the mailer was sent out anonymously and that the tax information given is false and misleading. He encouraged citizens to visit the County Auditor's website for more accurate information regarding the proposed bond issue and its effects on property taxes.

Council President Aspacher stated that he endorses the proposed bond issue noting that good schools benefit the City and contributes to the quality of life in the community. He also said that there comes a time in life when it's time to pay it forward and do what's best for the students in the community.

Council Member Rowland agreed and noted that the time is here now to invest in the City's schools and as a realtor she's familiar with families choosing to live in other nearby cities because of the schools.

Council Member Jeffers also noted the importance of good schools and the importance of having people located to Bowling Green in order to have qualified people to work in the City's industries. He gave his support to the proposed bond issue.

Council Member Seeliger noted that all of the neighboring school districts have new facilities and it's time for Bowling Green students to have the same opportunity.

Council Member Zanfardino noted that he has not yet seen the mailer but indicated that he hopes people will follow information given in the newspaper rather than self-serving postcards sent by anonymous sources.

Brandy Laux, Wood County Department of Job & Family Services, addressed City Council seeking support for the upcoming protective services levy renewal. She noted that this is just a renewal of the 10 year 1.3 mill levy and not a new tax.

Aaron Evanoff, 1726 Spruce Drive, Apt. 149, expressing his desire to bring his hotdog stand/food truck business, "High Flying Hot Dogs" to the City. He explained his business model and the type of business he wishes to attract indicating that he has no desire to take business away from existing food service providers. He also explained that with the City's current ordinances, he is very limited with where he is permitted to do business. He plans to go before the Planning Commission to ask for a change in the City's ordinances governing food truck type businesses.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Edwards indicated that he feels very strongly about proposed bond issue and expressed his support. He stated that good schools and updated facilities are important to the community in making it more attractive to families who look to live in Bowling Green.

Mayor Edwards announced two upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies; Sugar Ridge Brewery will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. and the second one is for Farm Girls Shop on October 26 also at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Edwards congratulated Planning Director Heather Saylor on receiving the *Best Practice* award at the recent American Planning Association of Ohio conference for her work, along with many others, on the Court Street Connects Festival which was held last spring.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reported that the BGSU Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tretter reviewed road closures that will be required along the parade route.

Tretter also reported that the fiscal year just ended for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and listed the following projects that were accomplished from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017:

- 7 mobile home repair projects;
- 3 elderly home repair projects;
- 2 direct homeownership assistance projects;
- 12 home repair projects;
- 1 rental rehabilitation project;
- Issued 97 BG Transit reduced fare ID cards to elderly and disabled;
- 113 homeless persons received transitional housing in partnership with the Salvation Army;
- 7 jobs were created via the Business Revolving Loan Fund.

Planning Director Heather Saylor reported that she recently attended the American Planning Association of Ohio conference held in Athens, Ohio and showed City Council the award the City received for the Court Street Connects project. Saylor indicated that more community comments are needed on the Community Action Plan currently on display outside the Council Chamber. The deadline to submit comments is October 13.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley noted that the 2nd anniversary birthday celebration for Ridge Park will be held on October 17 from 3-6 p.m. at Ridge Park.

City Attorney Michael Marsh stated to City Council that Oak Grove Cemetery looks very nice and wanted to just say that the Public Works employees do a great job in keeping it looking nice.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell had no report.

Public Works Director Brian Craft updated Council on current roadway projects noting that a pre-construction meeting was held regarding the Wood-Bridge Business Park improvements which are currently underway.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance vacating approximately 90 feet of right-of-way adjacent to Betco Corporation on Newton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2017.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Council committee reports.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3680 adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2017, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8632 vacating approximately 90 feet of right-of-way adjacent to Betco Corporation on Newton Road, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8630 amending and adopting changes to sections of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding fees charged for services, for second reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Zanfardino seconded, to amend Ordinance #8630 by substitution to include the fees for taxicab licenses. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8630 amended by substitution.

Clerk read Ordinance #8631 repealing Chapter 118 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding emergency alarms, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3679 amending and adopting changes to the Procurement Manual for the Housing Revolving Loan Fund and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3679. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3679 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8622 amending and adopting Section 33.23(A) & (C) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding medical and dental insurance, as amended, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8622 as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8622 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8623 establishing a video service provider fee to be paid by any video service provider offering video service in the City; and authorizing the Municipal Administrator to give notice to the video service provider of the video service provider fee, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Seeliger seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8623. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Jeffers, Rowland, and Seeliger voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8623 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8624 accepting a utility easement from CTE, Ltd. (Principal Business Enterprises), for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8624. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Jeffers, Rowland, Seeliger and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8624 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8625 authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with Pall Corporation for the purchase of microfiltration modules without advertising, and to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the microfiltration modules at the Water Treatment Plant, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8625. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8625 adopted.

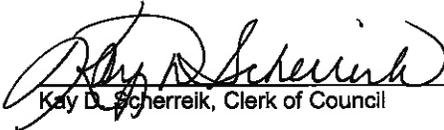
Clerk read Ordinance #8628 authorizing the sale or disposal of miscellaneous transit service vehicles by the Municipal Administrator as no longer necessary for municipal purposes, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8628. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8628 adopted.

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

Council Member Jeffers made a statement regarding the Nexus pipeline and the proposed Charter amendment. That statement is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the September 18, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:00 p.m., subject to call.


Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council


Michael Aspacher, President of Council



October 2, 2017

TO: Bowling Green City Council
FROM: Brian Bushong, Finance Director

Transfers requested for the month of October include:

Fund	Dept.	Account	Description	From	To
1010	190	92400	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 3,050.00	
4030	000	69410	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 3,050.00
4030	710	92100	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Recreation Department, Transfer To General	\$ 2,225.00	
1010	000	69440	General, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 2,225.00
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 2,916.67	
2007	000	69410	Payroll Stabilization, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 2,916.67
2078	170	92300	Municipal Court Special Projects, Municipal Court, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 6,833.33	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 6,833.33
4018	810	92300	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 40,053.17	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 40,053.17
4018	810	92400	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 15,083.33	
4005	000	69440	Equipment Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 15,083.33
4029	423	92300	Street Repair, Street Repair, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 14,945.83	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 14,945.83
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 5,252.58	
2021	000	69410	ODOT Transportation Grant (Taxi), Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 5,252.58

4055	710	92300	Aquatic Facility Capital Improvement, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 22,847.17	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 22,847.17
5111	651	92500	Electric Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 205,611.00	
5112	000	69450	Electric Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 205,611.00
5221	651	92500	Water Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 47,725.00	
5222	000	69450	Water Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 47,725.00
5331	651	92500	Sewer Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 13,805.50	
5332	000	69450	Sewer Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 13,805.50
Total				\$ 380,348.58	\$ 380,348.58

Statement by Bruce Jeffers:

After it was determined the Nexus pipeline would cross city owned property, the City Council chose to reject the easement request for our inadvertent 30 acre property on King Road. Local environmentalists have pushed us to try to stop the river crossing of the pipeline near our water treatment plant and near the BG fault by encouraging Council in the filing a motion to intervene with FERC or to file a lawsuit in court. Mayor Edwards, with the full support of the Council, brought in a panel of geological and hydrological experts. Their opinions about the hazards of the drilling operation were not unanimous, other than to agree that further analysis should be conducted before drilling under the river. We did receive a response from Nexus, FERC, the Ohio EPA, and ODNR related to our main safety concerns about the drilling operation. We have been given some assurances that there will be careful oversight of the drilling operation. I hope that will be the case. We, in Bowling Green, are not the experts on pipelines, nor are we given the authority to regulate pipelines. That is the job of FERC. This beyond our expertise and power. We have done all that we can.

There is a local effort to change our Charter to include the right of citizens to decide whether or not this pipeline project can proceed, presumably across our 30 acre parcel on King Road, since that is the only place the construction will occur on city property. I find the amendment cumbersome and its implications extensive. It seems it would empower any person to decide for all of us what we will allow in our City in terms of energy infrastructure and environmental protection. Equally important, it seems that this Charter amendment would have almost no chance of standing up in court. In my view, the most important thing for us to do for our local and global environment, is that we continue to pursue renewable energy projects in the extremely aggressive way we have been doing for the last decade.