

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

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS, 800-325-6084 FORM NO. 10148

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

Held

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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, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, and Zanfardino were 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, and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley. Planning Director Heather Saylor was not present.

Council Member Rowland moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2018 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acting Clerk of Council Jamie Korminek noted that a listing of budget transfers for the month of December was received from Finance Director Brian Bushong and distributed to Council prior to the meeting for approval. Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland 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 requested that everyone stand to observe a moment of silence commemorating the passing of the 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush.

Mayor Edwards presented a proclamation to the Manager of the Wood County Airport proclaiming the month of December as "General Aviation Appreciation Month."

Mayor Edwards recognized and congratulated the BGSU Men's Rugby Club on their national championship victory on Sunday defeating St. Joseph's University to take the D1 title. The Mayor welcomed the coach, Tony Mazzarella, and the club's director, Roger Mazzarella, to this evening's meeting.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Joseph DeMare, 517 S. Main Street, noted that he is a resident of Bowling Green as well as Co-Chair of the Wood County Green Party. DeMare read a letter regarding a bill passed by the Ohio House and is under consideration by the Senate which would prohibit municipal corporations from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, such as cups, Styrofoam containers and specifically plastic bags. DeMare asked Council to consider establishing a bag fee before the state law goes into effect. A copy of DeMare's letter is attached and made a part of these minutes. Council President Aspacher commented that Council will take his suggestion under consideration.

Mary Hinkelman, Director of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, publicly thanked the City for support and hard work with the holiday parade held a couple of weeks ago. Hinkelman indicated that the television ratings for the broadcast of the parade were high and very encouraging. She noted that the next upcoming event is the Chamber's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for January 26.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution transferring previously appropriated funds.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance to provide appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Municipal Administrator to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purpose of purchasing vehicles, machinery, materials, supplies, or other materials.

Council Member Hollenbaugh, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution adopting and authorizing an amended Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program Policy & Procedures Manual.

Council Member Hollenbaugh, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual.

Council President Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for supplying annual inventory requirements, underground and overhead lines insurance, sale of scrap materials, and participation in the AMP Joint Purchasing Program in 2019.

Council President Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to purchase water meter reading equipment from Badger Meter.

Council President Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the transfer of approximately 2.2 acres in the Bellard Business Park to the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation, in lieu of dues, and declaring an emergency.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards reported on recent opportunities to present the Welcome BG Initiative in efforts to encourage economic development in the region. He praised Council's efforts in putting the initiative together back in 2016.

Mayor Edwards commented that as Mr. DeMare indicated, he is also concerned with the issue of growing and continuing erosion of local authority to govern as it sees best for the community. He noted that he takes pride in how the City has embraced sustainability efforts and does not want to see the efforts taken away by the state.

Council Member Jeffers commented that he appreciates the efforts of the Mayor for taking opportunities to present the Welcome BG Initiative. He also noted regarding the plastic bag issue, that a local retailer has announced that they will be phasing out the use of plastic bags in the future.

Council Member Zanfardino indicated that he also is concerned is interested in taking up the plastic bag issue and will work on legislation for the next meeting for City Council to consider.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter had no report.

Council Member Robinette asked Tretter to provide a map of the E. Wooster Corridor prior to next Tuesday's meeting in order for them to visualize the area being discussed in the presentation by Development Strategies.

Planning Director Heather Saylor was not present.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley reviewed upcoming parks programs and activities.

City Attorney Michael Marsh expressed his appreciation to the City's first responders in their response to a major fire at his sister's house six months ago. He noted that we often take these services for granted until they are needed and that the City is one of only a handful of communities in the state that have accredited fire and police departments.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell had no report.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that Conneaut Avenue is now paved in the area where the lift station was constructed. He noted that further landscaping, etc. will be finished up in the spring. Craft also noted that this will be the last week for curbside leaf collection.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Council committee reports.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3720 transferring previously appropriated funds, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3720 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3720 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3720. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Herald voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3720 adopted.

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3721 adopting and authorizing an amended Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program Policy & Procedures Manual, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3722 adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3723 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program for the purpose of purchasing vehicles, machinery, materials, supplies, or other materials, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8734 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8734 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8734 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8734. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8734 adopted.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8735 to provide appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8736 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for supplying annual inventory requirements, underground and overhead lines insurance, sale of scrap materials, and participation in the AMP Joint Purchasing Program in 2019, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8737 authorizing the Utilities Director to purchase water meter reading equipment from Badger Meter, for first reading.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8738 authorizing the transfer of approximately 2.2 acres in the Ballard Business Park to the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation, in lieu of dues, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8738 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, and Robinette voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Acting Clerk read Ordinance #8738 its second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Herald seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8738. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8738. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8738 adopted.

There is no legislation for second reading.

Acting Clerk read Resolution #3719 adopting amendments to the Policy & Procedures Manual for the B.G. Transit, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Resolution #3719. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3719 adopted.

Council Member Herald moved, Jeffers seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the December 3, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:53 p.m., subject to call.


Jamie Kominek, Acting Clerk of Council


Michael Aspacher, President of Council



December 3, 2018

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

Transfers requested for the month of December include:

Fund	Dept.	Account	Description	From	To
1010	190	92400	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 3,001.00	
4030	000	69410	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 3,001.00
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	\$ 2,916.63	
2007	000	69410	Payroll Stabilization, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 2,916.63
2016	710	92300	Park, Playground and Recreation, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 25,509.45	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 25,509.45
2078	170	92300	Municipal Court Special Projects, Municipal Court, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 7,500.00	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 7,500.00
4018	810	92300	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 42,457.31	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 42,457.31
4018	810	92400	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 19,166.63	
4005	000	69440	Equipment Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 19,166.63
4029	423	92300	Street Repair, Street Repair, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 48,878.73	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 48,878.73
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 5,584.12	

2021	000	69410	ODOT Transportation Grant (Taxi), Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 5,584.12
4055	710	92300	Aquatic Facility Capital Improvement, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 21,047.36	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 21,047.36
5111	651	92500	Electric Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 239,338.00	
5112	000	69450	Electric Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 239,338.00
5221	651	92500	Water Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 72,293.00	
5222	000	69450	Water Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 72,293.00
5331	651	92500	Sewer Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 17,587.00	
5332	000	69450	Sewer Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 17,587.00
Total				\$ 507,504.23	\$ 507,504.23



Wood County Green Party
517 South Main Street
Bowling Green, Ohio, 43402

December 3, 2017

Bowling Green City Council
304 North Church Street
Bowling Green, Ohio, 43402

To the Council,

The Ohio House has passed a bill currently under consideration by the Senate which would have a harmful impact on the future environment and fiscal health of municipalities such as Bowling Green. The bill currently before the Senate is designated SB210. This bill would prohibit "municipal corporations from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers." This includes cups, styrofoam containers, and specifically plastic bags.

The reason for this bill is clear. Around the country, small fees of a few cents per bag have been effective both at raising revenue and reducing the amount of plastic pollution. Studies have shown that being charged as little as a nickle per bag is enough to remind people to bring their own, reusable bags to the store. The legislation aims to prevent that from happening.

This bill is the latest in a series of anti-environmental bills being passed by the state legislature such as the unreasonable set back law which outlawed wind farms in Ohio. If the setback law had been in place at that time, Bowling Green could not have built its wind turbines which are currently producing electricity at half the market rate.

Bowling Green showed great foresight when it installed those turbines. We are asking the Council to show foresight again. Establish a plastic bag fee immediately, before the state law goes into effect. We might be able to argue in court that it could be grandfathered in, since it was in place before the law went into effect, just as we have not been forced to take down our turbines. At the very least, it could give our community standing in a court challenge against a law which violates the principle of home rule, hurts the environment, and blocks us from a potential source of revenue.

Sincerely,



Joseph DeMare

Co-Chair, Wood County Green Party