

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019

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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 Herald moved, Rowland seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 5, 2019 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik noted that correspondence was received via email from representatives of the East Side Neighborhood group regarding occupancy limitations in rental properties. Council Members all received copies of the correspondence in an email.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS**

There were no special recognitions.

#### **LOBBY VISITATIONS**

Joe DeMare, 517 S. Main Street, noted that the plastic bag ban ordinance is up for third reading tonight and he sincerely hopes that it passes. He indicated that he is pleased that City Council is addressing the plastics problem.

#### **NEW LEGISLATION**

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

Council Member Robinette, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the properties generally known as 1019 Mourning Dove Lane and 936 Robinwood Lane from S-1 Planned Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential zoning.

Council Member Robinette, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 150.55 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding off-street parking.

Robinette scheduled both of the above ordinances for public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing an application and a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for congestion mitigation and air quality funds for the improvement of the intersection of Dunbridge Road and Woodbridge Boulevard.

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, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance levying a \$5.00 motor vehicle license tax as authorized by Section 4504.173 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of former transit service vehicles by the Municipal Administrator as no longer necessary for municipal purposes.

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Dick Edwards reported that it was a busy weekend in Bowling Green with school starting and the National Tractor Pulling Championships at the fairgrounds. Mayor Edwards noted that the BGSU students will be coming back next week and that he, along with Council President Aspacher and BGSU President Rodgers, will be walking the neighborhoods to welcome students on Friday.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reviewed road closures for later on in the week for BGSU students moving in on campus.

Planning Director Heather Sayler was not present.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley noted that with the start of school this week the pool will be closing during the week and only open on weekends through Labor Day.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that there was a brief power outage yesterday due to a storm that went through town.

Public Works Director Brian Craft updated Council on current construction projects and on the progress of the 50/50 sidewalk program.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council President Aspacher reported that there will be a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole on Tuesday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to hear updates regarding the City's current sustainability efforts.

### **READING OF LEGISLATION**

Clerk read Resolution #3739 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3740 authorizing an application and a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for congestion mitigation and air quality funds for the improvement of the intersection of Dunbridge Road and Woodbridge Boulevard, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8790 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8790 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.

Clerk read Ordinance #8790 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8790. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Herald voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8790 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8791 levying a \$5.00 motor vehicle license tax as authorized by Section 4504.173 of the Ohio Revised Code, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8792 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the properties generally known as 1019 Mourning Dove Lane and 936 Robinwood Lane from S-1 Planned Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential zoning, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8793 amending and adopting Section 150.55 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding off-street parking, for first reading.

Clerk noted that Council Member Robinette scheduled public hearings for Ordinance #8792 and #8793 for Monday, October 7, 2019, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Clerk read Ordinance #8794 authorizing the sale or disposal of former transit service vehicles by the Municipal Administrator as no longer necessary for municipal purposes, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3738 amending and adopting changes to the Procurement Manual for B.G. Transit, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8787 certifying unpaid cost of weed mowing to the County Auditor for placement on the tax duplicate, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8788 amending and adopting Section 33.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding Police Division Composition, for second reading.

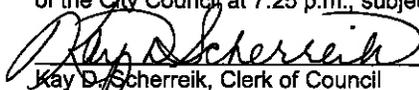
Clerk read Ordinance #8789 authorizing the Utilities Director to request proposals and enter into a contract or contracts for a battery energy storage system, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8785 creating and adopting Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, prohibiting single-use, carryout, thin plastic bags and amending Section 35.70 regarding City fees and fees charged for services, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Robinette seconded, to table Ordinance #8785 indefinitely. Jeffers explained that his reason for tabling the ordinance is that the state legislature is debating action that would preempt the City's ban on plastic bags. Jeffers indicated that rather than proceeding with the ban, he would like to see how the state handles the issue. As the motion to table is non-debatable, Council President Aspacher asked for the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Robinette, Aspacher, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council Members Zanfardino and Rowland voted no. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8795 tabled indefinitely.

Council President Aspacher asked if there was any other business to come before Council. Council Member Robinette indicated that he would like to see Council encourage business in downtown in order to energize and revitalize shopping in the downtown businesses. Robinette also indicated that he is happy that Council is moving forward on the calibration of the zoning code. He noted that he had the opportunity to review the information sent to Council and thinks it's a good move to add that component to the current contract with Calfee.

Council Member Herald moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the August 19, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:25 p.m., subject to call.

  
Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council

  
Michael Aspacher, President of Council