

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF THE BEDFORD ARTS & CULTURAL BOARD - (Melnick)**
- **DISCUSSION OF LINEWEAVER FINANCIAL GROUP (6/16/14-8/18/14-9/2/14)**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Personnel/Economic Development)**

Bedford, Ohio

January 5, 2015

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizensak, Don Saunders, Greg Pozar. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Assistant Law Director John Montello, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Absent: None. Also Present: Joe Ciuni, City Engineer, GPD Group and Bedford's Arts & Cultural Board Chairman Patrick Melnick.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of December 15, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014.

Ordinance No. 9232-14 amended Ordinance No. 9128-13 providing a contract with GPD Group for Engineering Services read as first reading on December 15, 2014. Joe Ciuni was present for questions this evening as to why some of the increase percentages varied. Mr. Ciuni was brought up to speed as to the questions and concerns at the last meeting. The previous discussion was that the people that did most of the work were getting less of a raise per the percentage amount. Mr. Ciuni explained the increases were out of his control; they were requested by upper management. He thought the percentages were different because of the evenness of the dollar amounts; the amounts ended in .00 cents. It was mentioned that some of the increases were more than what the City union employees were getting which could be perceived differently by the unions. Mr. Ciuni explained the increases were in line with surrounding municipalities per job title. Council had concerns about the amount of some of the change orders over the years. Mr. Ciuni explained the projects were submitted to the City Manager and the Finance Director before GPD Group could move forward and sometimes other issues were found during certain projects. It was determined previous projects would be paid accordingly to the rate that was on the books. There was discussion of various projects over the years and some concerns, however, it was mentioned Mr. Ciuni knew Bedford streets better than any other group. Mr. Ciuni clarified that some of the project concerns in question were not a project of the GPD Group but the County; Council understood. He thanked Council and the Administration for their support over the years.

Ordinance No. 9233-14 authorized a contract with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 67 read as first reading in December 2014. Previously there were some minor changes that needed to be addressed. It was determined the ordinance would be passed this evening.

Ordinance No. 9235-14 declared property and structures located at 787 Archer Road a nuisance read as first reading on December 15, 2014. Mr. Beverly had previously inspected the home in December 2014 and took pictures along with a list of violations. The pictures were taken inside and outside of the home which showed various issues. He stated the Deal home was still without utilities, the sewer line was still clogged and the furnace had not been fixed. He was still making fires in the basement area fireplace for means of heat. Mr. Deal previously stated in Court he was using a bucket as his way to dispose of his bodily waste and throwing it over the bank in his backyard. Mrs. Deal still had not returned to the home because of its current poor conditions. The home still being in this condition there were also concerns of possible safety hazards to not only himself but the neighbors. The home was still uninhabitable as it currently stood. The home definitely was unsanitary, a safety concern and a health hazard. There was a story shared as to why Mr. Deal got hit by a car was because his pedal bike was so loaded down with garbage he fell over. Mr. Deal had also been sighted in downtown Bedford with a wheel barrel loading it with garbage and pushing it home to be added to the rest of the items he had in his possession. Mr. Beverly stated he personally hand delivered a letter to Mr. Deal and he was also going to send a letter by certified mail for Mr. Deal's signature. Mr. Montello noted Mr. Deal would be before a Judge this week and the Court would have to take actions accordingly. It was determined this ordinance would be read as a second reading this evening. It was important to see what direction the Courts were moving.

Ordinance No. 9237-15 authorized a contract with Assurevault for scanning of City minutes, ordinances and resolutions dating back to 1930. Council and the Administration felt it was important to preserve Bedford's history in case something happened to the unprotected hard copies. Clerk Villers was thanked for her efforts.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

DISCUSSION OF THE BEDFORD ARTS & CULTURAL BOARD - (Melnick)

At the December 15, 2014 Work Session, Council was in agreement to appoint Michele Longstreet as the next Board member. Chairman Melnick of the Bedford Arts & Cultural Board passed out a letter for Council to consider as to his reasons as to why he wanted someone different other than who Council previously choose for the appointment. He stated he had been entrusted with the job of pushing this Board to the next level and wasn't able to do that with the same member profile as selected in the past. He was suggesting Ms. Maldonado be appointed and not Mrs. Longstreet. (See attached) Bedford needed more than just festivals; it needed someone with corporate connections beyond the current Board members. There was discussion of a 501C3's, grant writing and the current City type operated Board to promote community life and cultivate the spirit of creativity, arts, culture and the diversity of others. He understood the Board was to perform such other duties and be regulated as City Council may prescribe. Mr. Pozar was not present at the December 15, 2014 Work Session as part of the discussion, however, he agreed the Board was a necessity and it needed to move forward. Currently the Board of seven (7) operated as the first four members appointed to the Arts and Cultural Board and would serve for a term of four (4) years, the remaining three members appointed shall serve for a term of two (2) years; thereafter, all appointees shall be appointed to a four year term. Currently all the members were required to be a Bedford resident, a Bedford landowner or a Bedford business owner. Discussion was to amend the original ordinance to add wording to support "or anyone approved by Council". Discussion was also held of possibly expanding the number or members but Mr. Melnick disagreed, it was about the quality of the members not the quantity. It was determined not everyone needed to be a member; volunteers were welcome to participate. He was very satisfied with the communication and discussions he has had with Mindy Paradise of paradise + PEOPLE. Short discussion was had about an attendance issue the Board was experiencing. It was important for the members to attend the meetings and function as a whole group. The decision was made to table this item this evening until Council could discuss it further. Mr. Melnick thanked Council for their time.

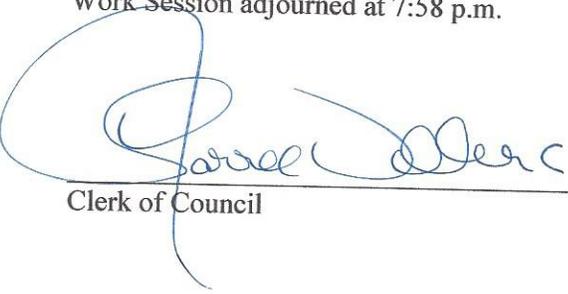
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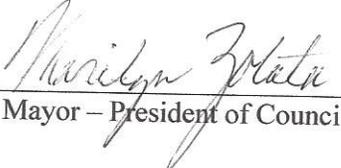
This item was removed from the agenda.

At 7:47 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis and Assistant Law Director Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel and Economic Development.

Executive session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of December 15, 2014
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (1st Rdg 12/15/14)
 - a. Ordinance No. 9232-14 amending Ord. #9128-13 providing a contract w/GPD Group for Engineering Services
 - b. Ordinance No. 9233-14 authorize contract with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 67
 - c. Ordinance No. 9235-14 declaring property and structures at 787 Archer Road a nuisance
7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9237-15 contract with AssureVault (\$12,212.27)
 - b. Motion to appoint Michele Longstreet to the Bedford Arts & Cultural Board (4 yr term)
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council Minutes and Agendas posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 5, 2015. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 15, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9232-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9128-13 PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD PLACED ON FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 15, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9232-14** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained the increases were for the GPD Group employees contracted at the City Engineers Office. The increases would be applied for the year the project was done. The new rates would be for future projects. These rate increases reflected surrounding municipalities.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9233-14 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 67 ADOPTING THE TERMS OF THE ATTACHED CONTRACT AND ORDERING THEM INTO EFFECT PLACED ON FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 15, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9233-14** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was for the Police Department union employees for a three (3) year contract 2014-2016.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9235-14 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 787 ARCHER ROAD (P.P. NO. 813-30-045) A NUISANCE, ORDERING ACTION PLACED ON FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 15, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizensak to place Ordinance No. **9235-14** on second reading.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration and all of Council wished everyone a Happy New Year. They thanked everyone who participated in making this holiday season a good memory. A special kudos to the corporate residents for all their help.

City Manager Michael Mallis commended everyone who assisted in helping others during the holiday time whether it was Council or local businesses.

No report from Assistant Law Director John Montello.

Mr. Gambosi reminded everyone Income Tax season was approaching soon.

Councilwoman Spinks spoke about the transformer power outage of recent. She thanked Wal-Mart for the 40 Christmas trees, food and the \$200 gift certificate they donated for some of the residents. She announced the next FriDates concert this coming Friday, January 9th at the Church at the Nazarene at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Genutis thanked Mrs. Spinks and others for the nice things they do.

Councilwoman Zolata thanked the Fire Department for assisting her family regarding the CO2 situation at her house.

Councilwoman Mizensak suggested efforts be made in advance for the next holiday cheer for the needy. She invited those to attend the Bedford Historical Society Program on Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the local library.

Councilman Pozar referred to a disturbing magazine that he found in the lobby at City Hall that spoke of/displayed bisexual, transgender show girls, drag queens; even though it was considered “free speech”. He thought the magazine was linked with the NLC as he compared this magazine with some information that was posted on the National League of Cities website. The NLC was a political organization that enhanced local governments and provided services that local governments can’t provide. NLC also provided tremendous sources of information, ideas and good working relationships. He felt what was hampering this Country was the “division” of people. He felt NLC in their efforts to be politically correct in all conclusive had created a monster. A monster that was creeping through our society that was eating away at what once used to be an openness and a dialog in doing so on behalf of political ends. The Constituency Groups at the NLC include Diversity Awards that went to Asian Pacific American Officials, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Officials, Hispanic Officials, National Black Caucus Officials, Women in Municipal Government. He said the only Constituency Groups that have not been created were: Muslims, Christians and White Males. He felt the Christians and White Males would not be accepted as a Constituency Group at the NLC. The City’s dues were approximately \$1,500 per year

and he was curious what the dues got in terms of what was paid and the outcome of the results. He attended the NLC several years ago and over the years Council members that attended the NLC managed to bring back some ideas that were incorporated. He thought in the past all over the ideas has been consolidated from all of the collective wisdom of the meetings. He felt the political correctness was decaying the moral underpinnings of political correctness by dividing the people against one another. As a human being we were Americans wanting pretty much the same thing. The actions of others on a day to day basis in the news, the NLC and the materials placed in the lobby of City Hall turned his stomach. He felt the Administration and Council should reconsider sending NLC any more money or Council representation to the group when the City can get the same ideas without the expense or embarrassment. He urged everyone to view the magazine he was referring to which he referred to as garbage in the manner of free speech would be appalled as he was. Mayor Koci asked why Mr. Pozar thought the magazine was related to the NLC. Mr. Pozar explained the NLC information and the magazine were hand in glove of what was currently happening at the NLC.

Councilman Saunders spoke about the effects of HB5 on the City which was another negative issue for the budget. He urged the residents to write their representatives regarding HB5 before it took effect in 2016. He wished the Orthodox a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Koci announced the next Regular Council meeting was moved to Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and the State of the City Address was January 28, 2015 at noon. He still urged those to participate in the Lights Out for Hunger campaign.

ORDINANCE NO. 9237-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HFGROUP ASSUREVAULT FOR DIGITAL ARCHIVING AND PDF CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9237-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained Assurevault would be performing digital archiving of the City records starting in 1930 to present. Mayor Koci and Mr. Mallis thanked Clerk Villers for her efforts in the project.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to appoint Michele Longstreet to the Bedford Arts & Cultural Board as a 4 year term was tabled for this evening.

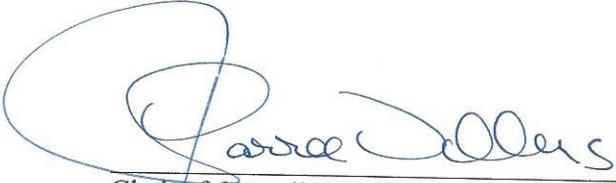
Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Helen Briggs, 149 Grand Boulevard, asked what the hours of service was for rubbish collection along Rockside Road; the collection was being picked up Mondays and Wednesdays around 4:30 a.m. Mr. Mallis said there were time restrictions for collection. Mrs. Spinks added she had spoken to Toyota today of the disturbance and it will be taken care of. Mrs. Spinks wished she could attend the State of the City Address. She stated for the record that the Police Officers had their support and they appreciate

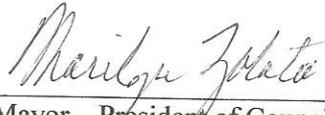
everything they do for the residents because being an Officer was not easy. She met the Officer that was currently in the news and she felt she couldn't have met a nicer Officer. She was very impressed with all the Officers.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.



Clerk of Council



Mayor – President of Council