

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

**6:15 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION WITH GPD GROUP/ENGINEERING** – (Ciuni/Schreiber)
- **DISCUSSION OF DEER MANAGEMENT** – (Stemple)
- **DISCUSSION OF RUBBISH PICKUP OPTIONS**
- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel)

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Paula Mizesak, Marilyn Zolata, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Absent: None. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers, Joe Ciuni/Steve Schreiber, GPD Group Representatives, Waste Water Superintendent Jason Milani, Deputy Police Chief Marty Stemple.

#### DISCUSSION OF DEER MANAGEMENT – (Stemple)

Deputy Police Chief Marty Stemple and Mr. Genutis said they both attended the meeting and there wasn't a 100% solution to take care of the deer population problem. It wasn't the City's problem but the landowners. The State owned the deer so they needed to address it and the surrounding communities had to make the same efforts to cull the deer for the program to be successful if that was the focus. A determination needed to be made by the Ohio Division of Wildlife as to what direction the cities needed to take and then the Bedford Administration and Council could act accordingly. Mr. Saunders said he had 27 deer in his yard recently and they had ruined the woods behind him.

#### DISCUSSION WITH GPD GROUP/ENGINEERING – (Ciuni/Schreiber)

Mr. Ciuni, Mr. Schreiber and Superintendent Jason Milani were present this evening to discuss various projects and answer any questions. Mr. Schreiber listed 25 out of 39 improvements/projects that were completed at the WWTP. He mentioned the age of the equipment, required maintenance, necessary upgrades and the mismatched electrical issues. It was taken into consideration that the eight (8) stations ran 24/7. The costs at the WWTP seemed like they never ended between equipment repairs and EPA regulations. It had been approximately 20 years since discussion was held regarding the three (3) month sludge storage suggested by the EPA without grant monies being available. The Administration and Council needed to figure out a way to address many expensive projects in the future. The future projects would be over \$4 million to complete. Mr. Milani explained if they had certain machinery/equipment the employees could make some of the replacement parts. The one facility had a workshop and it was determined the equipment would cost approximately \$50,000; however, the other City Departments could also utilize the machinery. Mr. Gambosi voiced his concerns of delaying some of the projects because it was inevitable they were going to have to be addressed sooner or later. There was approximately 2 million gallons of discharged water aka effluent. Everyone agreed preventative measures needed to be taken and the projects needed to be scheduled accordingly to save wear and tear. Council toured the facility about 20 years ago and a tour would be arranged after the winter season.

#### DISCUSSION OF RUBBISH PICKUP OPTIONS -

Mr. Bellar was previously instructed to report additional findings concerning the consortium, the Highland Height's piggy back option or other items/concerns for discussion. Mr. Mallis explained Mr. Bellar was unable to gather all the necessary information this evening so he was going to report to Council. Previously Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bellar had been working together for the best possible contract for Bedford. At the last meeting, Mr. Johnson explained a few different options for consideration was the contract expired in July 2015 and the option was either a three (3) year extension or a five (5) year contract with an option to piggy back on Highland Heights contract. The five (5) year options included one (1) free rubbish container and one (1) free recycling container per occupied home; vacant homes would not receive containers until occupied. The amount would be based on occupied homes using the service and the City would not be charged for vacant homes. Mr. Mallis checked with a couple cities and understood from them the recycling would more than likely increase over time. It was determined the City would no longer have the expense in purchasing the Bedford blue recycling bags. Mr. Mallis said with the budget constraints everyone needed to pitch in and help. The burden couldn't fall solely on the backs of the employees and their health care;

the residents were going to have to play a part in the budget dilemmas too. Mr. Mallis pointed out the departments were already working lean, the department heads gave back 7% this year during the budget process and he figured he could cut \$100,000 in one department and people needed to realize West Ward was not Ben Venue. He stated saving \$500,000 for roller containers was definitely a plus. A suggestion was to discuss the piggy back option with Northfield Center to see if this was an option. It was pointed out that a lot of these contracts were expiring in one, two or three years from now. It was determined additional information needed to be gathered regarding the consortium, the Kimball contract and new roller containers needed to be discussed and/or whether the residents were going to contribute toward the costs. A lot had to be considered these days with the budget issues.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of February 17, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015.

Ordinance No. 9250-15 amended Ordinance No. 9231-14 making additional appropriations. Mr. Gambosi explained the increases/decreases in his attached memo. He read the memo to Council with a brief explanation of certain line items; mostly were grant related.

Ordinance No. 9251-15 awarded the bid contract to Barbicas Construction for 2015 Street Improvement Program. Mr. Mallis, Mr. Bellar and Mr. Gambosi worked together on the recommendation of City Engineer Joe Ciuni in deciding what roads were going to be addressed because the bid was over the expected amount. Additional discussion was held regarding the condition of the streets in hopes when the weather thawed it would take care of the unevenness. Council reviewed the Base Bid and Add on Alternate and wondered why Ronyak Paving was higher than the others especially the Add on Alternate. The Base Bid included: Ellenwood, entrance to the pool on Lamson, Old Rockside, East Monroe, Taylor Road (Union to Broadway) and the drive to Chanel off Willard. The Add on Alternate Street was the intersection of Broadway/Rockside Road. It was determined the recommendation was of the City Engineer Joe Ciuni. Mayor Koci spoke of a road patching machine Mayor Collova recently purchased and suggested the City speak to him to see if it could be rented to patch some areas in Bedford.

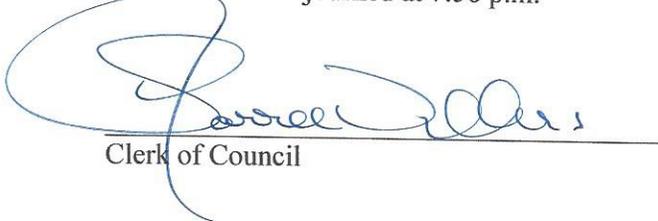
Ordinance No. 9252-15 amended Ordinance No. 7845-06 Arts & Cultural Board referencing Chapter 149 in the Codified Ordinances. Council had previously reviewed the Bylaws which would assist this Board in their duties so as Chairman and members changed they would know what was expected of them. Council, the Administration and the Board were satisfied in the direction this Board was taking. There were no issues with the amendment of the previous Ordinance and the Bylaws. The thought was the Art & Cultural Board could become part of the BCDC in the near future.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

At 7:30 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel. Mr. Mallis mentioned Mr. Gambosi and Mr. Montello would be asked to leave during a certain portion of the Executive Session.

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 February 17, 2015
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015
  
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
  
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (None)
  
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
  
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9250-15 amending Ordinance No. 9231-14 making additional appropriations
  - b. Ordinance No. 9251-15 contract w/Barbicas Construction for 2015 Street Improvement Program
  - c. Ordinance No. 9252-15 amending Ordinance No. 7845-06 Arts & Cultural Board
  
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
  
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

March 2, 2015

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:01 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 17, 2015. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried unanimously.

No report from City Manager Michael Mallis and Law Director John Montello.

Mr. Gambosi invited everyone to the Automile Run on April 26, 2015 at the Bedford High School. He urged residents to file their taxes.

Councilwoman Spinks, Councilman Genutis, Councilwoman Zolata and Councilman Saunders all had concerns about the residents/visitors rudely parking in the streets during the winter season. There were a few violators which were being ticketed by the Police Department but that didn't seem to matter. The emergency vehicles, plow trucks and other residents were having problems getting around these violators. Mrs. Spinks explained Bedford Heights had no parking on their city streets all year long. She felt these violators in Bedford should be towed immediately. Councilman Saunders pointed out the illegal parking issues on his street plus he was against parking on the street in the winter time. The clearing of the snow from around the fire hydrants was another area of concern. Councilwoman Zolata asked about the outcome of 58 William Street. Mr. Mallis was in the process of checking on this issue and would report back to her.

Councilwoman Mizsak appreciated the residents in her Ward for shoveling their sidewalks. She thanked the mailmen for their services.

Councilman Pozar also appreciated the services of the mailmen, rubbish collection, Service, Police and Fire Departments. He stated we live with the uncomfortableness of the snow, ice and cold and it seemed as if it were one of the most significant things facing Bedford. On another uncomfortable note, and much more significant than the snow, ice and cold, was the fact that around the world hundreds of Christians were being killed, raped, decapitated and displaced. There was a significant terror movement going on in the Middle East. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel would speak before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. As our elected officials, U.S. House of Representatives, Marcia Fudge, Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio and Marcy Kaptur who represents Ohio's Ninth Congressional District have announced that they would not be attending. His personal opinion was that this was dereliction of duty and both of them should hear what the prime minister had to say as the United States key ally in that part of the world. Other than other than petty partisan politics why would they not attend and learn? Why would they be so discourteous?

Councilman Saunders stated HB 42 was a promising sign of restoring the local government fund at the 2005 levels. He urged everyone to support HB 42 because of the budget issues/problems all the cities and villages were experiencing.

Mayor Koci had lunch with the new Senator Kenny Yuko the Democratic member of the Ohio Senate, representing the 25th District of Ohio. Mr. Yuko was very supported of HB 42 but unfortunately he was one of the Democrats against 23 Republicans. At this lunch Governor Kasich was asked about the local government funds. The Governor replied, "Let them pass some levies" and his theory on local

government funds was “too bad, pass some levies or tighten your belts”. At Governor Kasich’s State of the State Address there was not standing ovation as seen at other events. It was going to be an uphill struggle until there was a different Governor elected. The new Dispatch Center was slated to open March 19, 2015; it was a state of the art facility and an Open House would be announced in the future. He also met with the Ohio First Tier Suburbs group to discuss how to find ways to get street repair monies by lobbying the legislators in April. He announced The Broadway Cyclery celebrated their 5 year anniversary on Friday, February 20, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 9250-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9231-14 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9250-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this was mostly for grant monies from 2014, the savings associated to the refund of the 2014 debt service and the CDBG grant that City did not receive in 2014.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9251-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARBICAS CONSTRUCTION BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: Pozar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9251-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was the Street Improvement Program for six streets; however, a waterline may be considered on one street as well as an alternate at Rockside and Broadway. Majority of the project was funded from bond proceeds of 2013. It was determined Barbicas Construction was located in Akron and this was based on the recommendation of the City’s Engineer as Mr. Pozar questioned Burton Scot Contractors bid. Mr. Saunders thought these companies should be monitored to ensure their figures were in line with the oil/gas prices. Mr. Mallis explained the bids would be monitored.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: Pozar. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9252-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7845-06  
ARTS AND CULTURAL BOARD 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: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9252-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained these were just some minor changes for clarification and to be used as guidelines.

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

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

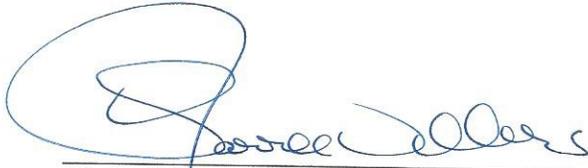
Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson Street, explained a landlord evicted a tenant 11-12 days ago at 535 Lamson Street and piled the entire house furnishings on the tree lawn along with the plowed snow. She felt the landlord should be forced to get a dumpster in this specific situation because he knew the tenant was evicted. She was upset the taxpayer's had to pay to have this rubbish removed. Mr. Mallis explained the City has been focusing on these types of issues by calling the Service Department and rubbish collection service. Mr. Pozar explained the Administration and Council were currently discussing the cost of rubbish collection which was costing the City \$800,000+ per year. These types of things would be discussed in the upcoming Work Sessions. It was understood landlords need to be held accountable.

Harvey Dzomba, 125 Noran Circle, asked why the sidewalks were not being cleaned in the downtown area. He had to walk on Broadway Avenue for three car lengths until he found a shoveled path to get onto the sidewalk. Some of the business owners were kind enough to shovel a small path for customers but the path was easily blocked by a parked car. He stressed he almost got hit upon his return to his car today. Mr. Mallis would check into this.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman, pointed out a lot of the sidewalks were not cleared, people were walking in the street on the Northfield Road Bridge; vehicles swerving to avoid the pedestrians walking in the streets and almost causing accidents, certain areas of the Automobile sidewalks were also not cleared and at one dealership the plow truck pushed the snow in a huge pile across the sidewalk covering it. Mr. Mallis explained the City had contacted several businesses that weren't cleaning their sidewalks. He pointed out Bedford Hospital was told recently they had to clean their sidewalks. He understood the concern regarding the Northfield Road Bridge and the City would address it as quickly as possible. Mrs. Zolata explained the Northfield Road Bridge had been addressed several times this winter but with the recent snowfall it was time to clear the sidewalks again. Mr. Duber had heard/witnessed for years in Mr. Saunders Council Reports regarding the parking on City streets during the winter season. He suggested something be done about it instead of revisiting the same issue year after year. He told Council that was what they were here for and they should do something about it. Mr. Pozar explained seldom does Council unilaterally introduce an Ordinance but he challenged Mr. Saunders to introduce an Ordinance for a parking ban on City streets during the winter season and he would co-sponsor it; it was time to do something about this issue.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.



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