

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TERMS EXPIRING & VACANT**
- **DISCUSSION OF VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION**
- **DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR STREET NAME CHANGE (5-16-16)**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Litigation / Personnel / Economic Development)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Walter Genutis, Sandy Spinks, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders, Paula Mizsak, Mayor Stan Koci. Absent: Marilyn Zolata. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Also in attendance: Beth Housiaux-Steward, 93 Avalon Avenue, Sherrie Miday for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge and Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly.

Mayor Koci introduced Sherrie Miday who spoke about her experience, education, memberships and asked for election support for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Tax Budget, Work Session and the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2503-16 BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2016 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mr. Gambosi explained this would be the final reading for this Resolution. He explained State of Ohio laws required municipalities to submit to the County Commission approximately six (6) months prior to the beginning of each calendar year an estimated budget for the next calendar year so that the tax rate for such year may be determined by the Budget Commission. This was his proposed budget of estimated income and expenditures for the tax year 2016. Council had no questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 9389-16 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 133.22 ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND REFUNDS" OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

Mr. Gambosi explained and recommended the establishment of a section in regards to "Application of Overpayments and Refunds" in the best interest of the financial health of the City and best practices in regards to accounting. Any refund was due any individual or business entity from any public monies collected from City Income Tax, water bills, sewer bills, assessments permits, license fees or any other funds from any service provided by a municipal department or operations, the Finance Director would apply the refund net to any fund or amounts due the City for any other service provided, obligation owed or assessments due the City. Mayor Koci suggested this item be read as a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 9390-16 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2016

Mr. Gambosi explained this assessment was for the daily operation of a Municipal Department. The cost of garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal was approximately \$704,000. The assessment could not be in excess of the actual cost for the tax year 2016. The total cost of the above assessments had to be payable in cash within thirty (30) days and the assessments remaining unpaid at the expiration of said thirty (30) day period would be certified to the County Auditor to be placed on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection. There was discussion on how each service issue needed to stand on its own. Mr. Mallis explained how he was having current discussions with the Department Heads on how they needed to make more cuts in their departments because the operations were not balanced. It was determined the Fire Department was the only department fully staffed. Lately when someone retired/quit the position wasn't always necessarily filled in order to help save money; some positions were being re-evaluated. This would be placed on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 9391-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR ASBESTOS REMEDIATION AT 24 OAKWOOD AVENUE

Mr. Mallis explained the property should be demolished which required asbestos remediation and recommended Integrity Environmental Development, LLC to perform asbestos remediation at the lowest and best quote in the amount of \$4,300. It was determined there were special ways asbestos needed to be removed and disposed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9392-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRW CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 24 OAKWOOD AVENUE**

Discussion was held regarding the ways NSP monies could be utilized for certain projects. A decision had not been made if the property would be offered to the neighbors as a lot split option. Mr. Pozar suggested the shrubbery/trees on the property be addressed as well. Mr. Beverly assured the lot would be cleaned and the curb would be replaced.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9393-16 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2015/2016 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD, OHIO, HEREINAFTER "CODIFIED ORDINANCES", TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR DEEMED OBSOLETE**

Clerk Villers explained this was for the codified updates of the ordinances Council passed at the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016 and the new laws handed down from the State of Ohio totaling \$6,090.75. This cost was for the replacement pages, website internet updates and CD's. Mayor Koci asked if the costs could be reduced. Clerk Villers said she had made a lot of cost cuts 4+ years ago and only ordered what needed to be ordered each time there was a need for updates. She explained if a department did not update their books in a timely manner she did not order replacement pages and if a department continually made changes to the same section over and over it added to the cost.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9394-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6264-91 SECTION 133.21 ENTITLED "CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD**

Mr. Gambosi explained the updated included checks and ACH and/or other electronic payment or transfer to the City in payment of an obligation to the City which was returned by the payor's bank and/or financial payment service or institution marked "insufficient funds", "payment stopped", "account closed", or which were otherwise dishonored and not paid. In addition to any other penalty provided by law or other sections of the Codified Ordinances or statutes of the State of Ohio, the person issuing such a bad check and/or dishonored electronic payment shall be subject to any charge incurred by the City for each bad check and/or dishonored electronic payment issued in favor of and submitted to the City, including but not limited to any fees for returned deposited items, return item maintenance fees, redeposited returned items fees, return item image viewed fees and return item image advice viewed. In addition to the fees listed above, when a second fee is incurred within a calendar year by the same entity or individual, a thirty five dollar (\$35.00) administrative fee will be assessed to the payor.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

**DISCUSSION OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TERMS EXPIRING & VACANT**

Council was given several applicants to review for several positions that were either expiring soon or currently vacant and needed to be filled. Council and the Administration decided to re-appoint Harvey Dzomba to the Planning Commission, Dennis Kotmel to the Board of Zoning and Peggy Zelasko to the Housing Council when their terms expired in 2016. The new appointments for the vacant positions, if they were still interested, would be: James Chappelle to the Civil Service Commission, Charles Mowery to the Board of Building Standards & Appeals and Catherine Dieterich to the Local Municipal Income Tax Board, the Assessment Equalization

Board and the Audit Board which still needed to be created. The other applicants would be considered at another time when a position becomes available. (see attached)

#### **DISCUSSION OF VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION**

Council previously reviewed an example from the City of Xenia. Mr. Mallis felt Xenia's situation best fits Bedford problems. It was mentioned at a previous work session Mrs. Zolata listed several vacant businesses throughout Ward 3 that should be addressed. The Administration agreed there needed to be some type of increases across the board. Possibly the fee would be based on the square footage; however, there were pros and cons to anything like this that was trying to be enforced. One thing for certain the businesses that continuously remain vacant needed addressed. It was determined this item needed further discussion and nothing had been decided this evening.

#### **DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR STREET NAME CHANGE**

Discussion was held on May 16, 2016 to rename something in honor of former Principal Paul G. Ward, Jr. Mr. Saunders had previously reminded everyone when naming a street there were Federal limitations/laws on what could be put on a street sign. He stated the former Principal was not even a resident and felt there were other lifelong residents like Jack Wardley, City employees and school employees that were more influential who deserved to have something named after them before naming something after someone who wasn't a resident. He spoke about a legal type situation Mr. Ward was involved in his hometown of Northfield Center so he had a different outlook on the street naming request. Comments were made as to why the school wasn't taking action to name something after the former Principal since he worked for the school. Mrs. Spinks and Mayor Koci felt the former Principal did a lot for the students and renaming Melba which had no addresses was an easy fix. The question was asked if anyone knew how Melba came about; nobody knew. Mayor Koci had previously spoke to Mrs. Zolata who was okay with renaming Melba but not renaming Caryl Street. Mr. Gambosi mentioned maybe there needed to be a policy written for renaming streets. He mentioned Warner Miller as an example of someone who did a lot for Bedford. Suggestions were: nickname "Pearl", Paul G Ward and Ward. Mayor Koci said this topic was up for discussion and nobody said the City was definitely going to rename Melba. This topic would be discussed again.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Spinks to go into an executive session to discuss Litigation / Personnel / Economic Development. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:40 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mallis, Finance Director Gambosi and Law Director Montello went into an executive session to discuss Litigation / Personnel / Economic Development.

Motion by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to adjourn executive session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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 May 16, 2016
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2016
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Tax Budget Public Hearing of May 16, 2016

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2503-16 approving and accepting the proposed 2016 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 (Rdgs: 5/2/16, 5/16/16, PH 5/16/16, Pass 6/6/16)

7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager
- b. Law Director
- c. Finance Director
- d. Council Reports

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 9389-16 establishing §133.22 “Application Overpayments and Refunds”
- b. Ordinance No. 9390-16 levying assessments for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal
- c. Ordinance No. 9391-16 contract w/Integrity for asbestos remediation at 24 Oakwood Avenue (\$4,300)
- d. Ordinance No. 9392-16 contract w/TRW to demolish 24 Oakwood Avenue (\$7,500)
- e. Ordinance No. 9393-16 adopt the 2015/2016 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances (\$6,090.75)
- f. Ordinance No. 9394-16 amend Ordinance 6264-91, §133.21 “Charge for Bad Checks”
- g. Ordinance No. 9395-16 payment for the cremation expenses of Carol MacGregor (\$450)

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 6, 2016. 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: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Absent: Zolata.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to excuse Councilwoman Zolata. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 16, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Abstain: Spinks. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Abstain: Spinks. Motion carried.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Tax Budget Public Hearing of May 16, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: None. Abstain: Spinks. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2503-16 BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2016 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017 PLACED ON FIRST READING MAY 2, 2016 AND SECOND READING ON MAY 16, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY (PH 5/16/16)

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

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

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Pozar to place Resolution No. **2503-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this would be the final reading for this Resolution; the Public Hearing was May 16, 2016. He explained State of Ohio laws required municipalities to submit to the County Commission approximately six (6) months prior to the beginning of each calendar year an estimated budget for the next calendar year so that the tax rate for such year may be determined by the Budget Commission. This was his proposed budget of estimated income and expenditures for the tax year 2016.

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

Council and the Administration were very happy with the Memorial Day Parade speaker, all congratulated Jeanne Sapir on being the 2015 Citizen of the Year and enjoyed the recent Rotary Rib Burn Off.

City Manager Michael Mallis said the challenge of the Dominion East Ohio gas line project was about to begin, the Columbus Road Bridge was ahead of schedule, the high grass cutting issues were being addressed, the departments were focusing on making more cuts to their approved 2016 budget and urged everyone to attend the Strawberry Festival and July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

No reports from Law Director John Montello.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi spoke about the work the Tax Department was doing in regards to non-filer letter requesting information clarification.

Councilman Saunders hoped Dominion was alerting the residents before the gas line project began on their streets because there could be a possibility some of the tree lawns or lawns may need dug for installation. He also had concerns with the vacant homes and notice. Mr. Mallis explained the project notification was approved, there was a preconstruction meeting already and explained if a house was empty/vacant for 1 year Dominion cut and capped the gas line for safety measures. It was determined the project was going to be an inconvenience but the project was necessary. Notifications would be sent in a timely manner per area/street alerting the residents. Mr. Saunders was pleased the Columbus Road Bridge was approaching finalization.

Councilwoman Spinks spoke about the aggressive deer problem in her Ward in fear that someone would be attacked and hoped the chipper service was this week after the storm. Mr. Mallis stated the chipper was scheduled the first full week every month. Mrs. Spinks noted the boarded up home on Cresswell was being addressed and would be demolished in the future. She had Strawberry Festival raffle tickets for sale.

Councilwoman Mizsak enjoyed the parade and speaker, talked about her golf cart dilemma, the Cadillac Car Club thanked those for the use of the parking lot and enjoyed the recent festival prior to the rain.

Councilman Genutis appreciated the recent water quality report he received. He thanked Mr. Beverly for addressing the Wenso Street complaints. He felt Ms. Sapir was a deserving resident to be named the 2015 Citizen of the Year.

Councilman Pozar felt the key to any vibrant city was the housing stock and various buildings within the city and how the maintenance was handled for upkeep. He spoke about how the POS inspections were going to be handled and was pleased the eyesore of 24 Oakwood Avenue was finally being demolished after eight long years. With the persistence of the Building Department the demolition was finally going to happen at the cost of \$12,000 which was more than it was worth. He hoped the bushes and trees would be addressed as well. He has six homes in his Ward that need addressed. He referred to a moratorium on POS inspections along with the 150% of the required cash deposit placed in escrow. He asked Mr. Beverly what the focus/work load was going to be for his department if the Inspectors were no longer doing POS inspections. Mr. Beverly replied the focus now would be on new construction, renovations, exterior maintenance and alterations. Mr. Pozar spoke about a resident's letter who lived on Wandle who felt some of the elderly who have a fixed income regarding the 150% of the cash deposit.

Mayor Koci talked about the incredible speech made at the recent parade and the story of the last remaining WWII survivor. He commended the CEI employee for his impeccable job fixing and cleaning up after repairing the electrical line near his home. The next Council meeting was July 5, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 9389-16 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 133.22 ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND REFUNDS" OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. **9389-16** on first reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9390-16 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9390-16** on first reading.

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

Mr. Mallis explained the next two ordinances would address the asbestos remediation and demolition using Federal NSP monies by reinvesting the money back into the community or give the funds back. These funds could be used for purchasing and renovate homes, demolish homes or be used toward the parks.

ORDINANCE NO. 9391-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR ASBESTOS REMEDIATION AT 24 OAKWOOD AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9391-16** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9392-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRW CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 24 OAKWOOD AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9392-16** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9393-16 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE **2015/2016** REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD, OHIO, HEREINAFTER "CODIFIED ORDINANCES", TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN

CONFLICT THEREWITH OR DEEMED OBSOLETE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9393-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Montello explained this was for the codified update replacement pages, website and CD's of the ordinances Council passed at the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016 in the amount of \$6,090.75.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9394-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6264-91 SECTION 133.21 ENTITLED "CHARGE FOR BAD CHECKS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizzak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9394-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the updated included checks and ACH and/or other electronic payment or transfer to the City in payment of an obligation to the City which was returned by the payor's bank and/or financial payment service or institution marked "insufficient funds", "payment stopped", "account closed", or which were otherwise dishonored and not paid. In addition to any other penalty provided by law or other sections of the Codified Ordinances or statutes of the State of Ohio, the person issuing such a bad check and/or dishonored electronic payment shall be subject to any charge incurred by the City for each bad check and/or dishonored electronic payment issued in favor of and submitted to the City, including but not limited to any fees for returned deposited items, return item maintenance fees, redeposited returned items fees, return item image viewed fees and return item image advice viewed. In addition to the fees listed above, when a second fee is incurred within a calendar year by the same entity or individual, a thirty five dollar (\$35.00) administrative fee will be assessed to the payor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9395-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO PAY FOR THE CREMATION EXPENSES OF CAROL MACGREGOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Mr. Gambosi explained Ohio Revised Code Section 9.15 requires municipalities to pay for the cremation expenses of legal residents of the municipality when the body of the deceased was not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9395-16** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar. 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.

Kristi Glasier, 114 Tarbell, read a letter from resident Jen Brown who felt the pool program and increased fees needed to be revisited and changed for the children and the parent's vested interest. She wanted the program be changed back to two-three week lessons. Mrs. Glasier's concern were: not the fee increase, the fees increased over the years, why weren't pool patrons surveyed. Mr. Mallis explained this issue was discussed starting in the fall of 2015 during the budget process and several public meetings and Ordinance No. 9365-16 was read three times. There was a parent who suggested a discount if a resident signed up for all three sessions which was now being administered. Mrs. Glasier wanted the program be changed back to two-three week lessons.

Sandra Ball, 80 Ellenwood, stated she received a letter from Dominion several weeks ago, a couple days ago she received a recorded message stating the residents would be notified 24-48 hours ahead of time, told the residents needed to watch for a notice on their front door and Dominion would assist in relighting the pilot lights.

Joyce Daunch, 86 Harriman Street, praised the Service Department employees who helped install the flower baskets on the Union Street Bridge. The Bedford Garden Club would continue to support the flower donations for the Bridge. She spoke about an article she read in the newspaper and asked if the City applied for these type of grants. Mr. Mallis said the City applied for several different type of grants; however, the specific article topic he would have to research. Ms. Daunch questioned the Dominion gas line replacement project and what streets were involved. Mr. Mallis listed several streets that would be addressed; however, she need not worry because hers was not one of them. Mayor Koci thanked Ms. Daunch for her persistence in the Union Street project.

Amy Gary, 508 Belle Avenue, thanked the City for keeping the pool open because her children have attended the swim lessons for years. The parents have benefited too from the relationships they've maintained from meeting other parents and children at the pool. She too was interested in the Administration revisiting the topic plus the days the children didn't have sessions because of the rain. Mayor Koci said the City was working very hard on maintaining all the services and programs for the residents.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson, was in favor of a tax increase if some of the money could be used to hire two more Officers as she was "so fed up" with the drug dealing, drug use and arrests in her neighborhood.

Beth Housiaux-Stewart, 93 Avalon, thanked the City for the Deer and Coyote presentation. She explained fawns were born without a scent and that was why the doe left them in a safe place for 10-14 days. She

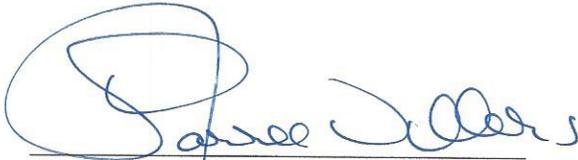
suggested that people watch the nature special "Private Life of Deer". Deer stomp and snort to warn/message other deer of danger. Deer are not bulls that charge humans.

Frank Houdek, 717 High Street, thanked the City for assigning the Motorcycle Officer in his area. He asked why residents couldn't get paid for cutting high grass lots in the City. It was determined it would be a liability issue and the City needed to have proof to assess the violator. Mr. Mallis explained the process and requested City Hall be called with an address so they could be addressed. Mr. Houdek felt the Ward Councilperson should canvas their Ward better and report these types of violations. He has three houses on High Street that were starting to resemble the former James Deal property. He loved the deer in his yard.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman Street, was unhappy with the sound system at the gazebo for the Memorial Day parade/service and the location of the parked noisy bus. Mr. Mallis explained it was a new sound system but the problem was the type of microphone, those who do not project their voice and the City was looking into an amplifier.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.



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Mayor - President of Council