

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012**

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

Dinner will be served

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL DISPATCHING**
- **DISCUSSION OF 80TH YEAR OF MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**
- **DISCUSSION OF 175TH YEAR OF BEDFORD BEING A CORPORATE MUNICIPALITY**
- **DISCUSSION OF CITY MARKETING PLAN**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel & Litigation (7:30 pm to 8:00 pm)**

Bedford, Ohio

April 2, 2012

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizensak, Donald Saunders, Warner Batten, Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager, Henry J. Angelo, Law Director, Ken Schuman, Finance Director, Frank Gambosi, Police Chief Greg Duber, Deputy Chief Nietert, Fire Chief Nagy, Assistant Fire Chief Solar and Maple Heights Chief John Drsek. Absent: None.

Mayor Pocek rearranged the agenda to allow Chief Duber and Chief Nagy to give their PowerPoint presentation on Regional Dispatching. (See attached hard copy of the PowerPoint) Maple Heights Chief John Drsek was present to assist in the PowerPoint.

The Chiefs explained Bedford, Bedford Heights and Maple Heights were the only three cities working toward the regional dispatching. The other surrounding municipalities were not interested for several different reasons.

Chief Nagy explained there were different types of grants and other monies available: a \$900,000 grant that could not be used for brick and mortar but work stations, a \$720,000 FEMA grant for equipment plus there was a 911 Agency that would give money to those who were doing collaborated efforts. There was a need for at least 10 work stations. He thought this was an amazing opportunity.

Mr. Saunders asked if other cities had the opportunity to join later. The Chiefs hope other areas would be interested after they saw the benefits of this operation. There was discussion about the extent of the renovations University Hospital Bedford had to do in the basement for this center. University Hospital was paying for their building renovations.

Chief Drsek noted one benefit was the involved Police Departments in this center would not have the expense of upgrading their 911 systems. It would be covered in this group effort. There was also not one Fire and Police combined dispatch center in Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Pozar had concerns if there were any guarantees that the hospital and safety forces would be functioning in 20 years. Chief Drsek explained there needed to be some type of lease or Council of Government (COG) agreed on. There was discussion that at this point in time there wasn't a decision of how many dispatchers were going to be needed. Some cities practiced a combination of call takers, dispatchers and jailors that shared similar job duties. Mayor Pocek asked who the dispatchers would be employed with. The thought was they would be employed with the COG. Mr. Schuman pointed out each city paid their dispatchers a different pay range. The COG would have its own budget and the population would be a determining factor.

These three cities would have grant monies available to start the dispatch center and the other non-participating cities would miss this type of opportunity. Mr. Schuman and Mrs. Zolata felt newcomers should have to pay some type of "buy-in". The plan was to have the center up and running in 18 to 24 months. Mr. Schuman commented that would be a good time because the union contracts would expire September 2013. Mr. Gambosi wondered how the finances were going to be handled: through one city, the COG or if these positions were going to be OPERS positions.

The Chiefs thought they would be at the top of the lists for future grants if this center came to fruition. Chief Drsek said Maple Heights had discussions back to 1997 regarding a dispatch center. Mr. Saunders

thought some areas in Summit County might be interested in joining the center because they were not happy about their current situations.

Mr. Pozar and Mr. Schuman thought a long term (50-100 year) lease was very important. Mr. Angelo said he would touch base with Lori DelGado at University Hospital Bedford. The City of Bedford had a very good relationship with her and that was important to keep. Chief Drsek noted University Hospital was a non-profit organization and they were giving back to the area. There had been rumors of the hospital closing so they must have some motive to be offering the entire basement for the center especially when the hospital was paying for the renovations.

The Chiefs thought this center could be ran like the COG or SEALE organizations but there were many more discussions that needed to take place.

Everyone thanked the Chiefs for the PowerPoint and their assistance.

Council did not have any corrections or deletions to the following minutes: the Work Session of March 19, 2012, the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012, the Wards 1 & 2 Meeting of March 26, 2012 and the Special Meeting of March 28, 2012.

Ordinance No. 8952-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the City of Bedford Firefighters. Mr. Batten questioned the year of the contract. Mr. Schuman said this contract was from 2011 to 2013.

Ordinance No. 8953-12 was an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to terminate the Bedford Municipal Court Capital Improvement Fund & establish a newly established Bedford Municipal Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund. Mr. Schuman explained this issue came about through another court case regarding how courts charged court costs. The O. R. C. allowed the courts to charge a fee for the computer fund. The Bedford Court currently had a Capital Improvement Fund that would be called the "Bedford Municipal Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund". The O. R. C. also allowed two separate funds.

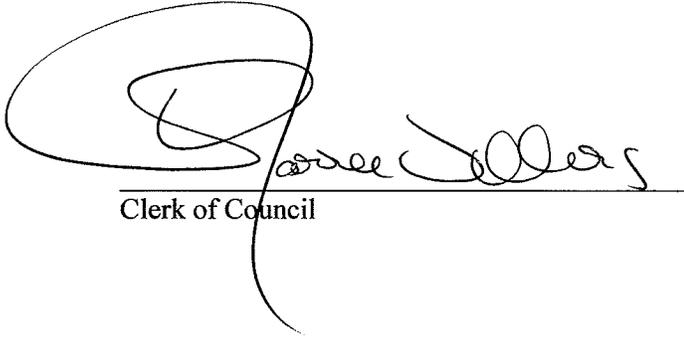
Ordinance No. 8954-12 was an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to establish and maintain the new Bedford Municipal Court Computer Fund.

Mr. Schuman said the courts needed this passed by April 15, 2012. Mr. Pozar thought some court costs were too high because he heard of a seat belt fine that was \$350 which he thought was way too high. Mr. Schuman felt Bedford's fees were the lowest around. Mr. Saunders questioned if the budget needed to be amended. Mr. Gambosi said he had to change the name of the accounts which were two different funds.

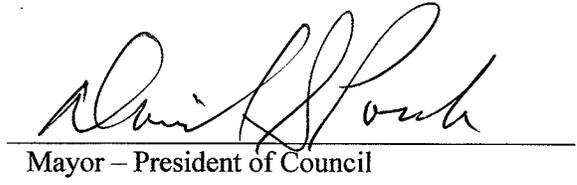
Mayor Pocek asked for suggestions for the 80th year of Bedford being a City Manager form of government, the 175th year of Bedford being a corporate municipality and the 85th year of the Bedford Garden Club. Council had some thoughts of a Proclamation, a PowerPoint with the previous City Managers with a celebration. This needed discussed further.

At 7:25 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Henry J. Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Economic Development Director Mike Mallis went into an executive session to discuss personnel & litigation. The Executive Session recessed at 7:56 p.m. but would reconvene after the Regular Council Meeting this evening.

At 7:58 p.m., Bedford City Council recessed to conduct the Regular Council Meeting.



Clerk of Council



Mayor - President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: April 2, 2012

AGENDA

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of March 19, 2012
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Wards 1 & 2 Meeting of March 26, 2012
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session Meeting of March 28, 2012

5. **REPORTS**

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8952-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/the City of Bedford Firefighters
- b. Ordinance No. 8953-12 authorizing the Finance Director to terminate the Bedford Municipal Court Capital Improvement Fund & establish a new Bedford Municipal Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund
- c. Ordinance No. 8954-12 authorizing the Finance Director to establish and maintain the new Bedford Municipal Court Computer Fund
- d. Motion to appoint Gina Pieragostine to the Arts & Cultural Board
- e. Motion to appoint Ken Matosky to the Arts & Cultural Board

7. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council minutes and agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford, Ohio

April 2, 2012

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 2, 2012. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Absent: None.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of March 19, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Wards 1 & 2 Meeting of March 26, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar, Zolata, Batten. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of March 28, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

No report from Henry J. Angelo, City Manager.

No report from Ken Schuman, Law Director.

No report from Frank Gambosi, Finance Director.

Councilman Saunders thanked Mr. Angelo for the statement in the water bill flyer this month. He hoped the residents would read the water bill flyer.

No report from Councilman Pozar.

Councilwoman Mizensak announced the Ward 3 & 4 Meeting would be on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilwoman Zolata announced the Wards 3 & 4 neighborhood Meeting would be Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. She also wished everyone a Happy Easter and hoped everyone got a chance to enjoy the decent weather. She also thanked Mr. Angelo for the water bill flyer. Mr. Angelo gave Ms. Zgrabik and Mr. Mallis the credit for their efforts.

No report from Councilman Koci but he agreed with Mrs. Zolata's comments.

No report from Councilman Batten.

Mayor Pocek had received two emails, one letter and four phone calls requesting the City of Bedford change its Recreation Center name from Jimmy Dimora Center to something else. The Jimmy Dimora Center is located in Bedford Heights not Bedford.

ORDINANCE NO. 8952-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the City of Bedford Firefighters, adopting the terms of the attached contract and ordering them into effect and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 8952-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained this agreement was from 2011 to 2013. There was one issue that went to arbitration and the final ruling was in the firefighters favor, so the contract took longer than usual.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8953-12, an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to terminate the Bedford Municipal Court Capital Improvement Fund and transfer the money from said account into a newly established fund entitled “Bedford Municipal Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund” and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Koci to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8953-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained this issue came about through some else’s court case regarding how courts charged court costs and the O. R. C. allowed the courts to charge a fee for the computer fund. The court currently had a Capital Improvement Fund that would be called the “Bedford Municipal Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund”. The O. R. C. allowed two separate funds.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8954-12, an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to establish and maintain a new fund for the Bedford Municipal Court entitled “Bedford Municipal Court Computer Fund” and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 8954-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Pocek noted this piece of legislation was tied to Ordinance No. 8953-12.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Pozar to appoint Gina Pieragostine to the Arts and Cultural Board.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Pozar to appoint Ken Matosky to the Arts and Cultural Board. Mr. Koci welcomed both of them to the board.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that would conclude the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns. There were no comments this evening.

Mayor Pocek announced the Work Session Executive Session would reconvene after this meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council