

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA -**
- **DISCUSSION OF CITY MARKETING PLAN –**
- **DISCUSSION OF UPDATES –**
 - **MEETING WITH COUNTY ON HOUSING**
 - **LIGHT OF HEART PROPOSAL**
 - **DEER CULLING**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel**

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar, Donald Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: Acting City Manager, Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director Ken Schuman, Randy Lewis, Director. Absent: City Manager, Henry J. Angelo.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Ordinance 8923-12 was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8753-10 passed November 15, 2010 as subsequently amended and amending Chapter 151 of the codified ordinances of the City of Bedford. It was read as a First Reading at the January 17, 2012 meeting and Second Reading on February 6, 2012 at the Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Batten had previously pointed out several areas concerning pay rates/ranges that he thought needed addressed. The various areas of concern were: minimum wage rates needed to be increased to \$7.70, the differences between the Building Commissioner, Building Inspector(s) and Housing Inspector duties, pay scale including certifications and if there was more than one (1) Building Inspector, the "Beginning Range" amounts and the "Class Title" and some of the assigned "Levels". There was discussion of the employee titles and what Level the title should be placed according to importance or duties. Mr. Schuman pointed out the Beginning Pay range allow flexibility in hiring. Mr. Batten felt the figures in the Beginning Range right side column were too high. Mr. Schuman pointed out that Mr. Angelo could request a starting figure between the Beginning Range figures but Council also had a say in the matter because Council approved the budget and they had the power. Mr. Schuman pointed out a few other small changes in the ordinance since the First Reading, so Council would have to make a motion and clarify that at the Regular Council Meeting tonight.

Ordinance No. 8929-12 was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8924-12 Section 137.04 of the codified ordinances of the City of Bedford. Council did not have any problems with this ordinance.

Ordinance No. 8930-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Stephen Campbell & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of an audio recorder. Mr. Schuman explained the other one was very old and needed to be replaced.

Ordinance No. 8931-12 was an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 38 Gould Avenue (P.P. 811-21-029) a nuisance, ordering action. Mr. Schuman explained because of the infestation the families would have to have several treatments. He said the resident was cited with 12 different items and they would have their day in court. If they didn't address this serious matter, he would take the appropriate steps to make sure they spent time in jail. He noted this was a health and safety issue.

Ordinance No. 8932-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Physio Control for Fire Department Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor. Mr. Mallis noted this was in the Fire Departments budget. Council was okay with the purchase.

Ordinance No. 8933-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease with option to purchase agreement with MRLM, LLC for the property located at 600 Solon Road Bedford, Ohio (P.P. No. 814-30-003). Mr. Schuman explained there had been a death in the family so there hasn't been a decision made regarding this issue.

Ordinance No. 8934-12 was an ordinance establishing rental rates for the Ellenwood Recreation Center, amending Ordinance No. 7579-03 passed February 2, 2004. Mr. Lewis explained these rates had not been increased since 1989 and it was time to bring the fees in line with the costs. He said these increases would be in line with the surrounding communities. Council thought it was best to read this ordinance as a First Reading this evening.

Ordinance No. 8935-12 was an ordinance authorizing the lease of one Canon IR C1030 copy machine from Lake Business Products, Inc. for the Fire Department. Mr. Schuman said the current copier was 10 years old and was not working. Mr. Mallis said this would save money because the Fire Department employees could be networked to the copier/printer and this would save money for personal desk top printers and supplies.

Ordinance No. 8936-12 was an ordinance setting the schedule of fees for sale of cemetery plots and services rendered at the Bedford City Cemetery, amending Ordinance No. 7580-04 passed January 20, 2004. Mr. Mallis noted Mr. Duber had checked with the surrounding communities and Bedford, even with the increases, would be lower in costs than Hudson, Solon and Aurora.

Mayor Pocek said Mr. Angelo had attended the Ohio Sunshine Law class on behalf of Council.

Mayor Pocek noted Mr. Angelo had a few items that Mr. Mallis was going to address in his absence.

- Discussion of Updates regarding the Light of Hearts Proposal –
Mr. Mallis understood that Mr. Angelo had requested that Mr. Lewis contact Maple Heights because the Light of Hearts did not have the same qualified staff members. Mr. Lewis reported since that time, the Light of Hearts had acquired LSW and MSW employees. He explained the importance of a RN versus a social worker and the need for qualified people. Mayor Pocek thought there shouldn't be an issue since the Light of Hearts currently had a LSW and MSW. Mr. Mallis also understood that Mr. Angelo had some concerns about some wording concerning Catholics that needed removed from the current contract. Mr. Koci asked how many times the Light of Hearts was used. Mr. Mallis figured about 170-190 times. Mr. Lewis noted they were not close to the #10,000 cap. He then told Council that Tim Anderson submitted for retirement and would be leaving sometime in April 2012.
- Discussion of Updates regarding Deer Culling –
Mr. Mallis said the culling of the deer was in process. He noted there were limited permits in Solon, Hudson and Twinsburg areas. He stated the residents needed to be educated on not to feed the deer which would avoid additional problems. Mrs. Zolata understood the Metro Parks would be mailing letters to inform the residents. Mr. Saunders complained of all the deer that were in his area. He commented there were 12 deer in his drive this evening before the meeting but he had seen up to 24 deer in his yard at one time. He noted the City had several wooded pocket type areas for the deer to go and the deer were coming into town and tearing up other areas. Mr. Pozar thought it was best for the Metro Parks to thin the deer population more than what they were. Mr. Mallis thought it was best if this topic was discussed further in detail with the Police Chief and Animal Warden.
- Discussion of Updates regarding the Meeting with County on Housing –
Mr. Schuman reported Mr. Mallis, Mr. Angelo, Mr. Gambosi and Leonette Cicirella spoke to the Director of Development Paul Herzik and determined the Housing Program got out of control at the City of Bedford. There would be no final decisions until the criminal end of things were

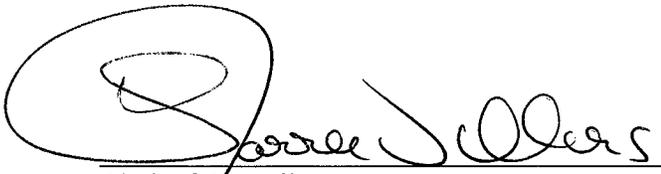
finished. There was discussion regarding the NSP 1 funds and the City of Bedford would have to pay back approximately \$14,000. Mr. Herzik was okay with Bedford moving forward and understood these types of things happen. Mr. Mallis mentioned Mr. Herzik would be involved in the future.

Mayor Pocek said he talked to Mr. Angelo, Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi last week on how to showcase Bedford better. He pointed out the Metro Parks area in Bedford had 27 waterfalls and it had the most waterfalls in the Metro Park. There was discussion that Scene Magazine was a good source of advertising because the age group that read it was between the ages of 28-42 years old, which in most cases were first time home buyers. Mr. Koci thought it was best to contact Impact Group Public Relations/Marketing Communications, Inc. again to see if there were different packages or ideas available. Mayor Pocek was in favor of a video and cable TV advertising. Mrs. Mizesak pointed out the Viaduct Park would have to be cleaned up before anything got underway. Council was in agreement that something needed to be done this year and this topic would need more detailed discussions.

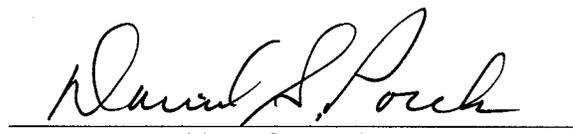
Discussion of the regular Work Session agenda was concluded.

At 7:48 p.m., Bedford City Council, Acting City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director Ken Schuman, Finance Director Frank Gambosi went into an executive session to discuss personnel. Executive Session adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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



Joanne J. Owers
Clerk of Council



David S. Pocek
Mayor – President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: February 21, 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 February 6, 2012
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2012

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8923-12 amending Ordinance No. 8753-10 and Chapter 151 of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to the Deputy Chief position and Pay Ranges (1st Rdg 1/17/12, 2nd Rdg 2/6/12)
- b. Ordinance No. 8929-12 amending Ordinance No. 8924-12 amending §137.04 – “Division of Police” of the Codified Ordinances Deputy Chief position (1st Rdg 2/6/12)
- c. Ordinance No. 8930-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Stephen Campbell, Inc. (1st Rdg 2/6/12)
- d. Ordinance No. 8931-12 declaring 38 Gould Avenue a nuisance (1st Rdg 2/6/12)
- e. Ordinance No. 8932-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Physio Control (1st Rdg 2/6/12)
- f. Ordinance No. 8933-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement w/MRLM, LLC for the property at 600 Solon Road (1st Rdg 2/6/12)

6. **REPORTS**

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8934-12 amending Ordinance No. 7579-03 Rental Rates for Ellenwood Recreation Center
- b. Ordinance No. 8935-12 lease of IR C1030 Copier from Lake Business Products for the Fire Department
- c. Ordinance No. 8936-12 amending Ordinance No. 7580-04 Fees for Sale of Cemetery Plots and Services
- d. Motion to acknowledge Henry J. Angelo completed the Ohio Sunshine Law Class

8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

9. **CELEBRATION OF JACK WARDLEY'S 100th BIRTHDAY**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

PLEASE **TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING**
(Council minutes and agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Absent: None.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 6, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Pocek. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizensak, Pozar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Pocek. Nays: None. Abstain: Mizensak, Pozar. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 8923-12 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8753-10 passed November 15, 2010 as subsequently amended and amending Chapter 151 of the codified ordinances of the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency placed on first reading January 17, 2012 and second reading February 6, 2012 was read by title only.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Saunders to amend the pay ranges from the previous readings.

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

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

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. 8923-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained this document established the beginning pay ranges for certain City employees. He noted the next piece of legislation 8929-12 spoke of the new position of Deputy Chief.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: Batten. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 8929-12, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8924-12 Section 137.04 of the codified ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency placed on first reading February 6, 2012 was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Batten and seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8929-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman noted this ordinance addressed the new Deputy Chief position in the Police Department.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8930-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Stephen Campbell & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of an audio recorder and declaring an emergency placed on first reading February 6, 2012 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: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 8930-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained the current audio recorder was nine (9) years old, it's obsolete and the Police Department has had numerous problems with it. He noted this recorder recorded all incoming and non-emergency phone calls. He pointed out this purchase would be a State bid purchase.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8931-12, an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 38 Gould Avenue (P.P. 811-21-029) a nuisance, ordering action and declaring an emergency placed on first reading February 6, 2012 was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 8931-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman said this was an ongoing infestation of cockroaches. The property owner had not taken care of the situation properly and now the cockroaches have spread to the neighbor's homes. He noted the City also has charged her criminally and she would be in court on March 5, 2012. The treatments would be every three/four weeks up to a period of six (6) months. He stated he was going to tie her up in court for the next six months because he did not trust her to complete the treatments. If she did not comply with the City's request, the City would consider the home a nuisance and she would go to jail.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8932-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Physio Control for Fire Department Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor and declaring an emergency placed on first reading February 6, 2012 was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 8932-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this purchase was in the Fire Department's new 2012 budget; however, the purchase was a State bid that saved the City roughly \$7,000.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8933-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease with option to purchase agreement with MRLM, LLC for the property located at 600 Solon Road Bedford, Ohio (P.P. No. 814-30-003) and declaring an emergency placed on first reading February 6, 2012 was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8933-12 on second reading.

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

No report from Acting City Manager, Michael Mallis.

No report from Ken Schuman, Law Director.

No report from Frank Gambosi, Finance Director.

No report from Councilman Saunders.

No report from Councilman Pozar.

No report from Councilwoman Mizesak.

Councilwoman Zolata welcomed everyone this evening. She also congratulated Mr. Jack Wardley. She announced the Historical Society event to be held on March 3, 2012. She requested donations for the raffle.

Councilman Koci wished Mr. Wardley a Happy Birthday! He noted he was a shirt tail relative with him.

Mayor Pocek listed all the Presidents that had been in office since Mr. Wardley was born: Barack Hussein Obama, George Walker Bush Jr., William Clinton, George H.W. Bush Sr., Ronald Wilson Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Rudolph Ford, Richard Milhous Nixon, Lyndon Baines Johnson, John Kennedy, Dwight David Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Herbert Clark Hoover, Calvin Coolidge, Warren G. Hardy, Woodrow Wilson, the President of the United States William Howard Taft that Mr. Wardley was born with. He added Mr. Wardley had lived under 40% of the United States Presidents. Mr. Wardley replied he didn't realize he was that old! Mayor Pocek announced Mr. Wardley

had renewed his Ohio Driver's License two days prior to his 100th Birthday. Mayor Pocek noted on February 14, 1912 Arizona became the 48th state of the union.

ORDINANCE NO. 8934-12, an ordinance establishing rental rates for the Ellenwood Recreation Center, amending Ordinance No. 7579-03 passed February 2, 2004 as subsequently amended and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8934-12 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8935-12, an ordinance authorizing the lease of one Canon IR C1030 copy machine from Lake Business Products, Inc. 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: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 8935-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained this new copier would be replacing the ten (10) year old broken copier in the Fire Department.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8936-12, an ordinance setting the schedule of fees for sale of cemetery plots and services rendered at the Bedford City Cemetery, amending Ordinance No. 7580-04 passed January 20, 2004 as subsequently amended and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8936-12 on first reading.

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

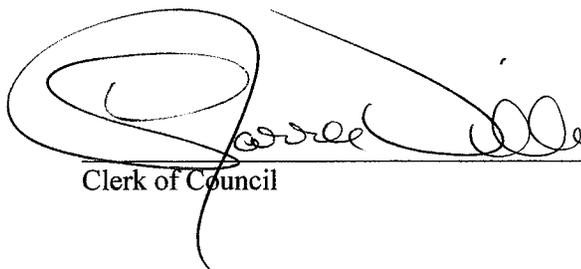
Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Pozar to acknowledge that Henry J. Angelo completed the Ohio Sunshine Law Class on February 16, 2012 on behalf of the City. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that would conclude the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns.

Sandy Spinks, 265 Grand Blvd., announced the Garden Club was celebrating their 85th Anniversary. The Garden Club was interested in having a Farmers Market selling only locally Ohio grown produce. She added Club was planning a front yard garden contest, which would beautify Bedford.

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: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JACK WARDLEY

Councilman Batten was recognized by the Mayor to make his presentation to Mr. Wardley.

Mr. Batten was glad to see Mr. Wardley [aka Jack] in attendance this evening. He has known Jack for over 30 years. He met Jack when he was in charge of the maintenance/rental at the Historical Society. They have been having lunch once or twice a week for the last 20 years. He introduced three gentlemen in the audience Al Peters, Tom Kiss and Tom Lonardo that also join them for lunch. There was a Birthday Party at the Oakwood Wendy's where Jack got arrested and handcuffed by the Oakwood Police for loitering, improper use of his cane, impeding pedestrian sidewalk traffic and "womanizing"! He mentioned the United Methodist Church dinner where 260 people attended. He announced that Jack had received 180 Birthday cards. Jack had renewed his Ohio Driver's license as well. Jack's parents were John and Isabella, his late wife Louise and he had three brothers Ralph, Alfred, Russell and a sister Ruth. Jack graduated from Bedford High School in 1931 and he was the Star Basketball and Football player and made all-conference in both sports. He explained Jack averaged 15 out of 30 points per game. Jack should have been in the Bedford High School Hall of Fame at least three times but he refused to take the credit. He added Jack served three years in WWII in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Batten said Jack retired 35 years ago and the people wonder why social security was in such bad shape! Jack has been a long time member of the United Methodist Church, the YMCA, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army and the Historical Society Board and was responsible for the renovations at the Community Building. He explained all the hard work Jack had accomplished at the Dunham House which Jack volunteered to do over several years. He was also involved with the Bedford Hospital Guild and last fall at their party, there were 40 women and 2 men. He explained Jack was famous for helping people no matter where they needed to go. Jack was known as the Bedford Taxi. He stated Jack never took a penny for anything he volunteered for. He added Jack and Louise were chosen as the Citizen of the Year in 1989 by the City and Historical Society.

Mr. Batten said Jack had a good memory and was a good story teller. He mocked how Jack would tell stories with his arms and legs going every which way. He remembered a story Jack was telling last fall and Jack started the story with, "this happened 30 years ago on a Saturday morning at 10 o'clock." Mr. Batten thought it was amazing that Jack could remember the exact day and time. Mr. Batten told a funny story about a group of Alabama tourists on their way to Niagara Falls that stopped at Wendy's and Warner convinced Jack to go chat with the ladies. Years ago Dick Squires said Jack only needed five minutes to talk to someone and he could get the person's life story. As the tourists were getting ready to leave, one of the lady's ran back in to ask Jack for his address and phone number and she was even willing to share the honeymoon suite with him if he wanted to travel to Niagara Falls. After a month or two had passed, Jack had received a card in the mail that everyone on the bus had signed. He noted the Alabama group had also sent him a Birthday card. Mr. Batten listed a few things as to why he thought Jack had lived for such a long time: in 2011 Jack was sitting in his wheel chair raking leaves in his front yard. Mr. Batten offered to go home and get his leaf blower to help him out and Jack refused because he considered raking leaves as exercise. Another time Jack was in his wheelchair chopping ice and a police officer called into Dispatch to report it but the officer ended up chopping the ice for Jack. Mr. Batten also thought the reason Jack had lived for so long was because he did not take any medications and he only went to the doctor every 3-4 years. He noted Jack had lived under 18 United States Presidents and voted in 20 Presidential Elections.

At this time Warner Batten, Sandy Spinks, John Whittaker, Diane Astalos, and Don Saunders presented Mr. Wardley with a beautiful plaque from the Community Council Association. Mr. Batten stated this association presents plaques to those like Jack have that has done a lot for the community. He presented Jack the Citizen of the Year plaque: Jack Wardley, 100 years, 1912 – 2012, A Friend to all. Jack thanked everyone.

Mayor Pocek stepped forward to present Mr. Wardley with another beautiful plaque for his 100th Birthday with the Key to the City. Mayor Pocek stated Mr. Wardley has been a great citizen and he was one of Bedford's jewels. He stated Mr. Wardley was the epitome of what a Bedford-ite should be and Mr. Wardley had made Bedford a special place. Mr. Wardley again thanked everyone. Mayor Pocek then told Jack he had something special to give him that Clerk Villers had prepared for him. He presented Mr. Wardley with a framed list of inventions and progress that occurred every year of Jack's life. Mr. Wardley replied, "Oh, for heaven's sakes". Mr. Wardley said he can't believe the things he's heard this evening. Mayor Pocek stated on behalf of the City, Thank You Jack for being a resident of Bedford! Mayor Pocek announced he had previously given Mr. Wardley a Proclamation at the United Methodist Church on February 12, 2012 but he wanted to give Jack something special this evening. Mr. Wardley replied, "Boy, this is special!" as he received the framed list of inventions.

Mayor Pocek turned the floor over to Mr. Wardley. Mr. Batten offered Mr. Wardley his Council seat.

Jack Wardley joking said he couldn't believe what he was hearing about Jack Wardley, the way he knew Jack Wardley! He was at a loss of words from all the nice things he had heard this evening! His family was originally from Akron, Ohio but he was born in Bedford on Warrensville Center Road three houses from the United Methodist Church. His father worked in Akron, Ohio and took a streetcar every day to work. He lived here in Bedford with his brothers. He smiled as he said he thought Mr. Batten was stretching the truth about the stories about the women and Mr. Batten's remarks could be questionable! He wondered why he hadn't been put in jail! He said he has lived in Bedford for his entire 100 years and it was hard for him to believe 100 years could go that fast! Reality hit him around Thanksgiving time last year that he was so close to 100 years old which was something he really wanted to accomplish. He said he told the Lord if he could hold on and let him be able to turn 100 years old, the Lord could do what he wished the very next day.

Mr. Wardley reflected back to the days when City Hall was in a house and the Fire Department bought its first fire truck. He said the Fire Department also had a horse drawn cart to carry water but the volunteer fire fighters grabbed ahold of it and ran with it instead. He never understood how a fire could be put out with such a small amount of water. He stated Mr. Carver was the only person in the Police Department. Mr. Carver worked at Taylor Chair Company during the day and anytime someone had too much to drink and wanted to fight the call went to Taylor Chair for Mr. Carver's assistance. There were two 8x8 jail cells located on the back side of the Historical Building where the drunk(s) had to stay.

Mr. Wardley was the downtown salesman for the Cleveland Press newspaper and the newspaper requested the remaining Wardley children for paper delivery. His mother did not want him at the age of eight (8) to take the job because she was worried about the traffic traveling on the Main Street of Bedford. He noted most of the so called traffic was horses! He remembered in 1912 the car was introduced which replaced the horse in a very short time.

Mr. Wardley told the story about one of the biggest events in Bedford. In 1920, gangsters from Cleveland robbed the Bedford Cleveland Trust Bank. He said he was on his way home from school when he stumbled across the robbery. He noted the bank robbers were running around with guns and they had entered the bank and held the employees at gun point. Someone had shot the driver of the get-away car and he noticed there was a group of men around Dr. Hubbard who was trying to stop the bleeding of the gang's driver. He said after he weaseled his way through the crowd, he saw the driver with something that appeared to be scissors sticking out of his neck, but he wasn't lucky enough to live.

Mr. Wardley stated he was glad he was born in Bedford and in his 100 years, he had never ever thought of moving to another area. If he had his life to live over he would stay in Bedford where he knew everybody and his brothers knew everybody. Bedford is a Grand place to live!

He said he only mentioned a few of the highlights of his life but he could tell us a million stories. He said City Council deserved a lot of credit for what they do.

Mr. Wardley lived through the depression in 1931. He said if people thought things were bad today, he would say 1931 was a rough time. He noted the war helped everyone get out of the depression. He remembered when the women worked 12 hours a day running machinery and they even showed the men how to operate it. Mr. Bill Jack the owner of the business only slept for a few hours a day so he could keep people's spirits up. He stated people were going through a rough time these days but some way or another, things would work out.

Mr. Wardley thanked everyone for listening to his stories. Mr. Batten said anyone that wanted to listen to more stories, were invited to Wendy's in Oakwood at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Wardley said it was a pleasure to be here this evening and he thanked Mr. Batten for the opportunity.

Mayor Pocek welcomed comments from others at this time.

Mr. Palinkas said in 1987 he returned to Bedford after he had retired doing architectural work. He said the house he currently lived in was contracted by Jack to be rebuilt from ground up. The workmanship was better than any architect could do. He congratulated Jack on a job well done! It was the best job he had seen in many years.

Mr. Whittaker said he remembered Jack and his wife as being two of the most gracious looking people at any of the Bedford functions. He commented on how hard Jack had worked over his 100 years serving the community in an unofficial way of being a very official person. Mayor Pocek thought Mr. Jack Wardley was actually "Mr. Bedford". Mrs. Zolata thought that was nicely stated. Mr. Whittaker said if Bedford had a Citizen of the Century it would be Mr. Jack Wardley!

Mayor Pocek said he remembered a time when Bum Phillips coached Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers in the late 1970's early 80's and Coach Phillips was asked if Earl Campbell was in a class by himself and Phillips said no Earl was not in a class by himself but it didn't take long to call the roll. He stated Mr. Wardley fit this same type of situation. Mrs. Zolata asked what Mr. Wardley thought of the present Bedford. Mr. Wardley said every city was going through a tough time and even though it might take 10 years, he knew Bedford was still going to be Bedford. He had that much faith in Bedford and the people!

Mayor Pocek announced there was cake and refreshments in the hall for everyone.

**Happy 100th Birthday Jack Wardley!
100 Years Young!**