

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

- (6:00 pm to 6:30 pm)**
- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

- (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm)**
- **BUDGET HEARING**
 - **City Manager**
 - **Finance Department**
 - **Council**
 - **Law Department**

- (7:30 pm to 8:00 pm)**
- **DISCUSSION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY FOR 2014**
 - **DISCUSSION OF WATER RATES**
 - **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel**

Bedford, Ohio

November 4, 2013

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Henry Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Absent: None. Also present: Mike Mallis, Calvin Beverly.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session and the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013 or the Budget Work Session Minutes of October 28, 2013.

Ordinance No. 9117-13 was an ordinance authorizing the City of Bedford to certify to the County Fiscal Officer the costs associated with Police response to 1114 Archer Road as said homeowner is in violation of Bedford's Criminal Activity Nuisance ordinance. Mr. Angelo noted this homeowner's name was Dan Sizemore. This was the normal procedure for this type of costs associated with Police responses.

Ordinance No. 9118-13 was an ordinance authorizing the City of Bedford to certify to the County Fiscal Officer the costs associated with Police response to 787 Archer Road as said homeowner is in violation of Bedford's Criminal Activity Nuisance ordinance. Mr. Schuman said James Deal was the property owner at this address and was in Municipal Court today. The Court was addressing some of the issues regarding Mr. Deal. It was understood there were other costs associated with Police responses that needed to be addressed.

Ordinance No. 9119-13 was an ordinance providing for the adoption of new matter in the Codified Ordinances of Bedford to approve, adopt and enact the 2013 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of Bedford, Ohio, hereinafter "Codified Ordinances" to repeal certain ordinances in conflict with or deemed obsolete. Mr. Schuman noted this was the annual ordinance for Walter Drane for the Codified Ordinance replacement pages. These replacement pages assisted various departments in performing their jobs in order to keep the laws current.

Ordinance No. 9120-13 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hawthorne Valley Youth Council for the purpose of sponsoring students in the program for the year 2014. Mr. Angelo said Sandy Spinks was going to be the Bedford resident volunteer. She would be attending the first meeting on November 11, 2013 with Mrs. Hlacky, Village of Oakwood's Council Clerk.

Ordinance No. 9121-13 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gardiner for a Mitsubishi P-Series A/C Unit. Mr. Angelo said the unit was 10 years old and had been serviced several times. It was determined the reason this unit did not last as long as a normal used air conditioner was because it ran 24/7 keeping the computers at constant temps to avoid overheating.

Resolution No. 2473-13 was a resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Bedford to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Bedford with the General Health District of Cuyahoga County for health services for the year 2014. Mr. Angelo noted this was an annual agreement for health services. There were several things the Health District handled for the City.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

The Budget discussions this evening would include the departments of the City Manager, Finance Department, Council and Law Department. All the department heads were present.

City Manager - Mr. Gambosi noted Resolution No. 2473-13 that was going to be considered this evening was included in the City Manager's Budget for 2014. Mr. Angelo was resigning at the end of January 2014 so the separation pay was included. Mrs. Zolata asked what employees were included in the salary line item. Mr. Angelo replied Mrs. Hollo, Mr. Mallis and Mrs. Baldyga. There was discussion regarding the position of Mrs. Baldyga. It was determined the job duties were different from the previous Purchasing Clerk. Mrs. Baldyga was working out as expected even though the hours had been cut to 20 hours per week.

Council - The allotted 3% pay increase for Council would benefit them to qualify for health insurance. Council needed to make \$1,000 per month to qualify. Mr. Angelo pointed out the Travel and Food expenses had been decreased.

Law - Mr. Schuman explained his budget was basically the same except that he was requesting the health insurance be dropped for the Assistant Law Director John Montello. Mr. Montello would be covered by the City of Maple Heights which would save approximately \$15,500 per year plus the cost of his claims. Mr. Montello was utilized 2-4 weeks per year covering for Mr. Schuman. Mr. Schuman requested Mr. Montello receive a \$1,000 per month instead of health benefits. Council agreed.

Engineering - Mr. Gambosi explained the cost for GPD Group, the City's engineer was \$12,000. Mr. Ciuni did additional work on an as needed basis. Mr. Angelo had hoped QCI would have done a better job with their inspections. He was very displeased with a few of the roads; the curbs were lost because of the way the streets were resurfaced. It was not the job of the City Manager or the Service Director to babysit the QCI inspectors but that was the reality with this year's project.

Special Projects - Mr. Angelo listed several things that need considered and reduced: free give-a-ways for Party in the Park events, rentals, tribute bands, possible 2014 fireworks and the Arts & Cultural Board. Mr. Koci asked if this was "penny wise". Mr. Angelo stated the costs totaled approximately \$40,000 per year which in his view was a new car. Mr. Pozar thought the Arts & Cultural line item should be left at \$6,000. It was decided this would be addressed in January 2014 whether to fund the line item. Mr. Angelo stressed any monies that were to be increased or added back into any of these line items for 2014 would be coming from the Reserve. Impact costs were cut from \$50,000 to \$20,000 as a cost savings.

Finance - Mr. Gambosi explained the various fees that were involved with the banks; basically there was a fee for every transaction; this was a cost of doing business. The contract with Ciuni & Panichi, Inc. for accounting and auditing services has worked out very well. The City had contracted with them for the past nine years. The savings with working jointly with Keith D. Weiner & Associates Co., L.P.A. in the collection of the past due accounts for tax collection has been a benefit to the City in the amount of \$525,000. There was a need for a Civil Service promotional exam in 2014. Health Insurance was a huge topic; the costs were increasing constantly. It was determined that the City itself needed to get out of the health insurance business in the future; something needed to change but it was not carved in stone as to how to address it. The City had 167 employees, some of which had some serious health issues.

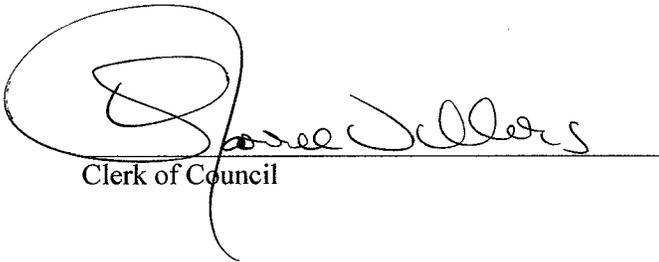
Mr. Angelo reiterated that any monies that were to be increased or added to any of these line items for 2014 would be coming out of the Reserve. The reality was the upcoming years were going to be challenging for everyone involved; the employees, the residents, and the City services. It was determined it was going to have to be a joint effort on everyone's part. Addressing the budget problems had to be across the board.

Mayor Pocek asked if Council was interested in doing Student Government Day. The suggestion would be since the City was contracting with Hawthorne Valley Youth Council, maybe that could be a different avenue. Clerk Villers would contact Mrs. Hlacky and the school to see if there was another avenue to take and change the program for 2014.

Mayor Pocek asked Mr. Gambosi to report on the water rates as requested. Mr. Gambosi passed out a report that broke down the City rates per year for water and sewer for residential and senior rates. He supplied Council with a Water Fund Cash Basis Report analysis for the years 2005 to 2018. Another report he passed out for Council review was addressed the Water and Sewer Rates with meter changes verses no changes. (See attached reports) There was great concern with the closing of Ben Venue and how it affected the water and sewer rates.

Mayor Pocek announced there was no need for an executive session this evening to discuss personnel.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:57 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 October 21, 2013
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Work Session of October 28, 2013

5. REPORTS

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 9117-13 authorizing the City to certify to the County Fiscal Officer costs associated with Police response to 1114 Archer Road
- b. Ordinance No. 9118-13 authorizing the City to certify to the County Fiscal Officer costs associated with Police response to 787 Archer Road (BBSA 10/29/13)
- c. Ordinance No. 9119-13 adopting the 2013 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances (\$4,934.72)
- d. Ordinance No. 9120-13 authorizing a contract with Hawthorne Valley Youth Council
- e. Ordinance No. 9121-13 authorizing contract with Gardiner for Mitsubishi A/C unit (\$7,575)
- f. Resolution No. 2473-13 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Bedford, Ohio

November 4, 2013

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 4, 2013. Mayor Pocek 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: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Absent: None.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of October 21, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session Meeting of October 28, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager, Henry Angelo said the Broadway waterline main had been installed, tested, service connections had been transferred and the concrete bases poured. The area at Taylor and Broadway was under investigation and another issue that was being investigated was the 1920's Dominion gas line, along with Cleveland Water who was investigating a water leak. The fire hydrants were attached to the new waterline and the asphalt should be completed by November 11, 2013 weather permitting. Traffic would resume in both directions. He added Phase 2 would be addressed in the spring of 2014.

No report from Law Director Ken Schuman.

Finance Director, Frank Gambosi said the tax collections though Keith D. Weiner & Associates Co., L.P.A. was definitely for the betterment of the City. The City referred some of its past due accounts for tax collection to Keith D. Weiner & Associates Co., L.P.A. who handled such accounts and to undertake collection activity. The savings for the City was \$525,000 in the past four (4) years.

Mayor Pocek wished all the candidates good luck tomorrow for Election Day whether they win or lose. It was a bitter sweet moment for him because at the next Council Meeting there should be a Mayor elect.

Councilman Saunders thanked the safety forces for the successful and safe Halloween evening. He noticed some of the parents were dressed with their children.

No report from Councilman Pozar.

Councilwoman Mizsak also thanked the safety forces for the successful and safe Halloween evening. The children were excited to see the ambulance and fire truck. She asked if the City still handed out a Welcome Packet. Mr. Mallis explained yes, and the Welcome Packet had been updated. She wished the four Council colleagues good-luck on Election Day so they'll all be back together.

Councilwoman Zolata said she had an abundance of children for the safe Halloween season. She wished everyone good luck and God speed to all the candidates. She announced the Veteran's Day event would be held November 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park. She was proud to announce her husband's father was the youngest Ohio resident to serve in World War I. She would be donating some of their family mementos to the Historical Society. Two of her family members served on Bedford Council.

Councilman Koci announced that David Eschweiler and Terry Salvi were the Bedford Eagles Aerie #2122 Police and Firefighter of the year; a well-deserved honor for them both. He reminded everyone to come to the next Fri-dates concert on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the old church on the square. He urged everyone to participate in Election Day.

No report from Councilman Batten.

ORDINANCE NO. 9117-13, an ordinance authorizing the City of Bedford to certify to the County Fiscal Officer the costs associated with Police response to 1114 Archer Road as said homeowner is in violation of Bedford's Criminal Activity Nuisance ordinance 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: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. **9117-13** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained Ordinance No. 9117-13 and Ordinance No. 9118-13 the property owner was responsible to pay the costs for police responses.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9118-13, an ordinance authorizing the City of Bedford to certify to the County Fiscal Officer the costs associated with Police response to 787 Archer Road as said homeowner is in violation of Bedford's Criminal Activity Nuisance ordinance 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: Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. **9118-13** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9119-13, an ordinance providing for the adoption of new matter in the Codified Ordinances of Bedford to approve, adopt and enact the 2013 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of Bedford, Ohio, hereinafter "Codified Ordinances" to repeal certain ordinances in conflict with or deemed obsolete and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9119-13** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman explained this was an annual ordinance to keep all the laws the same.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9120-13, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hawthorne Valley Youth Council for the purpose of sponsoring students in the program for the year 2014 and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Batten seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. **9120-13** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained Bedford was very supportive in programs that dealt with the youth in the area. This was going to be joint effort with the Village of Oakwood.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9121-13, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gardiner for a Mitsubishi P-Series A/C Unit and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. **9121-13** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained the current air conditioning unit was 10 years old and there were no replacement parts. Mayor Pocek clarified this unit operated 24/7 for a constant temperature for the City's computer servers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2473-13, a resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Bedford to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Bedford with the General Health District of Cuyahoga County for health services for the year 2014 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 resolution on three different days.

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

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Resolution No. **2473-13** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the City utilized the County Board of Health for several types of services.

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

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

Sandra Ball, 80 Ellenwood Avenue, reported a hole on Ellenwood Avenue by the entrance to the Recreation Center on the baseball side. She reported a burned out streetlight near the Methodist Church; she wondered if it was a City owned streetlight or it belonged to the Church. Mr. Angelo would check. She asked if there was an ordinance that stated the paint on the garage and house must match. The city's inspector noted the paint colors must match. The home is located at 65 Thames. Mr. Schuman remembered something that there needed to be color uniformity. It was determined Mr. Beverly would check into it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council