

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF PARKING ON CITY STREETS – (COB §351/§1957) (3/16/15)**
- **DISCUSSION OF MENTORING NETWORK – (3/16/15)**
- **DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS APPOINTMENTS**
- **DISCUSSION OF DIGITAL SIGN**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bedford, Ohio

April 6, 2015

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Paula Mizensak, Marilyn Zolata, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Absent: None. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Also Present: Deacon LeVelle Woodruff.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of March 16, 2015, the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015 and the minutes of the Ward 2 & 4 Meeting of March 23, 2015.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Motion to accept the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of REACH Counseling Services, 314 Union Street who is seeking to open a Type I Residential Treatment Center/Group Home within an R2 District. Council and the Administration was unsure if Educational Alternatives was considered a school or not and if the 314 Union facility would be allowed. It was determined Mr. Montello was to research the information back to 2006 when the school/center/facility opened. Mrs. Zolata stated she remembered a contract in her packet in 2006 which said it was a "school" not a center/facility. This motion would be tabled this evening to allow additional research.

Motion to accept the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of Uncle Bob's Self Storage, 1455 Broadway Avenue who is seeking to renovate both exterior and interior of the existing office building. Mr. Mallis passed around a rendering of the facility from the Planning Commission meeting. Everyone was okay with the progress and Mayor Koci said it turned out nicer than he anticipated.

Ordinance No. 9253-15 was to condemn the property and structures at 787 Archer Road (PP No. 813-30-045) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Deal. This issue had been before the Board of Building Standards and Appeals of recent. It was determined Mr. Deal had been treated the same as everyone else that had been in this type of situation. The numerous violations had not been addressed and recently the water had been shut off so Mr. Deal had no utilities at all. The City Administration and Courts tried to work with Mr. Deal but it was apparent Mr. Deal did not want any help nor did he want to try and work things out. Mr. Deal's daughter was informed of the situation and hasn't showed any kind of concern by contacting the City. The home was certainly a safety concern for everyone involved. Mr. Beverly would contact Mr. Deal by sending him a letter to see if any of the violations had been addressed before posting the property. The City was not going to "assume" anything and wanted to give Mr. Deal another opportunity before the house was razed.

Ordinance No. 9254-15 declared the property and structures at 58 William (PP No. 814-14-091) a nuisance. Mr. Mallis explained this was another resident that was not a model resident. The Court had also been involved with this property owner and the outcome was the Court had to issue a warrant for his arrest. Currently there was a squatter living in the home, the siding had been torn off and the home looked terrible. The City did not know how safe or unsafe the home was structurally. This Ordinance was the first step in addressing the issues.

Ordinance No. 9255-15 authorized a contract with Carrier for the replacement of two (2) air conditioning units at Ellenwood Recreation Center in the amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained the need for the units and the grant involved. The project was an extensive task with new wiring plus the units would be attached to the wall in these two rooms. The City of Bedford would be recognized by NOPEC for this project.

Ordinance No. 9256-15 authorized an agreement with Be Well Solutions to provide services for employee wellness program not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained this was a ground level program in hopes it would not fail. The focus was to get everyone involved to save money and healthier employees and their family members. This was separate from the Medical Mutual coverage.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

DISCUSSION OF PARKING ON CITY STREETS – (COB §351/§1957)

Council continued to discuss this issue because it needed addressed. Mr. Mallis talked to the Chiefs and they all agreed a 4-5 month No Parking on all City streets would be totally confusing. Parking snow ban throughout the City during snowfall wasn't being enforced. The City had been experiencing a few violators (5%) that seemed to continually park on their street during snowfall making it unsafe and almost impassable for snow plows and/or emergency vehicles. The thought to enforce "No Parking" starting in November to April to cover the winter season wasn't going to solve the problems. Everyone understood the Officers were busy handling more important things but something needed to be done. The Chiefs agreed maybe all the narrow and/or dead end streets should be marked for no parking. Increasing the cost every time a ticket was written needed to be done and after being ticketed twice the violator would be towed. There was no easy fix to this problem so it would be discussed in depth and addressed before the next winter season. There would be a Special Council meeting in July.

DISCUSSION OF MENTORING NETWORK

This had been discussed at the March 16, 2015 Work Session where no decision had been made. Mr. Mallis reminded Council the cost of a three (3) year contract of \$15,000 per year was not budgeted. It was determined the past monies spent had never been reported. Mr. Gambosi said the \$30,000 had been spent but the City didn't know what it was spent on. It was determined the reporting of such monies was very important.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS & APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

Council hoped for someone who had a construction type background for this appointment. Council would discuss this at the next meeting.

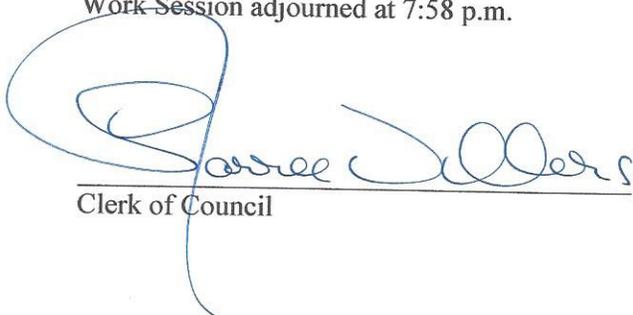
DISCUSSION OF DIGITAL SIGN

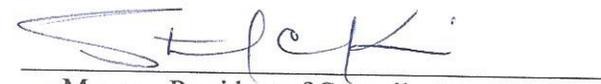
Mr. Mallis explained the current sign was showing its age and it was time to replace it. He was considering the same sign that Walton Hills had; however, the sign was expensive. Mayor Koci suggested the Service Department employees lay the brick to save money and then three (3) signs could be placed around town in various locations.

At 7:50 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Economic Development.

Executive session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of March 16, 2015
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015
 - c. Approval of Minutes of the Ward 2 & 4 Meeting of March 23, 2015

5. **PRESENTATIONS** (None)

6. **OLD BUSINESS** (None)

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Motion to accept the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of REACH Counseling Services, 314 Union Street who is seeking to open a Type I Residential Treatment Center/Group Home within an R2 District
 - b. Motion to accept the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of Uncle Bob's Self Storage, 1455 Broadway Avenue who is seeking to renovate both exterior and interior of the existing office building
 - c. Ordinance No. 9253-15, condemning the property and structures at 787 Archer Road (PP No. 813-30-045)
 - d. Ordinance No. 9254-15, declaring the property and structures at 58 William (PP No. 814-14-091) a nuisance
 - e. Ordinance No. 9255-15, authorizing a contract with Carrier for replacement of two air conditioning units at Ellenwood Center (\$25,000.00)
 - f. Ordinance No. 9256-15, authorizing an agreement with Be Well Solutions to provide services for wellness program (not to exceed \$15,000.00)

9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

April 6, 2015

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 6, 2015. Mayor Koci 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: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session of March 16, 2015. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Wards 2 & 4 Meeting of March 23, 2015. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci announced there was no Old Business or Presentations before Council this evening.

City Manager Michael Mallis urged everyone to attend the upcoming Ward meeting on April 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. He reiterated the reduced chipper and sewer services that started April 1, 2015. The 2015 Street Program would start mid-April along with other minor road repairs.

No report from Law Director John Montello, Councilman Pozar and Councilman Genutis.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi announced the Tax Department would be open Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for City Taxes only.

Councilwoman Mizesak reported there were speeders and stop sign violators on upper West Glendale; she requested extra Officer's attention in this location. She asked if there was going to be additional road repairs. Mr. Mallis reiterated from his previous report there was going to be minor road repairs as needed. Mrs. Mizesak had one spot in mind.

Councilman Saunders asked for the chipper stop at the corner of Ennis and Logan to collect the branches. Mr. Mallis explained the chipper would be driving around; however, the City appreciated calls. Mr. Saunders complained about the overwhelming deer population. Mr. Mallis was in the process of the ODNR application for the steps that need to be taken to address this issue. Mr. Saunders was concerned with the deer virus that could affect the deer and humans.

Councilwoman Zolata was pleased with her Ward meeting attendance. She assured everyone Council members do make an effort to address several different kinds of issues throughout their Wards. The grass cutting notices had been mailed out and the residents needed to be patient; there was a process that needed to be followed.

Councilwoman Spinks announced the Meet & Greet she was holding for her Ward 1 residents at Ellenwood Recreation Center this Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. where the Judge candidates would be present. She was also attending a seminar regarding what types of trees should be planted throughout the City. There was another FriDates concert this Friday. She noticed there were a lot of renters moving since the weather had warmed up. She was not happy about how inconsiderate movers can be when they move.

Mayor Koci explained the No Parking discussion was going to be a 90-day process; however, it would be addressed prior to next winter.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to *table* the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of REACH Counseling Services, 314 Union Street who is seeking to open a Type I Residential Treatment Center/Group Home within an R2 District. Mr. Montello said Council and the Administration requested him to do some research prior to the final vote.

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to accept the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation of Uncle Bob's Self Storage, 1455 Broadway Avenue who is seeking to renovate both exterior and interior of the existing office building.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9253-15 AN ORDINANCE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 787 ARCHER ROAD (P.P. NO. 813-30-045), ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9253-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the City and Courts had been working with this homeowner for four (4) years and has had zero cooperation from the homeowner. The City would be following the Building Code which pointed to condemning the property for safety reasons.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9254-15 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 58 WILLIAM STREET (P.P. NO. 814-14-091) A NUISANCE, ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9254-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this property had a squatter in it and the landlord was not taking care of the problems. The Court recently issued a warrant for the arrest of the property owner. Mr. Beverly explained as requested by Mr. Pozar the difference between “declaring a home a nuisance” and “condemning a home” as: A nuisance was the first step requesting the property owner to fix their violations and the second step was if the violations were not addressed then the house would be razed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9255-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRIER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A 2-TON DUCTLESS SPLIT SYSTEM AND A 3-TON DUCTLESS SPLIT SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9255-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained this project was a group effort, funded through an Energy Grant for these two air conditioning units. NOPEC would be doing a story on Bedford regarding this grant.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9256-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BE WELL SOLUTIONS (BWS) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9256-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was a wellness program for the employees and their families in hopes to reduce costs in the future. This was for the benefit of everyone.

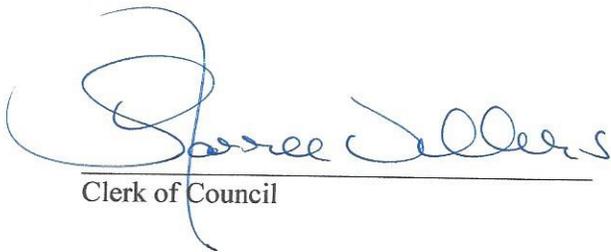
The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

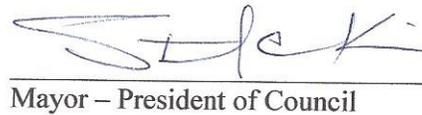
Nancy Lachowski, 197 Wandle Avenue, asked since some of the City services were going to be reduced, if there was going to be any layoffs. Mr. Mallis explained there was no layoffs and the reason was to utilize the limited staff accordingly. If there was an issue, the City Service Department would plan accordingly. She expressed some concerns regarding spring cleanup after the winter weather. There was a house on Wandle that needed to clean their backyard. She pointed out the covered windows at the old Animal Clinic on Broadway which needed addressed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.



James J. Miller
Clerk of Council



Mayor – President of Council