

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011**

6:15 P.M. PROMPT

- DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
- COMPUTER UPGRADES – Bob Coppedge, Simplex-IT
- POOL PASS PRICING – Randy Lewis
- JACKSON STREET – LOCUST TREE SURVEYS – Clint Bellar
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Litigation

Bedford, Ohio

April 18, 2011

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Pro-Tem Michelle Gnoddie. Administration: City Manager Hank Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman, Finance Director Frank Gambosi.

Absent: Council Member Don Saunders.

Also Present: Bob Coppedge (Simplex-IT), Bobbie Dulaney, Assistant Recreation Director Tim Anderson, Service Director Clint Bellar, Lorree Villers.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Discussion held on possible dates for summer session. Dates suggested are June 6, July 11, and August 22, 2011. Lorree Villers to follow-up with members of Council the week of April 25th. A motion to set the summer schedule will be on the May 2nd council agenda.

Inquiry made about the "Avenue of Champions" banners that used to be up by the high schools. Mr. Bellar responded they were not put back up because the banners are in very poor condition. Discussion held on having signs made and posted announcing St. Peter Chanel is the home of the 2011 Division 3 State wrestling champions. It was agreed to go forward on this signage.

Bob Coppedge (Simplex IT) and Bobbie Dulaney (Bedford Municipal Court) were in attendance to discuss Ordinance No. 8828-11 for the purchase of two HP Pro Curve switches. Mr. Angelo explained that as we proceed with the computer upgrades, we are finding the need to further replace equipment. Mr. Coppedge passed out three diagrams of the computer network for review. The diagrams show how the network communicates. At this time, City Hall cannot communicate with the rest of the city departments. City Hall currently communicates to other city buildings via the internet. The current switches run at 10 or 100 mbs which is inefficient and the switches need to be replaced with ones that run at 1,000 mbs. As Simplex-IT is fixing the network, they are discovering these types of issues. Our current network configuration is not able to handle City Hall having access to the video cameras. Mr. Gambosi stated that as these types of issue arise, they will be brought to City Council for approval by ordinance. Simplex IT will also be recommending changes on a timely basis so our technology stays current. Ms. Dulaney shared with Council that it is a strong possibility that the same switches being approved tonight will be needed at the Service Garage, Fire Department, and Ellenwood facilities.

Discussion held on TAC Computer. Mr. Angelo said they do an excellent job with the police department. The police department uses TAC's software, which is proprietary, and the police staff is very happy with it. Mr. Coppedge met with TAC Computer today to get answers on how the police network is set up in relation to the City Hall network. Today's meeting was very productive and he received answers.

Councilman Koci stated that the Bedford Arts and Cultural Board have been reviewing applicants to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Koci and the Arts and Cultural Board recommend Bedford resident Colleen Sherman. Ms. Sherman is the Managing Director for the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra. She would be a good addition to the board because of her contacts through her job. There was an unexpected resignation on Friday so the board is down two members.

Mayor Pocek said at the amphitheater in Twinsburg, they have tribute bands designed to entice the 20 to 40 year old age group. The tickets are always sold out. Mr. Koci stated the Arts and Cultural Board are looking at ways to attract that age group. They have considered having a "First Friday" with different acts to draw the younger and middle aged crowd.

Assistant Recreation Director Tim Anderson was in attendance to discuss pool pass pricing. Mr. Angelo referred to the memo from Recreation Director Randy Lewis and stated it is a good recommendation. The City has several households who have purchased family passes with many people living in the house. Currently a family pass is \$75 and an individual pass is \$25. The recommendation is to keep a family pass at \$75, but it only allows up to four family members. Each additional family member after four would be \$15 each person. Mr. Anderson stated this policy is in effect in neighboring communities.

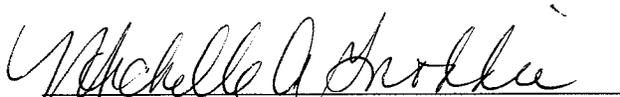
The pool does currently have a guest policy. Guest passes are \$4 resident/\$5 non-resident daily, \$7 a week, or \$15 a month. Guest passes are used for grandparents bringing their grandchildren, cousins visiting, etc. The recommendation is to have a \$10 a week or \$50 season house guest pass. It is Mr. Anderson's opinion our pool is able to handle more patrons and does not have a problem with allowing non-residents to use the pool. Mr. Anderson said there is a policy for problem children. First offense is a one day suspension, then three day suspension and then season dismissal.

Consensus of Council to have Law Director prepare an ordinance with these recommendations for next council meeting.

Service Director Clint Bellar in attendance to discuss the removal of the locust trees on Jackson Street. Councilman Batten went door-to-door surveying residents. There are 26 locust trees. Survey results: 16 residents - yes to remove, 2 residents - no to remove, 1 resident - will go with the majority. Mr. Angelo recommends against spending money to replace these trees. Discussion held on a program to phase out versus mass removal. The procedure used for the removal of Ash trees was discussed.

Vote of Council to remove the locust trees on Jackson Street over a five-year period at an approximate cost of \$5,000 per year (Yeas: Pocek, Zolata, Pozar, Koci). Warner Batten will put together a letter to residents explaining the decision.

At 7:46 p.m., Bedford City Council and Administration went into an executive session to discuss litigation.


Clerk of Council Pro-Tem


Mayor - President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: April 18, 2011

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 April 4, 2011
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2011
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. Proclamation to St. Peter Chanel High School Wrestling Team
6. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 8827-11, appointing Lorree Villers Clerk of Council effective April 25, 2011
 - b. Swearing-in of Lorree Villers as Clerk of Council for the City of Bedford
 - c. Ordinance No. 8828-11, authorizing contract with Simplex-IT, LLC for the purchase of two HP Pro Curve switches (48 and 24 ports) (\$3,000.00)
 - d. Motion to appoint Colleen G. Sherman to the Bedford Arts and Cultural Board
8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Bedford, Ohio

April 18, 2011

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 18, 2011. 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: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Absent: Saunders.

Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Zolata to excuse the absence of Councilman Saunders. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Work Session of April 4, 2011. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2011. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek presented a proclamation to the St. Peter Chanel High School 2011 Division 3 State Wrestling Championship Team and it was read in its entirety.

City Manager Hank Angelo reported warning notices have been printed in which all city employees can hand out for violations such as trash out before 6:00 p.m., trash cans left on treelawns, and sidewalks not cleared. It is not a citation. They will be forwarded to the police department and after so many warnings have been issued, citations will be issued by the police department.

No report from the Law Director.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi reported the tax filing deadline was extended to April 18th. Mr. Gambosi estimates 2,500 people now use the online tax system. Only 6,509 returns were mailed this year.

No report from Councilman Batten.

Mayor Pocek stated that the wrestling room at Chanel High School was built with volunteer efforts. Community Council donated \$1,000 and a defibrillator.

Councilman Koci congratulated resident Sandra Ball on the baptism of her grandchild. Mr. Koci has free tickets to attend the Get Motivated seminar in downtown Cleveland. There is a motion to appoint Colleen Sherman to the Arts and Cultural Board. She is Managing Director of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra and a Bedford resident. Ms. Sherman would be a good addition to the Board.

Councilwoman Zolata congratulated the Chanel wrestling team. Mrs. Zolata and Mrs. Mizensak had their ward meeting last Monday evening and the meeting went well. Senator Nina Turner attended at the end. She welcomed Lorree Villers.

Mrs. Zolata stated the area between Giant Eagle and the Lutheran Church is full of litter. Mr. Angelo will arrange for the juvenile diversion kids to clean up. Mrs. Zolata is requesting the police look for and enforce littering violations.

Councilwoman Mizsak congratulated the Chanel wrestling team. The chipper service has started up for spring.

Mrs. Mizsak received an inquiry from some residents regarding the possibility of having an ambulance and/or fire truck at the waste water treatment plant. This inquiry has come up because of the traffic issues when the railroad track repairs took place last week. Mr. Angelo responded that logistically it would be a problem. The manning would have to take place and they would have to be at the waste water plant. If there is a fire, they have a responsibility to report to the fire also. With the exception of what happened last week when the tracks were closed off, we receive prior notification. This was the railroad telling us after the fact. We received notification on Friday they were closing down on Sunday. That is not normal notification. We need to let the railroad know that is unacceptable. Mr. Angelo will talk to the fire chief and get more information on how emergencies are handled in this situation.

Councilman Pozar stated that with all of the insanity that is out there in the media, reporting around the world, around our country, he found something that is noteworthy for this season and underscores that insanity. Sometimes these things happen and make the front page and sometimes they don't. There is a Florida court that set an Atheist holy day. I find this significant at this time of the year because of the time of the year and religious significance. Sometimes these court rulings take the cake, sometimes they offer hope. The case was created by Atheists against Easter and Passover holidays. The Atheists hired an attorney to bring the discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair because Atheists have no recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to a passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel and declared case dismissed. The lawyer immediately stood up objecting to the ruling saying, Your Honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case. The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukah. Yet my client and all other Atheists have no such holy day. The Judge leaned forward in his chair and said you do. Your client, Counsel, is woefully ignorant. The lawyer said, Your Honor, we are all unaware of any special observance or any holy day for Atheists. The judge said the calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states the fool says in his heart there is no God. Thus, it is the opinion of this court that if your client says there is no God he is a fool, therefore, April 1st is his day. Court adjourned.

ORDINANCE NO. 8827-11, being an ordinance appointing Lorree Villers Clerk of Council of the City of Bedford effective April 25, 2011 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Mizsak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8827-11 on third and final reading and passed.

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

Lorree Villers was sworn in as Clerk of Council by Mayor Pocek.

ORDINANCE NO. 8828-11, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Simplex-IT, LLC for the purchase of two (2) HP Pro Curve Switches (48 and 24 Ports), waive formal bidding, provide payment for the same and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Pozar and seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said

ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Batten and seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8828-11 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo stated this is part of the computer upgrade project. This is in addition to money spent. As we are going through these computer upgrades, we are finding that some of the equipment we currently have is actually hindering the progress. These two ports leave room for expansion and will be the best practices to date. Mr. Angelo recommends passage.

Mr. Gambosi stated the current switches are too slow and we need to speed it up. There will be more ordinances in the future as we find equipment that is needed to get us back up to where we need to be.

Mayor Pocek stated when we moved to this building, we had state of the art. With computers, it is a momentary situation and we have fallen behind the times. We have come up with a system that we can easily keep things current as we go forward in the years ahead.

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

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Mizensak to appoint Colleen Sherman to the Bedford Arts and Cultural Board. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, 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 comments.

King Man El-Jamah, 33072 Springside Lane, Solon said he came to the last council meeting reporting the wall sign on the corner at GetGo is missing the letter “o”. Mr. El-Jamah stated he received a call this week that the “o” is going to be replaced.

Mr. El-Jamah read in the Bedford Standard newspaper about an organization coming to Bedford called World Changers. Mr. El-Jamah tried contacting the City Manager at 440-232-1600, the number in the newspaper. He inquired if this is a working number because he tried calling several times and it just rang and he received a message which stated we are experiencing an extremely busy system. Mr. Angelo responded that is the main City Hall number.

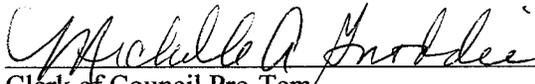
Mr. El-Jamah is employed by GetGo and keeps litter cleaned up around there. Mr. El-Jamah congratulated the City on what is being done, he is looking forward to being of service to the community, and said to keep up the good work. Mr. Angelo stated he was up at GetGo and it is a clean corner. Mr. El-Jamah had requested a trash can at the boundary. He was told the City did not have the funds to make that purchase. Mr. Angelo said that GetGo can put one there. If the City puts it there, then the City has to be responsible for that trash can. Mr. El-Jamah offered to have GetGo take on the maintenance of the trash can. Mr. El-Jamah is looking into GetGo having funds for a trash can.

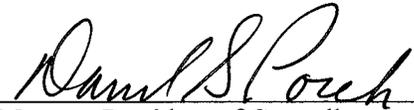
Reverend Karen Ulsted, 842 Northfield Road is representing the Lutheran Church of the Master. She stated there were public servants visiting them at 860 Northfield. She wanted to thank the police chief and fire chief stating that the departments responded very quickly to both the circumstances and were very respectful and efficient.

Mr. Angelo stated that Mrs. Zolata brought to his attention the problem with the trash between the church and Giant Eagle. The juvenile diversion kids will be sent there to clean it up.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.


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