

Community Ward Meeting for **Wards 5 & 6** was held at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 29, 2013. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Stan Koci, Don Saunders, Greg Pozar, Marilyn Zolata. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Henry Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Service Director Shawn Francis, Police Chief Greg Duber, Deputy Chief Kris Nietert, Sergeant Marty Stemple, Recreation Director Randy Lewis, Assistant Recreation Director Jeff Fiala, Economic Development Director Mike Mallis, Fire Chief Dave Nagy.

Mayor Pocek welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He introduced the Council Members and Clerk Villers. He invited everyone to the 10 year Anniversary of the City Hall Complex on Saturday, May 18, 2013. City Manager Angelo introduced members of the Administration.

Councilman Pozar reported the following for Ward 5:

- traditionally the Ward meetings and the State of the City Address were held to inform the residents of the condition in the City either good and/or bad news; highlights and successes as it was the plan today but he had some truths and negative situations he wanted to make the residents aware of that existed.
- it was his belief that open and honest government was essential to a thriving community that understood how its tax dollars were being spent. He encouraged everyone to step forward and ask questions, speak their mind without fear, feel free to call Council and/or the Administration.
- the PowerPoint presentation was prepared to score the highlights and accomplishments of the City but due to time constraints much was left out and some omitted on purpose; as human nature dictates the positive and to avoid the unpleasantness.
- the financial outlook was changing due to multiple factors; tax policies, business activity, State and Federal inflows into the City and decisions Council authorized for expenditures were the main ingredients for good and bad years.
- during the budget process the General Fund started out this year with a negative outlook of \$600,000; money from the businesses, State rebates the City did not receive, changes in healthcare laws and business activity were the reasons for some gloomy predictions.
- some of the decisions made by the Finance Director Frank Gambosi made the General Fund appear in better condition; the Water Sewage Treatment Plant/Water and Sewage Treatment Plant were paid off which usually borrowed large sums of money over a long period of time. This debt was sort of like a mortgage burning and the unspent monies were placed in the General Fund which made it appear it was not so gloomy. Nevertheless, when the debt was paid off there was still a shortage of funds by several \$100,000+.
- Council was elected to make choices, set priorities, and work within the budget.
- Council and the Administration were faced with the thirty year employee retire and rehire opportunities [aka double dipping]; each employee could have been allowed to retire and be rehired at a lower salary saving the City \$400,000+ over a five year period.
- the City Housing Program has had some successes but overall it was a financial failure which has caused a total disruption in the Building Department; to date, the cost was \$250,000+ in losses.
- last week the City sold one of its homes at a loss of \$43,000. Other City owned homes would have to be sold at a fraction of the investments. The investment for additional improvements would not be recovered.

- the hiring of a new Building Commissioner and revamping the inspection process has not been accomplished for the past 14 months as requested by Council.
- the Administration has stalled in hiring adequate personnel in the Building Department. Bedford has visually deteriorated over the last few years due to unqualified Building Department leadership.
- the fireworks were cancelled because of the fear of the reoccurrence of unruly children/young adults and financial; cost savings was the argument. Money was now being spent on tribute bands instead of celebrating our Country's tradition with fireworks. The day of pure American celebration was spoiled by the fear of the unknown.
- some of the deficit would attribute to the loss of property tax because of reduced home values. Taxpayers would suffer on the loss of their home values; there would be no tax reductions because half of the reductions were ingrained in the Tax Code which was given to the schools. The fair thing to do would be reduce the taxes because of the reduction of home values.
- businesses and homeowners could attempt to go through the tax appeal process but the process was met with resistance from the schools. The School Superintendent was concerned about the City advocating on behalf of businesses. The school could object if the resident was going to receive a fair reduced tax rate because of the reduction of property value because this would affect the school's tax base. Cities should advocate for either or for whatever was right/fair. Business owners create jobs, jobs pay taxes, higher taxes cost jobs; taxes must be reduced in favor of efficiency in government.
- the Internet Cafés that were allowed to conduct business in Bedford, against his objection, were being raided and their days of business were numbered. The raids were due to being considered "covers for unregulated and illegal gambling". Now there was a Statewide crackdown; he felt these types of facilities were a corrupting element and had no place in Bedford because they were successful in preying on those who could least afford it.
- the new Auto Mile signs were not visible during the daylight hours, which needed addressed; these signs were another example of things that have been overlooked as the neighborhoods, housing stock and visible ongoing issues.
- the new City Hall reception area was complete; it protects our employees, it was constructed in-house and built with care and concern of a few employees.
- most of the Police, Fire and Service employees attended work every day; they do the best they can by the resources and guidance provided to them. Some of the employees have voiced their concerns about their ability to continue to do that. Council's choices moving forward would determine the future services and the condition of Bedford.
- the City of Bedford needed strong leadership to accomplish tasks and maintain the unique status as a desirable place to live. Those choices will be in your hands, please take them seriously.

Mayor Pocek referred to the previous comment made by Mr. Pozar regarding the fireworks decision. He stated Mr. Pozar was not at last year's event. He stressed there was a near riot that occurred. The fact was the City of Bedford would be the only City in the area with a fireworks display. These children/young adults were participating in "flash mobs". The crowd could be overwhelming; he voted against having the fireworks in 2013 with concerns of the safety and protection of those attending.

Councilman Saunders reported the following for Ward 6:

- urges everyone to ask questions regarding their concerns.

- after working as an engineer for over 30 years and through the process known as “bonding”, the residents should notice one of the biggest infrastructure improvements that Bedford has had in quite some time.
- the State has been cutting a lot of the taxes/funds at the local level. The pending HB 5 legislation if passed would attack Bedford’s income base. If passed, this could cripple most of the communities in Ohio. Ohio needed to truly balance their budget and stop stealing. The money should be placed where it was originally promised.
- the government was attempting to do away with Tax Free Municipal Bonds; this type bond was what was applied by the city to help address some of the infrastructure improvements. Bedford had an excellent bond rating, so because of this, the City could get a much lower interest rate.
- improving the City also played a big part in maintaining the bond rating; street conditions, utility repair and visual improvements were the first things people notice when they drive into a City.
- the streets to be improved in Ward 6 was: Blaine Avenue, Logan Street, Ennis Street (Nordham Drive to Logan Street), Avery Street and Berwyn Drive. Nordham Drive would have joint repair.
- it was important to reinvest into the City to maintain the Quality of Life.
- Bedford had some of the best safety services in the area.
- the Service Department was overlooked for all their behind the scenes efforts.
- Bedford owned its own Water Department and WWTP. He urged everyone to thank the Service Department employees for the jobs they do year round.
- the Building Department has had some issues but the housing stock was still stable; it was being maintained. The infrastructure was tied into the Economic Development, residents. It all worked as a whole and it kept the community running smoothly.
- residents needed to be the eyes and ears of Bedford.

Mr. Angelo wanted to clarify some of the comments previously presented by Mr. Pozar:

- he recently met with the School Board, Walton Hills Mayor Hurst and the Village of Oakwood Mayor Gottschalk. He stated this group did not go after any house that had been devalued that was owner occupied. The only houses that were considered on real estate devaluation were those that were vacant or in the foreclosure process.
- Commercial businesses had to apply for the appeal process for the devaluation of property according to the laws; he learned this by talking to the School Superintendent and Treasurer. The Administration was very concerned with the devaluation of every commercial business. Any amount that exceeded \$50,000 had to be addressed by law.
- the Internet Cafés in Bedford had never been raided or even a phone call/complaint to the Police Department. The owner Gary Zillan was a very outstanding businessman; he had nothing to hide from anyone.
- the new Auto Mile signs were a joint effort between the City and the dealerships. Mr. Mallis has been working very hard on this project and the final decision was ultimately the dealerships. Not everyone was going to agree on every project.
- the Building Department was an ongoing debate between Mr. Pozar and Mr. Angelo. The facts were Councilman Pozar defended the previous Building Commissioner that Mr. Angelo terminated who mishandled tens of thousands of dollars. Mr. Angelo recently hired a new Building Commissioner but after his first introduction to Council and being grilled by Mr. Pozar, he declined the offer to work for the City of Bedford.
- the finances of the City could always be better; Mr. Gambosi lead the team to Chicago and the group pointed out two things about the City of Bedford: 1) the \$5.8 million+ reserve achieved by

- the legislation passed by Council that the reserve could not be less than 15% for a City of 13,000+ residents and 2) the strong fiscal management of the City.
- due to time constraints he stated he did not believe an employee should be able to retire and be rehired for the same position. The \$400,000+ savings he could debate. The offer presented to him was for only a selected six (6) employees and not for the other eligible employees.

Mr. Angelo listed several activities that would be available at the May 18, 2013 Open House starting at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: face painting, balloons, blow-up gyms, safety service vehicles on display for the children, the Garden Club members, the Historical Society members, the Library staff, University Hospital would have health screenings available, musical entertainment from the Bedford schools, free hot dogs, cake/pastries, beverages and three prizes. He urged everyone to attend this event. All the Department Heads and Administrative staff would be here to answer questions or assist the residents.

City Manager Hank Angelo showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all City Departments:

City Manager Hank Angelo explained some of the Administration attended the Bond Presentation in Chicago recently. He stated the residents were the "stakeholders" of the City which was part of the Bond Presentation because they get involved in the City. The City of Bedford owned and maintained its own WWTP which saved the City a lot of money. It was built in 1936 and was in need of repair at a tune of \$3.4+ million. He explained the recent Bond was a total of \$12 million; \$5 million in Bond refinancing at a lower interest rate and \$6.5 million for streets and improvement for \$3.5 million at the WWTP and \$1.5 million for the Broadway Avenue waterline improvements.

Mr. Angelo introduced the Department Heads that performed operations under his direction as: Fire Chief Nagy, Deputy Chief Nietert, Police Chief Duber, Sergeant Stemple, Economic Development Director/temporary position Building Department Director Mallis, Assistant Service Director Francis, Recreation Director Lewis and the new Assistant Recreation Director Fiala. He announced the retirement of Police Chief Duber after 33 years who would be replaced by Deputy Chief Nietert. He added the employees under Council's supervision were: himself, City Manager Angelo, Finance Director Gambosi, Law Director Schuman and Clerk of Council Villers. He noted all the departments work together as a team to ensure quality service the residents received.

Mr. Angelo started the evening with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all City Departments. He read the attached PowerPoint in its entirety. Bedford's current total budget was \$31 million with a general fund budget of \$17 million and in the last ten (10) years the City applied for \$31million in grants alone, which included the new grant of approval of today. Mayor Pocek noted "grant money" was "free" money and it did not have to be paid back.

He added points of interest throughout the PowerPoint presentation as listed:

Police Department: Mr. Angelo said Chief Duber would be retiring after 33 years of service at the City of Bedford. The current Deputy Chief Kris Nietert would be advanced into this position. He added this department ran on a \$5 million budget. The focus was the Quality of Life in Bedford. If a resident was leaving on vacation, they could call the Police Department and an officer would periodically check on the house.

Fire Department: This department ran on a \$3.5 million budget. Both Chiefs had worked together in a \$900,000 in equipment and technology grants, \$55,000 for consultant studies and an additional \$1.2 million in grant monies for the 911 Dispatch Center. The 2009 levy was passed by the residents at 71%.

Roads, Cemetery and Refuse: This department ran on a \$1.6 million budget.

Administration and Miscellaneous: This department ran on a \$2.8 million budget

Service Department: Bedford, Bedford Heights, Orange Village and Walton Hills worked together regarding the sanitation system for a better price. This department ran on a \$1.7 million budget.

Recreation Department: This department ran on a \$1.2 million budget.

Municipal Court: This department ran on a \$2.7 million budget.

Water & Waste Water: This department ran on a \$7.5 million budget. The WWTP was built in 1936 and it was important to make the repairs. It was agreed that the City of Bedford keep and maintain the WWTP because the City could control the rates. The water was purchased from the City of Cleveland and the water rates were set by the City.

General Fund Debt: This department ran on a \$1.3 million budget. Mr. Gambosi sought a way through refinancing to lower the previous debt.

Health Insurance: This department ran on a \$2.5 million budget.

Upcoming Capital Improvements: 22 streets would be resurfaced at a cost over \$1.4+ million, Broadway Avenue water main project of \$1.5 million and WWTP at \$3.4 million; a total investment of \$6.5+ million for all these projects. Recent Projects of Scale: Ben Venue Remediation renovation, Ganley Jeep/Dodge Project, Bedford Audi, Ganley Subaru and Rockside Road ER a total estimate of \$4+ million.

Operating Budget: Bedford's total budget was \$31,800,000.00; it took a lot of money to run the entire City of Bedford with all the repairs and maintenance.

Bedford Auto Mile Dealerships: A lot of the dealerships were making fantastic improvements to their facilities to the tune of \$25 million of improvements. These dealerships were dedicated to Bedford. The City had a good relationship with them.

Marketing the City: Mr. Angelo explained the employees had received customer service training to ensure the resident/customer received a quality attitude and customer service. Without having a daily newspaper, the City chose to inform the residents, businesses and employees by utilizing the: City's website, Facebook, Twitter, E-Alerts, monthly utility bill inserts, a quarterly resident newsletter and a quarterly employee newsletter.

2013 & Beyond: Mr. Angelo listed several exciting things that were happening in 2013: CDBG road resurfacing and streetscape project, marketing the City for overall quality of life, pursue the development/remediation of the old Taylor Chair property, collaborate with the developers of Meadowbrook Market Square for enhancements and collaborate with Hemisphere to market Tinkers Creek Commerce Park. As far as the Taylor Chair property, the State was in control of it.

Mr. Angelo spoke about the efforts the City of Bedford and the Elmer Flick Committee were conducting for this dedication in Mr. Flick's honor. Mr. Flick was from Bedford; he was an inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1963 so the City was holding a dedication later this summer. He was recruited in front of Bedford's own Train Depot. Mr. Angelo explained the sale of bricks would help fund the project and

they would be placed throughout the site. This was a 7 ½ year project but Mr. Flick was very deserving of a statue in his honor. There were only 243 players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He said Mr. Flick passed away in 1970 at 95 years old and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg. Mr. Flick was the only baseball player that was born in Ohio who lived in Ohio until he passed. Donations were being accepted in any amount, however, the bricks were being sold for 4 x 8 for \$50 and 8 x 8 for \$100. Donations would be made to a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and be completely tax deductible. The checks should be made out to Bedford Community Development Corporation and dropped off at City Hall. Mr. Angelo said the dedication was going to include the former and current Cleveland Indian players and Slider. The statue would be placed on City Square near the corner of Broadway Avenue and North Park. The Elmer Flick Committee has been working very hard on this project and they have managed to raise \$33,000 in donations out of \$47,000+ needed to complete this well-deserved project.

Mayor Pocek opened the meeting to questions from citizens.

A resident from Forest Drive brought up the semi-truck traffic that was starting to increase in this area and the truck weight was starting to affect the road. Mr. Saunders thought the additional traffic was because of the Rockside Road construction. Chief Duber agreed to have the situation monitored. Deputy Chief Nietert pointed out there was legit truck deliveries in this area but the Police Department would make a note of the additional traffic.

The same resident expressed his dislike for the train noise. Mr. Mallis said this was an ongoing issue which was started 12 years ago. In January 2013, the new information requested was: an Ariel photo of the West Grace and West Glendale area to include renderings of the installation of the barriers and updated information regarding both of the railroad lines (Cleveland Commercial Railroad and Norfolk Southern). To date, he was not sure if both railroad lines had submitted/updated their information. He pointed out once the barriers were installed some of the streets would become One-Way streets. If the barriers were approved, then there would be a series of meetings that needed to take place to insure this was copasetic with everyone. Others agreed the trains were noisy.

A resident from 369 West Grace noted the poor condition of the road which he had made the City aware of in 2012. Mr. Frances remembered having a discussion with this resident; he explained a catch basin needed to be done, one low area needed addressed. This road was on the list for repair.

The same resident noted the home located at 345 Turney Road was in need of grass cutting. This property has been an ongoing problem for three (3) years. Mr. Mallis explained the City was hiring a part-time employee to assist in the grass cutting problems, exterior maintenance issues and other various complaints. The Building Department process in dealing with complaints was being changed and had been modified. Notices were going to be mailed to the violators and the complaints were going to be addressed more aggressively than it had been in the past.

The resident thought the City Administration and Council were doing a great job. He was thanked for his kind words.

A resident asked about the vacant home situation. Mr. Angelo stated the vacancies at the highest were at 410 and 235 at the lowest; currently the vacancies are at about 335. This includes foreclosures and bank-owned houses. The resident referred to an article of the situation and decreased population in Cleveland which was eventually going to affect the inner City rings. She wanted to know what Bedford was doing proactively to avoid the "blight" that would be moving in this area. Mayor Pocek said the City was increasing its Quality of Life, increasing the presence in the Building Department, maintaining the

infrastructure and the safety forces. She noted Maple Heights had outsourced some of the Building Department duties. Mr. Angelo said the Administration and Council agreed to not outsource these duties; it was important to have an employee available for personal and quality customer service. He re-advertised the Building Commissioner position and the deadline was May 1, 2013. The Administration and Council was believers in strong Building Codes. The resident added the property at 475 Lamson Avenue had its siding falling off the house.

A resident was very concerned about the family living at 210 Columbus Road. This family was a special needs family and they were losing their home. This family had been in this home for three generations; they were not mentally or physically capable of taking care of themselves. She hoped the City or the residents would help this family. Mr. Saunders noted the mother had taken out a Reverse Mortgage prior to her passing and the bank was foreclosing on the home. This family was now in a very difficult situation. Mr. Pozar explained a Reverse Mortgage was a deal made with the bank by the homeowner to live in their home until they pass, then the home was owned by the bank. The other family members have to move and it was a matter of time. He suggested someone contact Leonette Cicirella, Foreclosures Department, in the Building Department for information regarding this specific home.

A resident at 163 Columbus Road asked if the World Changers were going to return this year. Mr. Angelo explained this group would be participating on their own but not through the City. Since there was so many fund raisers this year for other reasons, the City was not going to contact businesses or anyone for donations as a fund raiser. If the resident wanted to pay for their own materials, the World Changers would assist if there was a skilled supervisor available that could oversee the project.

A resident asked if the Building Department was doing a rental home inspection before the unit was rented. Mr. Mallis explained the new approach was: 1) All rental properties had to be registered with the City, which included a fee. 2) There was a penalty if the registration fee was not paid by the deadline date, which was double the cost. 3) Rental inspections were going to be done every other year so the City had a chance to evaluate the condition of the home no matter how long they had been living there. 4) There would be new inspection before any new tenant moved into the unit. 5) Apply more strict rules for the landlords. He also added the City still handled the Point of Sale inspections as well with the two inspectors on staff.

A resident in the area of Talbot Drive and Berwyn Drive complained about the loud stereos and speeders and wanted to know why Bedford did not install signage as it was done in Maple Heights. Chief Duber explained people violate the laws everyday whether there were signs or not. He stressed if there were problems like this, the resident needed to call the Police Department in hopes to catch them.

A resident asked if the most recent decision of placing the Elmer Flick statue on the square was the final decision or were there other areas to be considered. He was not in favor of placing the statue on the City square near the Civil War statue. Mayor Pocek said the Elmer Flick statue was far away from the Civil War statue. Mr. Angelo explained the artist rendering that was displayed in Council Chambers was not the new location or how it was to appear. The new location was at the corner of North Park and Broadway Avenue; not back by the Train Depot as in the rendering. The resident asked who decided where this statue was to be placed. Mayor Pocek replied, Council. There were four different locations considered by Council and this was the final location. Mayor Pocek pointed out the City square was the "heart of the City" and the statue would be more visible there.

A resident wished the City hadn't waited so long to address the sewer system problems. She personally had experienced a few problems within her home. She now had to disclose that she had raw sewage in her

basement if they were to sell, plus because of this problem her home had extremely decreased in value. Mr. Angelo explained the Capital Improvements program concerning the bonds were \$3.5 million for the WWTP and the sewer system on Broadway Avenue near Union Street and William Street. The interest rates were lower and the City was trying to address major expenses to take advantage of the rates for the best possible advantage to the City with these funds. Mr. Gambosi explained other options the City had to deal with projects were to assess the residents; however, the whole rate structure of the City assisted in areas that were in need of repairs. Another option was rate increases to address some of these problems or projects. Plus, the City also had to comply with EPA standards. It was important to replenish the funds to address and maintain infrastructure. The resident asked Mr. Frances what the Water Department did to maintain the lines. Mr. Frances explained he recently developed guidelines to be performed on a quarterly basis. Each situation in the booklet there were specific instructions per the issue. The Jet Machine's function was to remove any blockages in the sewer lines to avoid future problems. Currently there were 10-12 areas of concern and as others arose they would be added to the booklet. The resident pointed out the trees on the tree lawns were part of the problem. The City was aware of the ongoing tree root problems. In addition to the Jet Machine, the crew also inserted a TV type camera to inspect the lines.

A resident thanked the Service Department for their inspections. Her daughter who lived at 21 Henry Street had previous issues and they were resolved. She appreciated the efforts of all the City Departments.

Mayor Pocek noted the WWTP required constant attention. He couldn't imagine the amount of money it has taken to maintain the system since it was built in 1936. After all these years, it was now time to replace the boiler. If Bedford decided to tie-in to the Regional Sewer District, the cost would be approximately \$20 million. The Regional Sewer Districts sewer rates were currently higher than Bedford's rates.

A resident referred to her personal situation with Time Warner. She asked if the Time Warner Franchise Fee listed on her bill was a source of income for the City. Mr. Gambosi replied this fee placed approximately \$134,000 in the General Fund annually. She did not have an issue with the fee since it was a source of income for the City.

There were no further questions from the audience.

Mr. Saunders thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He appreciated the interesting point of views. He urged everyone to call the City if they had any concerns even if they felt the issue was trivial; it could become a major problem. He invited everyone to participate at all the events on the square this season.

Mr. Pozar explained the duties of a Council person were to represent the residents, be the resident's voice and ask the Administration a series of questions on their residents' behalf regarding budgeting, evaluating talent, making decisions on certain key hiring positions and common sense desires of the residents. He invited the residents to the Work Session meetings prior to the Regular Council meetings. The Work Sessions gave an opportunity to ask questions and review legislation prior to voting on each piece of legislation at the Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Pozar pointed out the predictable response he expected from Mr. Angelo to some hard questions. He said the City Manager was really a nice guy and it was easy to get along, other than some of these hard issues. The sense of friction and tension was present this evening, however, he welcomed a good debate. He clarified a few issues of contention: 1) the Bond rating that Bedford enjoyed and the financial stability that Bedford enjoyed was a result of several people working together. Mayor Pocek, Councilwoman Zolata and himself had 80 years of service; these decisions had been made over the last 22 years that earn

and jealously guard the Bond rating was done at the Work Sessions. 2) He was a strong supporter of giving Mr. Seyboldt in the Building Department an opportunity to excel. Council had total trust and unified total trust in Mr. Seyboldt and gave him the benefit of the doubt until he left. 3) In regards to the idea that some people were able to retire early and take the reduction in pay, he invited the residents to ask Mr. Gambosi how that would have worked because Mr. Gambosi himself was given that opportunity. He was glad to have Mr. Gambosi as an employee with his services at approximately \$20,000 less than before. Over a five year period that saved the City \$100,000; there was six other people eligible. He referred to the surplus and why the City got the bond rating was because Council was jealously sequestered to not touch the \$5.8 million in the General Fund. Because of that, the bond rating agencies viewed Bedford as being solid and the City was doing a good job. This did not happen over the last two years but rather of the last 22 years; these policies Council put in place.

Mr. Pozar stated when it came to the Building Department and his main axe to grind, the letter from Mayor Pocek and Council dated March 2012 directing Mr. Angelo to hire a new Building Commissioner resulted in one applicant to be introduced to Council. The questions he asked the new hire, apparently in venting fashion, which was not done prior to this new hire meeting Council members, were uncomfortable questions. He felt it was okay this person withdrew because there was a list of six applicants. His axe to grind was the Building Department was 14 months without a Department Head and 14 months without a replacement. The questions he asked on behalf of his constituents every time had nothing to do with whether or not he and Mr. Angelo get along behind the scenes and whether or not Mr. Angelo was a nice guy because Mr. Angelo was a nice guy. When he represented his constituents, there were no friends especially when money was involved because that was what they were sworn to do and he will continue to do. Wards 5 & 6 were pretty well unified on those ideas and they will continue to do it and everyone had different styles of doing it. The end result was what you see was them working as a team and it would be worked out.

Mayor Pocek said he represented the entire City and he made a statement that he would not be seeking reelection this year after 30 years of service. It had been an honor and privilege.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council