

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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Held MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 20

The regular meeting of the Bowling Green City Council, held in the Council Chamber, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Hollenbaugh. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Doriso, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando were present. Also present were Mayor Mike Aspacher, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Services Bureau Director Joe Fawcett and Public Infrastructure Director Brian O'Connell. Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter was not present for the meeting.

Council Member Herald moved, Rubando seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 2022 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk noted for the record that copies of the Financial Budget Summary Report for the month of August 2022 were distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

Clerk also noted that recommendations regarding the Zoning Code Update were received from the Planning Commission and distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Council President Hollenbaugh read and presented resolution adopted by City Council to recently retired Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik, honoring her more than 33 plus years of service to the City. Meeting attendees applauded Scherreik who commented that she is enjoying retirement and her first grandchild, born two weeks ago.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Joseph DeMare, 517 S. Main Street, addressed Council again regarding solar power. Speaking in his role as co-chair of the Wood County Green Party, DeMare stated he recently learned about proposed legislation designed to encourage solar power by having people put it on their roofs, offering financial incentives, and that this legislation is possibly being introduced at tonight's meeting. He commented that the Wood County Green Party does not support this legislation and cited the reasons for this decision. DeMare also announced that the Wood County Green Party will be running a Mayoral candidate in the 2023 election. This is due to the Mayor being the one who appoints the members of the Board of Public Utilities who, in DeMare's view, seem to be the authority to reverse systemic policies that are blocking solar power from becoming successful in Bowling Green.

Kat Patterson, Visit BG Ohio, announced an upcoming event in collaboration with the Ohio Wine Producers Association and State Bank of Bowling Green. On October 8th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. the VINO (Vintners in Northwest Ohio) Wine Festival will be held in the Pratt Pavilion at the Wood County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$50 for VIP, with \$1 from each ticket going to Wood County Plays.

Kristen Kreienkamp, BG Chamber of Commerce, announced the 67th Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, November 19th this year. The Chamber is looking for participants and volunteers. The event will once again be broadcast by WTOL.

Sean Brennan, 123½ S. Main Street unit C, noted that while he is behind the new Zoning legislation, he is against the proposed 5 foot setback in the pedestrian residential neighborhoods. In conversation with Heather Saylor, Brennan learned that the average setback of every block in Bowling Green is known and if someone wants to build closer to the street, they can apply for a variance. Brennan believes the 5 foot setback is just too close to the road and thinks that the known average setback is what should be maintained throughout neighborhoods.

Haraz Ghanbari, Ohio House of Representative District 3, said that he learned just tonight that Kay Scherreik retired and noted that he will have a commendation drawn up and delivered to her. He congratulated Scherreik on her retirement and thanked her for her service to the City. Ghanbari then expressed respect and gratitude to Mike Marsh. He read a commendation from the Ohio State House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly, under his sponsorship, as the State Representative for Wood County. He congratulated Marsh on his exemplary service and presented him with the commendation. Upon acceptance, Marsh lightheartedly noted that if it wasn't for his wife, who knows he can't spell, and Kay Scherreik for correcting everything he wrote for 35 years, he wouldn't be here today. Everyone in the room applauded Marsh.

NEW LEGISLATION

The following new legislation was recommended by the Administration and presented to Council for introduction:

Council Member Robinette, for the Finance and Ways and Means Committee, introduced the following three items:

- Resolution transferring previously appropriated funds
- Resolution authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a renewal of the agreement with the Wood County Public Defender
- Ordinance providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Council Member O'Doriso, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a Resolution adopting and authorizing an amended community development block grant (CDBG) housing policy & procedures manual.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

While Mayor Aspacher had no official report, he seconded the words of Representative Ghanbari and the members of the State House of Representatives recognizing the service of Mr. Marsh. He expressed gratitude for all of the contributions over the years and while this is theoretically his last meeting, he suspects we will continue to see Marsh around City Hall. He mentioned details will be coming soon on an opportunity for the entire community of BG to share their appreciation for Marsh's and his many years of service to the City.

City Attorney Marsh had no report but again commented on Hunter Brown being a good hire for the City and noted that they have spent a lot of time this month working together.

Public Services Bureau Director Joe Fawcett had no report but also extended a thank you to Kay Scherreik and Mike Marsh. He noted they are two very good examples of the professional nature of City staff which he has always appreciated. He said he is happy that Kay still responds to text messages asking for guidance. Council Member Herald echoed what Fawcett said about Kay and Mike. Then Herald asked Fawcett about the timing of the lights at the pedestrian crosswalk in downtown. Herald has heard from constituents that the light takes quite a long time to change. Fawcett said he would check with the engineers to see if adjustments are needed, keeping in mind that the timing of the mid-block light is sequenced with the lights on each side of it and those are timed with the ones a block further out. Council Member Dennis asked Fawcett when the last time the timing was re-engineered. Fawcett thought it was a year or two ago as he had asked the engineers about this the last time the question came up from Council.

Public Infrastructure Bureau Director Brian O'Connell had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Hollenbaugh reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting held prior to tonight's regular Council meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for Council to an update on the Bicycle Treatment Map from Pat Etchie from Mannik & Smith.

Council President Hollenbaugh provide the following reminder:

- Committee of the Whole meeting – Strategic Planning Meeting – Thursday, October 6 at 6 pm – no action taken and no public comment will be available

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3834 Resolution transferring previously appropriated funds for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3834 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Dennis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3834 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Resolution #3834. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Resolution #3834 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3835 Resolution authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a renewal of the agreement with the Wood County Public Defender for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3836 Resolution adopting and authorizing an amended community development block grant (CDBG) housing policy & procedures manual for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9029 Ordinance providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #9029 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, and Hollenbaugh, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #9029 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #9029. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and O'Dorisio, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #9029 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3833 Resolution urging Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation to reconsider ending the Route 23 Connect Study, and in support of an improved highway connection between northwest Ohio and the City of Columbus for second reading.

Council Member Phipps moved, Rubando seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3833 its third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, and Phipps voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3833 for third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Phipps moved, Rubando seconded, to adopt Resolution #3833. Council President Hollenbaugh asked if there was any discussion regarding this Resolution. Council Member Phipps explained that ODOT recently decided to end the Route 23 Connect Study. This Resolution urges the Governor and ODOT to continue to investigate improvements and upgrades, a bypass, and other possibilities to address increased traffic along Route 23 through Delaware County. TMACOG has asked its member municipalities and cities in Northwest Ohio to consider adopting such a resolution. Council President Hollenbaugh explained that the Mayor may be meeting with the Governor this week. To give a little more weight behind the discussion, it was decided to give the Resolution its third reading tonight and adopt it. On roll call vote, Council Members Rubando, Dennis, Hollenbaugh, Herald, O'Dorisio, Phipps, and

Robinette voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Resolution #3833 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #9026 Ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to sell or trade electrical equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9027 Ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to execute a power purchase agreement with American Municipal Power, Inc., for the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant and declaring an emergency for second reading.

Council Member Herald moved, Rubando seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #9027 its third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #9027 for third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Herald moved, Robinette seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #9027. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Dennis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Herald moved, Rubando seconded, to adopt Ordinance #9027. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #9027 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #9028 Ordinance amending section 158.03 and section 158.08 of the codified ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, related to Historic and Architectural Preservation for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9024 Ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an agreement with American Municipal Power for safety and training programs for third reading.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Rubando seconded, to adopt Ordinance #9024. On roll call vote, Council Members O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #9024 adopted.

Council Member Dennis mentioned that at the ARPA meeting last week he noted that the Pickle ball enthusiasts original ask was for \$60,000. After last week's meeting, he went back through his notes and realized this was the estimate of the project completed in Whitehouse. He wanted to correct his earlier comment.

Council Member Herald moved, O'Dorisio seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh adjourned the September 6, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:37 p.m., subject to call.


Clerk of Council, Jodi Sickler


President of Council, Mark Hollenbaugh