



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Mr. Markham called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Mr. Markham moved that Mr. Marcellino's absence be excused.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Lori Ann Feibel, Jennifer Robinson, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6-0

Mr. Markham also noted that Ms. Saad's absence at the special counsel meeting did not require a formal excusal, due to this meeting occurring during Council recess, but wanted to document in the minutes that her absence was excused.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adjourn

This line item is in the agenda erroneously. Mr. Markham proceeded with the meeting.

5) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

7) President's Report

A) Photos

Mr. Markham discussed some Council activities over recess, including the announcement of the new Chief, attendance at Pelotonia, and a golf tournament.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel updated Council on the upcoming August 24 6:00 pm hearing for the 81 N. Drexel appeal and also provided an update on 2300 E Livingston.

9) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek did not have an official report, but did inform everyone that our new payroll and benefits coordinator, Emily Samsal, has started. Mr. McPeek also provided an update on the recent audit.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Klingler passed along compliments to the contractors working on Drexel and asked about the timing of reopenings, which Mr. Bashore answered. Mr. Klingler also asked about the medians, which Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler answered.

B) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

No update at this time.

C) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough is out of the office, but did provide an update on some recent events which Mr. Kessler relayed.

Mr. Klingler offered up thanks to DSW for providing socks to all recipients of shoes during the Shop with a Cop event, and to Sergeant Overly for her great work on that event. Mr. Markham and Mr. Fishel spoke briefly about a recent car theft demonstration. Ms. Feibel also commented on some helpful items she'd like to have in the Blast, and she'll be reaching out to Sam about those. Ms. Lampke also spoke about the Bexley Citizen's Police Academy. Jen Robinson talked about the officer participation at the Pizza and Ice Cream festival. Ms. Saad also complimented Bexley Police Officers for their work in keeping riders safe during Pelotonia.

D) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided a high level overview of his report and provided some revised numbers and provided an update on the return to normal pool hours and spoke about activity registration, and the upcoming Splish, Splash, and Dash. Mr. Klingler asked about the start time for the Bloomers, which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Kessler thanked the Recreation Department for their hard work over all the events. Mr. Fishel asked a procedural question, which Mr. Price answered.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided an overview of his Mayor's report. discussing the conclusion of the Chief of Police hire, the progress on the Main Street trailhead to Schneider Park, and pointed out that some of the granite in this project is from the former City Hall building. Mr. Kessler then provided an update on the many July events. Mr. Markham asked for an update on the dog park, which Mr. Kessler provided. Mr. McPeek asked about some work on Livingston, which Mr. Kessler answered.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2022 City Council Meeting.

B) Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022 Special City Council Meeting.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda and Mr. Markham asked if there were any questions or comments on these items from Council, or questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve the consent agenda.

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 25-22 to Amend Section 262.02(c)(3) to include Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as holidays, and to Authorize the Mayor to Grant up to Four Additional Hours of Time Off Immediately Preceding Holidays for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees introduced by Monique Lampke on June 14, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Kessler to walk Council through some of the proposed changes included in the proposed amendment to this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 25-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 25-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 28-22 to approve the appointment of Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr. as Chief of Police and Director of Special Projects; to authorize and direct the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a three-year employment contract with Chief Lewis; and to declare an emergency, introduced by Sam Marcellino on July 21, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham discussed the process of this recruitment and Mr. Kessler and Mr. Fishel provided some detail on the contract that had been created and some of the discrepancies from the last contract. Mr. Lampke offered her thoughts on the interview process and committee. Ms. Feibel spoke of her gratitude for being part of the process and her gratitude for the Mayor including Council members in the process and talked about the tours she was able to facilitate. Mr. Klingler offered his thanks and compliments to

the Mayor for his foresight to include the public. Mr. Kessler offered his thoughts on the process and decision making and how he feels about Chief Lewis. Ms. Feibel offered her compliments to Interim Chief Gough for not only his hard work on keeping the department going through this transition but also for his positive response to the decision. Ms. Robinson spoke specifically regarding the community's involvement in this process.

Mr. Markham moved to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance 28-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 28-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue thanked Council for all they do, especially on this issue.

Ms. Laing of 755 Vernon Road stated that she's receiving a lot of comments from the community on feeling included, and provided her thanks for this.

Mr. Offenberg of 33 N. Remington Road stated that he was honored to participate in the process and that he's very proud of the work that was done. Mr. Offenberg also complimented Mayor Kessler on his leadership.

Mr. Markham asked for a vote at this time.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Resolution 6-22 adopting the 2022 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 9, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some additional information and background for the ordinance. Mr. Kessler also clarified that this is the standard annual ordinance and all properties were found in compliance during the meeting.

B) Ordinance 29-22 to appropriate \$10,000 from the water fund and \$10,000 from the sewer fund to pay overtime for the remainder of 2022, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 9, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some rationale and background to this ordinance.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance 14-22 to Amend Section 1266.14 Solar Panels, in order to provide for consistent regulation and a streamlined approval process for solar panel projects introduced by Matt Klingler on April 12, 2022
- B) Ordinance 41-21 accepting the proposed donation of the Columbia Place private street in the Columbia Place subdivision by the City of Bexley for a public street. (Introduced by Jessica Saad September 28, 2021)

No Action on Tabled Ordinances at this time.

16) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the start of school on Thursday, August 18. Ms. Saad also spoke about an upcoming educational series at the senior center.

17) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson wished everyone a Happy Bexley Day.

18) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel asked if we could invite the newest Head of School for CSG to a City Council Meeting, which Mr. Markham welcomed. Ms. Feibel also spoke about an Ohio law regarding not leaving a car idling.

19) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke also announced that this Friday, Sergeant Overly has organized a Fill the Cruiser event at Montrose Elementary between 10am and 1pm. Mr. Lampke also spoke about the August 21 'Back to School picnic with Bexley Minority Parent Alliance. Ms. Lampke spoke complimenting Mr. Price and Mr. Heckman and Ms. Robinson for their help on the Pizza and Ice Cream Festival.

20) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report at this time.

21) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reminded everyone of the Council Appeal on 81 N Drexel on August 24 at 6pm. Mr. Klingler also let everyone know about the upcoming Brewfest and some things happening at St. Charles.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Connie Lewis of 663 Euclair let us know about August 20th being move in day for Capital University.

Mr. Jake Hepron, a Rumpke representative came to speak on the upcoming Feet on Street program that he's been working on with Elizabeth and Sam and offered to answer questions about this program. Council members asked questions and discussed the program and Bexley's recycling.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad,
Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.