



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

### **1) Call to Order**

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

### **2) Roll Call of Members**

Council Members Present: Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler

Council Members Absent: Sam Marcellino and Jen Robinson.

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Ms. Robinson's and Mr. Marcellino's absences as he was notified ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler  
Motion Passed 5-0.

### **3) Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4) Presentations/Special Guests**

### **5) Ordinances with Special Guests**

- a. Ordinance 16-23 to approve the supplier for the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Program, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on May 23, 2023. This is a First Reading.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler invited Mr. Thiebert of Aspen Energy to present on the aggregation process. Mr. Thiebert explained the basics of the aggregation program which will be available to all residents paying for electricity in Bexley and will have an opt-out option. Ms. Lampke asked for some more information about what clean energy is, which the Aspen Energy representative provided. Mr. Kessler also added that anticipated increases in power rates are likely to make the rates on this program more competitive. John and Jay of Aspen Energy answered some other questions on the aggregation program.

a. John Thiebert with Aspen Energy

**6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

**7) President's Report**

No president's report.

**8) City Attorney Report**

No attorney report.

**9) Auditor's Report**

Mr. McPeek reported on a recent call with Moody's rating. There have been recent changes in how municipalities are rated, but Bexley's rating remains AA-1, which is the second highest possible rate. Mr. McPeek invited any Council members with questions to reach out. Mr. McPeek also complimented the success of a local 5<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team.

**10) Administrative Update**

a) Police Department Update – Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr.

Chief Lewis did add that there was a news report of breaking and entering incidents in Bexley, which was inaccurate. The issues were occurring at Bexley-adjacent businesses. Ms. Saad thanked Chief Lewis for ensuring there is a follow up and correction to that. Ms. Saad also asked about the interns at the Police Department, which Chief Lewis expanded on. Ms. Lampke asked the Chief about a recent arrest, which Chief Lewis answered. Ms. Lampke also asked for some information on the police recognition event tomorrow, which will honor retired police officers and a retiring dispatcher, Janet Houseberg, which more than 39 years of service to the City. Mr. Klingler commended Chief Lewis on the outstanding increase in business checks.

b) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price had no additions to his report. Ms. Feibel complimented the Recreation Department on recent reports of youth outside of Bexley who chose to work and/or join the Bexley Pool. Mr. Markham noted the upcoming opening of the pool and asked if there has been any

feedback on the new structure, and he reported that he feels we'll better know later as this has been a different season. Ms. Saad spoke about the recent teen night and Mr. Price also spoke about this event, which was a great events. Ms. Saad also noted the positive mental health impact of these events, and the recent focus from Bexley Education Foundation on this issue. Ms. Lampke commended Council Woman Saad for requesting the report on the senior center. Mr. Kessler asked about the Jeffrey Mansion working group meeting today, which Mr. Price reported was a good start and focused on preservation as a key point.

c) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his written report. Ms. Saad asked about the sanitary sewers on Pleasant Ridge in early June and asked if they'd receive notice, which she confirmed they would. Ms. Lampke thanked Mr. Bashore for the senior banners and complimented the work on Drexel Avenue.

d) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale spoke about the new summary sheet to the Finance Report which will provide the key highlights from the monthly financial report. Ms. Lampke asked a question, which Mr. Hale answered.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report, including the upcoming Havenwood Park grand re-opening, and the exciting addition of the electric Ford Lightning to the City's Service fleet, which Mr. Bashore procured at a great price. Mr. Kessler did confirm it will be in the Fourth of July parade. Land Use strategy meetings will be scheduled soon. Mr. Kessler also requested approval to attend the PACE conference in New York City in June, which is actually paid by ESID, but as it has to go through

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the travel expenses for Mayor Kessler to PACE Nation Summit. Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler  
Motion Passed 5-0.

## **11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

a) Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023

Ms. Williamson read the item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

**12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Ordinance 14-23 authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of real property from the Columbia Place Association and providing for the amendment of the Columbia Place PUR, conditional upon the completion of certain repairs and upgrades under the conditions outlined herein introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on April 25, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read this ordinance and Ms. Feibel provided some background behind this ordinance and a summary of some of the changes to this ordinance which was originally presented in 2022. Ms. Saad thanked Ms. Feibel and the Mayor on the documentation and due diligence on this issue. Mr. Markham echoed these sentiments and added his thanks to Mr. Bashore and Ms. Saad. Ms. Lampke added that a similar ordinance came before Council a few years ago which gave her pause, but she feels more comfortable and informed moving forward with this ordinance. Ms. Feibel noted a concern about the lack of awareness of residents moving onto the street who were unaware of their responsibilities and encouraged all owners in this area to be very clear and frank with prospective buyers about these assessments in the event they choose to sell their homes.

Ms. Rebecca Lott of 505 Columbia Place thanked the Mayor and everyone on Council who has worked on this project. She also assured Council that now that all residents are aware of the situation, this wouldn't happen in the future.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked if there would be a zoning change, and Mr. Kessler answered that there are no plans for this currently. Ms. Lewis also asked if the assessment would follow the deed or the current owners, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Feibel thanked the Mayor and Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler added thanks for Mr. Ash and Mr. Koch for their help.

Ms. Feibel moved to pass Ordinance 14-23

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler  
Motion Passed 5-0.

- b) Ordinance 15-23 to Amend 618.15, Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property, introduced by Jessica Saad on April 25, 2023.

Ms. Williamson provided some background and Ms. Saad provided some background and rationale.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 15-23

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

**13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Resolution 2-23 to adopt the Tax Budget for calendar year attached hereto as Exhibit A, introduced by Monique Lampke on May 9, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background. It will go to consent agenda.

**14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Ordinance 16-23 to approve the supplier for the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Program, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on May 23, 2023. **Note: This ordinance will be read in the Visiting Presenters portion at the beginning of the meeting.**
- b) Resolution 3-23 confirming the Mayor’s appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning; the Recreation and Parks Board; the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; the Board of Health; the Civil Service Commission; the Citizen Review Board; and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee introduced by Jen Robinson on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some background on this ordinance.

- c) Ordinance 17-23 to approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor to sign the Bexley Office Incentive Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Bexley and CSD Bexley LLC (COHatch); to provide incentives available for public infrastructure improvements in the Main Street Incentive District; and to establish the CSD Bexley LLC Account introduced by Matt Klingler on May 22, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and rationale on this ordinance. Mr. Klingler invited Mr. Kessler to provide some additional information on the specific development, which he did. Mr. Kessler also clarified that additional information will be available next month when Mr. Davis will present. Ms. Saad asked about where some others are located.

**15) Tabled Ordinances**

- a) Ordinance 35-22 to amend Section 1060, in order to require recycling service to be provided at commercial, institutional, and multi-family properties within the City of Bexley, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on September 13, 2022.

Ms. Williamson read the tabled ordinance.

Ms. Feibel moved to remove Ordinance 35-22 from the table.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Ms. Feibel talked about how exciting this ordinance is and some of the historical struggles apartment dwellers and businesses in Bexley have had with recycling. Mr. Kessler also covered some of the proposed amendments which include clear pricing. Mr. Markham complimented the Mayor's on this ordinance and on environmental issues like these.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire complimented and thanked everyone for their hard work on this.

Ms. Feibel thanked the Mayor and Elizabeth Ellman for their work on this.

Ms. Feibel moved to amend Ordinance 35-22 as shown.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Ms. Feibel moved to pass Amended Ordinance 35-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

## **16) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair**

Mr. Klingler mentioned the start of the meetings for Land Use Strategy 2.0 and the upcoming BZAP Meeting.

## **17) Service and Environmental Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair**

Ms. Feibel spoke about the Bike Boulevard Public Workshops and complimented the great work of several residents on a presentation on this that they did at Calm Corridors???. Ms. Feibel also reported on some developments at Tree and Public Garden Commission. Ms. Feibel also invited Council members to join Elizabeth Ellman at one of the upcoming events on Trash Tent duty. Ms. Saad also recommended reaching out to school ESAC groups.

## **18) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad spoke about the last Bexley Education Foundation meeting of the year and highlighted the success of BRAVO and also highlighted two retiring members from the Board who were both instrumental in the one to one campaign which they managed to fundraise for during the pandemic.

**19) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair**

- a. Motion needed for authorization of payment of \$6,446.963 invoice to Ohio Valley Cabling. This Tech invoice was for the installation of cameras and the purchase was inadvertently completed before the PO was open.

Ms. Lampke moved to authorizing the payment of \$6,446.96 to Ohio Valley Cabling.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Ms. Lampke noted the Bexley Community Foundation event tomorrow at 6pm. Ms. Lampke also spoke about the upcoming Service Department cookout.

**20) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

None.

**21) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair**

None.

**22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked about the orange fencing near the senior center. Mr. Kessler explained there is a large gathering for rising fifth graders and the fencing is temporary to help keep kids reasonably confined.

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire stated that three or four weeks ago Chief Lewis and Lieutenant Overly presented on potential block watch to 15-20 residents and he wanted to thank them for their time.

**23) Adjourn**

Mr. Markham moved to approve

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.