



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

1. Call to Order

City Attorney, Marc Fishel, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Ms. Feibel moved to nominate Ms. Saad President Pro Tem in Ms. Lampke's absence.
Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 6-0.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Ms. Feibel moved to excuse Ms. Lampke
Silverman seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda (Speaker Slip Required)

Sean Turner of 57 South Cassady expressed concerns about the recent changes on Drexel that he feels are creating traffic impact on Cassady and other north-south arteries.

5. Special Guests: Bexley Citizen's Police Academy Graduation

Officer Adams presented certificates to the graduates of the 2025 Bexley Citizens Police Academy.

6. President's Report

Ms. Saad recommended everyone to get their COVID and Flu vaccines.

7. City Attorney Report

8. Auditor Report

9. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared the highlights of his update.

b) Police Department - Chief Gary D. Lewis

No questions for the Chief.

c) Building & Planning - Matt Klingler

Mr. Klingler covered some of the highlights of his report.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2024

Ms. Saad moved to adopt the Consent Agenda

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Ordinance 34-24 to establish the salary for the Office of Bexley Auditor for the years 2026 through 2029 introduced by Jess Saad on October 8, 2024.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 34-24.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 34-24

Mr. Silverman seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 6-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

a) **Ordinance 35-24** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025; to reappropriate all unexpended OPWC project appropriations for 2025, to authorize general Fund Transfers in 2024 and to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mayor Kessler shared an overview of the budget presentations, then shared some detail on the Mayor's Office and City Hall, answering questions along the way.

Ms. Martin spoke about the Auditor's Office budget with Mayor Kessler, which has been split out of the Finance Department to better delineate between the two separate functions of the Finance Department versus the Auditor. Ms. Martin and Mayor Kessler then answered some questions.

Mr. Klinger spoke about the Building and Planning Department budget and some changes he's made to design professional budgeting, a focus on Code Enforcement, etc.

Ms. Meyer spoke about the Development Department Budget, addressing development goals for 2025 as well as some updates on the work from the Sustainability Programs Coordinator role.

Mayor Kessler provided information on the City Attorney budget line.

Ms. Meyer then provided an overview of the Human Resources and Mayor's Court budgets, answering questions from Council Members on both.

Chief Lewis and Mayor Kessler then provided an overview of the Technology budget.

Mayor Kessler then covered budgets for the Boards and Commissions and City Council.

Chief Lewis then covered the budget for the Police Department, discussing some of the programs and replacement needs for 2025.

Mayor Kessler then provided an overview of other health and safety budget items.

- b) **Ordinance 36-24** to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided a brief overview on this. Consent Agenda for next meeting.

- c) **Ordinance 37 -24** approving supplemental appropriations in the 2024 budget of \$30,000 Jeffrey Summer Camp S&W (05-580-51010), \$10,000 Before/After Care S&W (05-526-51010), \$14,000 Recreation Professionals (05-520-51710), and \$4,000 Recreation Special Activities (05-520-51321) to pay the additional costs associated with an increase in programming, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided a brief overview and background.

- d) **Ordinance 38-24** to Establish the Water and Sewer Rates charged by the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided a brief overview and background.

- e) **Ordinance 39-24** to establish compensation rates for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2025, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on the ordinance.

- f) **Resolution 10-24** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Community Improvement Corporation Board, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the Resolution and Mr. Hurley and Mayor Kessler provided some background and information on this Resolution.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 40-24** amending Section 266.04 of the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 12, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background on this ordinance.

14. Tabled Ordinances

- a) **Ordinance 24-24** to create Section 452.24, Electric Vehicle Charger Metered Parking, in order to provide for the placement and enforcement of metered parking for on-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure, introduced by Alex Silverman on August 13, 2024.

No action.

15. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

16. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded everyone of the April 7 date for BRAVO.

17. Recreation and Parks Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel provided an update on the Recreation Board meeting and the increase in Carriage Court rentals. She also complimented the Middle School Halloween Bash.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman shared about the Veteran's Celebration and the banners on Main Street and spoke about the student who assisted with this.

19. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

No report.

21. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham complimented the poll workers who worked hard on Election Day.

22. Adjourn

Ms Saad adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.