



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council President Lori Ann Feibel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Council Members Excused: None

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

None at this time.

5) Public Comments

Peter White of 108 N Cassingham spoke regarding the Good Neighbor Ordinance and also on behalf of the Bexley Residents Against Institutional Racism. He spoke about the Mayor's comments from the October 12, 2021 City Council Meeting. After five minutes of speaking, President Feibel informed Mr. White that he had reached his five minute mark. Mr. Sharp requested an additional two minutes for him. Mr. White continued speaking until his two minute mark expired, upon which time he concluded that he would have the next speaker continue where he finished off.

Daidria Renkel of 40 S. Merkle asked to delegate her allotted five minutes to Mr. White. City Attorney Marc Fishel intervened explaining that isn't permissible under Council rules. Daidria continued speaking, reading from written comments started by Mr. White until the conclusion of

said comments. She did not reach her five-minute limit.

Korkeya Toney of 89 North Remington spoke regarding the same topic, specifically addressing comments made by Mayor Kessler during the last City Council meeting on October 12, 2021 and speaking to BRAIR's position regarding the police force.

Kevin Acton of 894 South Remington Road spoke in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance and concluded prior to reaching his five-minute limit.

Matthew Rieber of 810 South Cassingham spoke briefly in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance.

Ryan Blanski of 98 North Remington spoke briefly in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance.

Jeremy Renkel of 40 S. Merkle spoke briefly in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance.

Mayor Kessler replied briefly in response to the public comments as a whole.

6) President's Report

President Feibel did not anything specific to report.

Mr. Sharp requested a copy of the Good Neighbor Ordinance. Ms. Feibel explained this was provided by BRAIR in paper at the last meeting.

President Feibel spoke briefly regarding the success of the Harvest Festival.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel stated that the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas issued a procedural order delaying the hearing scheduled for November 8, so there may be a continuance for this hearing.

Ms. Saad asked when will we know if the hearing date is changed. Mr. Fishel replied that he hopes to know in the next few days.

Ms. Feibel expressed her appreciation for everyone's flexibility.

8) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his written report. Ms. Saad expressed her gratitude to the

Service Department for coming out to assist with the bike rack installation.

B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart

Chief Rinehart had nothing to add to his report. No one had questions at this time.

C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price

Mr. Price had nothing to add to his written report. No one had questions at this time. Ms. Feibel complimented Mr. Price on the Harvest Festival. Ms. Saad complimented the flag football games on Sunday during inopportune weather and complimented Mr. Price for his extra effort and often long hours. Mr. Sharp asked if there'd be a rededication of Jeffrey Mansion, which Mr. Price answered.

D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey

Mr. Harvey discussed a liquor permit notice for the Speedway on Livingston. Mr. Harvey also briefly summarized some of the highlights of his report. Ms. Lampke asked why grant revenue is significantly down, which Mr. Harvey and Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Harvey presented a liquor permit notice to Council, and Mr. Sharp asked for statistics regarding service calls to the Speedway in relation to this permit notice. These will be gathered and sent to Council.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler summarized some of the highlights of his report, discussing the Race to Zero Climate Mayor's initiative and providing an update on the community center. Mayor Kessler also discussed the state capital process and a project that might be a good fit is a potential pedestrian bridge connecting residents to the bike path. That's being assessed as a potential project for this. Mr. Sharp asked about ADA accessibility at the Main Street entrance and Mr. Kessler answered this. Mr. Kessler also shared some photos from recent events.

9) Consent Agenda:

A) October 12, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda. No Council Members had questions at this time.

Mr. Klingler moved and Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passes 7-0

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

- A) Ordinance #46-21 Authorizing appropriations for the calendar year starting January 1, 2022; to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney (Introduced by Troy Markham on October 26, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance summary. Mr. Markham thanked Council members for their dedication in completing budget meetings prior to the first reading. He then asked Mayor Kessler to lead Council through an overview of the budget.

Mayor Kessler proceeded, providing an overview of the process and highlighting substantial line items included in the budget. Mr. Sharp asked about the Mansion Renovation Debt. Mr. Kessler stated they were done with appropriations for the project and all remaining funds are accounted for in Recreation Budget.

Mr. Sharp asked additional questions, which Mr. Kessler addressed.

Ms. Lampke asked about the Rainy Day Fund, and also asked about the Pool Fund, which Mr. Kessler answered. She then asked about the anticipated life of the pool, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Sharp asked about the potential consideration of an economic development bond while interest rates are still attractive, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Kessler then invited Chief Rinehart to present the police budget. Chief Rinehart summarized his budget. Several Council members asked questions specific to the police budget which Chief Rinehart and Mr. Kessler addressed.

Mr. Kessler summarized some of the key points of the Building and Zoning Department Budget and invited Ms. Rose to overview highlights for Council members. Several Council members asked questions, which Ms. Rose and Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Kessler summarized the content of the IT budget. Several Council members asked questions, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Feibel asked if anyone had any additional questions, Hearing none, she turned the question back to Mr. Markham who deferred to the Mayor to highlight next steps. Mr. Kessler stated that at November 9, the Service Department, Auditor's Department, and Capital Budget will be initially presented, followed by City Hall, Recreation and Parks, and other smaller budgets on November 16.

11) Third Readings:

- A) 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)

Ms. Saad moved to Table this ordinance.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 41-21 was tabled.

- B) Ordinance 40-21 to specify overtime pay provisions for City employees who worked community events on July 4, 2021 and September 5, 2021 (Introduced by Troy Markham 9/28/21)

Mr. Harvey provided an estimate on this cost. Mr. Sharp asked about whether or not this includes Chief's personnel, and Mr. Harvey answered it does not. Multiple council members briefly discussed this ordinance and its implication on the police department.

Mr. Markham moved to Table this ordinance.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 40-21 was tabled.

12) Second Readings:

- A) Ordinance #42-21 to authorize a transfer from the Road and Alley Fund of \$2,379 to the Bond Retirement Fund and to appropriate \$2,379 from the Bond Retirement Fund, to appropriate \$43,307 from the Water Fund and to appropriate \$1,904 from the Sewer Fund to pay debt service related to the South Roosevelt and Ashbourne Improvement Project. (Introduced by Troy Markham on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance. Mr. Markham further summarized the purpose of this ordinance. There were no questions at this time. Mr. Sharp requested this to be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- B) Ordinance #43-21 to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health. (Introduced by Jen Robinson on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance. Ms. Robinson further discussed this ordinance. Mr. Klingler asked that this be moved to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

- C) Ordinance #44-21 to authorize a transfer from the General Fund to the City Hall TIF Fund (Fund 52) in the amount of \$20,250. (Introduced by Troy Markham on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance. Mr. Harvey further outlined the purpose of this ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some additional key information. There were no questions on this ordinance.

13) First Readings:

- A) Ordinance #45-21 to appropriate \$23,000 from Recreation Fund to pay for Professional Expenses in the Recreation Programs Department (05-520). Introduced by Troy Markham on October 26, 2021

Mr. Markham read the summary of this ordinance. Mr. Markham provided some detail to this ordinance and Mr. Kessler added some additional comments to this effect.

Mr. Klingler moved to suspend the three reading requirement.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass ordinance 45-21

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor:

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

- B) Ordinance 47-21 to amend section 408.01 (d) of the codified ordinances, in order to allow for income-based fines for minor misdemeanors, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 26, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided a statement of background and intent behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler added to this, providing additional background information. Council discussed this ordinance and whether adjustments should be made to the language. At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Lampke expressed her thanks to Ms. Robinson for introducing this ordinance, and further asked about our programs allowing for community service, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Klingler asked for this to be added to the packet.

- C) Ordinance 48-21 to amend Chapter 434.03(j), to amend the penalty associated with violation of 434.03, Maximum Speed Limits; Assured Clear Distance Ahead, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 26, 2021

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance and Ms. Robinson summarized the purpose and intent of this ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some additional information about the background of this ordinance. Council members discussed this ordinance.

- D) Ordinance 49-21 to create Chapter 270, Board of Control, to specify contracting procedures in accordance with Section 59 of the City Charter, and to establish Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) procurement policies, introduced by Mr. Markham on October 26, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to provide

some background and intent behind this ordinance, which Mr. Kessler did. Council members discussed this ordinance and asked multiple questions which Mr. Harvey and Mr. Kessler answered.

14) Tabled Ordinances:

A) Ordinance 24-21 (Tabled), to award the Bexley Electricity Aggregation Program contract to AEP Energy, based upon the terms and conditions provided for in their RFP, as modified by the Board of Control, introduced by Mr. Sharp. (Introduced on May 25, 2021)

No action taken at this time. We are inputting surveys.

B) Ordinance 12-21 (Tabled), to adopt and approve the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Mr. Sharp (introduced on March 9, 2021).

No action taken at this time.

15) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp provided an update on the recent ESAC meeting and also reported that there will continue to be litter pick ups scheduled, including a CSG community service day on November 20 that will include litter pick up in the Bexley area.

Mr. Sharp would also called attention to the Bexley Historical Society's special presentation with the Reynoldsburg Historical Society regarding the transferrance of a tombstone of historical significance to both communities.

16) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

A) Motion to approve payment of Columbus Asphalt invoice for 2021 Bexley City Street improvements.

Mr Markham did not have anything to report, but asked Mr. Bashore to outline a purchase that does need City Council's attention. Mr. Bashore provided background of the invoice that needs Council approval due to a PO timing issue. Ms. Lampke asked for some detail on the invoice total and project, which Mr. Bashore provided.

Mr. Markham moves to approve the payment of the Columbus Asphalt invoice for the 2021 Bexley City Street improvements.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

17) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson has nothing to report, but offered good wishes to the senior soccer players with Bexley High School at the conclusion of their soccer careers.

18) Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reported that CIC meets Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00pm, and BZAP will meet on Thursday, October 28 at 6:00pm. Ms. Saad also reminded everyone to vote and thanked poll volunteers for their work. She also spoke briefly on the Bexley Alumni publication.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler has nothing to report at this time.

20) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke has nothing to report at this time.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No Comment at this time.

22) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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


Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

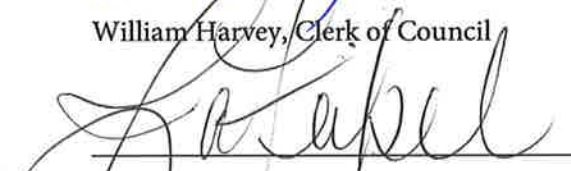
Council President Feibel adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

MINUTES APPROVAL DATE: 11/19/21

ATTEST:



William Harvey, Clerk of Council



Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council