

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

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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 8:00 p.m. by Council President Newlove. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, and Zanfardino responded. Also present were Mayor John Quinn, Municipal Administrator John Fawcett, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore, Public Works Director Brian Craft, and Planning Director Rick Ketzenbarger. Utilities Director Kevin Maynard was not present.

Council President Newlove declared the minutes of the meeting held September 21, 2009 approved as distributed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk noted that an application for a new Class C1 & C2 liquor permit was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for Walgreen's located at 1013 N. Main Street. Clerk also noted that three applications were received for transfer of liquor permits from the Barney's locations in Bowling Green to Circle K. A check of the records was requested and received from the Police Division and no detrimental information was noted.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor John Quinn read a statement to Council regarding his support for the approval of the 0.08 percent temporary income tax increase on the November 3 ballot. A copy of that statement is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett had no report.

Planning Director Rick Ketzenbarger reported that his staff held a training seminar last Saturday for members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and members of the Planning Commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore discussed the proposed fee increases and noted that the Community Center is now operating under their winter hours of 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Council Member Dunn moved, Sorrells seconded, to approve the proposed Parks and Recreation fee schedule. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Newlove declared motion carried.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Kevin Maynard was not present.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that curbside brush pick up began this week and will continue through the week making one pass throughout the city.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

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

Council Member Newlove, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution transferring previously appropriated funds.

Council Member Newlove, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the Bowling Green Police Patrolman's Association OPBA, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Council committee reports.

**LOBBY VISITATIONS**

Dan Caldwell, 1301 W. Wooster Street, representing the BGSU Undergraduate Student Government, expressed his thanks to those who participated in the community service event held on Saturday, September 26.

**READING OF LEGISLATION**

Clerk read Resolution #3410 transferring previously appropriated funds, for first reading.

Council Member Newlove moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3410 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, and Dunn voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3410 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Newlove moved, Frost seconded, to adopt Resolution #3410. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, and Frost voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Resolution #3410 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #7941 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the Bowling Green Police Patrolman's Association OPBA, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member Newlove moved, McOmber seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #7941 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #7941 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Newlove moved, Sorrells seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #7941. On roll call vote, Council Members Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, and Newlove voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Newlove moved, Frost seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7941. On roll call vote, Council Members Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, and Redfern voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7941 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3409 adopting and authorizing an amended B.G. Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7936 amending and adopting Section 33.01(G) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relative to the non-bargaining salary schedule, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7937 amending and adopting Section 33.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relative to salaried employees not subject to overtime pay, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7938 accepting utility easement from Hartung Brothers, Inc., for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7939 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an agreement with the Bowling Green City Schools for installation and maintenance of fiber optic communications cable, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7940 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an agreement with the Village of Tontogany for wholesale electric service. for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #7928 amending and adopting Section 33.09(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to the Fire Division Composition, for third reading.

Council Member Newlove moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7928. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, and Sorrells voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7928 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #7929 amending and adopting Section 33.08(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to the Police Division Composition, for third reading.

Council Member Newlove moved, Redfern seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7929. On roll call vote, Council Members Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7929 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #7930 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Dunn seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7930. On roll call vote, Council Members Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, and Dunn voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7930 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #7932 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the construction and/or replacement of sub-standard waterlines, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Dunn seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7932. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, and Frost voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7932 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #7933 amending and adopting Section 150.03 and 150.17(E) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding rain gardens, for third reading.

Council Member Frost moved, Dunn seconded, to table Ordinance #7933 until October 19, 2009 at which time a public hearing will be held regarding this ordinance. On roll call vote, Council Members Newlove, Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7933 tabled until October 19, 2009.

Clerk read Ordinance #7934 amending and adopting Section 150.107(D), Section 151.27(L)(3) and Section 151.28(F) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding storm water management, for third reading.

Council Member Frost moved, Dunn seconded, to table Ordinance #7934 until October 19, 2009 at which time a public hearing will be held regarding this ordinance. On roll call vote, Council Members Redfern, Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, and Newlove voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7934 tabled until October 19, 2009.

Council Member Frost moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7924 amending and adopting Section 150.40(D) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to the fee for processing an S-District Site Plan. On roll call vote, Council Members Sorrells, Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, and Redfern voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7924 adopted.

Council Member Frost moved, Sorrells seconded, to adopt Ordinance #7925 amending and adopting Sections 150.03 and 150.33 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, concerning agricultural animals. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Dunn, Frost, McOmber, Newlove, Redfern, and Sorrells voted yes. Council President Newlove declared motion carried, and Ordinance #7925 adopted.

Council Member McOmber suggested that Council move forward on some of the recommendations in the Ad Hoc Housing Committee report. McOmber suggested that some of the more controversial suggestions wait until the newly elected Council Members take office in January. Council Member Frost said that the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee will look through the report and make some recommendations for Council to consider.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, McOmber seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Newlove adjourned the October 5, 2009 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:22 p.m., subject to call.

  
Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council

  
Megan E. Newlove, President of Council

In the fall of 2008 the world's economic systems began a sudden and precipitous decline. There was no where to hide. Industries, banks, businesses, individuals and governments were all impacted. Of course, the City of Bowling Green felt the shock. Unemployment rose rapidly. Businesses of all kinds cut back. Additionally for the first time in decades Bowling Green State University experienced multiple years of declining enrollments. Of course the State of Ohio's budget sputtered as well.

City government began to respond immediately. The 2009 General Fund budget was less than the 2008 budget by \$1,777,101.43 with an additional 228,900 in budget reductions completed in April 2009. Some residents will argue that the City should have cut more or has spent money unwisely in the past, but throughout a very difficult 2009 the City has held the line on wages and spending, avoided layoffs and maintained excellent services.

As 2010 approaches the City is preparing for an even tougher year. If the cuts and adjustments of 2009 are continued in 2010, BG government will need to find a least another \$1,000,000 or must discontinue some services. The City can address about \$400,000 of this amount by temporarily realigning expenses out of the General Fund. The remainder of this money can be realized if citizens support the temporary .08% income tax increase on the November ballot. Failure of the levy will cause the City to reduce services that have added to the quality of life and citizen convenience, but are discretionary and not vital to health and safety. Many residents will quickly see that the cost of the levy is far less than what it will take to provide these services for themselves.

The cost of the temporary tax increase is under \$4.00 per month for a person with a \$60,000 income. This is a small increase that will allow the City to provide the same high quality services in 2010 that were provided in years past. The City also pledges to study how to find and implement future savings and efficiencies. Hopefully these measures and an improved economic picture will ease our burden for sometime to come. Please consider a "Yes" vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.