

A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin McKeehan on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:36 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Richard Keebler, Kate Rousmaniere, Mike Smith, Steve Snyder and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Bob Holzworth, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McKeehan requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Snyder advised Council received notification that the applicant withdrew the application for the second reading of a proposed planned development.

Ms. Southard moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6. B 3. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PRESENTATION **FARMERS MARKET**

Mr. Larry Slocum, noted the Uptown Farmers Market just finished their 11th season and provided a market report by way of a song. Mr. Slocum advised he gave the Finance Director a check for \$250 for the use of lot 52 for the 2014 Farmers Market. Mr. Slocum noted the Market's goal to bring more Miami students to the Farmers Market had been achieved. Mr. Slocum advised during parents weekend hundreds of Miami students and their parents attended the market.

Mayor McKeehan thanked Mr. Slocum noting the City was fortunate to have such a fine Farmers Market.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kathleen Zien, Joseph Drive, inquired if the applicant for the planned development who withdrew their application would have to back through the Planning Commission to present anything else and Mayor McKeehan advised yes.

Ms. Sharon Kline, noted she worked for McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital and was representing the Coalition for Healthy Community Oxford Area. **Ms. Amy Macechko**, noted she worked for the Talawanda School District and was representing the Coalition for Healthy Community Oxford Area. Ms. Kline advised in 2011 the Coalition for Healthy Community conducted a community needs assessment to determine the priority areas they wanted to address over the next decade. Ms. Kline noted in 2013 McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital conducted an in depth community needs assessment that mirrored the findings of the Coalition's assessment and the regional assessment. Ms. Kline advised the three priority areas identified were alcohol and other drugs, mental health and obesity. Ms. Kline noted three work groups were formed and in January of 2014 a group of diverse community members came together to start addressing obesity and they were eager to address the community about healthy lifestyles, nutrition and exercise. Ms. Macechko advised the obesity prevention work group identified a grant opportunity through Interact for Health, a health organization that sought to improve the health of people in the greater Cincinnati region by being a catalyst for health and wellness. Ms. Macechko noted the Thriving Communities program was designed to help communities empower themselves and promote their own culture of healthy lifestyles permanently. Ms. Macechko advised the Coalition for Healthy Community Oxford Area which served the Talawanda School District had been invited to be part of the Thriving Communities project which involved funding and technical assistance to support and sustain health promotion in our community with the priority area being active living. Ms. Macechko noted the work group was being expanded to include key sectors that needed to be part of it and representatives from surrounding townships. Ms. Macechko advised this group would work to identify the key goals to help move this project forward and they appreciated the support of the City of Oxford especially Jung-Han Chen, Gail Brahier and Andrew Wilson. Ms. Macechko noted the group felt the time was right to move the project forward in light of the implementation of other projects such as Oxford Trails, Safe Routes to School and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and they looked forward to coordinating their efforts to make the greater Oxford area the healthiest, most active community in Ohio.

Mayor McKeehan noted that Council appreciated these efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Electric Aggregation Public Hearing. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the December 2, 2014 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the December 3, 2014 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the December 3, 2014 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

RESOLUTION
DISPOSE OF CONTRABAND

A Resolution No. 4879 authorizing the Police Chief and the Finance Director to dispose of contraband no longer needed as evidence. (Bob Holzworth, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
FARMERS MARKET

A Resolution No. 4880 authorizing the City Manager to close Lot 52 each Saturday in 2015 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to permit the operation of the Farmer's Market within Lot 52 during said time. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Mr. Snyder moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
UC PHYSICIANS

A Resolution No. 4881 approving and authorizing an agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", between the City of Oxford and the University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for EMS medical direction and continuing education and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

Chief Detherage asked for Council's approval to renew the contract with UC Physicians for medical direction. Chief Detherage noted the Fire Department had worked with UC for two years and were very pleased with their service.

Ms. Rousmaniere excused herself from the dais.

Mr. Keebler noted the proposed contract was for three years but it had a 60 day no fault cancellation clause.

Mr. McHugh advised the proposed contract was the same as the original one except for the addition of paragraph 5.12 which covered new federal healthcare provisions.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4881. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE

An Ordinance To Regulate The Rates And Charges To Be Charged And Collected And The Services To Be Rendered By Glenwood Energy Of Oxford, Inc., Its Successors And Assigns, For Gas And Gas Service Furnished To All Of Its Customers Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Oxford During The Period Ending February 4, 2018, And Repealing And Superseding Ordinance Nos. 3147, 3157, And 3267, Which Together, Previously Regulated Such Rates, Charges, And Services. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Ms. Rousmaniere returned to the dais.

Mr. Dreisbach advised approximately 3.5 years ago Glenwood Energy requested a rate adjustment from the City which was granted and it had been amended twice since the original Ordinance was adopted. Once to approve a fee for pressure testing gas lines and once to pay for relocating gas mains along S. 27 to accommodate the highway expansion project. Mr. Dreisbach noted several months ago, Glenwood Energy approached the City and expressed the need for another rate adjustment and the City's utility attorney and his associates evaluated the request. Mr. Dreisbach advised there were two main components to the gas bill from Glenwood Energy and 2/3 of the bill was attributed to recovering the costs for fuel which the company was not entitled to make a profit on. Mr. Dreisbach noted the other aspect of the bill was the meter charge and the general service rate and that was where the company was allowed to make a profit and that was regulated by the City. Mr. Dreisbach advised the general service rate was currently \$2.81 per 1000 cubic feet of natural gas and the company requested an increase of \$0.91 per 1000 cubic feet or a 32% increase. Mr. Dreisbach noted the City's utility attorney evaluated the rate increase request and found Glenwood Energy was only entitled to an increase of \$0.22 per 1000 cubic feet for a new rate of \$3.03 per 1000 cubic feet which seemed very reasonable. Mr. Dreisbach advised the new rate was lower than what Oxford residents were paying in 2006. Mr. Dreisbach noted there was no increase this year for water, sewer, refuse or recycling services.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Ms. Southard inquired if the pipeline relocation rider was the same rate for all customers. Mr. Dreisbach advised yes, it was a dollar figure based on usage. Ms. Southard asked Mr. Dreisbach to explain for the public that Glenwood Energy was the only company that provided natural gas to Oxford. Mr. Dreisbach advised Glenwood Energy had a defined service area and this territory was theirs alone.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3291 accepting the Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment To Establish A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District In A R-1B (Single Family Medium Density Residential) District, And R-2A (Single And Two Family Residential) District For 17 Parcels Located On Christopher Drive Between Kelly Drive And Jeffrey Drive, In The City Of Oxford, Ohio. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen noted this was the second reading for establishing an overlay district for Christopher Drive and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the map amendment.

Ms. Carolyn Haynes, 38 Christopher Drive, noted she had lived on Christopher Drive with her partner for 18 years and when they first learned about this opportunity they informed everyone on their block both in person and in writing. Ms. Haynes advised they were excited about the opportunity because the community on this street was very important to them. Ms. Haynes noted she and her partner worked at Miami University and a lot of their colleagues lived elsewhere but they chose to stay in Oxford because they enjoyed their set of neighbors. Ms. Haynes advised the neighbors had watched each other's children grow up, they had shoveled each other's driveways, socialized and looked out for one another. Ms. Haynes noted her hope Council would accept their petition.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3291. Ms. Southard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3292 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment To Establish A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District In A R-2A (Single And Two Family Residential) District For 70 Parcels Located On Melissa Drive, Melinda Drive, And Part Of Dana And David Drives, In The City Of Oxford, Ohio. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Ms. Southard recused herself as a resident of the proposed district.

Mr. Chen advised this was a proposed overlay district and residents started this process in September. Mr. Chen advised it was now before Council for their acceptance of the Planning Commission's recommendation to create the proposed overlay district on the official zoning map.

Ms. Linda Musmeci Kimball, noted the adoption of this Ordinance would give the neighbors a reason to have a block party.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3292. Mr. Keebler seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler,
Mayor McKeehan (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ACCEPTING ANNEXATION

An Ordinance No. 3293 Accepting The Annexation Petition From Douglas R. Elliott, Jr. For 137.622 Acres Of Land In The Township Of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, And Accepting Said Territory To Be Annexed. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised the proposed Ordinance would accept the annexation petition for 137.622 acres of land on Bonham Road and it was precipitated by the County Engineer who wished to replace the Bonham Road bridge. Mr. Elliott noted the County Engineer also wanted the City to lower the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph which the City agreed to do. Mr. Elliott advised the new bridge would include a sidewalk, it would be raised 6-10 feet and would be designed for straighter alignment with the roadway. Mr. Elliott noted the existing bridge was built in the 1960s and no longer complied with today's standards. Mr. Elliott advised the annexation affected 16 parcels on Bonham Road and 4 of the 16 only included right-of-way. Mr. Elliott noted if adopted, the Ordinance would be effective in 30 days.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired when the new bridge would be constructed and Mr. Elliott advised in 2016.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3293. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere,
Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTIONS 1143.12,
1143.13 AND 1143.14

An Ordinance No. 3294 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.12 Entitled General Business District, 1143.13 Entitled Office And Light Industrial District And 1143.14 Entitled Light Industrial District, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.12 Entitled General Business District, 1143.13 Entitled Office And Light Industrial District And 1143.14 Entitled Light Industrial District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen referred to page 155 of Council's packet and advised two uses were being added to the General Business District and the Light Industrial District as conditional uses and a reference was updated for the Office and Light Industrial District.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Snyder noted the next two Ordinances were related and Mr. Chen advised the next Ordinance addressed potential concerns regarding the new uses for Mini-Warehouses and Business Incubators and the third Ordinance added a definition for those uses in the Definition Chapter of the Zoning Code.

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3294. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith,
Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1147.03

An Ordinance No. 3295 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1147.03 Entitled Use Specific Regulations & Potential Concerns And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1147.03 Entitled Use Specific Regulations & Potential Concerns. (Jung-Han Chen Community Development Director)

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3295. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTIONS 1159.03
AND 1159.14

An Ordinance No. 3296 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Sections 1159.03 Entitled Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "B") And 1159.14 Entitled Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "M") And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1159.03 Entitled Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "B") And 1159.14 Entitled Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "M"). (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3296. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3297 Amending Ordinance No. 3249. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 8 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2014. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the amount of budgeted expenses for Rumpke was increased from \$5,000 to \$9,000. Mr. Newlin noted since the agenda was published a medical bill was received that was a lot higher than anticipated so instead of appropriating an additional \$50,000 in Fund 230 he requested that it be increased to \$100,000.

Mr. Snyder moved to amend Supplemental Budget Number 8 to increase the appropriation to Fund 230 to \$100,000. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3297 as amended. Mr. Keebler seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised the City reached an agreement with the Lane Library Board of Trustees for the purchase of the existing Oxford Lane Library at 15 S. College Avenue for 1.4 million dollars. Mr. Elliott noted this would allow the City to address present and future space needs. Mr. Elliott advised a Resolution for the purchase of the existing library would be an agenda item for the first Council Meeting in January.

Mr. Elliott thanked City staff for their hard work and dedication noting the City had a fine group of employees. Mr. Elliott advised 2014 was a very productive year and thanked Council for their support of the City Manager and staff and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Elliott noted he looked forward to 2015 and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Dreisbach wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Chief Holzworth encouraged everyone to enjoy the free parking Uptown noting the two hour limit was still in force. Chief Holzworth advised the Police Department offered vacant house checks and noted people could register for that service online or in person at the OPD. Chief Holzworth noted an Officer or a Citizen on Patrol would physically go to those homes and check the windows and doors as often as possible.

Mr. Kyger wished everyone Happy Holidays and noted he looked forward to 2015.

Mr. Smith wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ms. Rousmaniere wished everyone Happy Holidays. Ms. Rousmaniere thanked citizens who had communicated with her over the years and especially over the last few weeks about electric aggregation and an agenda item. Ms. Rousmaniere noted it was great to hear from people about what their considerations were and their opinions on the issues on Council agendas. Ms. Rousmaniere advised she was always grateful to hear from people.

Mr. Keebler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Southard noted the Uptown look beautiful this season. Ms. Southard advised the Miami University Football Team raised money to donate nearly 200 turkeys to people who were food insecure. Ms. Southard noted Kroger's stored the turkeys because the food pantry didn't have the facilities to do so and advised that kind of synergy was wonderful. Ms. Southard noted this evening began with a song by Mr. Slocum of the Farmers Market and advised it was wonderful that the Farmers Market vendors donated their extra food to the food pantry. Ms. Southard wished everyone Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Blackburn thanked City staff and Department Heads for helping to make City Council's job easier. Mr. Blackburn wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah Happy Kwanzaa, and encouraged everyone to hug their partner, spouse and kids.

Mayor McKeehan advised it had been a good year in Oxford and thanked City staff and his fellow Councilors for their efforts. Mayor McKeehan noted he had finished a little more than a year as Mayor and it had been a pleasure and he looked forward to a good 2015. Mayor McKeehan wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURN

Mr. Snyder moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.