A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin McKeehan on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:15 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. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Bob Holzworth, Police Chief; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director, and Ms. Donna Heck, Acting Clerk.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blackburn moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (2) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Snyder moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McKeehan requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 4, 2014 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the February 5, 2014 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH WINELCO, INC.

A Resolution No. 4814 accepting the bid submitted by Winelco, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Winelco, Inc. for the removal and replacement of filter media and filter air scouring equipment at the City's Water Treatment Plant at a cost of $286,900.00 plus a contingency amount of ten percent (10%) of the contract price or $28, 690.00 for a total cost not to exceed $315,590.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach noted this was the continuation of a project that was started last year when we replaced two of six filters at the plant and this year we will replace the remaining four. Mr. Dreisbach advised we advertised and had three responses and noted we will be asking to reject the lowest bidder as they did not comply with our request for bids. Mr. Dreisbach explained they had advised us they would select the type of equipment to be installed at the plant not the City. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff was recommending Winelco, Inc., who was second lowest bidder. Mr. Dreisbach advised we have worked with Winelco before and we have no hesitation at all recommending them.

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired if the lowest bidder had been informed they did not meet the requirements and Mr. Dreisbach advised we have talked to them.

Ms. Southard requested an explanation of the 10% contingency and what it is used for. Mr. Dreisbach explained this is to cover any unforeseen conditions that may come up during the project which would require additional funds. Mr. Dreisbach advised this allows us to move forward without holding up the project by having approval in advance.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4814. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

An Ordinance No. 3266 Amending Ordinance No. 3249. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 2 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2014.

Mr. Keebler noted due to the nature of the Ordinance and the need to move forward on this, I would suggest we waive a second reading so this ordinance will take effect immediately on passage tonight.

Ms. Rousmaniere requested an explanation of why we were waiving a second reading. Mr. Elliott referenced Page 16 in the Council Agenda and advised we had issued checks last year related to the right-of-way purchases for US 27 South. Mr. Elliott noted there were issues with titles at the bank and this came to our attention when IRS forms were distributed that these checks had been cancelled. Mr. Elliott noted we had to come up with additional amounts of money for the US 27 project. Mr. Elliott noted our Charter allows us to suspend the rules and waive the second reading on a second night in order to move forward quickly. Mr. Elliott advised since this is a budget ordinance it would take effect immediately. Ms. Rousmaniere noted this was for the South 27 reconstruction and Mr. Elliott advised yes.

Mr. Keebler moved to waive a second reading on a second night. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Mr. Newlin explained this has to do with the US 27 South project and advised when doing the budget we had projected an ending cash balance of about six million and that came in at 6.8 million. Mr. Newlin advised in order to help finance these appropriations in the Improvement Fund, we will transfer $670,327 from the General Fund to help fund the total appropriations which would be both right-of-way and any change orders that should come along of the $700,000. Mr. Newlin noted we are projecting about a 1.6 million fund balance in the Improvement Fund and if we were to take the 700,000 out of that, it would go down under 1 million. Mr. Newlin explained this is just to keep it in good financial shape and advised there would still be close to 60% of our expenditures and transfers available in the General Fund which is a very healthy General Fund. Mr. Newlin noted there would be $166,000 in checks returned and we would appropriate the $166,000 to reissue checks all appropriations in the General Fund to transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3266. Mr. Snyder seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SECOND READING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the US 27 South project noting ODOT received seven bids and noted Eagle Bridge was the low bidder at $7.6 million. Mr. Elliott noted we had to come up with some additional funds of $139,000 which we agreed to and gave ODOT the go ahead to award that project and it was awarded today to Eagle Bridge. Mr. Elliott advised the project is to start the first of March and we will be getting in touch with ODOT and the contractor to set up some pre-construction meetings with some important stakeholders such as Miami University and the School District. Mr. Elliott noted the project is on schedule and will be moving forward this Spring.

Mayor McKeehan requested a quick refresher on the City portion for the project beyond the $139,000. Mr. Elliott advised we were meeting the local match with toll revenue credits and advised the $139,000 is the total amount we would have in this project. Mr. Eliot explained we were allowed to use some of the funds from the first earmark on two other projects, US 27 North and the High Street Brick Restoration. Mr. Elliott noted the amount on both of those totaled $964,000. Mr. Elliott advised we would not have had to add any more to the pot had we not utilized that on the other two projects, however we needed to do that in order to not lose the earmark funding which had an expiration date.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted she wanted to recognize two individuals in the audience, who are the best Miami students around: Anne Gardner, who is a public administration major, planning to go into local government and has spent a lot of time here; and Ari Frum, Secretary Off Campus Affairs and Chair of the Student Community Relations Commission. Mr. Rousmaniere noted Mr. Frum had been attending almost every Council meeting this academic year and noted it was good to have him here. Ms. Rousmaniere advised this was an excellent example of student engagement and Town Gown relations.

Ms. Southard noted some very interesting things going on around town, memorial events and noted the Freedom Summer which was happening this coming week and some very interesting concerts which were open to the public.

Mr. Blackburn noted our City crews have been doing a great job maintaining our streets and advised we are fortunate to have such good caring people.

Mr. Snyder noted Council had previously passed a resolution to extend the Farmers Market Uptown to go year round. Mr. Snyder advised he was uptown this past Saturday and the sun was out but it was still very cold and there were eight vendors selling things.

Mayor McKeehan advised he was pleased to perform his first wedding on Valentine's day and wanted to say congratulations to Tyler and Kimberly. Mayor McKeehan advised it was performed in the evening outdoors and was cold but still fun and quiet beauty which the snow brought.

ADJOURN

Mr. Keebler moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.