

A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Kevin McKeehan, Mike Smith and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, 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 Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dana moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RECOGNITION

ROBERT B. HOLZWORTH, POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Elliott advised one duty of the City Manager under the City Charter was to appoint City employees except for those appointed by Council. Mr. Elliott noted the selection of Department Heads for the City Manager's management team was important. Mr. Elliott advised the plan this evening was to recognize the City's retiring Chief of Police and swear in the newly appointed Chief of Police. Mr. Elliott noted unfortunately, Chief Bob Holzworth was unable to be in attendance this evening. Mr. Elliott advised former Police Chief Steve Schwein was in attendance and noted Steve served the City from 1990 until his retirement in 2011. Mr. Elliott noted he wanted to recognize Bob Holzworth and advised Bob came to Oxford in 1967 to attend Miami University and after graduation he decided to stay in Oxford. Mr. Elliott noted Chief Statum hired Bob in 1973 as a Police Officer and in 1978 he was promoted to Police Lieutenant. Mr. Elliott advised Bob retired from the Oxford Police Division in 2011 and returned in April of 2011 to assist the City and Chief Schwein with parking and transportation responsibilities. Mr. Elliott noted when Chief Schwein retired in September of 2011 he called upon Bob to become the Interim Police Chief until a search for a new Chief could be completed. Mr. Elliott advised Bob accepted that call and during the Police Chief search it became very apparent to him and to the search committee that Bob was the best and the right candidate for the position. Mr. Elliott noted he appointed Bob to the Police Chief position in February of 2012. Mr. Elliott advised Bob did an outstanding job during his tenure as Chief of Police and the 4 years had gone by very quickly. Mr. Elliott noted he certainly enjoyed his time working with Bob and personally thanked Bob for all he had done for the City and for the Police Division in the 42 years he served the wonderful college community of Oxford. Mr. Elliott advised the City would present Bob with an inscribed Boston rocking chair as a token of appreciation for his many years of service to the City.

Mayor Rousmaniere called for a round of applause for retiring Chief Bob Holzworth.

SWEARING-IN

JOHN A. JONES - POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Elliott noted he would say a few words about John Jones and his history with the City prior to his Swearing-In ceremony. Mr. Elliott read the following into the record (in part) : “JJ came to Oxford as a student at Miami University in 1995 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in public administration and sociology in 1999. Also like Bob, he decided to make Oxford home. JJ joined the Oxford Police Division as a Police Officer in 2002, he was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2008 and to Police Lieutenant in 2013. Prior to those appointments he served as the City of Oxford’s Code Enforcement Officer and as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT. JJ has a well rounded experience. In 2011 JJ received a Master of Science in the Administration of Justice from the University of Louisville and also attended the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, KY. JJ is a proven law enforcement supervisor with a very strong sense of community. I welcome JJ to the City’s management team and I look forward to his continued leadership as Chief of Police for the City of Oxford.” Mr. Elliott asked Chief Jones to come to the podium and invited his wife Betsy and their sons Dalton, Charley and Wyatt to come forward as well. Mr. McHugh performed the swearing-in of John Jones as Police Chief.

Mayor Rousmaniere congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment and a round of applause followed.

Chief Jones thanked Council and the City Manager for having confidence in him and noted the support of the community had been overwhelming. Chief Jones thanked the Oxford Police Division staff and other City employees who went out and got the job done and helped make him look good. Chief Jones noted he wished Chief Holzworth could have been in attendance this evening noting Chief Holzworth had been very supportive of him, had nourished him and helped him grow. Chief Jones advised Chief Holzworth truly embodied that ‘Warrior Spirit’ and it was unfortunate they couldn’t share this moment together. Chief Jones thanked former Chief Schwein, and retired Lieutenants Horvath, Umbstead and Franke for their support and leadership over the years. Chief Jones thanked his parents John and Sue who were in attendance noting they taught him his work ethic at home on a dairy farm. Chief Jones thanked his wife Betsy and their sons for all of their support. Chief Jones thanked the community for their support noting he appreciated their confidence in him and noted his hope he would serve them well as Chief of Police.

SWEARING-IN

JOSHUA K. JENKINS – POLICE SERGEANT

Chief Jones advised another Police Sergeant would be sworn-in this evening noting it was the Police Sergeant working with the officers who got the job done, the sergeant was the first line supervisor, the one who fields complaints from the public, the one who responds to calls, and the one who made the department run well. Chief Jones asked Josh Jenkins to come forward with his wife Cara, and triplets Avery, Colby and Zach. Chief Jones noted Josh was originally from Tipp City, Ohio and attended Tiffin University and Wright State University. Chief Jones advised Josh graduated from the Police Academy in 2005 and served with the Arlington Heights Police Department from May 2005 until April 2006 when he was hired by the City of Oxford.

Chief Jones noted as a member of the Oxford Police Division Josh had served on bicycle patrol, motorcycle patrol, as one of the top field training officers, he was a field sobriety test instructor, a driving instructor, crash investigator and an evidence technician. Chief Jones advised Josh had been an Acting Police Sergeant the last few months, he was prepared to handle the new position and had an excellent skill set. Mr. McHugh performed the swearing-in of Josh Jenkins as Police Sergeant.

Mayor Rousmaniere congratulated Sergeant Jenkins on his appointment and a round of applause followed.

Chief Jones thanked Council for letting the Police Division indulge them in another Public Participation segment of the agenda noting there had been several promotions and retirements in the department lately.

PROCLAMATION
“EARTH DAY”

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Dreisbach on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

PROCLAMATION
“GENOCIDE AND HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION MONTH”

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to Councilor Southard to share with Cody Phillips and other students in attendance.

Mr. Cody Phillips, advised he was a Miami University student and introduced fellow students Aryn Swing, Natalie Roberts and Dan Ginsburg. Mr. Phillips noted Miami University’s Center for American and World Cultures Genocide and Holocaust Education Committee worked throughout the year to coordinate a month long program to address and educate the university and community about genocides throughout history. Mr. Phillips advised the committee was made up of faculty, students, friends and community members. Mr. Phillips noted he and fellow students were in attendance as student representatives of the committee. Mr. Phillips advised while the holocaust may seem remote in time, space and place let us not forget that it continued to touch people here in Oxford. Mr. Phillips noted numerous students and Oxford residents had families who perished in the tragic events of that era and a few had relatives who survived bearing the psychological and physical scars of their experiences. Mr. Phillips advised many in Oxford had family members who fought in WW II and helped liberate many of the camps. Mr. Phillips noted while it was important to realize that never again must truly mean never, we find ourselves today in a world where genocide seemed to be common place such as in Syria and the Central African Republic. Mr. Phillips advised to this end the committee was asking Council to proclaim April as “Genocide and Holocaust Education and Prevention Month” and in doing so, Oxford, Ohio would become the first City to declare such a proclamation in the State of Ohio. Mr. Phillips noted this important step forward would create a pathway to draft a proclamation for the State of Ohio and work towards a higher goal of spreading genocide education and prevention across the nation and international community.

Mr. Phillips advised the committee's goal in doing this was to always remember and honor those who perished and to ensure human rights were held to the highest standard in any community and to call for the end of all genocides. Mr. Phillips thanked Council for their time.

Ms. Southard presented the Proclamation to Mr. Phillips and his fellow students. Ms. Southard advised the word genocide was invented in 1948 by a Jewish survivor of the holocaust named Lemkin who went to the United Nations and tried over and over to get them to agree to proclaim genocide an international crime. Ms. Southard noted this was essential to educate people and to encourage people to realize that genocide was an international prosecutable crime and we had seen recent prosecutions and convictions in the last few months with the Syrian atrocities. Ms. Southard advised it was important for governments take a stance like Oxford was doing and she was pleased to be part of a community that took a stance as one whose grandparents perished. Ms. Southard noted she was proud to be part of this event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kate Currie, 420 W. Vine Street, advised the Oxford Kinetics Festival was April 17th and noted she gave posters to the Clerk for Council members. Ms. Currie noted the festival would be held at Millett Hall on Miami's Oxford campus from noon to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Currie advised the festival would go on rain or shine and could be held indoors if necessary. Ms. Currie noted she anticipated 4,000 participants this year and the event had steadily grown over the last 6 years. Ms. Currie discussed the background and history of the event over the last 6 years. Ms. Currie advised the festival consisted of a lot more than kinetic sculpture racing as there was a huge variety of art and science participatory activities happening throughout the day for kids and adults. Ms. Currie noted her hope was to create a space where everyone in the community was interacting in a fun and engaged way. Ms. Currie encouraged families, university students, and senior citizens to attend the festival and have lots of creative, interactive fun together.

Ms. Shana Rosenberg, Arrowhead Drive, addressed Council regarding the problem of litter in Oxford and specifically in the Uptown and Mile Square areas. Ms. Rosenberg noted she had lived in Oxford all of her life and she appreciated Oxford being a walkable community that was beautiful for children, pets and families. Ms. Rosenberg advised she noticed an increase in the litter issue over the last few years probably due to increased density and nightly entertainment starting on Wednesday instead of Thursday or Friday. Ms. Rosenberg noted she wanted residents and visitors to enjoy the community. Ms. Rosenberg advised she had seen an improvement in the Uptown area over the last couple of weeks and thanked those responsible for that effort. Ms. Rosenberg noted she did a 'Ride-Along' on Green Beer Day with the Police Department and the Police Officers were trying to enforce problems with litter that occurred with students. Ms. Rosenberg advised there was still a huge problem with litter in the 100 blocks of Main Street, College Avenue, Spring Street and Campus Avenue. Ms. Rosenberg noted she knew this was a difficult problem to fix and she felt the student population could step up more after their parties as well as landlords. Ms. Rosenberg advised she wasn't sure what the solutions were and noted perhaps youth organizations could help. Ms. Rosenberg noted she wanted to know what the City could do to continue to keep Oxford beautiful.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised Council could put Ms. Rosenberg in contact with people in the City who did this work and noted a couple of the City Boards and Commissions were addressing litter. Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Ms. Rosenberg for her comments.

Mr. Elliott noted he appreciated Ms. Rosenberg's comments and litter was an on-going challenge for the City. Mr. Elliott advised property owners could be cited and Police Officers could be dispatched to properties to ask the tenants to clean up their yards. Mr. Elliott noted litter was everyone's business and everyone needed to pitch in.

PUBLIC HEARING
RIGHT OF WAY VACATION

Mr. Blackburn moved to open the public hearing regarding a right-of-way vacation request to vacate two rights of way off of Southpointe Parkway at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Elliott advised this was a request from the current property owner to vacate two stub streets as shown on page 50 of Council's packet and an Ordinance for the same request was on tonight's agenda. Mr. Elliott noted the stub streets were off of Southpointe Parkway in the Fields of Southpointe Planned Development. Mr. Elliott advised this issue was discussed during the Planning Commission's review and during the Council review of the Planned Development project but the vacation request was not brought forward. Mr. Chen showed a slide of the areas in question. Mr. Blackburn advised Council discussed this earlier and now the plat needed to be cleaned up.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if the public, the petitioner or Council members wished to comment on the vacation request. There were no comments.

Mr. Dana moved to close the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 15, 2016 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the March 2, 2016 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the March 8, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the March 23, 2016 Civil Service Commission Meeting. (Candi Turpin, Human Resources Director)

Ms. Southard moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

A Resolution No. 4976 declaring that it is necessary to improve those portions of certain properties on Brown Road, Contreras Road and Panda Lane in the City of Oxford, Ohio by re-paving, re-curb-ing, and repairing the sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the three Resolutions on tonight's agenda dealt with the City's summer paving program. Mr. Dreisbach noted it was important that curbs, gutters and sidewalks were in good condition before the City invested money in repaving the streets. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City was following Ohio Revised Code Section 729 for this process which required 4 Council actions. Mr. Dreisbach noted the proposed Resolution was step 1 which was the Resolution of necessity for Council to recognize the curbs, gutters and sidewalks were in disrepair for the properties listed on Exhibit "A". Mr. Dreisbach advised once approved, the Clerk would serve notice to the property owners that repairs needed to be made within a minimum of 30 days and if they chose not to, the City would advertise for a contract to do the work for them. Mr. Dreisbach noted step 2 would be the contract for the actual repair work, step 3 would be a Resolution after the work was completed showing the actual costs incurred by the City and step 4 was an Ordinance authorizing the county to apply the special assessment to the tax bill. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff was asking Council's approval of the Resolution of necessity so the Clerk may serve notice. Mr. Dreisbach noted an initial letter was sent to the property owners to give them as much notice as possible.

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

Ms. Southard asked Mr. Dreisbach to explain to the public what their responsibilities were and what the City's responsibilities were. Mr. Dreisbach advised by Ordinance, property owners were responsible for their curbs, gutters and sidewalks and the City was responsible for paving the street up to the curb.

Mr. McKeehan noted many communities followed the same process.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 4976. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
PAVING CONTRACT

A Resolution No. 4977 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with John R. Jurgensen Co. for the 2016 resurfacing and maintenance work at a cost of \$390,298.90 plus a contingency amount of 1.2% of the contract price or \$4,792.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$395,090.90. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City had a total budget this year of just over \$395,000 for the annual paving program and \$350,000 of that came from the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Dreisbach noted a little over \$45,000 was 2015 CDBG funds. Mr. Dreisbach advised all streets recommended for paving were shown in Exhibit "A" on page 26 of Council's packet. Mr. Dreisbach noted the City advertised for bids for the paving program and received 3 responses with John R. Jergensen being the lowest and best bidder. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City had worked with the John R. Jergensen Company numerous times in the past and he recommended the City award them the contract for the paving project.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if this was step 2 of the process Mr. Dreisbach explained regarding the Resolution of necessity. Mr. Dreisbach advised no, this was an unrelated project.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 4977. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. McKeehan abstaining.

Mr. McKeehan noted he abstained because he lived on one of the streets in question.

RESOLUTION
DEDICATED BIKE LANES

A Resolution authorizing the installation of striped bicycle lanes on Wells Mill Drive (entire length), McGuffey Avenue (entire length) and on US 27 South from Chestnut Street to University Park Boulevard. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised in 2014 Council accepted the Shifting Gears plan as part of the City's Bike and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Plan which was incorporated into the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dreisbach noted with that plan one of the short term recommendations was that of dedicated bike lanes on the entire length of Wells Mill Drive and on the entire length of McGuffey Avenue. Mr. Dreisbach advised the bike lanes would not displace very many cars as a low volume of cars parked on those streets. Mr. Dreisbach noted most properties had driveways and the commercial buildings had off street parking lots. Mr. Dreisbach pointed out 3 properties (on a slide) that would be most impacted by the elimination of on street parking.

Mr. Blackburn inquired if property owners were notified of the plan to install dedicated bike lanes.

Mr. Dreisbach advised on March 24, 2016 a letter was sent to property owners alerting them this issue would be heard tonight at Council and they were invited to come and speak or send comments to the Service Department. Mr. Dreisbach noted the Service Department had received no comments as of today.

Mr. Vincent Hand, 511 E. Chestnut Street, noted his support for the proposed Resolution and thanked City staff for bringing bicycle striping forward early in the planning process rather than later. Mr. Hand as a member of Oxford's Environmental Commission noted he felt the commission would support the Resolution as well.

Mr. Matt Franke, 4567 Riggs Road, advised he owned property at 700 McGuffey Avenue and inquired if there was a master plan for bike lanes in Oxford. Mr. Franke inquired if cars had to move from McGuffey Avenue to park on side streets if those side streets would be next for bike lanes. Mr. Franke noted his concern for people living on McGuffey with single garages and single driveways noting he had a car parked on the street when he lived there. Mr. Franke inquired why McGuffey was being done right now and Spring Street was not being done right now.

Mr. Dreisbach advised the plan called for no further dedicated bike lanes in this area. Mr. Dreisbach noted Council directed staff to review the bike lane plan in conjunction with future capital improvement projects and this part of the plan was relatively easy to implement in conjunction with the resurfacing program this year. Mr. Elliott added it was understood when the Shifting Gears plan was adopted that each part of it would be voted on by Council.

Mr. Dana noted striped bike lanes on Wells Mill and McGuffey would be a great benefit if one was bicycling from the Tollgate area to the Rec Center.

Mr. Ellerbe suggested on McGuffey from Brill to Chestnut using mixed use arrows on one side of the street and allow parking on the other side of the street.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired how Council could proceed and 'tweak' this portion of the plan. Mr. Elliott advised the Resolution could be tabled and staff could make recommendations for Council to consider at a later date.

Ms. Southard encouraged Council to take into account the work people had already done on this plan and the thought they had put into it to make it safe for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Ms. Southard advised she was in favor of continuing the plan as proposed.

Mr. McKeehan advised his comments were the same as in 2014 noting a lot of research seemed to be done regarding the needs of bicyclists and roadways but Council didn't hear a lot about the impact on neighboring properties. Mr. McKeehan noted the impact on residents may have been missed a bit in the process.

Mr. Dana inquired if a study had been done regarding displaced cars. Mr. Dreisbach advised many more cars were displaced when dedicated bike lanes were installed on Spring Street. Mr. Dreisbach noted when he surveyed the area only one car was parked on the street. Mr. Dreisbach advised he expected to hear from residents when the notification letter was sent but as of today the Service Department had received no comments.

Mayor Rousmaniere agreed with Ms. Southard noting this topic had been under discussion and research for several years. Mayor Rousmaniere advised Council did make an alternate plan for Spring Street in terms of dedicated space and shared space for bicycles. Mayor Rousmaniere noted she supported tabling the Resolution and continuing the discussion. Mr. Elliott advised staff would provide some options for Council to consider.

Mr. Blackburn moved to table the proposed Resolution and requested staff to bring additional bike lane options forward. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
ROW VACATION REQUEST

An Ordinance No. 3349 Approving The Right-Of-Way Vacation Request To Vacate Two Rights Of Way Off Of Southpointe Parkway And Declaring An Emergency. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen showed a slide of the Fields of Southpointe Planned Development which depicted the area where the two stub streets to be vacated were located.

Mr. Dana referred to Section 3 of the proposed Ordinance on page 36 of Council's packet "that said right of way vacation of these two rights of way off of Southpointe Parkway is not detrimental to the general public interest." and inquired why it was being brought forth as an emergency.

Mr. Elliott advised the City had no need for the right-of-way as those streets would be private streets. Mr. Elliott noted the project was approved by Council and by the Planning Commission earlier with the condition the stub streets would be vacated. Mr. Elliott advised there was confusion as to whether a request for the vacation needed to be brought forward and indeed it did need to be brought forward. Mr. Elliott noted he felt it was not right for the City to further delay the Planned Development project and was asking for an emergency Ordinance. Mr. Elliott advised he did not normally like to ask for emergency legislation but he was in this situation. Mr. Elliott noted Section 302 of the City Charter allowed for emergency ordinances with an affirmative vote from $\frac{3}{4}$ of Council and it becomes effective upon passage.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired if the emergency suspended the second reading and the 30 day waiting period and Mr. Elliott advised yes.

Mr. Blackburn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3349 as an emergency. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Blackburn, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana
Mayor Rousmaniere (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
STREET NAME CHANGE

An Ordinance Changing The Name Of “Corporate Woods Lane” In The Fields Of Southpointe Planned Development To “Ironwood Drive” And Directing The Clerk Of Council To Forward A Certified Copy Of This Ordinance To The County Engineer For The Appropriate Change On The Planned Development Plat. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the Final Planned Development of the Fields of Southpointe indicated new private streets would be extended on the existing Corporate Woods Lane with a new name of Ironwood Drive. Mr. Chen noted in the interest of public safety it was best to rename the existing Corporate Woods Lane to Ironwood Drive as well. Mr. Chen noted no address had been assigned to Corporate Woods Lane and there would be no impact from the proposed name change. Mr. Chen advised the consensus from the Planning Commission when reviewing this development was to name all streets with native tree names.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the Ordinance would receive a second reading at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE
SALARY INCREASE

An Ordinance Increasing The Salary Of The Mayor And Council Members. (Edna Southard, Councilor)

Mr. Elliott advised the salary for the Oxford Mayor and Council Members was last increased in 2000. Mr. Elliott noted the salary at that time for Council Members was \$1,800 per year and it was increased by \$1,400 per year to \$3,200. Mr. Elliott advised the Mayor’s salary was increased from \$1,900 to \$3,800 per year. Mr. Elliott noted based on his discussion with Councilor Southard he was proposing the salaries for the Council and the Mayor be increased by \$1,500 per year. Mr. Elliott advised this would increase the annual salary to \$4,700 for Council Members and \$5,300 for the Mayor. Mr. Elliott noted based a chart he provided earlier for the other five Butler County cities, this increase would make Oxford Council Members and Mayor salaries more comparable. Mr. Elliott advised since the City Charter precluded Council Members from voting themselves an increase, it would effect only newly elected Council Members or those re-elected in November 2017. Mr. Elliott reiterated the recommendation was based on a discussion with Ms. Southard as it was not his place to make salary recommendations for Council Members.

Ms. Southard advised the Ordinance was being proposed because its been such a long time since an increase was made.

Ms. Southard noted this was an attempt to plan for the future as it would not affect anyone sitting on the dais right now. Ms. Southard advised people should not be precluded from running for Council because they could not afford to. Ms. Southard noted the salary should be comparable to communities of the same size.

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

Mr. Ellerbe suggested increasing the salary \$1,600 per year making it an even \$4,800 for Council Members or \$400 per month and \$450 per month for the Mayor. Mr. Ellerbe noted it could also be looked at as \$100 per year since the last increase.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to increase the annual salary of Council Members to \$4,800 and to increase the annual salary of Mayor to \$5,400. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Mr. McKeehan voting nay.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the amended Ordinance would be on the next agenda for second reading.

ORDINANCE **NEW SPECIFICATION MANUAL**

An Ordinance Adopting A Revised And Amended Water And Sanitary Sewer Improvements Specifications And Backflow Cross Connection Control Manual. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised this document was last updated in 2010 and prior to that in 2005. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff tried to review the document every 5 years and make clarifications where necessary as other references cited could have changed their practices and policies. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff also tried to simplify the document where possible. Mr. Dreisbach noted in addition to this years minor changes, staff proposed to merge the Backflow Cross Connection Manual into the document.

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

Mr. Dana referred to page 33 of the proposed manual and asked what general provisions were made in the document that concerned relationships across jurisdictions. Mr. Dreisbach advised the utility served as its own body and staff did not ask township trustees for their approval in how to operate the utility. Mr. Dreisbach noted this was a city utility that operated beyond the borders of the corporate limits of Oxford.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted the Environmental Commission had worked on a revised Storm Water Manual for some time and inquired what the status of it was. Mr. Dreisbach advised the Environmental Commission proposed to add a huge chapter to the manual and it was under technical review.

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3335. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 3 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2016. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin addressed the issues in the proposed supplemental budget as outlined on pages 60 and 61 of Council's packet. Mr. Elliott also addressed issue 3 regarding a preliminary plat for City owned property, and issue 4 regarding salary increases for Fire Captains.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere noted the proposed Ordinance would receive a second reading at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised last Friday he and Mr. Newlin kicked off the Learning In Retirement program entitled 'Local Government – How the City of Oxford Operates II' and the topic of discussion was the City budget. Mr. Elliott noted it was a good discussion and it was well attended. Ms. Southard added that this Friday, Mr. Chen and Mr. Perry would speak about Planning & Zoning in Oxford.

Mr. Elliott updated Council and the public with regard to the City owned property in the Silverleaf Meadows Subdivision.

Mr. Elliott advised a Charter Advisory Commission meeting was scheduled for April 26, 2016.

Chief Jones advised a retirement celebration would take place for Sergeant Pete Reising before the next Council meeting on April 19th from 5-7 p.m. at LaRosas in Oxford. Chief Jones noted Sergeant Reising served the City for 30 years and would be recognized at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chief Jones advised Officer Ben Hool would be sworn-in as Police Sergeant at the same meeting.

Mr. Newlin congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment and noted he looked forward to working with him in the financial trenches.

Mr. Chen advised a National Walk Day Celebration would take place tomorrow in the Uptown Park at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Chen noted the goal was to reach 7 million steps in 7 days. Mr. Chen noted last year the goal was 1 million steps and the community walked 4 million steps. Mr. Chen noted he hoped to see everyone there tomorrow.

Mr. Kyger welcomed a new business to Uptown Oxford and noted Bowtie Barber Club had their grand opening this week.

Mr. Kyger noted he felt Kate Currie did fine work with the Kinetics Festival, it was unique to the Oxford area and a great event.

Mr. Kyger referred to an item in the Supplemental Budget on tonight's agenda and thanked Council on behalf of City employees for the flexible spending account program.

Ms. Eaton noted the Freedom Fund Banquet was April 17th and asked anyone else interested in attending to let her know.

Mr. McKeehan congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment and noted he was proud to have Chief Jones serving the City.

Mr. Ellerbe congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment and thanked him for his service to the City.

Mr. Dana congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment.

Mr. Dana announced Mayor Rousmaniere had been awarded the highest medal that could be awarded to any member of the Miami University faculty which was the Benjamin Harrison Award for her civic engagement, and for her research and teaching. Mr. Dana asked for a round of applause for Mayor Rousmaniere.

Mr. Dana advised last week he and Mr. Blackburn attended a conference for elected officials on heroin addiction which was very informative and noted the scale of the disease could not be over-stated. Mr. Dana advised two more sessions were scheduled for administrators and elected officials where solutions would be discussed.

Mr. Dana advised HB-492 was recently introduced in the legislature which proposed to leverage one billion dollars from the State's Rainy Day Fund to provide low interest loans and grants to local governments to help address infrastructure maintenance, projects and improvements. Mr. Dana noted there was nothing to prevent the City of Oxford from looking at infrastructure needs and submitting information to sponsors of the bill.

Mr. Smith welcomed Chief Jones to the management team for the City of Oxford.

Ms. Southard congratulated Chief Jones on his appointment and noted it was a honor to do a ride along on with him on Green Beer Day.

Ms. Southard congratulated Mayor Rousmaniere on receiving the Benjamin Harrison award.

Ms. Southard noted there were some terrific events taking place in Oxford in April.

Mr. Blackburn congratulated Chief Jones noting it was a pleasure to serve the City with him.

Mr. Blackburn advised he did some research on the Benjamin Harrison Medallion Award and noted it was one of the most significant recognitions Miami University offered to faculty for contributions attesting to qualities of teaching, research, and or service. Mr. Blackburn noted Benjamin Harrison was an 1852 Miami University graduate and the 23rd President of the United States serving from 1889 to 1893. Mr. Blackburn congratulated Mayor Rousmaniere on her award noting it was a 'Big Deal'.

Mr. Blackburn referred to the conference he and Mr. Dana attended regarding heroin addiction and noted elected officials from Cincinnati, Kentucky and Indiana were in attendance. Mr. Blackburn advised heroin was not the drug of the homeless, it was the drug of our friends, neighbors and families. Mr. Blackburn noted heroin was grown in several countries but the most prominent producers were in Afghanistan and Mexico. Mr. Blackburn advised the conference was hosted by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by St. Elizabeth Hospital of Kentucky and Duke Energy. Mr. Blackburn noted the program was designed to help people understand the problem and think of it as a disease. Mr. Blackburn advised the drug was very addictive to start with however the product on the streets now was often cut with fentanyl which was twice as addictive as heroin. Mr. Blackburn noted heroin was very inexpensive and for \$5 a person could get high and for \$10 they could kill them self. Mr. Blackburn advised additional sessions on heroin addiction were scheduled for April 28th and June 2nd and he and Mr. Dana would attend those sessions. Mr. Blackburn noted he and Mr. Dana felt if they could save one persons life they were doing their job.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted she was pleased Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Dana attended the session and were planning to attend the next two. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the Coalition for a Healthy Community Workgroup was working on the issue of prescription and other drugs.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.