

A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin McKeehan on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Richard Keebler, Mike Smith, Steve Snyder and Edna Southard. Kate Rousmaniere was excused.

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.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Snyder moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and collective bargaining. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion was approved by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Snyder moved to return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McKeehan requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION **'NALC FOOD DRIVE DAY'**

Mayor McKeehan read the Proclamation and presented it to Councilor Southard, Board President of the Oxford Community Choice Pantry (OCCP).

Ms. Southard thanked the City for supporting the food drive and noted the support of the community was crucial for the food pantry's survival.

Ms. Southard noted as President of the Board, she wanted to remind everyone that May 10th was 'Stamp Out Hunger' day and all proceeds from this event would go directly to the OCCP. Ms. Southard advised the food helped friends and neighbors in Oxford who were experiencing food insecurities. Ms. Southard noted some of the donations would be used for the Summer Harvest Bags which were given to families with children. Ms. Southard advised when school was out of session and the children couldn't get the school lunches, some families relied on the Summer Harvest Bags. Ms. Southard encouraged everyone to place nonperishable canned or boxed goods next to their mailboxes for collection on Saturday, May 10th. Ms. Southard noted this was the 20th year that the National Association of Letter Carriers would conduct the food drive throughout the country and the OCCP had served Oxford since 2007. Ms. Southard thanked the letter carriers for their service and the citizens for contributing generously. Ms. Southard wished Bob Ratterman a speedy recovery from surgery noting as Director of the OCCP he would have normally accepted the Proclamation this evening.

PROCLAMATION
'JEROME U. CONLEY DAY'

Mayor McKeegan read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Jerome Conley.

Mr. Jerome Conley, noted one thing he shared with people all the time was that he hated surprises and advised some of his students got him today. Mr. Conley wished Service Director, Mike Dreisbach, a happy birthday and noted we were honored to have his service to the City and his dedication and commitment to doing a great job. Mr. Conley commended Mr. Dreisbach and his staff for making the City a better place given the extreme winter we had. Mr. Conley noted a lot of wonderful memories took place in this chamber and he literally did not know about the Proclamation until 2 hours ago so he had no prepared remarks. Mr. Conley advised as we reflect on the purpose and the meaning of educating people each of us are committed to ensuring that the lives of the people we encounter is a richer and more wonderful experience than what we were greeted with when they first came into our lives. Mr. Conley noted the young men who stood behind him had truly made their lasting impression as they graduated next Saturday in terms of contributions they've made to make this place a better place to live, work and play. Mr. Conley advised as the Oxford United Way Student Foundation was started one of the things that one of them shared was 'Mr. Conley, we could raise all the money in the world for the United Way but we should never forget the people for whom we have the pleasure of raising this money on their behalf.' Mr. Conley noted when you think about the essence and ethics of those individuals and all of the students who are about to embark on the next chapter of their lives post Miami University we should stand proud and the City should stand proud of the character, the virtues and the contributions of the young men and women who are going to leave us and when they come back our prayer is that they were better people because they lived here. Mr. Conley noted his hope the hospitality extended to students had enriched their lives and when they go into their community they will seek to be engaged and they will understand what it means to be part of a City Council and more importantly part of the human race. Mr. Conley introduced several students as follows: Ryan Karbula from Galion, Ohio who was going to be a consultant in Connecticut, Stephen Hostalley from the Cleveland area who was going to be a staff assistant in Washington D.C., Greg Bieler from Middleburg Heights, who was accepted into the Peace Corps and was going to Samoa, David Mulford from Winnetka, Il, who was going into the design field in California,

Nick Miller who was an education major and would go to New York City this summer to teach, and Ari Frum from University Heights who was going to work for a consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Conley noted he felt the community was better off because these young men and others were part of it. Mr. Conley thanked Mayor McKeehan, Council, and staff for the recognition this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ari Frum, 11 W. Church Street, noted after two years of serving as Secretary for Off Campus Affairs, Associated Student Government, his term was up as he graduated. Mr. Frum thanked everyone he had worked with noting it was a pleasure. Mr. Frum introduced the new Secretary for Off Campus Affairs, Kevin Krumpak, and advised he knew Kevin would do a great job.

Mr. Kevin Krumpak, advised he looked forward to working with everyone as the new Secretary for Off Campus Affairs and encouraged Council members to reach out to him if they had anything to ask of him. Mr. Krumpak noted he was sure he would reach out to Council members throughout his year or more as secretary.

Mayor McKeehan welcomed Mr. Krumpak as the new Secretary for Off Campus Affairs.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 15, 2014 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORT

Report regarding the April 16, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION **NEW COPIER**

A Resolution No. 4828 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Woodhull for a 60-month lease of a Ricoh Aficio MP C3503 color copier. (Bob Holzworth, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION **CLERK DESIGNEE**

A Resolution No. 4829 appointing the Clerk of Council as designee for the City of Oxford's elected officials relative to the mandatory public records training as required by the Ohio Public Records Act. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Mr. Snyder moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
AMEND LOAN AGREEMENT

A Resolution No. 4830 authorizing the City manager to amend the loan agreement between the City of Oxford and Moon Cooperative Services, Inc. with conditions. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised representatives of Moon Coop had been before Council twice to modify their loan. Mr. Kyger noted in 2011 they secured a 5 year Revolving Loan Fund loan from the City and two years ago the payment was changed to an interest only payment for a one year period and that was extended for another year. Mr. Kyger advised the proposed Resolution this evening was a request for a third year of interest only payments. Mr. Kyger noted the CIC Loan Review Committee met with the owners and one of the goals was to get some of the principle paid back in addition to the interest. Mr. Kyger advised in looking at their numbers the CIC Loan Review Committee saw that Moon Coop's gross sales were up, their memberships were up, and they supported 80 local vendors but they weren't to the point where paying principle and interest would be good for them. Mr. Kyger noted Moon Coop had a staff of 11 or 6 full-time equivalents and the CIC and the City wanted them to succeed. Mr. Kyger advised the CIC Loan Review Committee recommended one more year of interest only payments with the condition that sometime later in the year the loan would be re-negotiated by extending the term or adjusting the interest rate so they could afford to make a complete payment. Mr. Kyger noted Moon Coop had paid back \$56,000 over the last several years. Mr. Kyger advised the owners were out of town this evening otherwise they would be in attendance.

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

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Resolution No. 4830. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

An Ordinance No. 3271 To Facilitate Competitive Retail Electric Service To Promote Electrical Savings, Lower Cost Electricity Supplies And Other Benefits For Certain Electricity Consumers, Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Effect An Electric Aggregation Program Pursuant To Section 4928.20 Of The Ohio Revised Code And Article XVIII Section 4 Of The Ohio Constitution; Directing The Butler County Board Of Elections To Submit A Ballot Question To The Electors; And Authorizing An Agreement With An Agent For Such Purposes. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised if Council adopted the proposed Ordinance this evening it would become a ballot issue in November. Mr. Elliott noted if the voters adopted the issue there would be at least two public hearings to present the program. Mr. Elliott advised this would provide the residents of Oxford a third choice and noted currently residents could use Duke Energy's standard rate or they could use the Electric Choice Program. Mr. Elliott noted a municipal aggregation program took the load of the entire City and obtained the best price possible. Mr. Elliott recommended that Council adopt the proposed Ordinance this evening.

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

Ms. Southard advised the League of Women Voters did a study and proposed that the City of Oxford looked into an aggregation program. Ms. Southard noted many other communities were doing this and she felt it would be great for Oxford to aggregate the electricity utility. Ms. Southard noted aggregation was a cost savings, it raised ecological awareness and it would help reduce emissions and make our energy more ecologically sound.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3271. Mr. Smith seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE **FINAL ANNEXATION**

An Ordinance No. 3272 Accepting The Annexation Petition From Douglas R. Elliott, Jr. For 33.550 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 this was the final step in the annexation process and if Council adopted the proposed Ordinance tonight the Koenig and Gillman properties as well as a vacant lot across from Wal-Mart would be within the City's boundary. Mr. Elliott noted this was brought about when the owner of the vacant lot wished to obtain city utilities and staff recognized that the owners of Koenig Equipment and Gillman's previously signed annexation agreements stating they would annex into the City when asked in return for receiving city water and sewer services. Mr. Elliott recommended passage of the legislation this evening.

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. 3272. Mr. Smith seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SURPLUS PROPERTY

An Ordinance No. 3273 Declaring Parcel Number H4100110000010 Located Along Millville-Oxford Road In Oxford To Be Surplus Property And No Longer Needed For Municipal Purposes; And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Miami University For The Sale Of The Property. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised he had nothing further since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

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. 3273. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott thanked Ari Frum for his work in the Associated Student Government's Off Campus Affairs office noting he had the opportunity to meet with Ari several times. Mr. Elliott advised he and Ari participated in the Walk About together last year and he got to know Ari on a personal level. Mr. Elliott thanked Ari for his leadership in his position of Secretary for Off Campus Affairs. Mr. Elliott welcomed Kevin Krumpak to the position of Secretary and noted he looked forward to working with him. Mr. Elliott advised he felt the town/gown relationship between the City and Miami University was very strong because of student leadership which Mr. Frum had provided and Mr. Krumpak would provide.

Mr. Elliott noted he enjoyed working with Mr. Conley when Mr. Conley was the Mayor and when they worked together on the United Way campaign.

Mr. Elliott advised Council received notification from the Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District that Oxford once again was the lead community in the 'Recycle to Win' challenge.

Mr. Elliott noted Oxford came in first place with 17.85% of the waste being recycled which he felt was good but he also felt Oxford could do better. Mr. Elliott challenged the community to think of ways to improve the recycling percentage. Mr. Elliott advised with the amount recycled 4,516 tons went to the landfill which averaged 1,558 pounds per household last year. Mr. Elliott noted recycling resulted in saving energy and resources and provided statistics from the US EPA website as follows:

10 magazines = .10 hours of air conditioning

10 aluminum cans = 1.7 hours of air conditioning

10 glass bottles = .7 hours of air conditioning

10 plastic bottles = .8 hours of air conditioning

Mr. Elliott congratulated the citizens of Oxford for their recycling efforts.

Mr. Elliott advised he participated in a community forum which addressed high risk alcohol behaviors noting this was a very serious topic that every college and university dealt with. Mr. Elliott advised it was an interesting meeting and the speakers included Pete Reising from OPD, Jerry Yates from MUPD, Katrina Wyche of the Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati, and Dr. Rose Marie Ward of Miami University. Mr. Elliott noted Dr. Ward provided statistics on Miami University student's drinking behavior and discussed environmental prevention strategies. Mr. Elliott advised this was one of a series of meetings dealing with community alcohol and drug issues over a two week time span.

Chief Holzworth welcomed Councilor Southard to the rank of alumni of the Citizens Police Academy noting he was glad she chose to participate in the program.

Chief Holzworth noted there were only a few days left in the academic year and the Police Department sincerely hoped and would be working diligently to make sure there were no human tragedies between now and the time people departed from Oxford.

Mr. Chen echoed Mr. Elliott's comments regarding Ari Frum noting it was a pleasure to work with him on the Student Community Relations Commission. Mr. Chen advised Ari had been instrumental in a lot of initiatives and those outcomes would be obvious when Mr. Krumpak stepped into those shoes.

Mr. Chen advised Share Fest would take place May 15th through 20th and noted if citizens had useable items to donate this was the perfect opportunity. Mr. Chen encouraged citizens to go to the City's website to schedule a pickup of items that would be distributed to needy families.

Mr. Smith advised 22 people participated in the Historic District Tour on Saturday which was a good turnout. Mr. Smith noted two tours would take place this Saturday at Lewis Place, one at 10:30 a.m., and one at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Smith advised at 6:00 p.m. this Friday there would be a dedication of the Ohio State Historical Marker for Caroline Scott Harrison in front of the Oxford Community Arts Center.

Ms. Southard thanked Chief Holzworth and John Buchholz for organizing the Citizens Police Academy noting it was an amazing experience and recommended that citizens took the opportunity to participate in the program. Ms. Southard advised the program was very interesting and very important.

Ms. Southard noted she read a book entitled Fixing Broken Windows that Chief Holzworth recommended which was about Police work. Ms. Southard recommended the book to everyone.

Mr. Blackburn thanked Ari Frum for all the work he had done on the Student Community Relations Commission and noted Kevin Krumpak had big shoes to fill.

Mr. Blackburn noted when Mr. Conley introduced the graduating students this evening it showed that Miami University students gave back. Mr. Blackburn advised over the weekend men and women from various fraternities and sororities were uptown picking up trash and they gave back to the community all year long.

Mr. Blackburn noted the City received over \$12,000 for the 'Recycle to Win' challenge and suggested the red recycling containers uptown be replaced with the larger green ones. Mr. Blackburn advised that would raise the city's percentage of recycling collection without much effort.

Mr. Blackburn encouraged people to participate in the Great Strides Walk for cystic fibrosis on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. which would begin in the Uptown Parks.

Mayor McKeehan noted the upcoming vacancies on Boards and Commissions including the Board of Appeals (Building & Housing), the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Civil Service Commission, the Community Relations Commission, the Environmental Commission, the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission, the Housing Advisory Commission, the Income Tax Board of Review, the Records Commission and the Recreation Board. Mayor McKeehan encouraged citizens to contact City Hall for more information noting Council would love to have their participation.

Mayor McKeehan advised everyone had Jerome Conley to thank or blame for him sitting in the Mayor's chair this evening. Mayor McKeehan noted 10-11 years ago after a failed run for City Council, Jerome Conley encouraged him to apply for a position on a Board or Commission to get involved with the community which he did, and was appointed to the Advisory Utilities Commission (AUC).

Mayor McKeehan noted two weeks ago he attended a town hall meeting on opiate abuse in this area and speakers included Chief Holzworth, Chief McCandless, a pharmacist from Kroger, a local psychologist and a number of others. Mayor McKeehan noted it was an interesting conversation and the problem was not getting any better. Mayor McKeehan noted two deaths had occurred in Oxford this year due to opiate abuse. Mayor McKeehan encouraged everyone to be cognizant of the problem.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there would be an electronics recycling collection in Oxford this year. Mr. Dreisbach advised he was working with Goodwill Industries and hopefully that would occur in late summer or early fall.

Mr. Elliott advised the City was purchasing two metal recycling containers for use in the Uptown business district after a report was done about recycling by a student organization. Mr. Elliott noted the student organization would be asked to help police the containers as any contamination would result in the contents being taken to the landfill.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.