

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Kevin McKeehan, Mike Smith and Edna Southard. Bob Blackburn was excused.

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. Kim Newton, Acting Clerk of Council.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing appointments to Boards and Commissions. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard,
Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dana moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION

“JEFF AND DEBBIE MACDONALD DAY”

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to Jeff and Debbie MacDonald, owners of Ace Hardware.

Mr. Jeff MacDonald, noted he and his family loved Oxford and advised they came to Oxford in 1981 and he worked for the Planning Executives Institute until he lost his job in 1985. Mr. MacDonald advised in October 1985 he bought the Hardware Store and noted he and Debbie exemplified what retail should be in Oxford and they worked very hard and long.

Mr. MacDonald noted the people who purchased Ace Hardware in Oxford (E&H Hardware Group) were a first class group and owned 20 Ace Hardware stores in Ohio. Mr. MacDonald advised Ace Hardware was a great place and would continue to be as the new owners hired the existing employees and they were very good employees. Mr. MacDonald advised he and Debbie would help the new owners during a transition period by working there part-time and they wanted the transition to be smooth noting the customers would be the same and customer service will be the same. Mr. MacDonald advised he and Debbie would slowly fade from the store but not from Oxford. Mr. MacDonald thanked Council and community members in the audience for the Proclamation and for their support.

Mr. McKeehan advised Mr. MacDonald would learn to clock in for the part-time position during the transition and noted his hope he would learn how to clock out.

Mayor Rousmaniere congratulated Mr. & Mrs. MacDonald on their retirement.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Chief Detherage read the following into the record: "Today we are here for a swearing in ceremony for the first three Full-Time Fire Department Captains and the first three Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics in the 184 year history of the City of Oxford Fire Division. Firefighting is one of the worlds most honored but dangerous occupations. When there is an emergency in the community, firefighters are one of the first on scene. Firefighters are at devastating ravages of fire, motor vehicle accidents, tornados, hazardous material incidents, rescue operations, explosions, medical emergencies and many other critical incidents. Firefighters are civil servants, following standard policies and procedures of the fire service and of their departments; they are there to prevent human suffering and death, to stabilize the incident and prevent damages and loss of property. It is a great honor to have this opportunity to swear in these men and women that will forever be a part of Oxford Fire Division history.

Captain Christopher Johns

Chris is a Badin High School graduate, has an associates degree in Fire Science from Sinclair Community College, and he graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. He is a Firefighter II and Paramedic.

He started his fire service career in 1993 with the Millville Fire Department (Ross Township) where he still serves as a part-time Capitan. In 2003 he was hired full-time with Goshen Township Fire and EMS. He left Goshen in 2015 at the rank of Lieutenant to become a Captain with the City of Oxford.

Chris has four children – Kayli, Alex, Allyson and Grayce. His wife Kathy will pin his badge.

Captain Christopher Meador

Chris is a Talawanda graduate and received his firefighter II and Paramedic certification at Sinclair Community College. He is currently attending Basic Emergency Rescue Technician Training and upon completion will become a member of the Butler County Technical Rescue Team.

He started his fire service career with the Milford Township Fire Department. In August of 2008 he started his paid career as one of the first part-time employees of the City of Oxford Fire Department. Chris has also worked for the Fairfield Township Fire Department where he still serves as a part-time Lieutenant, and also worked for Miami Township Fire and EMS in Clermont County.

Chris comes from a firefighting family. His father Jim has served as Assistant Chief with the Milford Township Fire Department for many years.

His wife Liz will pin his badge.

Captain Justin Fields

Jay is a Hamilton High graduate, has a Bachelor's in Developmental Psychology and Neuroscience from Miami where he was a member of the Honor Society, on the President's list and received the All American Collegiate Athletic Award. He earned his firefighter Level II and Paramedic Certifications at Butler Tech.

He started his fire service career with the Fairfield Township Fire Department in 2006. In 2009 he was hired as one of the initial part-time employees with the City of Oxford. Jay still serves as a firefighter paramedic with the Liberty Township Fire Department and has also worked at Miami Township.

Jay's wife Tina will pin his badge."

Mr. McHugh swore-in the three Captains followed by their signing the Oaths of Office and photographs were taken.

Chief Detherage read the following into the record:

This evening we will also swear in two of our first three full-time Firefighter Paramedics

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Smith

Jeremy is a LaSalle High School graduate and proud alum of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College where he earned his Firefighter II and Paramedic Certifications.

He started his career in 2012 with the City of Oxford Fire Department, has worked with the City of Fairfield Fire Department, and was a career Firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Hamilton for a short time.

Jeremy's wife Molly will pin his badge.

Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Wagner

Sarah is an Archbishop Alter High School graduate; she has a Bachelor's in Kinesiology and Health from Miami and completed her Firefighter II and Paramedic certifications at Sinclair Community College.

Sarah started her career with the City of Oxford Fire Department in 2012 as a student volunteer and progressed to part-time and now a career position. She also serves with the Washington Township Fire Department in Dayton.

Sarah's boyfriend Jaeson Hudnall who is a Firefighter Paramedic with the Village of Evendale will pin her badge.

Mr. McHugh swore-in the Firefighter/Paramedics followed by their signing the Oaths of Office and photographs were taken.

Chief Detherage thanked Council for the opportunity to place this important ceremony on their agenda. Chief Detherage thanked the families of those sworn in for participating this evening.

Mayor Rousmaniere congratulated the new Captains and Firefighter/Paramedics.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Smith moved to nominate for a 3 year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Rosemarie Shaughnessy, Civil Rights Commission for 3 years Tiffany Williams, Planning Commission for 5 years William Snavelly and Shanna Rosenberg, Housing Advisory Commission for 4 years Seth Geisler, and Recreation Board for 3 years Ken Bogard.

Mr. McHugh advised one of the terms on the Planning Commission was to fill an unexpired term.

Mr. Smith corrected the terms to be until 2022 for Mr. Snavelly and 2020 for Ms. Rosenberg. Mr. McKeenan seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked the volunteers who stepped up to serve on the City's Boards and Commissions.

PUBLIC HEARING 2018 TAX BUDGET

Mr. Dana moved to enter into a Public Hearing regarding the 2018 Tax Budget at 8:01 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Newlin advised Council was required by the Ohio Revised Code to adopt a Tax Budget by July 15, 2017 and it was due to the County Auditor by July 20, 2017. Mr. Newlin noted this was the preliminary budget for 2018 and the detailed line item budget analysis would occur over the next three months and be presented to Council. Mr. Newlin referred to page 97 of Council's packet and discussed the 2018 General Fund Tax Budget compared to the 2017 amended budget year to date. Mr. Newlin offered to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Ellerbe moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William Condict, 132 Country Club Drive, stated on November 16, 2016 this body was addressed by 9 Oxford residents and 1 resident of Milford Township and each one expressed a fear or concern regarding civil discourse in the wake of the November 8th presidential election. Mr. Condict noted one resident stated she had never been afraid in Oxford and now she was afraid to walk to her car after dark on campus and feared her daughter walking to the bus stop at 6:15 a.m. Mr. Condict advised another women stated there were many who were not feeling included and supported and she was aware that some worried they may not be as safe and supported today as they were a week prior. Mr. Condict noted another speaker familiar to some in attendance tonight stated students were shocked dismayed and concerned about the future. Mr. Condict asked everyone to reflect on the violence that has occurred since the election noting on February 1, 2017 so called Antifa members vandalized and set fire to buildings at the University of California in Berkeley and the riotous mob was protesting the appearance of Milo Yiannopoulos a homosexual that happens to be a conservative. Mr. Condict advised in April of this year a threat of violence was levied again against Berkeley if Ann Coulter was allowed to speak on campus. Mr. Condict noted on February 17, 2017 Lars Maischak a professor at the Fresno campus of the California State University tweeted "To save American democracy Trump must hang the sooner and the higher the better" and on February 22 of this year he tweeted "Justice equals the execution of two republicans for each deported immigrant". Mr. Condict advised on April 15 of this year Eric Clanton a 28 year old former college philosophy professor allegedly attacked Trump supporters with a large metal U-lock during a free speech rally at Berkeley California and was charged with 4 counts of assault with a deadly weapon and is awaiting trial. Mr. Condict noted in April of 2017 at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington it was demanded by blacks in the student body that white students and faculty members leave campus for a day as a part of an exercise in equality. Mr. Condict advised in the fall of 2016 he was in the Armstrong Student Center when a group of protesters came through with their placards and chanting "Black Lives Matter" and he followed them to the south entrance to the building and they gathered on the steps congratulating themselves on what they had just done. Mr. Condict noted one of the protesters stated "Miami University is too white it needs to be more black". Mr. Condict advised students had come to him as a fellow student and ask him if he feared repercussions from the professors at the University for voicing his political opinions and he told them no as he was too old and wise to be intimidated. Mr. Condict noted he understood why they might be in fear because this is their step from home to the real world. Mr. Condict advised these instances were not limited to college campuses and noted Kathy Griffin in a would-be ISIS pose held the bloodied severed head of the current president of the United States. Mr. Condict noted the pop singer Madonna said she thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House. Mr. Condict advised Shakespeare in the Park of New York City recently closed on schedule performing a modern day version of Julius Caesar where the President of the United States or the likeness thereof is assassinated. Mr. Condict advised he understood artistic freedom and he fully supported it but at some point it could be insightful (drive people to action). Mr. Condict noted the rioting in Washington D.C. on inauguration day and advised less than a week ago James Hodgkins, a Bernie Sanders supporter and volunteer for his campaign deliberately targeted and attempted to assassinate several members of the republican delegation to congress while they practiced for a bipartisan charity driven baseball game.

Mr. Condict noted the violence we were witnessing was the worst possible kind of violence the aim of which was the suppression of ideas and the shutting down of debate which was the cornerstone of our democracy. Mr. Condict advised his fear was that we may travel too far down that road and if it was not curtailed the fissures being created now may become too great to mend as they will be irreconcilable. Mr. Condict noted the rederick needed to be dialed back immediately, people need to come to their senses and we need to ask if we really want to continue the journey we are on. Mr. Condict noted his hope Council would join him in condemning any and all acts of violence whether based on race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual preference, political ideology or anything else. Mr. Condict urged staff and faculty at Miami University to not stifle political speech and or political debate noting if civility was lost we would most assuredly lose our society followed shortly thereafter by our nation.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted Oxford's Civil Rights Commission addresses issues of inequity and civil rights in the community if Mr. Condict wished to contact them.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 6, 2017 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the May 9, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the June 7, 2017 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the June 8, 2017 Recreation Board Meeting. (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Mr. Dana moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION **SRO PROGRAM** **AGREEMENT**

A Resolution No. 5072 authorizing the School Resource Officer Program agreement between the Talawanda City School District and the City of Oxford and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones advised the proposed Resolution would allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Talawanda School District to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2017-2018 school years.

Chief Jones noted the City had an officer in the schools part-time this past spring semester, it went well and the school district would like to see an officer in the schools on a full-time basis. Chief Jones advised he felt an officer needed to be in the schools on a full-time basis and in conjunction with the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Chief Jones noted the school district would pay the City for an officer for 40 hours per week at a rate of \$24 per hour.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired what the Sheriff's Office provided. Chief Jones advised the Sheriff's Office provided a SRO for primarily the High School and the two elementary schools in the township.

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

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 5072. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
COPS GRANT

A Resolution No. 5073 of Council supporting the submission of a grant application for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the COPS Hiring Program grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 (\$41,666.66) per year for three years. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones advised this would be federal money to help hire another officer noting there was plenty of work to do and he always sought ways to obtain additional staffing. Chief Jones noted the grant was not awarded to the City last year and he didn't know what Oxford's chances were of getting the grant although he felt it was due diligence to seek funding opportunities.

Mr. Dana inquired what other sources of funding Chief Jones looked at. Chief Jones noted negotiating with the school district to provide additional monies for work being done in the schools was one method of funding. Chief Jones advised the federal hiring grant is what the City was seeking to get funding to help put officers on the street. Chief Jones noted a program was done through the Ohio Attorney General's Office for substance abuse and the City received \$7,000 last year for a drug education program that was taught in the school district.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 5073. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
OKI GRANT

A Resolution No. 5074 of Council authorizing the City Manager to submit an Ohio Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality grant application requesting funding through the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 with a local match of \$500,000.00. The Oxford Area Trails Committee shall explore options to raise the required match to construct an additional segment of the Oxford Area Trail from US 27 to Chestnut Fields. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the construction of the first phase of the Oxford Area Trail was complete and the City also secured additional funding for the portion from SR73 to US27. Mr. Chen noted staff was preparing an application seeking funds from the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality grant slated for the 2021-23 funding cycle for another portion of the trail from Pepper Park to Chestnut Fields. Mr. Chen advised Jessica Greene from the Visitors Bureau was instrumental in making the trail a reality.

Ms. Jessica Greene, advised the Visitors Bureau would work to obtain the matching funds noting they had done it before and felt they could do it again. Ms. Greene noted tonight she and staff were asking for Council's approval to apply for the grant which was due on June 30, 2017 with funds being released in 2021.

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

Mr. Dana inquired if sources for the matching funds would be the same or if there was a different mix.

Ms. Greene advised she didn't have a concrete plan and noted there was a lot of community support. Ms. Greene advised the Visitors Bureau was slated to raise \$170,000 for the last grant and they were able to secure \$220,000.

Ms. Southard noted the trail enhanced the community and expressed her hope the project would move forward.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 5074. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION **CONTRACT WITH** **NEXTSTEP**

A Resolution No. 5075 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with NextStep Networking for managed Information Technology (IT) and backup disaster recovery services at an annual cost of \$73,935.00 subject to certain terms and conditions after the first year. (Kim Newton, Assistant to the City Manager)

Ms. Newton noted the City's current contract with NextStep expired May 31, 2017 and staff was requesting to enter into a new three year contract with two one year options for an annual amount of \$54,747 for managed IT services and \$19,188 for backup disaster recovery services. Ms. Newton noted at the end of each year, an audit would be conducted evaluating the number of users and systems with the following terms:

If there is a change less than 10% either way, the price is valid for another year;

If the change is more than a 10% increase, a 10% increase will be applied for the following year;

If there is a 10% decrease, the price will be reduced by 10%.

Ms. Newton advised NextStep was very familiar with the City's systems and the City was very pleased with their service.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5075. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
HENDY, INC.

A Resolution No. 5076 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hendy, Inc. for the replacement of certain curb, gutter, sidewalk and alley aprons, and the installation of new handicap ramps set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto at a cost not to exceed \$106,789.50. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised staff was asking for Council's approval to enter into a construction contract to replace curb, gutter and sidewalk that were City obligations in the radius at corners where the City wanted to provide solid curb, gutter and handicap ramps. Mr. Dreisbach noted 90% of the cost would be funded through the Community Development Block Grant and just under \$11,000 of local money was appropriated for curb, gutter and sidewalk use. Mr. Dreisbach advised 3 bids were received with Hendy, Inc. providing the lowest price.

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

Mr. Dana noted he walked a lot in the mile square and felt the work being done was impressive.

Mr. Smith referred to page 35 of Council's packet and inquired if all items listed on Exhibit "B" were going to be constructed and Mr. Dreisbach advised yes.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 5076. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
CHARTER AMENDMENT

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 3388 Adopted December 20, 2016 And Adopting A New Ordinance Providing For The Submission To The Electorate Of Amendments To The Charter Of The City Of Oxford , Ohio, And To Place The Same On The Ballot At The General Election, November 7, 2017 And Declaring An Emergency. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott noted Council adopted an Ordinance for charter amendments at the end of last year. Mr. Elliott advised the City received a phone call recently from an attorney representing the Butler County Board of Elections that they temporarily rejected the charter review amendments because they were adopted too early.

Mr. Elliott noted he was asking Council to repeal the Ordinance adopted on December 20, 2016 and adopt a new Ordinance which would provide for the submission to the electorate in November of amendments to the charter and place them on the ballot at the general election on November 7, 2017. Mr. Elliott advised on the second reading the Ordinance would be adopted as an emergency. Mr. Elliott noted Council reviewed the 11 amendments extensively last year. Mr. Elliott advised the Journal News would publish an article in October on the proposed charter amendments which would help get the word out and he would speak to the various service organizations in Oxford so residents would understand what is being proposed with the charter amendments.

Mr. William Condict, referred to the striking of Section 10.01 as shown on page 63 of Council's packet regarding the Oath of Office for City employees. Mr. Condict noted he served 24 plus years in the U.S. Navy, completed seven 6 month deployments on six different air craft carriers and he served a year on the ground in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. Mr. Condict advised over the course of his career he had the honor of taking the oath. Mr. Condict noted he served with some of the finest men and women from all races, religions, and creeds. Mr. Condict advised each time he reenlisted he raised his right hand and stated "I do solemnly swear to support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic and I will bear truth faith and allegiance to the same. That I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to the regulations and the uniform code of military justice so help me God." Mr. Condict noted he read what was stricken from the Oxford Charter and could not extract the reasoning for striking this section of the Charter. Mr. Condict inquired what had driven Council to strike the Oath of Office from the City's Charter. Mr. Condict urged Council to reinstate section 10.01 and reaffirm the allegiance of this Council to this nation and this state.

Mr. Elliott advised a Charter deals with the form of government and most City Charters do not have an oath of office contained within them. Mr. Elliott noted removing the oath from the Charter does not mean the City will not be following the constitution. Mr. Elliott advised the oath taken this evening by Fire Department employees was not the same as the one in the Charter. Mr. Elliott noted the oath taken by Police Officers was different as well. Mr. Elliott noted the intention was not to eliminate the oath and the Charter Review Commission felt it did not belong in the Charter.

Mr. Condict urged Council to leave the Oath of Office in the Charter.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3410 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment For Property Located On South College Avenue Formerly Known As The Miami Valley Lumber Site And Associated Properties In Oxford, Ohio, And Rezoning The Property From GB (General Business) And R1-MS (Single Family Mile Square Residential) Districts To R2-MS (Single and Two Family Mile Square Residential) District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no additional comments regarding the proposed Ordinance and noted the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval by Council. Mr. Chen advised he or the applicant would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Dana noted the Comprehensive Plan in various ways supports this zoning change and the applicant advances the various sections of the Comprehensive Plan that speaks to this. Mr. Dana advised the City Charter states "The Planning Commission shall carry out the Comprehensive Plan" and objective number 6 in the Comprehensive Plan states "The plan should encourage diverse and affordable housing choices". Mr. Dana noted whether the proposed development might create such choices might at this stage be problematic and the Housing Advisory Commission had spoken to this point. Mr. Dana advised the Mayor suggested the HAC might draft a density bonus provision. Mr. Dana noted the proposed development was an objective of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dana advised he was in favor the proposed development.

Mr. Scott Webb, Applicant/Agent, offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Ellerbe noted raising the density cap allowed the applicant to facilitate the plan for new housing units and inquired if his assessment was correct.

Mr. Webb advised there would be two separate agenda items and the one that passed by the Planning Commission was the map amendment which did not have anything to do yet with the development that is proposed. Mr. Webb noted the proposed development would come to Council next month. Mr. Webb noted this location was surrounded by R-1 districts especially to the east along S. Main Street and advised he presented to the Planning Commission some density numbers that show what is currently zoned R-1 in that area exceeds the density of R-2. Mr. Webb advised the zoning was not quite in line with the way things were being used.

Mr. Dana noted the development allows a minor increase in density but it seemed to be in sync with the goal to favor infill development over sprawl and tear downs.

Ms. Southard clarified Council was considering the change in zoning not the development.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3410. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ACCEPTING
RIGHT-OF-WAY

An Ordinance No. 3411 Accepting Two Parcels Of Land From Property Owner O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC, To Provide Uninterrupted Public Right-Of-Way For College Corner Pike (US27) From Merry Day Drive Through Existing City Lots 1454-1457. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised this was a housekeeping item to accept dedicated land on US 27 so the right-of-way is continuous and unobstructed.

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

Mr. Dana noted the proposed Ordinance made sense and Mr. McKeehan advised it would fix a previous error.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3411. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3412 Amending Ordinance No. 3381. Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 5 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2017. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin discussed the two issues within the proposed supplemental budget as shown on page 93 of Council's packet and offered to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3412. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
TAX BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3413 Authorizing The Tax Budget For The Year 2018 And Directing That The Same Be Transmitted To The Butler County Auditor. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin noted this item was discussed during the Public Hearing earlier in the meeting and he had nothing further to add.

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

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3413. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Smith, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised he and Council Southard visited Oxford's Sister City in Differdange Luxembourg at the end of May and noted it was a very informative and enjoyable visit. Mr. Elliott discussed the trip and thanked Council for the opportunity to make the Sister City visit.

Chief Jones noted Law Camp would take place in Oxford this weekend hosted by the Butler County Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Jones advised 125 young campers would move in to Dennison Hall and have a fun filled action packed weekend.

Mr. Kyger advised the Oats Trail dedication was a great event last week. Mr. Kyger noted the Oats Trail was a great tool for economic development and thanked Council for supporting it.

Mr. McHugh advised the Charter Amendment Ordinance being passed as an emergency would require 6 affirmative votes from Council and inquired if anyone was planning to be absent from the July 18 meeting. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she would be out of town. Mr. McHugh suggested the Ordinance be passed as an emergency on August 1, 2017 and Council agreed.

Mr. McKeehan provided an update on Councilor Blackburn who has been in the hospital.

Mr. McKeehan encouraged Councilor's to visit the campers during Law Camp this weekend.

Mr. Dana noted his hope Council would be attentive to the news letters from the Ohio Municipal League as it speaks to Councilors particularly on issues of taxation. Mr. Dana encouraged citizens to contact Senator Coley to ask him to strike budget language injurious to Ohio's municipalities and to restore the language passed by the House of Representatives. Mr. Dana noted municipalities should exercise control over the way they deal with their taxation.

Mr. Smith noted the July 4 Council meeting was cancelled and there would be a full slate of activities at the Community Park on the 3rd. Mr. Smith also noted the annual parade would be held on the 2nd.

Ms. Southard thanked Council for the opportunity to visit Oxford's Sister City, Differdange and noted a lot of good ideas came out of the visit. Ms. Southard advised Differdange and Oxford had populations of similar size, both cities were surrounded by rural areas and there was an existence of university populations in both cities. Ms. Southard advised the cities faced different problems noting Differdange faces a perceptual problem as a revitalized mining and steel town and they have dealt with this issue in very interesting ways. Ms. Southard noted Differdange had a large population of Portuguese immigrants and she and Mr. Elliott met many of them working for the City. Ms. Southard advised the Mayor of Differdange was the first non-Luxembourger elected and he also holds a position on a National Cabinet. Ms. Southard noted Differdange was doing major cultural and economic development improvements and advised the renovated hotel they stayed in was owned by the City. Ms. Southard noted the university there was only a year old and would specialize in sports and kinesiology with staff from various different countries. Ms. Southard advised among the things she and Mr. Elliott brought as gifts were 'Cultivating Community' t-shirts from the Oxford Farmers Market which were well received as were the Wine Fest gifts and the flag. Ms. Southard noted each Council member in Differdange was interested in different areas such as cultural affairs and social and environmental issues. Ms. Southard advised she and Mr. Elliott visited the pool which cost 41 million dollars and was an investment of private funds. Ms. Southard noted the librarians she met at the cultural center were now in touch with Oxford's Lane Librarians and would collaborate on some projects together on line. Ms. Southard advised she was hoping for a lot of cultural exchanges and collaboration in many different ways as the two cities exchanged ideas. Ms. Southard noted the friends from Luxembourg planned to visit Oxford again in 2018 and she looked forward to an interesting exchange with Oxford's Sister City.

Ms. Southard wished Councilor Blackburn a speedy return back to Council.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted Buckeye Boys State was in town last week and 1,250 high school juniors were in town to learn about civic engagement and would return for the next 4 years.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised 300 bicyclists in the Race Across America were coming through town. Mayor Rousmaniere noted Oxford was lucky to have a Timing Station in the parking lot of TJ Maxx and encouraged everyone to stop by to greet the cyclists and cheer to them on.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.