A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin McKeehan on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Richard Keebler, Kate Rousmaniere, Mike Smith and Steve Snyder. Edna Southard 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; Ms. Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation 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) (1) (2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing appointments to Boards and Commissions, property and pending litigation. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McKeehan requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved to amend the agenda by removing Resolution Number 1. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Keebler moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION
'PHI DELTA THETA WEEK'

Mayor McKeehan read the Proclamation and noted it would be forwarded to the fraternity.

NOTICE TO
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Transfer from Smokin Ox LLC DBA The Smokin Ox 12 E. Park Place 1st Floor and basement Oxford, Ohio 45056 to First Round Draft Inc. DBA The Smokin Ox 12 E. Park Place 1st Floor and basement Oxford, Ohio 45056.

Mr. Snyder moved to accept the notice without comment. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Kyger noted Mr. Ted Wood purchased the Smokin Ox restaurant and was transferring the liquor license into his company's name.

APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Keebler moved to appoint Ericka Darks to the McCullough-Hyde Hospital Board of Trustees for a term ending in 2019 and to reappoint Kevin Armitage to the Environmental Commission for a term ending in 2018. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PRESENTATION
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Chen advised the Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2008 as a result of a year long process beginning in 2007. Mr. Chen noted the Comprehensive Plan was a policy document to guide decision making on long term physical development. Mr. Chen provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the key directions of the plan which were to:

Preserve the small town character
Enhance the Mile Square to preserve the traditional character of Oxford
Give priority to infill and redevelopment
Conserve agricultural lands and natural areas
Create new jobs and services in the community
Provide a variety of transportation options including walking, biking and public transit
Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to preserve the rural character

Mr. Chen noted the goals of the Comprehensive Plan were centered around Land Use, Urban Design, Transportation, Economic Development, Housing, Utilities, Community Services, Cultural Resources and Partnerships. Mr. Chen discussed recent accomplishments related to the goals listed above and provided Council with a detailed 2008 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Matrix showing annual accomplishments from 2011 to 2013 for them to review at their convenience.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted the transportation improvements stood out to her with the one year anniversary of having services provided by the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, the improvements of walking paths, sidewalks and handicap ramps, the adoption of the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Plan, and the 27N, 27S and College Avenue improvements. Ms. Rousmaniere advised these were great initiatives that furthered mobility around town. Ms. Rousmaniere applauded Mr. Dreisbach for his efforts regarding handicap ramps and other improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Brown, Butler County Auditor's Office, noted he was in attendance as part of the Auditor's outreach program. Mr. Brown advised the county's forfeited land sale concluded on July 30, 2014 and the properties had gone through a couple of sheriff's sales and if they did not sell for the taxes due the bidding started at $1.00. Mr. Brown noted none of the properties sold for the taxes due and one home in New Miami sold for $25,000 which was the highest bid. Mr. Brown advised the county collected a total of $111,281.00 and the taxes due on the properties was $827,000.00. Mr. Brown noted his hope the properties would be repurposed and someone would begin to pay taxes to the communities that were impacted. Mr. Brown advised the majority of the 83 parcels sold were located in Hamilton and Middletown.

Mr. Brown advised the 2014 re-appraisals were almost complete and the tentative abstract should be sent to the State Department of Taxation by the end of this week. Mr. Brown noted they expected approval by the end of the month and letters would be mailed to homeowners informing them of their new 2014 values by mid to late September. Mr. Brown encouraged citizens to review those values and if they felt their property was over valued they could make an appointment with the Auditor's Office as the Auditor's Office was diligent in trying to obtain a conservative and true value on properties in Butler County.

Mr. Brown advised the County Financial Reports were completed and noted he would leave copies with the City Manager for Council and the public to review. Mr. Brown noted the county budgets had improved and the sales tax numbers were increasing.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if any of the forfeited properties sold for $1.00. Mr. Brown advised yes, and noted a list of every property sold and what it sold for was on the Auditor's website.

Ms. Nancy Martin, 6195 Fairfield Road #12, advised Mr. Chen suggested she address Council and read the following into the record: 'Two neighborhoods have successfully secured Oxford's new Conservation Overlay this year and we'd like to be considered for the third. We desperately need this provision to help secure our own unique neighborhood. Twenty five years ago this circle of free standing condominiums was the vision of Art Goldner, Fred Brown, Coe Potter and others wanting a more suitable retirement option within the City of Oxford. We understand the original rules for the Overlay Zoning were not proposed for condominium style residence. However Vereker Farms have no structures with any shared wall. All buildings are totally independent of one another. Hopefully this will allow us the adjustment needed to meet the requirements of City Council and the Planning Board. City Council may waive the minimum number of parcels/structure requirement, but only after a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. We've been attempting to have the Planning Commission check with the City Attorney since the 1st of June 2014 about our next step in petitioning for a wavier of the minimum parcel/structure requirement so we can preserve the unique group of 22 free standing structures we call home. So many of our old guard here at Vereker Farms are in their late 80's and early 90's and though we know they are on board in keeping with tradition of single family living we cannot predict what the next group of buyers have in mind. Our lot lines were recorded with only the perimeter boundaries and since our side yards have a zero lot line provision to the adjacent structure it does not meet the requirement now listed.

I've met with personnel from the Planning Commission several times and attempted to contact the City Attorney as suggested but without success. I spoke to Mr. Chen yesterday and he suggested we petition City Council on this matter. Our survey to other Vereker Farms owners has been successful in securing the two-thirds of signatures required for the Overlay Neighborhood Program. Thank you in advance for any assistance you might be able to provide. Vereker Farms is worth preserving for those in the future wanting to stay in Oxford but need to downsize to a more practical living environment.'

Ms. Martin noted earlier this evening Mr. Chen talked about the importance of new neighborhoods and advised the old neighborhoods were important too. Ms. Martin asked for guidance on how to preserve Vereker Farms.

Mr. Keebler advised as a condominium association Vereker Farms could make their own rules. Ms. Martin noted they needed 100% support and were lacking three who would not change their mind.

Mr. McHugh advised he received the letter from Ms. Martin yesterday and he would review the matter. Mayor McKeehan advised staff would look into the situation to see what type of answers could be given. Mayor McKeehan thanked Ms. Martin for her comments.

Ms. Prue Dana, 6314 Fairfield Road, advised the new bike lane was fabulous and riding on it made you feel so much safer and encouraged everyone to get the feel of the distances. Ms. Dana thanked Council for approving the installation of the bike lane.

Ms. Dana noted she had been working with Habitat for Humanity and wanted to thank City employees who volunteered on two Saturdays: Doug Elliott, Dave Weihrauch, Jung-Han Chen, Joe Newlin, Sam Perry and Mary Ann Eaton and Beck Kolb who provided lunch for everyone. Ms. Dana advised everyone put in a long days work and invited Council members to come out to see the two homes being built. Ms. Dana noted Ms. Rousmaniere was there Saturday to welcome the family that would live in the three bedroom home.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Keebler requested removal of item 4.G. (Contract with Jim True Ford, Inc.)

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 1, 2014 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the July 2, 2014 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the July 8, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director.

Report regarding the July 15, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the July 16, 2014 Recreation Board Meeting. (Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director)

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
JOHN DEERE COMPANY

A Resolution No. 4841 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with John Deere Company for the purchase of a 2014 model 4044R compact utility tractor and specified options at state contract pricing at a cost not to exceed $22,713.22 which includes a discount of $3,000.00 for trading in the existing 1976 John Deere tractor. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

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

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
JIM TRUE FORD, INC.

A Resolution No. 4842 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jim True Ford, Inc. for the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-150 truck and specified options at state contract pricing at a cost not to exceed $24,490.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the proposed Resolution was for the purchase of a replacement utility truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Dreisbach noted the existing truck was 13 years old and scheduled to be replaced this year. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff evaluated the state contract and found a local provider that could beat the state contract price and staff was recommending that Council authorized staff to purchase the vehicle from Jim True Ford, Inc. for the amount stated.

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

Mr. Keebler referred to the staff report on page 29 of the agenda and noted concern with keeping the current 13 year old vehicle that had a bed mounted crane. Mr. Keebler noted 5 years from now the truck may not run anymore and it had a piece of equipment on it that the City needed to keep and inquired if a replacement vehicle would need to be purchased. Mr. Keebler inquired why the old crane couldn't be mounted on the new truck. Mr. Dreisbach advised the truck staff was looking at was not outfitted with outriggers to keep it from tipping over when you extend a load on the crane. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff could spec a different truck if that was Council's desire but staff was attempting to save money. Mr. Dreisbach advised the crane was seldom used but absolutely needed at times and the truck would be used everyday. Mr. Keebler inquired if the current vehicle would last another 13 years. Mr. Dreisbach advised he was very proud of the maintenance staff and they would keep the vehicle running and in the best possible condition. Mr. Dreisbach noted the tractor being replaced was 38 years old.

Mr. Keebler noted concern with purchasing a vehicle outside of the state contract noting they were a wonderful tool and over the years he had used them extensively at the university and the City had used them extensively. Mr. Keebler advised state contracts promoted good pricing and once you start buying outside of the contracts you were pitting the contract against another vendor and over time this would effectively destroy the contract. Mr. Keebler noted state law permitted purchasing outside of the state contract as long as the price was lower and most of the time that was done to purchase within your own community. Mr. Keebler advised in this case $300 was being saved and the vendor was outside of the State of Ohio which didn't seem smart to him. Mr. Dreisbach agreed with Mr. Keebler's comments noting staff had discussions about local preference and if too much preference was given to one group the others would stop bidding. Mr. Dreisbach noted this vendor provided tremendous customer service compared to some regional Ford dealers particularly in Cincinnati. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff tried to reward good service where they got it.

<u>Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 4842. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 5-1-0 with Mr. Keebler voting nay.</u>

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION
PURCHASE OF
DE-ICING MATERIALS**

A Resolution No. 4843 authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract secured by the Butler County Engineer's Office and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cargill, Inc. for the purchase of road de-icing materials for an amount not to exceed $130,000.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach referred to the harsh winter we had and advised the City needed to re-stock its de-icing supplies. Mr. Dreisbach noted $130,000 would cover this year's purchase and into April of 2015. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City was coordinating its purchasing power with the Butler County Engineer's Office who pooled with cities and townships in Butler County to obtain the best pricing. Mr. Dreisbach noted he was pleased that the price only increased 3.9% over last year given everyone in the Midwest and Northeast used all of their supplies last year. Mr. Dreisbach recommended that Council award this purchasing power to Cargill, Inc. through the Butler County Engineer's contract.

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

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired if $130,000 was the same amount spent on salt every year. Mr. Dreisbach advised no, and stated the materials budget was $70,000 or so per year. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff asked the City Manager for a supplemental budget and Council approved an additional $56,000 for purchasing in 2014. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff would buy salt right now with that additional money. Mr. Dreisbach advised the contract would allow staff to keep buying this year and January through April of next year. Ms. Rousmaniere inquired if this was the same amount of salt the City typically bought. Mr. Dreisbach advised it was more and the City needed 1000 tons of salt to fill the salt barn. Mr. Dreisbach noted the storage was somewhat skewed because the City stored salt for the township and for the Talawanda School District.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4843. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
EXTEND THE CONTRACT
WITH REMAX

A Resolution No. 4844 authorizing the City Manager to extend the current contract with Re/Max Alpha Commercial Group to list for sale and market the City owned real estate at 4293 Oxford Reily Road for a twelve (12) month period ending July 15, 2015. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised in 2010 the City entered into a contract with ReMax Alpha Commercial Group for the listing of the City owned acreage on Oxford Reily Road known as Western Knolls. Mr. Kyger noted the latest contract expired in mid July and the proposed Resolution would extend the contract for another year. Mr. Kyger advised Dan Mawer and Coe Potter were the agents for the property and he met with Mr. Potter last week who indicated there was some interest in the property. Mr. Kyger noted his hope he would have something for Council to review in the near future.

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

Mr. Keebler inquired if other firms were interested in listing the property and Mr. Kyger advised no.

Mayor McKeehan inquired what marketing efforts had taken place. Mr. Kyger advised the property was advertised with the Multiple Listing Service and the agents were also working with members of OxVillAGE Network.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4844. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTIOIN
ASSESSMENT

A Resolution No. 4845 authorizing the assessment of delinquent charges for the removal or destruction of noxious vegetation to be placed on the Butler County, Ohio property tax duplicate. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised staff submitted information to the auditor's office once a year to put a levy on properties that did not abate tall grass violations. Mr. Chen noted this year there was only one property and it was located on Vereker Drive. Mr. Chen advised the cost to abate the tall grass and the administrative costs would be placed on the property.

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

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired if this was the property Ms. Dana talked to her about and Ms. Dana advised no.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4845. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
JK CUSTOM HOMES, LLC

A Resolution No. 4846 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with JK Custom Homes, LLC for the expansion and remodeling of the City of Oxford's Fire Station at a cost of \$387,000.00 plus a contingency amount of ten percent (10%) of the contract price or \$38,700.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$425,700.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City engaged local architect Scott Webb for design and specifications to expand the Oxford Fire Station. Mr. Dreisbach noted the expansion would occur on the southeast side of the existing structure and build out onto the parking lot adjacent to the existing building. Mr. Dreisbach advised this would be a two story expansion and each floor would have 1,200 square feet of new usable space with the lower floor being used for training and meeting purposes and the upper floor would be used for sleeping quarters and additional shower and restroom space. Mr. Dreisbach noted there were two design issues that would require variances from the Board of Zoning Appeals and the City applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals to address those issues. Mr. Dreisbach advised two alternates for the project were identified, one was for a basement under the addition adjoining the existing basement, and one was for a fire suppression system for the entire structure. Mr. Dreisbach noted 3 bids were received with JK Custom Homes, LLC providing the lowest bid at \$350,000 and they provided an acceptable bid for constructing the basement at \$37,000. Mr. Dreisbach advised there was confusion among the bidders with Alternate #2 of whether the City wanted just the addition sprinkled or the entire building so staff was not recommending an award of Alternate #2 at this time. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff was working with the low bidder and their design firm to provide pricing for sprinkling the entire structure and that would come before Council in a short period of time. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff investigated the references of JK Custom Homes, LLC with excellent results and they had an A+ Better Business Bureau rating. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff recommended JK Custom Homes, LLC for the award of the base bid and Alternate #1.

Mr. Keebler advised he was at the bid opening and was surprised by the variance in bids and noted the architect was convinced that the original estimates were accurate and he felt JK Custom Homes, LLC could do the job and their base bid was not out of line. Mr. Keebler noted even though the Fire Station was alarmed fire suppression was important because in the U.S. and Canada approximately one fire station burned down each month.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted staff was not recommending Alternate #2 (Fire Suppression) at this time because of disparity in the bids and Mr. Dreisbach advised that was correct and staff would rebid that portion of the project.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4846. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1143.10

An Ordinance No. 3276 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.10 Entitled Uptown District, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.10 Entitled Uptown District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed Ordinance was a zoning text amendment which would remove the restriction of the 5 foot encroachment into the sidewalk right-of-way for Uptown Businesses. Mr. Chen noted there still had to be 5 feet of unimpeded sidewalk in front of each business. Mr. Chen advised the revised language was on page 53 of the agenda.

Mr. Kyger showed various slides of Uptown sidewalk usage noting each business was in violation of the zoning code. Mr. Kyger advised with the adoption of the proposed zoning text amendment the businesses would be in compliance.

Mr. Keebler advised he was in favor of the proposed Ordinance but noted he felt there would be some enforcement issues. Mr. Keebler encouraged staff to talk to the merchants regarding the text amendment.

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

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3276. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3277 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment For Approximately 33.55 Acres Of Land Located Along U.S. 27 North, North And West Of The Intersection Of Todd Road And Ringwood Road, Including The Right-Of-Way Of Ringwood Road And The Northern Half Of U.S. 27 And The Western Half Of Todd Road, Adjacent To Parcel H3610016000002 In Oxford, Ohio, And Rezoning The Property From Butler County Zoning Classification To General Business (GB) District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised this was the last step in the annexation process for this property and the proposed Ordinance was a zoning map amendment to change the zoning from the township's designation to the City's General Business designation. Mr. Chen noted he Planning Commission recommended approval of this zoning map amendment.

Mr. Snyder noted this was why the annexation legislation came before Council several months ago.

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

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3277. Mr. Smith seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
CODE UPDATE

An Ordinance No. 3278 To Approve Current Replacement Pages Of The Oxford Codified Ordinances. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Ms. Eaton noted there was no new information regarding the proposed Ordinance which was the annual Codified Ordinance update.

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

Mr. Snyder noted he wasn't sure why this had to be done since Council already adopted the legislation.

Ms. Eaton advised the Code Update included changes in the Traffic Code and General Offense Code as well as any zoning text amendments in the City's zoning code.

Mr. McHugh advised the proposed Ordinance would conform the City's code for citation purposes with the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3278. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott thanked Council for adopting the Resolution to build an addition to the Fire Station and noted the contract with JK Custom Homes, LLC would not be signed until after the BZA meeting to obtain 2 variances. Mr. Elliott advised one variance was due to the setback from Spring Street and the other one dealt with the amount of window treatments. Mr. Elliott noted the City was finally able to address some long talked about facility needs.

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. Chen for his presentation this evening and noted he felt a lot of accomplishments had been made for a small university City. Mr. Elliott encouraged Council to review the Comprehensive Plan matrix that Mr. Chen provided noting there was a lot of information contained in the report which was updated each year. Mr. Elliott advised he felt it was good to take the time to recognize the City's accomplishments.

Mr. Elliott noted he, Mayor McKeehan, Mr. Keebler and Chief Detherage met with members of the College Corner Village Council to discuss the City providing EMS Service to the Preble County portion of College Corner. Mr. Elliott advised a recommendation from staff to Council would be made in the near future.

Mr. Dreisbach noted several construction projects were going on through out the City and thanked motorists and property owners for their patience. Mr. Dreisbach advised the Dana Drive culvert replacement was 99% complete and the road would reopen in the next few days. Mr. Dreisbach noted the project on Chestnut Street at the railroad crossing would be done within the next week. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff was working with Miami University on the intersection of SR73, Spring Street and Patterson Avenue and the new traffic signals were up and functioning but needed to be fine tuned. Mr. Dreisbach noted as of August 1st a lot more construction activity was initiated on 27 South of Chestnut Street and there would be traffic flagging as the new water main was being installed. Mr. Dreisbach advised the public to take an alternate route to avoid 27 South if possible.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if alternate routes were posted and Mr. Dreisbach advised bulletins were available.

Chief Holzworth advised it was an extraordinarily wonderful day at the Police Department and its only happened 3 times in the PD's history. Chief Holzworth noted not too long ago records were kept on a yellow pad with a typewriter and in 1990 the City purchased its first computerized system called Condor. Chief Holzworth noted in 2000 the City purchased the CISCO system and had used it ever since. Chief Holzworth advised today the new computer aided dispatch system was turned on around 3:00 p.m. and now the long learning curve would begin.

Chief Holzworth noted massive training sessions were held last week for every person in the Police Department. Chief Holzworth thanked Council for approving the purchase of the new system.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted the "Dog Days" event Uptown on Saturday was wonderful and the town was lively. Ms. Rousmaniere advised she was honored to lead the puppy parade and puppy competition. Ms. Rousmaniere noted Jessica Greene with the Visitors Bureau did a great job with the event.

Ms. Rousmaniere reminded everyone that the Freedom Summer Celebration would take place October 12-14 noting it was the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer on Western College Campus. Ms. Rousmaniere noted there were 3 reading groups going on in preparation for the event including the Lane Public Library group who were reading a book called March by John Lewis, the Sandy Hormel group was reading a book called Glory Be, and Miami first year students were reading Freedom Summer by Bruce Watson which was a narrative of the history of Freedom Summer in 1964. Ms. Rousmaniere advised all 3 books were available at the public library, the bookstores in town and at Miami's library.

Mr. Blackburn welcomed Ms. Rousmaniere back from her trip abroad noting he was glad she was back safe and sound.

Mr. Blackburn commended Oxford Press reporter Eric Robinette for the article he wrote about a 93 year old man who has worked at the Oxford Wendy's since 1989. Mr. Blackburn noted the article was published in the Oxford Press on July 18, 2014 and it was a very nice and good article.

Mr. Keebler noted the bike lanes looked great and he hoped they got used more. Mr. Keebler advised someone recommended to him painting a white stop sign at the appropriate intersections within the bike lane. Mr. Keebler noted bicyclists were expected to stop at stop signs just like cars were and often that was not the case. Mr. Keebler noted his hope the Miami golf carts would stay out of the bike lanes.

Mr. Smith noted he had been told that additional yield signs would be painted in the bike lanes just ahead of cross walks to inform bicyclists that they needed to yield to pedestrians.

Mr. Smith advised he felt the Uptown painting of light poles and traffic light masts was going great and they looked great.

Mr. Snyder noted Ms. Brahier and the Parks and Recreation Department were having a good summer. Mr. Snyder advised the Visitors Bureau was having a great summer too and it was good to see all of the different groups of people coming into town.

Mr. Keebler commended the Visitors Bureau for their postings on Facebook noting great photos and event information was posted on the site. Mr. Snyder noted the collaboration in Oxford had increased dramatically over the last two years.

Mayor McKeehan noted more than one person had told him that the town seemed to be a lot busier than normal this summer and he had noticed it himself. Mayor McKeehan advised he felt the events Ms. Rousmaniere and Mr. Snyder commented on had a lot to do with that.

Mayor McKeehan asked Mr. McHugh and Mr. Chen to look into the concerns raised by Ms. Nancy Martin earlier this evening.

ADJOURN

Mr. Snyder moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.