

A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Richard Keebler on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Ken Bogard, Bob Blackburn, John Harman, Kevin McKeehan, Kate Rousmaniere and Steve Snyder.

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; Ms. Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director, and Ms. Kim Newton, Assistant to the City Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Keebler requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION **'FIRE PREVENTION WEEK'**

Mayor Keebler read the Proclamation and presented it to Chief Detherage.

Chief Detherage thanked Council for the Proclamation and advised to celebrate Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department, with the help of a fraternity, would finish distributing the grant provided smoke detectors by going door to door in as many neighborhoods as possible. Chief Detherage noted the smoke detectors were also available at the Fire Station free of charge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 18, 2012 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the September 11, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 19, 2012 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 20, 2012 Recreation Board Meeting. (Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director)

Report regarding the September 26, 2012 Civil Service Commission Meeting. (Donna Heck, Human Resources Director)

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

RESOLUTION
2013 CDBG FUNDS

A Resolution No. 4702 authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) year application. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City would receive approximately \$111,000.00 next year in Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Dreisbach noted the funds traditionally had been used for the removal of architectural barriers from street corners in the City and the installation of new handicapped accessible ramps to improve access to the City's sidewalk network. Mr. Dreisbach advised he would like to continue that practice for 2013 and a Resolution was necessary to submit with the application to Butler County.

Mr. Bogard noted in the past the City received \$130,000.00 in CDBG funds and inquired why the amount was less for 2013. Mr. Dreisbach advised the program was re-evaluated about 5 years ago and the City received 10% of what was allocated to Butler County.

Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Resolution No. 4702. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment For Property Located At 303 South Patterson Avenue Oxford, Ohio, And Rezoning The Property From The Miami University District To The Western College For Women Historic District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed Ordinance would expand the Historic District Overlay of the Western College for Women Historic District to include the Langstroth Cottage at 303 S. Patterson Avenue. Mr. Chen noted the site was a state and national historic landmark and was owned by Miami University. Mr. Chen advised the HAPC received a recommendation from the Smith Library of Regional History to include the Langstroth Cottage in the Western College for Women Historic District after research revealed that it was not within the boundary of the District even though it had connections to Western College.

Mayor Keebler advised the Planning Commission felt it made sense to include this site in the Western College for Women Historic District. Mayor Keebler noted the second reading of the proposed Ordinance would take place at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised the 4th year of the Deer Management Program was underway and the City followed the State of Ohio hunting regulations and dates for hunting with bow and arrow for antlerless deer in this region. Mr. Elliott noted the hunting areas had been expanded to include 4 private parcels and additional hunters were added this year. Mr. Elliott advised the goal was to increase the number of deer taken under the program to restore the natural balance. Mr. Elliott noted the focus of the program was always on safety.

Mr. Elliott advised he and Mayor Keebler met with representatives from Duke Energy to discuss the next phase of their Smart Meter program. Mr. Elliott noted the residential switch over to the advanced metering infrastructure was 99% complete in Oxford and the large residential, commercial, and industrial service points would be complete by the summer of 2014.

Mr. Elliott noted he and Mr. Dreisbach met with a representative from the Office of Public Affairs for PUCO and discussed their Ohio Retail Electric Choice program whereby consumers could select their own supplier for the generation portion of their electric bill. Mr. Elliott noted in the Duke Energy service area 34% of residential customers were enrolled in the program as of June 2012. Mr. Elliott advised the percentage was higher for commercial and industrial customers.

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired how hunters were selected to participate in the City's Deer Management program. Mr. Elliott advised candidates filled out an application and went through a screening process which included a background check and a proficiency test. Mr. Elliott noted there were 16 hunters for this season and alternates.

Mayor Keebler noted during the meeting with Duke Energy he inquired if the smart meters had any impact on restoring electricity after an outage and Duke Energy advised yes, because they could determine exactly where the outages were and many times could reroute electricity to fill certain areas. Mayor Keebler also advised the smart meters could be read remotely.

Ms. Brahier recognized Matt Derickson who would serve as the Tallawanda High School representative on the Recreation Advisory Board for the 2012/2013 school year.

Ms. Brahier noted school was out on October 12th and the Parks and Recreation Department would conduct a Day Camp for kids that day. Ms. Brahier advised the Lions Club parade would take place on October 25th and events uptown would begin at 5:00 p.m. including pumpkin carving and a pet costume contest.

Mayor Keebler noted 'Trick or Treat' would be Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kyger noted he attended the Historic Marker Ceremony on Thursday which was a very nice event and the rededication of the newly renovated Marcum Hotel and Conference Center. Mr. Kyger advised he attended the ribbon cutting for O'Pub on Friday and the rededication of Off the Beaten Path on Saturday.

Ms. Rousmaniere advised Election Day was November 6th and early voting in Ohio began yesterday. Ms. Rousmaniere noted people could vote in person at the Board of Elections in Hamilton until November 2nd. Ms. Rousmaniere encouraged citizens to contact the Board of Elections for the exact early voting hours and days. Ms. Rousmaniere noted absentee ballots needed to be returned to the Board of Elections by November 3, 2012. Ms. Rousmaniere advised some polling locations had been changed and encouraged citizens to find their correct polling location prior to Election Day. Ms. Rousmaniere reminded everyone that the State of Ohio required citizens to have picture identification with them in order to vote. Ms. Rousmaniere noted the League of Women Voters would sponsor a Candidate Forum on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Knolls of Oxford and their Voter Information Guide would be enclosed with the Oxford Press on Friday and would be distributed in several locations around town.

Mayor Keebler advised this was the fourth year for the Historic Marker Ceremony which was very well attended and noted his hope the program would continue as well as the Restoration Marker program. Mayor Keebler commended the HAPC for their efforts.

ADJOURN

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.