A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Kevin McKeehan, Mike Smith and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Lieutenant Geoff Robinson, Acting Police Chief; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director and Ms. Kim Newton, Acting Clerk of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION
'OXFORD CAROLINE SCOTT
CHAPTER DAR'

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to DAR members, Elaine Ortman, Alexis Wiseman, Rachel Mehl, Lois Cocanougher and Trish Otto.

Ms. Elaine Ortman thanked Council for the Proclamation and noted she would hope Council would join them throughout the year in preserving education, patriotism and our country. Ms. Ortman advised they had 65 members in their chapter and the group meets the 2nd Monday of each month and the society is open to any woman 18 years and older who can prove their lineage back to a valid patriot of the American Revolutionary War. Mayor Rousmaniere noted there would be a luncheon on Saturday and advised Ms. Southard would be in attendance and the member advised the luncheon would be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Knolls of Oxford with 62 members present to celebrate their 100th celebration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackson Gray, 519 South College Avenue advised he is the founder of "Race the River 2017". Mr. Gray advised "Race the River" is a project that was started a year ago in Oxford and noted it is a multi-faceted project with very large goals. Mr. Gray noted they plan to be the youngest men in history to canoe the entire Ohio River, all 981 miles, in May 2017 while raising money for suicide awareness. Mr. Gray stated suicide prevention became a personal issue for him after he lost his best friend to suicide during his freshman year of college and noted he always wanted to do something about his friend's loss. Mr. Gray advised about a year later he came up with "Race the River 2017" while talking about a canoe trip and noted that is when he came up with the idea to canoe the Ohio River culminated with the desire to do something about suicide. Mr.

Gray advised within the past year they have started a national campaign through the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and put together a team of six (6) motivated individuals from all different backgrounds to help with issues such as networking, social media, marketing, business models and more. Mr. Gray also advised the team has been involved with the mental health community in Oxford as well as Miami's campus and have held speaking events with the President of the University as well as the Lieutenant Governor of Ohio. Mr. Gray noted they have also held AFSP sponsored events to increase their presence in the Oxford community and support survivors of suicide and families who have lost loved ones to suicide. Mr. Gray stated he would like to partner with local Oxford businesses, organizations and individuals to help build their presence in the Oxford community as well as generate revenue, as they are looking for help in the form of partnerships and donations. Mr. Gray noted they would like to promote businesses on their social media outlets in exchange for sponsorships or donations and advised their first goal is to raise $7000. Mr. Gray stated their second goal is to start the conversation about suicide and mental health, which is not an easy conversation to have, but is a vital one that could save a life. Mr. Gray noted by talking about these issues they could alleviate the stigma associated with mental health and help end the feelings of isolation that people struggling with this disorder feel. Mr. Gray advised with the communities help, they could not only benefit the people of Oxford but people across the nation. Mr. Gray stated by partnering with "Race the River" they will be changing lives for the better one paddle stroke, one dollar, and one conversation at a time.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired how many miles they would be canoeing and Mr. Gray advised the trip would be 981 miles that begins in Pittsburg, PA and ends in Cairo, Illinois and will take approximately 40 plus days with two people. Mayor Rousmaniere suggested talking to the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Blackburn suggested talking to the three (3) service clubs, Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis. Mr. McKeehan asked if they had on online presence and Mr. Gray advised they have a Facebook page named "Racetheriver2017".

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Gray for his presentation.

Jessica Greene, Oxford Visitor's Bureau Director noted she wanted to say "thank you" and advised this is the first Council meeting after the OKI formal board announcement regarding the grant award for the Oxford Area Trails Phase II which will go from SR 73 over to SR 27. Ms. Greene thanked Council for their support and willingness to partner on this initiative for the City of Oxford and their partners. Ms. Greene stated this was one of her most proud moments in her career - getting to work for the City on something she really believes in and helping moving this initiative forward. Ms. Greene noted it takes a huge partnership to make this initiative work and thanked the City Manager and his staff, particularly Jung-Han Chen, Sam Perry, Mike Dreisbach and Alan Kyger. Ms. Greene also thanked Metro Parks of Butler County and Miami University who have offered matches and support and advised it is going to take a lot of work to make the trail system a reality. Ms. Greene expressed her opinion that she firmly believes it will be an excellent amenity and will be an economic driver to attract both residents and visitors to the community.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired how much the City received for the OKI grant and Ms. Greene advised $750,000 with a match of $450,000 totaling 1.2 million dollars for the next section of the trail. Mayor Rousmaniere noted this amount is in addition to the $500,000 grant received by the Clean Ohio Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 4, 2016 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the October 6, 2016 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the October 5, 2016 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
RETAIN PROPERTY

A Resolution authorizing the Oxford Division of Police to retain for use by the municipality certain unclaimed property in its possession. (John Jones, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
DONATE PROPERTY

A Resolution declaring unclaimed cell phones and iPods not needed for any municipal purpose as surplus property and authorizing their donation to Smart Phone Recycling. (John Jones, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
AUCTION PROPERTY

A Resolution declaring certain City property no longer needed for municipal purposes as surplus and authorizing its advertisement and sale to the highest bidder at public auction or internet auction. (John Jones, Police Chief)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
SALE OF PROPERTY

A Resolution by Oxford City Council authorizing the City Manager to advertise and receive bids for the sale of property located at 4194 Millville Oxford Road; Oxford, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.03. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dana moved to amend the address in the title of Resolution No. 5020 and Section 1 to read 4134 and to strike 4194. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Dreisbach referred to his staff report in the agenda and advised this property was acquired during the right of way acquisition for the US27 South improvements. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City has no use for this property and is recommending the sale of the property by sealed bid for a minimum bid of $70,000 noting if the City received an acceptable bid the sale would be finalized by a separate Ordinance by the highest bid received.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if someone wanted to buy the property would they contact the City Manager and Mr. Dreisbach advised the City would be advertising for sealed bids and the procedures will be clear in the advertisement as to where the bids should be delivered and the deadlines for submittal. Mr. Dreisbach also advised the City will be sending notices to all the realty firms in the area and a sign will be placed in front of the property notifying the public that the property will be available by bid.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 5020. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
2017 CDBG

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Year application. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach referred to his staff report in the agenda and advised the City would be receiving approximately $113,264 in 2017 from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Dreisbach noted $16, 989 will be used for staff administrative expenses and the remaining $96,275 would be used to continue the practice of installing ADA handicap ramps and sidewalk improvements in advance of the City's street resurfacing program. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City has been using CDBG funds for ADA ramps for several years and noted the grant is 100% federal money and local funds do not need to be used for these improvements.

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

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired how far along the City was in completing ADA ramp improvements around the City and Mr. Dreisbach advised there was a long way to go noting the City has been doing this for several years and have invested close to a million dollars over the past few years and are less than fifty percent complete.

Mr. Dana inquired if the $16,989 for administrative costs was comparable and in line with previous years and Mr. Dreisbach advised yes.

Ms. Southard inquired if the City has received these types of grants before and Mr. Dreisbach advised yes, noting the City has been using CDBG funds for handicap ramp improvements for approximately the last eight or nine years.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 5021. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Talawanda School District to construct a temporary parking lot at Kramer Elementary School. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised this is a temporary parking lot request from the Talawanda School District and noted the new elementary school has been constructed and a temporary parking lot will be needed during the demolition of the old elementary school and existing parking lot. Mr. Chen advised the temporary parking lot is designed to accommodate 28 parking spaces and will be removed by July 31, 2017. Mr. Chen referred to a Power Point overhead showing the approximate location of the temporary parking lot in relation to the new and existing building. Mr. Chen noted Talawanda Treasurer, Mike Davis was in attendance to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Davis advised Phase I of the construction project, which is the new building, would be wrapping up by December 9th noting they would start relocating their existing students out of the old building into the new building and start Phase II. Mr. Davis noted in order for Phase II to begin they will need to demolish the old building and stated in order to maintain the operation of the new building the Talawanda School District is requesting the approval of the temporary parking lot.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 5022. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
ANNEXATION

An Ordinance Accepting The Annexation Petition From Douglas R. Elliott, Jr. For 0.458 Acres Of Land In The Township Of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, And Accepting Said Territory To Be Annexed. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott referred to his staff report in the agenda and advised this is the final step in the annexation of the Century 21 property located at 3996 Millville Oxford Road. Mr. Elliott reminded Council the City acquired right of way from this property for the US27 South improvements and noted as part of the settlement agreement the owners would agree to annex into the City.

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

Mr. Dana referred to Section 5 of the Ordinance and noted it stated in part, "in which the petition prayed for the annexation to the City of Oxford, Ohio" and inquired if the word "prayed" was legal language or historyonics and Mr. McHugh advised it was legal language.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ASSESSMENTS

An Ordinance Levying Upon The Lots And Lands Enumerated In The List Of Estimated Assessments (Exhibit A) The Amounts Set Forth On Such List And Setting Forth Terms For Payment Of Assessments. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised there have been no written objections to the assessments and has no further information to add from the first reading.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3373. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 1157

An Ordinance Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1157 Entitled "Wireless and Cellular Telecommunication Facilities", And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1157 Entitled "Wireless, Cellular And Small Cell Telecommunication Facilities. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had nothing new to add since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

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

Ms. Southard referred to page 80 of the agenda regarding a comment by Mr. Kyger regarding whether it was a conditional use or permitted use and what he meant by that comment and if it made sense to change it to permitted use. Mr. Chen advised it is a permitted use as long as they are located in the right of way and noted if they wanted to be located somewhere other than the right of way they would need a conditional use permit. Mr. Dana inquired why the location in the right of way is preferred and Mr. Chen advised the height is similar to the light poles and the

City has more governing authority in the right of way including the ability to negotiate with the provider for better service.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3374. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1305.01

An Ordinance Repealing Oxford Property Maintenance Code Section 1305.01 Entitled "Adoption" And Adopting New Oxford Property Maintenance Code Section 1305.01 Entitled "Adoption Of International Property Maintenance Code." (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had nothing new to add since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3375. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1305.02

An Ordinance Repealing Oxford Property Maintenance Code Section 1305.02 Entitled "Additions, Insertions And Changes," And Adopting New Oxford Property Maintenance Code Section 1305.02 Entitled "Additions, Deletions, And Revisions To The International Property

Maintenance Code" To Modify Oxford's Property Maintenance Code And To Create A Process By Which A Search Warrant May Be Obtained To Inspect Rental Properties. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had nothing new to add since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Dana inquired if there are instances in other municipalities in which an administrative warrant has been applied and with what results. Mr. Chen advised he has not seen any in his research and expressed his opinion that this is the best solution in which he, the City Manager and Law Director came up with and noted it is less burdensome and a lesser threshold than going through the normal warrant process.

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

Ms. Southard noted this Ordinance represents a lot of work on the part of City staff and expressed her feelings this is a very good thing to be moving forward on.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3376. Ms. Southard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3335. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 9 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2016. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin provided a summary of the three (3) issues as noted in his staff report in the agenda.

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

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3377. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Discussion – Housing Study.

Mr. Dana provided a background for this discussion noting at every meeting of the public in which Oxford's needs are raised, affordable housing rises to the top or very near the top. Mr. Dana noted leading professionals, like real estate agents and bankers, who deal with housing agree that a study of housing needs in greater Oxford is warranted. Mr. Dana advised at a recent Council meeting that City Council heard from one of the best professionals in the Oxford area speak to this point noting Coe Potter presented a case for a housing study. Mr. Dana stated one of Mr. Potter's major points is that housing needs at every level should be explored and by doing so the term "affordable" will be unpacked and we could see the extent for the need of housing at various income levels. Mr. Dana noted the overall point of the study is to go beyond opinion to see where the data leads us and is worthy of Council's consideration. Mayor Rousmaniere noted many people have been talking about the need for a housing study in the Oxford community for some time and advised Mr. Dana found out that there was a fund in the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) that could cover some of the cost of the study. Mayor Rousmaniere also noted that the cost of the study or when it would be done is unknown at this time and stated this is more to see where Council may identify some funds for such a study.

Mr. Dana advised Mr. Chen made a presentation to the HAC regarding a housing study which is in conformity with the mission of the HAC. Mr. Chen stated he believed Mr. Dana was referring the Housing Trust Fund and advised the Housing Trust Fund does not include an affordable housing study. Mr. Chen also advised the HAC believes that the Housing Trust Fund could be amended to use the funds for an affordable housing study and noted the HAC will be meeting next Monday and could have it approved and forwarded to Council to amend the eligible activity of using the Housing Trust Fund. Mayor Rousmaniere inquired how much was in the Housing Trust Fund and where the money came from and Mr. Chen advised the fund has a balance of approximately $5,600 and noted Council allocated $10,000 about six or seven years ago.

Ms. Southard inquired who would do the study and Mr. Chen advised nothing has been discussed at this time. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the reason for the discussion tonight was to give direction to the HAC that Council, if they wanted to, would approve of using the Housing Trust Fund for a housing study when it is needed. Mr. Ellerbe noted he was on the HAC and inquired what criteria should we look for if we go after a housing study noting there should be some requirements or some indicators that whoever does the study can give us some findings that we are actually asking for. Mr. Dana asked Mr. Chen if a Request for Proposal (RFP) is made there would be an explicit request and criteria to give us boundaries which can be presented to Council before any money is spent. Mr. Chen advised staff would come up with a scope of the study for the RFP and noted Council would approve the contract with the consultant. Mr. Elliott advised as the City Manager he has the authority to sign contracts up to $20,000 and noted he believes this study would be in that realm. Mr. Elliott also noted because this study is being driven by City Council he would bring a Resolution to Council for a vote before signing a contract.

Mr. Blackburn advised in Arlington County, Virginia they are trying to make senior friendly improvements for homeowners and noted they have authorized or allowed for "granny flats" and suggested Council look into that as an alternative housing option that someone could build on their property for their parents.

<u>Mayor Rousmaniere moved to signal to the Housing Advisory Commission that City Council approves the idea of being able to draw from the Housing Trust Fund to go towards a housing study when it is necessary. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed, 7-0-0.</u>

2. Remarks from City Council and City Staff.

Mr. Elliott advised he held a second meeting with the Oxford Township Trustees to discuss a new Fire and EMS contract noting they have reached a tentative agreement. Mr. Elliott advised he would be working up a contract for the Township to review and noted he planned on bringing the contract to Council on November 1st for approval.

Mr. Elliott shared a news release from the Government Finance Officers Association in the United States and Canada and noted the City will be receiving a "Certificate of Achievement" for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Elliott advised the achievement is for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and noted this certificate achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management. Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. Newlin and his staff for accomplishing this achievement and advised this is the 32nd year the City has reported a CAFR and noted it is available on the City's website.

Mr. Elliott advised the Police Community Relations and Review Commission (PCRRC) held its community meeting on Tuesday, October 11th at the Oxford Lane Library noting the Community Meeting is required by the Ordinance which City Council adopted in December of 2015 establishing the Commission. Mr. Elliott noted there were seven (7) Commission members in attendance including several Council members and City staff and approximately ten (10) members of the general public. Mr. Elliott advised the agenda for the meeting included an introduction of the Commission members, the history of the PCRRC, as well as a summary of the enabling Ordinance and review of past meetings and future meetings. Mr. Elliott expressed his feelings that it was a good meeting and noted this Commission will serve to increase public understanding of the nature of police work and further improve the good relationship and image of the Oxford Police Division within the community. Mr. Elliott also noted it provides a forum where the public can share their concerns regarding police accountability and community trust within our Oxford Police Division as well as furthering the City's goals and efforts of community policing demonstrating that the City of Oxford is proactive rather than reactive.

Mr. Elliott advised himself, Mayor Rousmaniere, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Dana and Jessica Greene met with Congressman Warren Davidson last Wednesday evening.

Acting Police Chief, Lieutenant Robinson advised on Friday, October 21st Public Safety Communications Officer, Patty DeMarco will be retiring after 35 years of service and noted the Police Department would be hosting an open house in celebration of Ms. DeMarco's retirement at LaRosa's on Friday, October 21st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lieutenant Robinson advised the Police Chief asked him to extend the invitation to the open house to City Council as well as the Oxford Community.

Mr. McKeehan extended his congratulations and thanks to Mr. Newlin and his staff for their good work. Mr. McKeehan also congratulated and thanked Acting Police Chief, Lieutenant Robinson and the Oxford Police Department for the quick arrest of one of the shooting suspects and expressed his hope the second suspect would be arrested soon in regard to the sad shooting which took place a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. McKeehan reminded Council and the public that the Lions Club will be hosting their 69th annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 27th and advised in conjunction with the parade, the Oxford Parks and Recreation Department will also be sponsoring events uptown. Mr. McKeehan also advised the Uptown businesses will have trick or treating that evening noting all the events will happen between 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mayor Rousmaniere inquired when the parade will start and Mr. McKeehan advised 7 p.m. and Mr. Blackburn noted the lineup for the parade begins at 6:30 p.m. in front of the former Princess Theater on North Beech Street.

Mr. Dana referred to Mr. Kyger's weekly report regarding the updated projected financial calculations that a business improvement district would generate. Mr. Dana inquired how much revenue would it generate and also inquired if his research indicated that a business improvement district was likely to emerge. Mr. Kyger advised it would emerge if there is a group that wants to form a business improvement district and the amount of revenue it would collect would be based on what it self imposes, noting in his research Hamilton uses $10 a linear foot and is calculated by taking the width of a property times that amount. Mr. Kyger also advised it would depend on if the City would participate or not, noting the City could exempt its land which a big factor due to the City being the largest, single owner of square footage in the Uptown district. Mr. Kyger noted a business improvement district could possibly bring in forty to fifty thousand dollars a year depending on how big you wanted to make it. Mr. Dana inquired if there has been any indication from the businesses that they wanted to move in that direction. Mr. Kyger advised he has broached this topic with several different organizations and none have said they wanted to take it on. Mayor Rousmaniere advised there are a lot of cities that have business improvement districts and expressed her feelings that they are really great.

Mr. Dana advised the League of Woman Voters of Oxford's "Voters Information Guide" is available with very detailed answers to very specific questions to help voters determine how they will vote. Mr. Dana noted Election Day is November 8th.

Mr. Smith advised on Sunday, October 9th he had the pleasure of giving opening remarks at the 1st Annual Association for Suicide Prevention 5K Walk and noted there was a really good turnout and hoped this is the first of many Town-Gown events.

Ms. Southard advised the annual Council and Staff Retreat would be held on Thursday which is an opportunity to work together on strategic planning noting it is a wonderful event to share ideas and have an opportunity to think about where we are going and what we are doing.

Ms. Southard advised the Recreation Board will be meeting in November to continue talking about plans for the aquatic center.

Ms. Southard congratulated Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Casey Wooddell and his family on the arrival of their third baby boy born on October 7th.

Mr. Blackburn advised the Talawanda Band would be participating in the Lion's Club Halloween Parade, the lion will be on the fire truck and the kids will be all happy noting free pizzas will be given away to the winners. Mr. Blackburn expressed his feelings the parade has been a good event for Oxford and the Lions Club.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised there will be a drug prevention forum on Monday, October 24th at the Talawanda High School from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the State of Ohio had the second largest number of opioid related deaths nationwide and noted there has been a significant increase in opioid heroine and prescription drug abuse in Butler County. Mayor Rousmaniere advised this has not significantly affected the Talawanda School District but they are trying to get ahead of it and that is why they are holding this forum on drug prevention.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.