

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu, Mike Smith and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Zach Moore, City Planner; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION **“WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY”**

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to Planning Commission member, Shana Rosenberg.

Ms. Shana Rosenberg, thanked Mayor Rousmaniere on behalf of the Planning Commission noting she accepted the Proclamation celebrating World Town Planning Day and community planning. Ms. Rosenberg advised she was proud to serve on the Planning Commission with hardworking, knowledgeable and caring commissioners and members of City Council. Ms. Rosenberg noted she was looking forward to the Design Charrette on November 13 when she will join many of these people and other community members who will help masterplan the Western Knolls property. Ms. Rosenberg advised everyone she knows agrees that affordable and diverse housing is a huge propriety for Oxford noting they all hope to create a future vision for the Western Knolls property that will address these concerns and more. Ms. Rosenberg advised there may be more spots available for concerned community members to join in the charrette. Ms. Rosenberg noted she was looking forward to the event and advised she was very hopeful it would be a first step to a development that will help the City of Oxford with its critical goals of improving the housing situation for all Oxford citizens.

Mayor thanked Ms. Rosenberg for all of her great work.

Mr. Moore advised the Design Charrette roster was full.

PRESENTATION **BC ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM**

Ms. Sabrina Jewell, noted it was the Mayor's birthday and presented her with a card from Oxford Seniors. Ms. Jewell wished Mayor Rousmaniere a happy birthday and thanked her for all of her service.

Ms. Jewell advised she was on the Advisory Board for the Butler County Elderly Services Program along with Dr. Abbott.

Ms. Katie Abbott, introduced herself noting she was with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University.

Ms. Jewell advised she and Ms. Abbott were in attendance to remind everyone that in 2020 the Elderly Services tax levy will be on the ballot for renewal. Ms. Jewell noted the Butler County Elderly Services Program serves over 300 elderly people and their families in the Oxford area and over 4,000 in the entire county.

Ms. Abbott advised the program assists people who do not qualify for Medicaid but do not have the means to pay for in home private care. Ms. Abbott noted the program allows people to remain in their homes while receiving services such as Meals on Wheels, personal care, house cleaning and transportation. Ms. Abbott advised 92% of the funding for these services comes from the levy.

Ms. Jewell noted the cost for the services provided was approximately \$294 per month per client as opposed to approximately \$3,000 per month for skilled nursing care. Ms. Jewell advised the program also covers adult day programs noting Oxford has one of the last standing adult day programs in Butler County. Ms. Jewell noted she and Ms. Abbott would present before Council again in 2020 before the election.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Ms. Jewell and Ms. Abbott for their good work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kathleen Zien, Joseph Drive, advised as of 10:00 this morning only 14 people had cast votes from the machine she used noting 10 were cast from the machine her husband used. Ms. Zien noted her hope for a better overall voter turn out.

Ms. Zien advised she would speak to the issue of the look of mismatched conjoined homes in Oxford and what Council and Boards and Commissions seem to condone. Ms. Zien asked Council to check out recent changes with two homes coupled together on the southwest corner of Sycamore and Poplar at 21 E. Sycamore. Ms. Zien advised the newly attached home facing north has the 21 E. Sycamore address noting the auditor's website has ownership listed as Dennis & Barbara Day (D&B Family Limited). Ms. Zien advised the attached east facing house has black address numbers of 324 N. Poplar noting there is no 324 N. Poplar on the auditor's site. Ms. Zien advised one home should not have two addresses noting a police or fire emergency would be critical with incorrect or extra numbers on the house.

Ms. Zien advised the original home at the southwest corner of Sycamore and Poplar faced east noting the addition looking like it is glued to the corner house faces north and added 1,680 square feet – the original cottage 1,008 square feet. Ms. Zien advised although the corner started out as the primary home, the other an attachment, it is still a second home stuck to another by any standard. Ms. Zien noted these add-ons make Oxford housing stock look questionable. Ms. Zien advised another drive-by for Council was the southeast corner of College and Central noting again two addresses the side of the house facing S. College is 711 an inappropriately all brick rental is disparately attached to the side homes east wall numbered 135. Ms. Zien inquired if 135 was an apartment number noting there was no 135 W. Central on the auditor's website. Ms. Zien asked that incorrect numerals be removed for the sake of police and fire. Ms. Zien asked Council to review the aerial from the auditor's site and zoom in to confirm two buildings connected by a yardstick width of siding. Ms. Zien advised her last notes on this property from BZA meetings prior to Sam Perry's hire was BZA's refusal to allow a second occupancy permit for the brick unit. Ms. Zien stated she had notes about the property from fall 2011 and advised even though it isn't owned by Jim Clawson it's managed by CK Rentals. Ms. Zien noted Clawson spoke to BZA in 2011 and assured the BZA that all would be right if they permitted occupancy which was a red flag for her. Ms. Zien advised she did not know what happened or who jumped the rules thinking it wouldn't be noticed but she noticed. Ms. Zien noted it is occupied now, has been for many years, owned by Brad Freed of Hamilton and advised the Planning department must have a record of this case by address, owner or year. Ms. Zien noted approving doubled up poorly designed visual additions like the home on Sycamore and Poplar in addition to not using similar building materials at College and Central will guarantee Oxford housing will never return to town and gown or owner occupied in the Mile Square. Ms. Zien advised Council appoints volunteer board members and asked them to please select carefully and not select the first or only warm body who offers to quick fill a vacancy. Ms. Zien encouraged Councilors to watch what boards do, read what they say and learn how they make decisions. Ms. Zien acknowledged that Councilors attend a lot of meetings and encouraged them to attend a BZA meeting when they could to watch their appointees noting she can't be the only one that thinks "you've got to be kidding".

Ms. Zien noted that Mayor Rousmaniere will be missed.

Mr. Moore advised he was familiar with the property at Sycamore and Poplar and advised it did meet the City's Zoning Code. Mr. Moore offered to follow up on the other property mentioned by Ms. Zien.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 15, 2019 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the October 17, 2019 City Council Budget Work Session. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

REPORTS

Report regarding the October 9, 2019 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the October 10, 2019 Recreation Board Meeting. (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Report regarding the October 16, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution No. 7122 authorizing the Police Chief and the Finance Director or their designees to dispose of contraband no longer needed as evidence. (John Jones, Police Chief)

A Resolution No. 7123 authorizing the Oxford Division of Police to retain for use by the municipality certain unclaimed property in its possession. (John Jones, Police Chief)

A Resolution No. 7124 declaring certain property in the Police Division's possession as surplus and not needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing its advertisement and sale to the highest bidder at public auction or internet auction. (John Jones, Police Chief)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION **PARK REQUEST**

A Resolution No. 7125 authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for the Conquer Cabin Fever Weekend event to be held in the Uptown Parks sponsored by the Oxford Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, January 19, 2020 with conditions. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised this was a first time event for the chamber noting they want to serve alcoholic beverages in the Uptown Park which requires the approval of City Council. Mr. Elliott advised the chamber will obtain the proper permit form the State of Ohio to allow the sale of beer for the Conquer Cabin Fever Weekend event.

Ms. Kelli Riggs, Oxford Chamber of Commerce, noted Dave Bryan was in attendance as the local business owner of the Mobile Game Party Bus and Ann Kamphaus was in attendance as the local owner of Books and Brews. Ms. Riggs advised they would be part of the event in the Uptown Park. Ms. Riggs noted this was part of a 4 day event as a winter promotion during the slow time for local businesses in Oxford. Ms. Riggs noted she was trying to create an event to bring a lot of business into town over a period of 4 days.

Ms. Riggs noted the Chamber event was a NFL Playoff in the Park on Sunday, January 19 and advised an area would be roped off for the sale of beer by Ann Kamphaus of Books and Brews. Ms. Riggs noted Dave Bryan will be there with his party bus and large screen television. Ms. Riggs noted her hope local businesses and restaurants would offer different types of specials for people to enjoy and watch the football game. Ms. Riggs advised corn-hole and other activities were also planned in the Uptown Park.

Mr. Dana inquired how many people Ms. Riggs expected to attend the event. Ms. Riggs noted her hope 100-150 people would attend.

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

Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director, advised the 4 day event was listed in the current Parks and Recreation Guide noting it was a group effort of the Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Parks and Recreation and Enjoy Oxford.

Ms. Riggs advised the Chamber of Commerce fully supported creating a DORA for Oxford. (Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area) noting this liquor permit approval would not be necessary if a DORA was in place. Ms. Greene noted this issue was planned to be discussed at a Work Session on December 17, 2019.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7125. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION

FIRE & EMS AGREEMENT

A Resolution No. 7126 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a new agreement with Oxford Township, Butler County, Ohio, and authorizing the City of Oxford to provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to Oxford Township pursuant to the terms of the agreement. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised the City of Oxford provides Fire and EMS services to the unincorporated portion of Oxford Township under an agreement which expires December 31, 2019. Mr. Elliott noted the City has negotiated a new agreement with the Oxford Township Trustees and advised he was pleased to present to Council this evening a Resolution authorizing him to sign a new 3 year agreement with the Oxford Township Trustees. Mr. Elliott noted the new amount annually will be \$126,000 and recommended Council approve the Resolution.

Mr. John Kinne, Oxford Township Trustee President, advised he participated in the contract negotiations noting he and the board sought a deal that would provide the Fire and EMS services that were needed by the residents of the unincorporated area of Oxford Township. Mr. Kinne noted the board sought a deal that was fair for the City and fair for the citizens of Oxford Township and advised he felt that had been accomplished. Mr. Kinne thanked Chief Detherage, Mr. Elliott, the citizens of the City of Oxford and Oxford Township for providing an example of how municipalities can come together to provide services like this.

Mr. Dana referred to number 8 on page 70 of Council's packet regarding an Advisory Committee and noted he felt it was a sound measure.

Ms. Southard inquired if the agreement was different from previous years or if it was pretty much the same. Mr. Elliott advised it was very similar although the dollar amount for the services increased.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Kinne for his service as an Oxford Township Trustee.

Ms. Kathleen Zien, inquired if the agreements with Oxford Township were typically for 3 years and Mr. Elliott advised yes. Ms. Zien inquired how the cost was determined which Mr. Elliott addressed noting the amount of runs that take place in Oxford Township were a factor.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 7126. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
SMITHCORP, INC.

A Resolution No. 7127 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with SmithCorp, Inc. for the installation of a new utility boring and water main under the Contreras Road rail crossing at a cost of \$281,100.00 plus a contingency amount of ten percent (10%) of the contract price or \$28,100.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$309,101.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City's water utility needs to replace an antiquated water main underneath the rail crossing on Contreras Road noting the main will be upsized. Mr. Dreisbach advised City Council has appropriated \$350,000 for this project and congratulated Scott Otto from the City's Engineering group for designing the project in house saving design costs. Mr. Dreisbach noted Mr. Otto was also successful in obtaining a Public Works Commission grant of approximately \$250,000 for the project. Mr. Dreisbach advised the Public Works Commission would pay for 79% of the project and the local rate payers will only pay approximately \$65,000 for the project. Mr. Dreisbach noted the City developed plans and specifications for the project and advertised for bids receiving 4 qualified bids. Mr. Dreisbach advised the low bid was provided by SmithCorp, Inc. noting the City has worked with them previously and they have done fine work for the City. Mr. Dreisbach recommended that Council approve the proposed contract.

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

Mr. Dana inquired if the reimbursement from the Ohio Public Works Commission was a standard operating procedure at 79%. Mr. Dreisbach advised it was a competitive grant noting the City competes with many other municipalities in an 8 county area. Mr. Dreisbach advised Mr. Otto has done a great job of managing the City's grant applications with the Public Works Commission.

Ms. Southard inquired why the railroad was not involved with the cost of the improvements. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City was a "guest" on the railroad's property noting there needed to be a lot of cooperation with the railroad's flagmen as the trains must to slow down through the work zone. Mr. Dreisbach advised a lot of inspections have to occur throughout the project to ensure everyone's safety.

Mr. Dreisbach noted the contract for this project needed to be signed in December although the work will not begin until the summer of 2020.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7127. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
E.J. PRESCOTT, INC.

A Resolution No. 7128 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with E.J. Prescott, Inc. to provide water main pipe and appurtenances for the Springwood Water Main Replacement Project at a cost not to exceed \$63,680.68. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City's engineering group designed the proposed project in house noting staff developed plans and specifications and received bids from material suppliers with E.J. Prescott providing the lowest and best bid. Mr. Dreisbach recommended Council approve the Resolution.

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

Mr. Smith clarified that the City would purchase materials for the water main replacement and City staff would do the actual work.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7128. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
CREATION OF NEW FUND

An Ordinance Approving The Creation Of A New Fund For The 2020 Operating Budget To Provide For High Street Pedestrian Safety MU Capital Improvement Fund Collection Of Receipts And Improvements To Existing Property And Necessary Equipment For The High Street Pedestrian Safety MU Construction Project. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised staff recommends Council approve the creation of a new fund 147 to account for the collection of receipts and improvements to existing property and necessary equipment for the High Street Pedestrian Safety Miami University construction project in the 2020 operating budget. Mr. Newlin noted this was an accounting method to record all High Street Pedestrian Safety Miami University receipts and improvements to existing property and necessary equipment for the project. Mr. Newlin advised at least one million dollars of this project was federal money noting it would be easier of the auditors to track being in a separate fund. Mr. Newlin advised once the work was complete the City would reimburse Miami University the one million dollars.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the City partnered with Miami University in applying for the grant for this project.

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

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3493. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 8 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 79-80 of Council's packet regarding the necessary budget adjustments for 2019.

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

ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATIONS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020

An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Oxford, State of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the proposed Ordinance was the appropriation Ordinance for the 2020 budget noting it was presented to Council at their October 17 Work Session. Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 83-84 of Council's packet and offered to answer any questions.

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

Ms. Southard advised the Recreation Board worked hard to encourage citizens to donate to swimming lessons and aquatic center passes for the aquatic center and noted her hope donations would continue to offset some of the costs.

Mr. Prytherch inquired if the public could view the entire budget online and Mr. Elliott advised yes.

Mr. Prytherch noted he appreciated that this year's budget process allowed for more Council input and discussion. Mayor Rousmaniere encouraged Councilor's to track the expenses related to their budget initiatives.

ORDINANCE
BUDGETED TRANSFERS

An Ordinance Outlining Budgeted Transfers For The City Of Oxford, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the Auditor of State requires the annual budgeted transfers to be mentioned at least one time in a public forum. Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 91-94 of Council's packet.

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

ORDINANCE
BUDGETED ADVANCES

An Ordinance Outlining Budgeted Advances For The City Of Oxford, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 96-97 of Council's packet noting the Auditor of State requires the annual budgeted advances to be mentioned at least one time in a public forum.

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

Mr. Dana referred to page 96 of Council's packet (Funds to be reimbursed from ODOT and MU \$1,630,000) and inquired what Miami University's share was for the High Street Pedestrian Safety Project. Mr. Newlin advised the grant was for one million dollars and Miami University's share of the project was \$630,000. Mr. Newlin noted Miami University will front the City money for the construction of the project. Mr. Newlin advised once the project was complete ODOT will send the City \$1,000,000 which will be paid to Miami University. Mr. Newlin noted this was a flow-through transaction and does not affect the City in any way financially.

Mr. Prytherch inquired if the staffing costs and resources of the LPA were an in-kind contribution to the project or if Miami University was reimbursing the City for the project management. Mr. Dreisbach advised it was an in-kind contribution.

ORDINANCE
FEES & CHARGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

An Ordinance To Adopt Fees And Charges For Fiscal year 2020. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the proposed Ordinance was for additions, deletions or changes in the City's fee schedule. Mr. Newlin noted any questions regarding the fees should be directed to the respective Department Head.

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

Mr. Smith referred to "Shared Active Transportation Permit Fees" on page 106 of Council's packet and inquired what the fees were related to and Mr. Kyger advised they were fees for scooter providers.

Mayor Rousmaniere referred to page 101 of Council's packet and inquired how the fees were determined for Summer Camp Programs and Youth Sports Leagues etc.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Parks and Recreation staff determine what the costs are and how many users there are to make sure the City is covering its costs. Mr. Wooddell noted staff also looks at what other municipalities were charging for similar programs and services.

Ms. Southard congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on the changes in the season pool pass structure noting she felt it was a great adjustment.

ORDINANCE
SALARIES & BENEFITS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

An Ordinance Establishing Salaries And Certain Benefits For Salaried And Hourly Full-Time And Part-Time Employees Within The Service Of The City Of Oxford, Ohio Paid From January 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Ms. Greene addressed her staff report as presented on pages 115-116 of Council's packet highlighting the major changes in the Salary and Benefit Ordinance for 2020.

Mr. Dana referred to the advances in compensation for part-time personnel noting this was something Council had discussed. Mr. Dana advised he felt staff responded to Council's concerns very well.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if the City was reimbursed by the school district for the School Resource Officer's compensation. Chief Jones advised School Resource Officers are paid directly by the City noting the City bills the school district on a monthly basis for the hours the SROs work. Chief Jones advised during the summer months the SRO's are on patrol fulltime.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program to encourage and assist state and local governments in preparing budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting. Mr. Elliott noted the award recognizes individual governments that succeed in achieving this goal and advised the City of Oxford was one of only 19 cities in Ohio that received the award. Mr. Elliott noted the City received the award in 2017 and 2018 as well. Mr. Elliott congratulated Mr. Newlin and his staff for obtaining the award.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Oxford Community Foundation published an article in their newsletter highlighting the Aquatic Center Fund noting he was very pleased with that and thanked Betsy Hope for including it in the newsletter. Mr. Wooddell advised he wanted donors to know that if they donated specifically to swim lessons, scholarships or other programs that the funds will be used for those purposes.

Ms. Greene reminded everyone of the Work Session on Monday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. on campus at 322 McGuffey Hall. Ms. Greene advised a presentation will be made by Miami University on their future projects many of which will impact Oxford. Ms. Greene noted the Miami University officials were hoping to have a larger dialog with Council and staff on economic development. Ms. Greene advised the Work Session was open to the public.

Mr. Moore re-emphasized the Community Development Department's excitement about next Wednesday's Design Charrette for the Western Knolls site noting the event would celebrate World Town Planning Day. Mr. Moore thanked John Richter and Oxford Vineyard Church for allowing the City to host the event at their church building.

Ms. Raghu wished everyone a happy election night noting she felt it was exciting. Ms. Raghu noted she thought Councilors truly believe their work was really important otherwise they would not devote their spare time to it.

Ms. Raghu thanked Mr. Elliott for "controlling the circus" noting after two years of watching him she felt he did his job of balancing everything.

Mr. Ellerbe agreed with Ms. Raghu's comment.

Mr. Dana noted as we look forward to Armistice Day we could do well to contemplate the connection between the significance of the peace accord that ended WWI noting Council practices the art of responding to the will of the people and practices representative government and democracy. Mr. Dana advised when the peacemakers gathered at the end of the Great War they promoted democracy and called for plebiscite meaning the vote of the people. Mr. Dana noted this was new in European history and advised what happened at Versailles one hundred years ago was the injection of ideology into politics. Mr. Dana noted he felt we were the beneficiaries of that in the face of prevailing winds against democracy. Mr. Dana advised in the face of prevailing winds we can make a difference and stand up for democracy.

Mr. Smith encouraged everyone to attend the Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Uptown Park.

Ms. Southard reminded everyone of the Empty Bowls event this Saturday at the Oxford Community Arts Center from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. noting the funds raised go to feed those who are in need of food. Ms. Southard advised this was a wonderful event in town.

Mr. Prytherch referred to earlier comments about the budget and advised he had no questions or lack of confidence in the way the City is run as a fiscal operation. Mr. Prytherch noted sometimes Council has questions regarding how to modify the budget to achieve some of Council's goals. Mr. Prytherch advised he appreciates understanding how the City's budget process works and how the City's money is invested.

Mayor Rousmaniere referred to this evening's Work Session on fossil fuel divestment and thanked Mr. Newlin for his research and thanked the representatives from RedTree Investment Group for attending. Ms. Rousmaniere noted she found that the City has no investments in companies whose majority business is the exploration, extraction, refining, processing or distribution of fossil fuels.

Ms. Rousmaniere advised the more complicated issue was investments that are engaged in fossil fuels and how to track that. Mayor Rousmaniere noted concern with the restrictions municipalities have in the State of Ohio with regard to investments. Mayor Rousmaniere suggested Council look at hiring a consultant in conjunction with other cities in Ohio to figure out how to divest from fossil fuels in the State of Ohio.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.