

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2017
Regular Session
7:00 p.m.

The Xenia City Council met in a Regular Session on May 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Administration Building, with the following members present: Wesley Smith, Edgar Wallace, Sarah Mays, Marsha J. Bayless, and Michael D. Engle.

Jeanne Mills and Dale Louderback were absent.

INVOCATION: Rev. Dr. John Freeman, United AME Church, gave the invocation after which all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilwoman Mays, to excuse Councilman Louderback and Councilwoman Mills from the meeting. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mayor Bayless, seconded by Councilman Wallace, to approve the April 27, 2017, Regular Session minutes as written. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Mayor Bayless, to approve the May 11, 2017, Special/Regular Session minutes as written. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Abstain: Smith
Nays: None motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Rezoning a total of 13.941 acres at 1017 and 1051 Stevenson Road from R-1A One-Family Residential District to A-1 Agricultural District. Mr. Merriman said the public hearing is to consider a request to rezone two parcels at 1017 and 1051 Stevenson Road totaling 13.941 acres from R-1A One-Family Residential District to A-1 Agricultural District. The subject properties are comprised of two parcels, one of which includes a single-family home on 1.247 acres and the other parcel includes a barn, woods, and open fields totaling 12.694 acres. Adjacent to the north of the subject properties is a single-family home subdivision and to the east, south, and west are a mix of farms and single-family homes on large lots with undeveloped acreage. The subdivision to the north is located in Xenia Township and is zoned R-1 Single-Family Residential under Township zoning. Land to the east is also in the Township and is zoned A Agricultural, again under Township zoning. Land to the south is in the City of Xenia and is

zoned R-1A. Land to the west is in the City and is zoned PUD for single-family residential development. The applicant desires to operate an archery range, which is permitted in A-1 but not the R-1A District. The subject properties were granted a variance by the BZA to allow continued usage of a nonconforming horse farm; however, this variance did not extend to other uses permitted in the A-1 District, like the archery range. Though the requested change represents a minor deviation from the City's comprehensive plan, the proposed zoning is congruent with general recommendations for adjacent land to the east. Additionally, A-1 zoning is consistent with surrounding land uses and zoning and reflects the general slowing of residential development in this area of the City. Staff does not anticipate negative impacts to surrounding properties.



Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on May 4, 2017, and endorsed the proposed rezoning. The City Manager and Finance Director have agreed to waive the City's policy for fiscal impact analysis of this rezoning, given that the area to be rezoned is relatively modest in size and the likely difference in the cost/revenue ratio between R-1A and A-1 is minimal. Staff requests City Council conduct the public hearing and consider introduction of the ordinance to rezone the properties as indicated.

President Engle invited those in favor of the rezoning to come forward to speak. No one came forward. He invited those wishing to speak in opposition of the rezoning to come forward to speak. No one came forward to speak. He invited those wishing to speak neither for nor against the rezoning to come forward to speak. No one came forward to speak. President Engle closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. and entertained an introduction of the Ordinance.

Vice President Smith introduced an ORDINANCE REZONING TWO PARCELS AT 1017-1051 STEVENSON ROAD TOTALING 13.941 ACRES FROM R-1A ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, and it was read for the first time.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: President Engle explained the procedures for audience comments and invited anyone who wished to speak to come forward.

Dr. Edward Council, 252 N. King Street, said he is an environmental consultant and expert in environmental development. He read the staff report regarding the development of the two parcels associated with the cemetery; he conducted some research because he has dealt with similar issues with ODOT. He cautioned that setback requirements may consume a sizeable portion of the relatively small parcel to the south to the tune of losing a half an acre on each side of the two acres, and the remaining space may not be adequate to meet the desired need. Additionally, it is not typical to put in a cemetery in a fairly highly populated area because it may create a problem for nearby residents with the potential of vapor intrusion or other concerns. Regarding acquisition of the historical cemetery, he was concerned if the City would be able to get access through the cemetery into the new section without going across buried bodies because the bodies are not necessarily positioned directly in relation to the headstones. The only way to

determine where the bodies are actually located is to use GPR, which will help outline their exact location to prevent paving over those who are buried there. Before Council takes actions to acquire the properties, he wanted to bring these potential issues to their attention. President Engle suggested Mr. Merriman have a separate meeting with Mr. Council to review the issues. Mr. Council said he would be happy to help in any way he can.

Thomas Scrivens, 725 Lexington Avenue, said he was happy to see the City on the move. Today was great day for the dedication of the Bennett Splash Pad and Bennett Depot Playground. He was happy to see all the City Officials work together to get it done before the rain. He looks forward to the kids enjoying the park and hopes the City will one day finance a swimming pool to give kids something else to do in the summer. The downtown is looking a lot better, and he appreciated the Public Service Department's efforts. There are still additional intersections that need to be marked more clearly. He still has concerns with the rain [and debris] blocking the storm drains, which is a major problem. He thanked Council for taking an active role to get the community in sync. It feels good to be a Xenian.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Planning & Zoning Commission: Vice President Smith said XPZC met on May 4th with three requests:

- Conditional Use to allow construction of a new administration building for Greene County Public Health, which was approved.
- Conditional Use to allow a seasonal mobile food sales structure at 1307 N. Detroit Street filed by Mike Stoltz, owner of Fast Mike's Express Oil and Lube, which was approved.
- Rezone a total of 13.941 acres at the addresses of 1017 and 1051 Stevenson Road from R-1A One-Family Residential to A-1 Agricultural District, filed by Nicholas Lamont, owner of 1017 Stevenson Road, which was endorsed to City Council and was presented tonight.

Mayors & Managers: Mayor Bayless said they did not attend the last Mayors & Managers meeting because she spoke at the Xenia Community Schools' Retirement Dinner that day.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission: This report will be rescheduled due to Councilman Louderback's absence.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR:

Approve City Candidate Petition Form for Greene County Board of Elections. President Engle said in 2015, the Greene County Board of Elections brought it to the City's attention that the nominating petition form used for City of Xenia Mayor and Councilmember elections was not the standard Secretary of State form 3-0, which is used by all Greene County municipalities except the City of Xenia and the Village of Yellow Springs. At that time, the Greene County Board of Elections asked that the Xenia City Council consider adopting use of the standardized form following the November 3, 2015, election cycle. It is now appropriate to consider use of the standardized form for all future elections. If approved, the City Clerk will notify the Greene County Board of Elections accordingly.

Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Councilman Wallace, to approve the use of the standardized Form No. 3-0 titled "Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy for

Nonpartisan Office” as prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Wallace asked if the new form is used throughout the State of Ohio and recommended by the Board of Elections. President Engle confirmed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Approve Wage Adjustment/Performance Bonus for Appointed Officials. President Engle said in accordance with the employment agreements between Brent W Merriman and Mark A. Bazelak and the City of Xenia, respectively, City Council can provide Appointed Officials increased compensation in the form of a salary increase, bonus, and/or other considerations. City Council proposes increasing the City Manager’s annual salary from \$105,000 to \$108,000. City Council also proposes approving a \$2,500 lump sum bonus in recognition of the Finance Director’s contributions and performance achievements over the past year.

Motion by Mayor Bayless, seconded by Councilwoman Mays, to approve a wage adjustment for City Manager Brent W Merriman in the amount of \$3,000. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by President Engle, seconded by Vice President Smith, to approve a performance bonus recognizing the contributions of Finance Director Mark A. Bazelak in the amount of \$2,500 to be paid as a lump sum. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Mr. Merriman and Mr. Bazelak thanked Council for their recognition and support.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:

City Manager’s Office:

Introduction of two ordinances appropriating funds and authorizing the City to obtain an interest in real estate in Parcels M40000200120028900 and M40000200120045600 for the purpose of preserving a historic cemetery and establishing a municipal cemetery. Mr. Merriman respectfully requested introduction of two ordinances to appropriate necessary funding and to facilitate the acquisition of property for establishment of an indigent cemetery and to acquire an adjacent historic cemetery for preservation purposes. As Council may recall, a number of years ago state legislation was passed that mandated local governments take full responsibility for the disposition of remains of individuals who expire within the corporate limits who are deemed by local authorities to be indigent, which is loosely defined as lacking sufficient economic resources through their estates or families to process their remains. Since this requirement was put in place, the City of Xenia, like most in this region, has experienced substantial annual growth in the number of indigent burial applications and subsequent approvals. Increasingly two problems have emerged as a result: first, some families are seeking

to take advantage of having the expense of their loved one's cremation at tax payers' expense and then want the remains turned over to them for services and permanent possession. Many such cases are clearly the result of individuals merely not wanting to take responsibility for the family member's remains and want to push the expense on to tax payers. Second, they are experiencing more cases where individuals expire without living family members. In such cases, the City is required to handle final disposition of cremains by either undertaking the expense of interring them at an appropriate burial facility or keeping the remains at a City Facility. At present, multiple sets of remains are being kept in the City Manager's Office due to a lack of any other appropriate and dignified location as the City has no cemetery facility. In evaluating all options for the most cost effective and appropriate solution to these issues, staff arrived at the consensus that developing a City indigent cemetery was the best long-term solution that was both cost conscious and provided dignity to those deceased left in the City's care.

Concurrent with these indigent burial matters, the City was approached by the parishioners of the Xenia Memorial United Presbyterian Church (XMUPC) who were seeking the City's consideration to accept a donation of the historic Gowdy Reformed Cemetery in the 500 block of E. Third Street. The Gowdy Reformed Cemetery is one of Xenia's earliest cemeteries, established at the beginning of the 19th Century by the Gowdy family. Through various consolidations, mergers, and transactions, ownership and care of the Gowdy Cemetery facility was vested many years ago in the XMUPC. Although XMUPC has effectively maintained the cemetery over the past several decades, in recent years the church has grown concerned with its aging membership, lack of ties to the cemetery, and the costs of continued maintenance. Consider also that under the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Xenia would be required to assume maintenance responsibility for this property if XMUPC were to discontinue its maintenance.

The Gowdy Reformed Cemetery contains remains of Xenia's earliest residents, including several veterans of the War of 1812. As a result, staff views the Gowdy Reformed Cemetery as a unique and critical piece of Xenia's history and culture, the preservation of which is a worthy public purpose. Furthermore, the site has interpretive and educational value and its existence should be promoted as a historic landmark. Staff suggests that the City's only interest in the Gowdy Reformed Cemetery should be to preserve, enhance, and promote it as a local historic site. Adjacent to the south of the Gowdy cemetery is a vacant, mostly landlocked 2.017-acre parcel, which is large enough to support the City's indigent burial needs for the foreseeable future. The owner of the latter parcel is willing to sell for \$11,000, which staff believes is a reasonable price given reviews of other vacant lot sales in the surrounding neighborhood.

City staff presents City Council with a unique, proactive opportunity to acquire both parcels and address both a historic preservation need and a modern, practical need, and legal obligation at the same time in one location. City staff has prepared a conceptual site plan for the 2.017-acre property, which was included in the agenda report. The plan presents a proposed layout of gravesites for cremains. Staff estimates the property could hold a total of 5,760 cremains, and the City will receive up to 20 burial requests per year. The 2.017-acre property will therefore serve the City's needs for the foreseeable future. Acquisition of the Gowdy Reformed Cemetery and the 2.017-acre vacant lot will require ordinances from City Council appropriating necessary funds for purchase and due diligence costs.

Councilman Wallace introduced an ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-03 TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE

CITY OF XENIA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, and it was read for the first time.

Councilwoman Mays introduced an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO OBTAIN AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE AT PARCELS M40000200120028900 AND M40000200120045600 FOR PRESERVATION OF AN HISTORIC CEMETERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MUNICIPAL CEMETERY, and it was read for the first time.

Mr. Merriman said staff will speak with Mr. Council to make sure they are conducting all their due diligence with the matter.

Emergency Appropriations Ordinance and Authorize Change Order #3 of professional services agreement with Burgess & Niple for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment of the former Kmart Property. Mr. Merriman respectfully requested City Council approve an emergency ordinance to appropriate additional funding for environmental assessment at the former Kmart site and authorize Change Order #3 with Burgess and Niple for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the same location. Subsequent to the additional round of soil gas sampling recently completed by B&N, results were shared with the Ohio EPA. In a follow-up discussion two weeks ago with OEPA officials to evaluate the most recent results, OEPA staff laid out the requirement for additional probes and sampling needed in a continuing attempt to determine whether the volatile organic compounds observed at the site through testing to date are coming from the former Kmart site or whether they are migrating onto the site. Confirming where the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are coming from and then developing a plan for mitigation of the substances are required steps to secure the Covenant Not to Sue, which is necessary for the development partner to take possession of the site and secure financing for the new development in the works. Staff requests approval of the emergency ordinance and authorization of the change order to expedite the additional round of testing and return results as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Mays presented an ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-03 TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF XENIA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING IT TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Mayor Bayless, that the rules requiring the reading of an ordinance at two consecutive meetings be dispensed with and this ordinance be placed at once upon its passage. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Mayor Bayless, that Ordinance Number 17-26 be now passed. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by President Engle, seconded by Vice President Smith, to authorize the City Manager to execute Change Orders not exceeding \$15,000.00 with Burgess & Niple for additional field work

and professional services and authorize a new not-to-exceed amount of \$165,000.00 for the Phase II ESA on the former Kmart property. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with DP&L to construct and install electric service for the OVCH Lift Station. Mr. Merriman respectfully requested Council take two actions necessary to facilitate the construction of the OVCH sewer lift station. As Council may recall, construction of the sewer lift station is required at the OVCH Industrial Park prior to any new development at the site, and they expect that ODOT will be ready to commence work on their new maintenance facility at the site later this year. In anticipation of this, funding for the lift station has been planned in the five-year CIP and was included in the 2017 capital budget. While funding is included in the budget, in evaluating necessary steps to engage the sewer lift station project, staff discovered that the project funding was inadvertently budgeted in the incorrect line. As a result, it is necessary for City Council to approve the transfer of funds from line 665-1336-55599 into 665-1332-55599 to properly align the funding. Additionally, staff recommends City Council approve a motion to authorize a contract with DP&L for installation of electric service for the lift station. Approval of these actions will allow these important steps to be executed thus paving the way for ODOT to engage their construction project this year.

Motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Mayor Bayless, to transfer \$53,138.00 from account 665-1336-55599 into 665-1332-55599. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Mayor Bayless, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with DP&L to construct and install electric service to the OVCH Lift Station in an amount not-to-exceed \$53,137.16 and disburse the funds from account 665-1332-55599. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Items for the City Manager: Mr. Merriman provided the following updates:

- **Hamvention:** The first Hamvention at the Greene County Fairgrounds has been successfully completed, and things went pretty well. Several major routes experienced some fairly substantial backups on Friday; however, traffic seemed to move better after a few tweaks were made. No significant issues were reported. Staff has a follow-up meeting with the administrative team that provided oversight for the planning of the event to start the after-action conversations on how to improve the event in the future. He noted that Hamvention has signed a three-year contract with the Greene County Fair Board and have expressed their intent to make this location a permanent one. The jury is still out on the local impact, but staff will attempt to conduct on-site visits with various businesses in the City. The early returns are not overwhelmingly positive despite staff's efforts to work with the business community. There is simply not enough hotel capacity within Xenia; therefore, a number of folks were staying outside the City and spending their money at

those locations. There is still some work that needs to be done to continue to promote local businesses. The rain put a damper on things and noted the damage to the soccer fields adjacent to the Fairgrounds are not owned nor operated by the City—they are owned by Greene County. It was not the City's decision to host the event nor use the soccer fields for parking. The County made plans in advance of the event to repair any damages to the fields. All things considered, it was a good event and good publicity for the City of Xenia and Greene County.

- **ICSC Recap:** He and the City's Development Director attended the International Council of Shopping Center's annual conference, which is the largest retail conference in the world. Staff's goals included soliciting retail vendors to consider Xenia as an expansion site, connecting with developers and retail property owners with current interests in Xenia to enhance relationships, and discuss how to coordinate with them to encourage growth and new retail opportunities and evaluate the overall retail environment and the specific market in Xenia to better inform retail recruitment efforts moving forward. The City's retail consultant, The Retail Coach, developed an itinerary for them including setting up and attending meetings with multiple retailers. Additionally, they had productive meetings with developers leading to some follow-up work that they will share with Council in the coming weeks. Staff will be evaluating this experience and assessing how they need to adjust their retail recruitment efforts moving forward. He will be providing City Council with a more detailed report and strategy update in the coming weeks. They received more positive interests than anticipated from food-service vendors. Unfortunately, the market is such that the corporate entities are reluctant to expand; therefore, staff will have to work with them to get them to come to this community. The other big takeaway is that the City continues to be challenged by its proximity to Beavercreek, which was consistently heard over and over again at the conference. Despite the fact that the City could substantiate having a separate and fairly substantial marketplace, these businesses are still going to think Beavercreek is too close to invest in Xenia, which makes staff's marketing ability a lot more difficult.
- **First Fridays:** He reminded everyone that First Fridays is June 2nd. The May event was cancelled due to the weather, but he hopes the June event will go forward as planned. He invited all Council members and community members to come out and participate in the event.
- **Weather Issues** has been a long standing issue in the community that desires some permanent policy direction regarding severe weather. The City operates a shelter at the Public Service Center at 966 Towler Road; however, the City has not previously, and does not currently, guarantee that the shelter will be opened as soon as the tornado sirens are launched. There were multiple unanticipated tornadic incidents yesterday around 8 p.m., but the shelter was not opened by the XPD until approximately 8:30 p.m., which created a small gap between the sirens and access to the building. He noted that the first tornado warning was for southwest Greene County and did not constitute Xenia proper; therefore, there was no imminent danger to Xenia residents. Second, no matter when a tornado warning is issued, the only response the City can provide is the closest Public Safety Unit. In some cases, a delay in opening the shelter may be caused by a busy call-volume, which means it may take some time for the Public Safety Unit to get to the Service Center site to open the building. The City never advises people to leave the safety of their homes to go to a shelter; people are safer in a mobile home than attempting to outrun a tornado to get to a shelter. This concept needs to be more widely promoted in the community. There were approximately 15-20 people who sought shelter at the Towler Road facility last night, and an officer was on site for the duration of tornado warnings. It is also important to note that many times a tornado warning will be issued for a portion of an area but because the City provides coverage for multiple jurisdictions, Communications staff has to launch sirens for the entire jurisdiction and not just Xenia. Therefore, Xenia proper may not be in the path of an oncoming storm, but sirens will still be sounded on the overall network. Staff continues to refine the process. The City wants to provide safety options for residents, but the tornado shelter at the Service Center is not operated with the guarantee that it will be open and available 24/7/365 as soon as a warning is issued. It is really intended for people who are working or visiting the

facility, or who are visiting the park during regular business hours. Staff wants to be very clear: THEY DO NOT WANT PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND GET INTO THEIR CARS TO DRIVE TO A TORNADO SHELTER WHEN THEY HEAR TORNADO WARNINGS-- that is the exact opposite of what they should be doing.

- **Emergency Operation Response Plans:** Staff is working on comprehensive updates to the Emergency Operation Response Plan. A substantial training event is planned later in the year in conjunction with a number of different entities. They will be conducting a full-scale training session because it has been several years since they have done this type of training.

Councilman Wallace asked why Council did not have a contract for the Simon Kenton Building. Mr. Merriman said staff is working with the interim Law Director on all the paperwork, which is in process. Further, he wanted to wait until all seven members of Council were present due to the magnitude of the issue. Staff is planning to bring something back very soon.

Finance Director's Office:

Emergency Ordinance to waive competitive bidding and authorize the renewal and upgrade of Internet Services from DataYard. Mr. Bazalak respectfully requested passage of an emergency ordinance to waive competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager to purchase DataYard Internet Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,183 per month, for a total amount over a 36-month contract of \$42,588. The existing agreement with DataYard for three years is expiring, and staff is seeking a new three-year contract with a win-win of increasing the bandwidth from 20MB to 100MB with a reduced cost of \$87 per month. Additionally, it would also bring the advantage of having a connection from the Administration Building as well as the Justice Center. Mr. Cardenas is available to answer any questions.

Mayor Bayless presented an ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF INTERNET SERVICES WITH DATAYARD, AND DECLARING IT TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mayor Bayless, seconded by Councilman Wallace, that the rules requiring the reading of an ordinance at two consecutive meetings be dispensed with and this ordinance be placed at once upon its passage. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Louderback, Mays, Mills, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Bayless, seconded by Councilman Wallace, that Ordinance Number 17-27 be now passed. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Louderback, Mays, Mills, Bayless, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Schedule of Bills: Mr. Bazalak presented payment of bills totaling \$433,266.06.

Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Vice President Smith, to approve payment of bills totaling \$433,266.06. Brief discussion followed. Mayor Bayless asked about the payment for DataYard listed in the Schedule of Bills on page 3. Mr. Bazalak said the \$3,840.00 amount may be for a three-month interim period prior to starting the new contract, but he will look into it.

The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Items for the Finance Director: Mr. Bazelak said he appreciated Council's recognition earlier this evening.

Law Director's Office:

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions: Mr. Stokely presented a RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY THOSE ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by President Engle, seconded by Vice President Smith, that Resolution Number 17-N be now passed. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Smith, Wallace, Mays, Bayless, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Items for the Law Director: None.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION: Councilman Wallace said he attended the dedication of the Bennett Play Depot and Splash Pad and enjoyed the comments by Mayor Bayless and the Bennett family. It was a beautiful event at a beautiful location. He reminded the public that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Schindler Banquet Center.

Councilwoman Mays was unable to attend the splash pad dedication event; however, on her way to the meeting this evening, she took pictures of the kids still playing in the water. As a Council member and a mom, she thanked the City for the project. She attended the XHS graduation and congratulated the graduates, especially Ms. Dewin Travis.

Mayor Bayless provided the following updates:

- She attended the Night of Champions at Athletes in Action for the induction of two members to the Hall of Faith as follows: (the only) two-time Heisman Trophy winner, Archie Griffin, and U.S. Woman's National Soccer Team member, Cat Whitehill. It was a wonderful ceremony.
- She attended the opening ceremony for Hamvention, which was very interesting. She had an opportunity to walk around the event and greeted visitors. Many visitors look at the event as a reunion for people they communicate with throughout the year.
- She was scheduled to attend the Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday, which was rescheduled for June 4th.
- She and three other members of Council attended the XHS graduation and were active in trying to keep everyone calm during the tornado warning. She noted most of the crowd stayed calm and did as instructed during the warning. She is thankful everyone got home safely.

