

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017
Special Session
6:00 p.m.

The Xenia City Council met in Special Session on August 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Administration Building, with the following members present: Wesley Smith, Edgar Wallace, Dale Louderback, Sarah Mays, Jeanne Mills, Marsha J. Bayless, and Michael D. Engle.

Motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Mills, to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters – Labor Negotiations per XCO §206.04(a)(4) and ORC §121.22(G)(4) and Purchase or Sale of Property per XCO §206.04(a)(2) and ORC §121.22(G)(2). No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

At 7:03 p.m., the Council adjourned their Executive Session to prepare for their Regular Session immediately following.

Regular Session
7:00 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m., the Xenia City Council met in a Regular Session in the City Council Chambers, City Administration Building, with the following members present: Wesley Smith, Edgar Wallace, Dale Louderback, Sarah Mays, Jeanne Mills, Marsha J. Bayless, and Michael D. Engle.

INVOCATION: Andy Spencer, First Church of Christ, gave the invocation after which all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Introduction of an ordinance to rezone two parcels totaling 12.6 acres at 1087 W. Second Street from R-1C to P-1. Mr. Merriman said the first public hearing is a request to rezone 1087 W. Second Street from R-1C One-Family Residential to P-1 Public and Institutional District. The subject property includes two parcels containing a vacant former elementary school building and several acres of undeveloped greenspace currently owned by the City of Xenia. The applicant for the rezoning is Bridges of Hope and the prospective purchaser of the parcels. Bridges of Hope intends to convert the former school into a homeless shelter and social services hub. The proposed use is not permitted in R-1C One-Family Residential zoning but is permitted

under the P-1 Public and Institutional District. The P-1 District permits a full range of public institutional uses as well as limited supportive office and retail establishments, conference centers, and more as conditional uses. Based on City Staff's evaluation, the proposed rezoning has been found to meet all pertinent criteria in the Land Development Code. The requested rezoning is consistent with the X-Plan land use plan, which recommends Institutional Campus as a future land use designation for the area. P-1 zoning would also be compatible with surrounding zoning, which includes P-1 to the east and west, O-1 Office District to the north, and A-1 Agricultural District and I-1 Light Industrial District to the south. The Planning and Zoning Commission held the required public hearing on August 3, 2017, and voted to endorse the proposed rezoning. Staff recommends Council introduce an ordinance to rezone the two parcels.



President Engle invited those in favor of the rezoning to come forward to speak.

Marlene Labig, 1700 Deer Creek Drive, said she works at her husband's chiropractic office located on Second Street, she is President for the Jeremiah Tree located on Second Street, and she is Vice President for Bridges of Hope; therefore, a majority of her life revolves around W. Second Street. Although she was unable to attend last Thursday's XPZC meeting, she understands some opposition was presented in regard to Bridges of Hope's plans to create an emergency overnight shelter at Simon Kenton. As business owners, Bridges of Hope is well aware of the extent of the homelessness issue in Xenia. It all started with getting to know some of the people who were living under the Second Street bridge beside their office. They watched people struggle with losing their belongings when the creek flooded, they saw a young women living under the bridge beaten so badly she required nine months of hospitalization, and crying with a 54-year-old man who watched the only place he had to sleep being bulldozed. They have found people sleeping on the sidewalks, on the porch, and in the garden shed of the Jeremiah Tree. They have never felt threatened or intimidated by the homeless and often found them to be very apologetic. Bridges of Hope's vision is to give them an alternative to sleeping in doorways, on park benches, or in bushes, which would not only keep them safe, but it would make the community cleaner and safer. Bridges of Hope has also committed to being good neighbors; therefore, they care just as much about the preschooler at the daycare as they do about the person with no home. They have reached out to the director of the daycare center in an attempt to arrange a meeting so they can listen and address any concerns. She believes it is possible to create a good environment for both organizations to coexist by communicating and working together. Bridges of Hope looks forward to meeting with the daycare director and working together for the good of the community. She thanked City Staff, City Council, and XPZC for recognizing both the need for the shelter and its benefits to the community. It has been almost a two-year journey, but she believes the benefits of the project will reach far into the future for the City of Xenia.

Dan Jordan, 91 Tackett Drive, said he appreciates the opportunity to speak on behalf of Bridges of Hope. Bridges of Hope is an organization that has a three-fold focus to include homelessness, addiction, and poverty. He was deeply touched several years ago by the homeless issue while

volunteering at the Episcopal Church, and he was able to build a lot of relationships with people during that time. Unfortunately, the Episcopal Church could no longer operate its homeless shelter and had to close. Thankfully, the Living Stone Church opened a warming station last winter, but they were unable to operate a full shelter. Bridges of Hope is planning to open their homeless shelter on November 1st. However, their focus is to not only address homelessness, they also want to address poverty and addiction in the community. Typically, homelessness is caused by various reasons, and they are trying to lift the person up through their faith-based organization. The property on W. Second Street is located away from a majority of residential homes and is somewhat isolated in many ways. Any problems that may arise in connection with the homeless shelter will be immediately addressed. If any situation is a problem for the daycare, it will also be a problem for Bridges of Hope. He noted that Xenia Police Officers often walked through the Episcopal Church shelter, and he cannot recall there ever being any problems. Most homeless people are grateful to have shelter and typically do not cause any problems. Once they get their bellies full and are warm, they usually fall asleep. Bridges of Hope is not drawing a salary through the homeless shelter program—they simply want to make a difference in the community. He appreciates the help from Council in getting the program off the ground.

President Engle invited those wishing to speak against the rezoning to come forward to speak.

Richard Darner, 871 Van Eaton Road, said he and his wife own Tiny Tot Academy on Bellbrook Avenue. Their concern is the physical location of the homeless shelter. There is a wooded area that separates the Simon Kenton and Tiny Tot properties, and they have already experienced a fair amount of traffic going back and forth. Their barn has already been broken into. They have concerns about safety, security, and trespassing during the shelter's off hours. Tiny Tot Academy has approximately 100 kids, and the safety of the children is their utmost concern. A barrier or other option could protect their property, but they have not had any discussions at this time. He asked if the City has future plans to install an access road through the property. President Engle asked Mr. Darner to contact the City Manager for additional information on the subject.

Amber Rossiter, 398 W. Market Street, said she is a grandparent with children enrolled at Xenia Academy. She also has concerns about what the homeless people will do and where they will go while the shelter is closed. She feels the shelter should offer additional programming for addicts 24/7 and not just part of the time from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. She also has concerns about drug paraphernalia being deposited on or near the daycare property. The homeless have been throughout the City, but once the shelter is operational, they will all congregate right next to the daycare. The heroin epidemic is horrible and she would like Bridges of Hope to offer more services to help them get back on their feet throughout the day and night and not just during limited hours. The Bridges of Hope homeless shelter needs to be a 24/7 program.

Kristen McKeever, 1072 June Drive, said she has the same concerns as the last two speakers. She has a five-year-old daughter enrolled in Xenia Academy and is worried her daughter will come in contact with drug paraphernalia. She is a recovering addict who knows what it is like to be in that state of mind—they need 24/7 help and not just during limited hours. She had to go through programs to get the help she needed. Her primary concern is about the safety of the children at the daycare.

President Engle invited those neither for nor against the rezoning to come forward to speak. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m., and entertained an introduction.

Councilman Wallace introduced an ORDINANCE REZONING TWO PARCELS TOTALING 12.6 ACRES AT 1087 WEST SECOND STREET FROM R-1C ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO P-1 PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT, and it was read for the first time.

Introduction of an ordinance amending Chapters 1224, 1228, and 1236 of the City of Xenia Land Development Code. Mr. Merriman said the second public hearing is to consider several recommended amendments to the Land Development Code, which was established approximately one year ago. Since adoption of the new land development code, staff has maintained a list of concerns that have arisen as the new code has been implemented. Staff's intent was to return to City Council with recommendations for adjustments to the code based on these observed concerns in order to ensure that the commonsense approach originally intended for the new requirements was sustained in practical implementation. This evening, staff presents Council with recommendations for four specific adjustments to the code. These changes would address noted concerns and involve the following actions:

- 1) Removal of swimming pools from applicability toward maximum accessory structure square footage;
- 2) Removal of the requirement for Mobile Food Sales to obtain a Conditional Use;
- 3) Removal of mention of a list of building materials approved by PZC and replace with standards that require siding materials in remodeling and accessory building projects to be similar to materials being replaced or the materials of the primary building or to follow materials requirements for new construction; and
- 4) Reduce minimum drive-through canopy clearance from 15 ft. to 8 ft.

Staff believes these changes simplify code compliance, promote start-up business investment and property reinvestment, and are commonsense adjustments that do not negatively impact the intent of maintaining high standards in this community. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission held its required public hearing on this matter on August 3rd and voted to endorse these text amendments. Staff therefore recommends Council conduct the public hearing and then move to introduce an ordinance amending Chapters 1224, 1228, and 1236 of the City of Xenia Land Development Code.

President Engle invited those in favor of the amendments to come forward to speak. Hearing none, he invited those against the amendments to come forward to speak. Hearing none, he invited those neither for nor against the amendments to come forward to speak. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. and entertained an introduction.

Councilman Louderback introduced an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1224, 1228, AND 1236 OF THE CITY OF XENIA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, 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. No one came forward to speak.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities: Councilwoman Mills said the August BRACA meeting was cancelled due to competition with the Greene County Fair and a lack of agenda items. BRACA's next meeting will be September 5th, and they will be focusing on Hometown Christmas, which will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Small Business

Saturday). New items will be brought to the annual event, and updates will be provided as they occur.

Mayor Bayless said she has been approached about the suspension of Music in the Park and Beautification Awards for this year. Councilwoman Mills said BRACA voted to reestablish the Beautification Awards in June, and she encouraged anyone interested in nominating a home to contact the City Clerk by phone or email. To date, they have not received any nominations. The Music in the Park events were suspended for this year due to very low attendance—sometimes fewer than 40 people. The bands were reluctant to perform in Xenia due to the low attendance rate. BRACA will evaluate public opinion regarding suspension of the Music in the Park program and then determine if the program will be reestablished in the future. She has only heard from two residents regarding suspension of this program; she encouraged the public to express their opinions to her or the City Clerk.

Traffic Commission: Councilwoman Mays said the August Traffic Commission meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items, but the next meeting is scheduled for September 4th, which is a holiday and would need to be rescheduled if a meeting is necessary.

Mayor Bayless said some residents have expressed concerns about turning left off of Whiteman Street onto Main Street. Councilwoman Mays said the issue is still a discussion point. There was some recent reduction of the landscaping, and to date there have not been any issues reported by the XPD regarding accidents or incidents at the location. They will reevaluate the issue in the future. Mr. Merriman said the recent opening of the Coffee Hub has created an increase in foot traffic, and they are waiting a few weeks to evaluate its impact on the traffic situation.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Vice President Smith said XPZC met on August 3rd with the following three items:

- Rezone two parcels at 1087 W. Second Street totaling 12.6 acres from R-1C One-Family Residential District to P-1 Public and Institutional District filed by prospective property owner Dan Jordan of Bridges of Hope, which was endorsed to Council and the subject of one of tonight's public hearings.
- Text Amendments to the City of Xenia Land Development Code, which was endorsed to Council and the subject of tonight's other public hearing.
- Conditional Use to allow a seasonal mobile food sales structure at 200 W. Main Street (former Kmart site) filed by prospective occupant Mike Provance, which was approved.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mayor Bayless said BZA met on July 24th on two requests as follows:

- Variance to allow an existing nonconforming 6-foot-tall wood privacy fence to be rebuilt in the same location in a regulatory front yard of a corner lot at 2298 Alabama Drive filed by property owners Brian and Kelly Burke, which was approved.
- Variance to allow an existing 6-foot-tall wood privacy fence built without a permit to remain in a regulatory front yard of a corner lot at 1337 Massachusetts Drive filed by property owner Sharon Thatcher, which was approved.

Economic Development Advisory Board: Councilman Wallace said EDAB met in Special Session on August 2nd with several updates, but a majority of the time was spent discussing the CSU annexation, which was unanimously endorsed.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR: Councilman Louderback said the median strip on W. Main Street is overgrown with weeds and asked if it could be addressed. Mr. Merriman concurred. He noted they have been a little behind because staff was focused on Sol Arnovitz Park to complete the Frisbee Golf Course. However, he agreed the median is a very visible entry point into the City and needs to look good at all times.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:

City Manager's Office:

Introduction of a Resolution authorizing a petition to Annex 40.931 acres located in Xenia Township and owned by the City of Xenia. Mr. Merriman respectfully recommended introduction of a resolution authorizing a petition to annex a 40.931-acre parcel, which is part of the Ohio to Erie bike trail, located in Xenia Township and owned by the City of Xenia. The parcel ID is M36000200290002800. This application will be part of a joint application for annexation to include parcels owned by the State of Ohio and used by Central State University. This action would be the first concrete step toward annexation, and more importantly toward establishing a new level of town-and-gown partnership with Central State University that will bring comprehensive strategic value to all parties. For decades, leaders of CSU and the City have recognized the potential benefits of an enhanced relationship. For years they have sought to leverage opportunities to strengthen their affiliation. And now after several months of analysis, evaluation, planning, and review, they are poised to take a historic step together in the interest of mutual sustainability and ultimately for collective prosperity. Introduction and subsequent passage of the resolution to submit the petition for annexation will initiate a series of events within a two-phase annexation process as outlined in supporting materials in the agenda report. Included among these materials is the Economic Impact Analysis, as required by Ordinance 13-12, that evaluates the overall quantitative and qualitative impacts of the proposed annexation. Objective review of the analysis leads to a clear conclusion: This incorporation benefits all involved. Enhancing the City's relationship with Central State is a specific goal of X-Plan and City Council previously directed staff to engage the university as an essential partner for a more prosperous future. Pursuant to XCO §283.03(c), the City's Economic Development Advisory Board was given a presentation on August 2nd on the annexation proposal and was briefed on the economic impact analysis thereof. EDAB unanimously endorsed the annexation proposal. As a result of this comprehensive due diligence, staff recommends City Council introduce the resolution this evening with the intent of approval at the August 24th second reading. He noted an addition to the text of the resolution to show the proper acreage, which should be 118.05 acres. It is inconsequential toward the action requested, but he wanted to note that correction.

Councilman Wallace introduced a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PETITION TO THE GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TYPE 2 ANNEXATION OF A 40.931-ACRE PARCEL OF THE OHIO TO ERIE BIKE TRAIL OWNED BY THE CITY OF XENIA DESIGNATED AS PARCEL ID M36000200290002800, and it was read for the first time.

Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2018 Fire Division staff vehicle through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. Mr. Merriman respectfully requested authorization to execute a purchase order with Lebanon Ford for the purchase of one 2018 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptor staff vehicle for the Fire Division in the amount of \$28,961.00. As previously discussed with Council, staff has conducted extensive analysis evaluating lease options for

replacement of this front-line fire unit. However, they cannot recommend that course of action due in large part to the fact that modifications necessary to adapt the vehicle for fire use will likely have a significant impact on resale value at the end of the lease term, which would render this option ultimately more costly than outright purchase of a replacement vehicle through state bid pricing. Since this purchase replacement of this vehicle was planned for in the 2017 budget, funds are available.

Motion by Councilman Louderback, seconded by Councilwoman Mays, to authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Lebanon Ford for the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptor staff vehicle for the Fire Division in the amount of \$28,961.00. Brief discussion followed. Councilwoman Mays asked if this action would replace one of the older vehicles. Chief Riggsby said yes; it will actually become one of XFD's frontline staff vehicles. His vehicle is currently the oldest vehicle in the fleet and will be moved down for use by the Fire Inspector. The XFD will still be short one vehicle. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Emergency Ordinance to authorize the sale of 0.114 acres of the former Simon Kenton Elementary School site to Greene County Council on Aging. Mr. Merriman respectfully requested passage of an emergency Ordinance authorizing the sale of 0.114 acres of the former Simon Kenton Elementary School site to the Greene County Council on Aging. This step had previously been mentioned to City Council but was inadvertently omitted from the previous legislative actions taken regarding disposition of the former school property. This emergency action would rectify this effective immediately to allow final closing of the property with Bridges of Hope. The transfer of this property to the Council on Aging is recommended as an act of intergovernmental cooperation and therefore would include only a nominal price. Bridges of Hope was aware of this condition and supports the arrangement.

Councilman Wallace presented an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 0.114 ACRES OF PARCEL M40000100190000500 AT 1087 WEST SECOND STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY THE FORMER SIMON KENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND DECLARING IT TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilwoman Mays, 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. Brief discussion followed. President Engle thanked staff for seeking and finding a way to minimize costs for the new activity in the community. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Motion by Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilwoman Mays, that Ordinance Number 17-36 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.

Introduction of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA agreement with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio for the resurfacing of W. Second Street from Allison Avenue to U.S. 42. Mr. Merriman said in October 2016, the City of Xenia applied for and successfully attained Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds through MVRPC for the resurfacing of W. Second Street from Allison Avenue to U.S. 42. In addition to the resurfacing, the project includes the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the Creekside Trail crossing and the replacement of deteriorated curb, sidewalks, and ADA Ramps. The City of Xenia will oversee the construction and administer the construction contract. To facilitate this, the City must enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT. Approval of this measure will position the City to accept the funds and administer the contract. This legislation is required for all ODOT contracts. The City Engineering Division will develop the majority of the plans and specifications for the project, which is slated for design in 2017/2018 with construction in 2019. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$394,978. The City of Xenia will receive up to a maximum of \$272,536 in FHWA funds with a local share commitment of \$122,442. Staff requests an introduction of a Resolution authorizing an LPA Agreement with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio for the resurfacing of W. Second Street from Allison Avenue to U.S. 42 and execute all necessary documents.

Councilman Louderback introduced a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN LPA AGREEMENT AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE RESURFACING OF WEST SECOND STREET FROM ALLISON AVENUE TO U.S. 42, and it was read for the first time.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Sergeants. Mr. Merriman said City staff has been working through the collective bargaining process with FOP counterparts from the Police Sergeants' union. In line with City Council's pre-established parameters, they have come to a tentative agreement for a three-year contract extension. Staff recommends City Council authorize execution of the new contract with amendments as stipulated to the Council and authorize him to execute the contract.

Motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Councilman Wallace, to approve the terms and conditions of the proposed collective bargaining contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for FOP, Ohio Labor Council Greene County Lodge #37 – Sergeants. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Wallace congratulated Human Resources Director Jackie Potter for doing a great job negotiating the contract. President Engle concurred; he also thanked the Sergeants who participated in the process to find an excellent agreement that is satisfactory for all parties. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

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

- **SAFER Grant** – City Council was already aware of this news, but he publically announced that the Fire Division's effort in applying for the SAFER Grant has been successful. He received word from the Governor's office a few days ago indicating the City of Xenia would be receiving approximately \$450,000 over the next three years with a local match of about \$280,000 to hire three additional full-time firefighters. This is excellent news coming at an important time. The

public safety service providers, both fire/medic and police, continue to face major challenges in their efforts due to the opioid crisis. These grant funds will allow the addition of one additional staff member per day to the Fire Division staffing rotation, which gives them the flexibility to man an extra medic unit without having to take an engine crew out of service. While this appears minor on the surface, the operational significance is quite valuable. With this grant award, the City will be able to improve its service flexibility and at the same time see a measurable and partially off-setting reduction in overtime expenses to ensure the minimum manning policy. He thanked Captain Brian Brennaman, Chief Riggsby, and Deputy Chief Mullikin for their efforts in securing these grant resources. As Council may recall, when they authorized the grant application, they also authorized him to accept any award the City would be given due to the tight turn-around time required for acceptance of the grant. So staff has initiated the grant acceptance process. Staff's intent is to take the necessary steps to ensure the City will have the resources to sustain this level of staffing on a permanent basis as the service demand in the community necessitates it. He again thanked and congratulated the Fire Division for their excellent work.

- **NNO** – The next Neighborhood Night Out event will be held on August 29th from 5-7 p.m. at Xenia Station and the Bennett Play Depot and Splash Pad. He encouraged everyone to make plans to join them. They expect a robust crowd due to the location.

Finance Director's Office:

Schedule of Bills: Ms. Johnson presented payment of bills totaling \$292,535.20.

Motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Mayor Bayless, to approve payment of bills totaling \$292,535.20. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

Items for the Finance Director: None.

Law Director's Office:

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

Items for the Law Director: None.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION: Councilman Louderback and Councilman Wallace had nothing further to share.

Councilwoman Mays congratulated Chief Riggsby and staff for their hard work on the SAFER Grant, which was very exciting. She also congratulated the Xenia Coffee Hub on their opening. She encouraged the public to visit the shop at 81 E. Main Street; she recommended the cold brew coffee. She thanked Mr. Forschner for his efforts in getting extra fencing added at the Bennett Play Depot and Splash Pad.

Councilwoman Mills asked the public to be aware of the busses and kids going back to school in the next few days.

Mayor Bayless provided the following updates:

- She represented the citizens of Xenia by attending the viewing service for Terry Tobey and shared the City's gratitude to Mr. Tobey for his dedication and service to Xenia. The family appreciated her attendance.
- She attended the Carnegie meeting at the Greene County Library where citizens were asked to choose some of the options for the renovation of the building. She asked the City Planner to provide any additional information. Mr. Forschner said he talked briefly with Ms. Crockett who said the top ideas involved turning the historic building into some type of museum and possibly something related to food services. Mayor Bayless noted they had a good turnout and the local news station was also in attendance.
- She congratulated CSU for receiving the Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) of the Year award. She said 175 campuses were nominated for the award, but this is the first time that CSU has received the award. She congratulated the CSU women's basketball coach Sheba Harris for being awarded the Female Coach of the Year. She attended the women's and men's freshman tea at CSU. Last year, they welcomed 634 freshmen, and this year they welcomed 855 freshmen with an average GPA of 2.74. (Applause followed.) This is CSU's 130th celebration, and they are still working on their \$20 million campus project that includes renovations and new construction. CSU has moved beyond their 2015 financial issues and has recovered under the new president who has shown good fiscal management. She congratulated the President and her staff for their hard work and continued success. She congratulated CSU for adding a regional agricultural teacher education program. She is very proud of her alma mater.
- She attended the Business After Hours at Harmony (aka Hospitality Homes and Greene Oaks) and spent some time with former Mayor Phyllis Pennewitt. She looked great and seemed to remember her.
- She reminded the public about the Farmers Market on Tuesdays in Xenia Towne Square from 2-6 p.m., and the Farmers Market at Country Blessings on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Vice President Smith said it is always hard to follow Mayor Bayless because she is so busy. He visited the new track at Doug Adams Stadium, which is a huge benefit to the community. He recently lost a part and searched several stores before finding it at Xenia's local Handyman. He appreciates the local hardware store and the community for supporting it. He reminded everyone about the upcoming solar eclipse and encouraged the public to use special glasses when viewing it. He appreciates staff's continued hard work for the City and community. Many projects are underway in the City; he hopes the citizens are starting to see some of them come to fruition.

President Engle offered his condolences to the Tobey family; he was impressed with the show of support from the community for Mr. Tobey's spouse and family. He was a great businessman, a true gentleman, and a pillar of the community that will be sincerely missed. He encouraged the public to come together to support the schools and students because they are the future and should be encouraged to strive to do their best.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilwoman Mays, seconded by Vice President Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

Michelle D. Johnson
City Clerk

Michael D. Engle, President
Xenia City Council