

**XENIA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** President Wesley Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. (meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties). Due to COVID-19, the meeting was closed to the public and some members joined via Zoom videoconferencing.

**2. INVOCATION:** President Smith provided the Invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilwoman Rebekah Dean led those participating in the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. ROLL CALL:** Vice President Levi Dean, Councilman Thomas Scrivens, Councilwoman Rebekah Dean, Councilman Cody Brannum, Councilman Will Urschel, Mayor Sarah Mays, and President Wesley Smith were present.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Councilman Scrivens, seconded by Councilman Urschel, to approve the January 28, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting as written. No comments followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S):** None.

**7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** President Smith said since the meeting is closed to the public, those wishing to present comments for Council consideration were asked to send an email or written correspondence to the City Clerk. He reported that one email and one letter were received in response to Council's consideration of Resolution 2021-E at the last meeting.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.** President Smith presented **ORDINANCE 2021-04 AMENDING SECTIONS 298.01, 238.02(B), AND 618.02(F) AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 808., 820., 1054., 1440., AND 1468. OF THE XENIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES**, originally introduced by Mayor Mays on 01/28/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Mayor Mays, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 as written. Brief comment followed. Councilman Brannum noted the changes did not include any increase in water or sewer rates. The changes included an adjustment in bad check fees and the change from cubic feet to gallons for meter readings. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

**B.** President Smith presented **ORDINANCE 2021-05 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A MUNICIPAL PETITION**

**FOR ANNEXATION OF 5.59 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE CITY OF XENIA WITHIN XENIA TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.16 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**, originally introduced by Councilman Scrivens on 01/28/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Councilman Scrivens, seconded by Mayor Mays, to adopt Ordinance 2021-05 as written. No comments followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

C. President Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2021-F AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A PETITION, JOINTLY WITH MT. HOLLY FARMS, INC., FOR ANNEXATION OF 24.544 ACRES (11.049 OWNED BY THE CITY AND 13.495 OWNED BY MT. HOLLY FARMS, INC.), MORE OR LESS, FROM XENIA TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF XENIA, OHIO**, originally introduced by Mayor Mays on 01/28/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Mayor Mays, seconded by Vice President Dean, to adopt Resolution 2021-F as written. Comments followed. Councilman Urschel asked if this would be an attached or detached annexation. Law Director Donnette Fisher said land annexed via an Expedited Type 2 annexation cannot be detached. City Manager Brent Merriman said that is per ORC 709.023 (A) & (H). Councilman Urschel said there are many types of annexations, and for future annexations, they need to consider the specifics of each annexation and have a conversation with Xenia Township, which may include developing annexation agreements. President Smith said for this particular annexation, the property owner reached out to the City. This is not a property or money grab. Further, the City has invested in significant infrastructure for the property. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

D. President Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2021-G APPROVING THE AMENDED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE GREENE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, originally introduced by Councilman Brannum on 01/28/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Councilman Brannum, seconded by Mayor Mays, to adopt Resolution 2021-G as written. Brief comment followed. Mr. Merriman said Greene County's Director of Environmental Services, Dana Doll, offered to attend this evening's meeting to answer any questions Council may have had. However, since the meeting was closed to the public, he told her she did not need to attend. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

E. President Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2021-H REQUESTING THE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 2020 TAX SETTLEMENTS FROM THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR**, originally introduced by Vice President Dean on 01/28/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman Brannum, to adopt Resolution 2021-H as written. Brief comment followed. President Smith said this is a yearly housekeeping item in an effort to receive the tax settlements sooner. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE 2021-06 REPEALING ORDINANCE 2019-17 (PROCEEDING WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE XENIA ESID), ORDINANCE 2019-18 (LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE XENIA ESID), AND ORDINANCE 2019-29 (AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-18), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Finance Director Ryan Duke said on August 22, 2019, Council approved Resolution 2019-Z establishing the Xenia Energy Special Improvement District (ESID); Ordinance 2019-17, determining the necessity to proceed with utilizing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing for a project; and Ordinance 2019-18, setting a special property assessment in support of the rehabilitation of Nesbitt House, a multi-family project on Second Street. Then, on December 30, 2019, Council adopted Ordinance 2019-29, which amended Ordinance 2019-18 to delay the imposition of the assessments. The owner of the property ultimately decided to not utilize PACE financing for the project, and it is necessary for City Council to repeal the resolution and ordinances establishing the ESID and approving the project so that the special property tax assessment, which would have paid for the loan, is not assessed. As property tax payments are due February 26, 2021, he respectfully requested that this ordinance be passed as an emergency. This action will not impair the City's ability to utilize PACE financing for future projects, as similar legislation would need to be passed for each project that utilize this type of financing.

Councilman Urschel asked if this action would repeal the ESID in its entirety. Mr. Duke said yes. The City needs to have at least one participant in the program to stand up the ESID. Since there is no longer a participant, they need to repeal the ESID.

President Smith entertained passage of Ordinance 2021-06 as presented.

Motion by Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to adopt Ordinance 2021-06 as presented. No comments followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

**B. RESOLUTION 2021-I REPEALING RESOLUTION 2019-Z (CREATING THE XENIA SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Duke said this item is associated with the previous agenda item. Again, This

action will not impair the City's ability to utilize PACE financing for future projects, as similar legislation would need to be passed for each project that utilize this type of financing.

Councilman Scrivens asked if there were any other ESIDs in Xenia. Mr. Duke said this was first one. Councilman Urschel said the ESID is a great program, and he hopes other businesses can take advantage of it in the future. Mr. Merriman agreed.

President Smith entertained passage of Resolution 2021-I as presented.

Motion by Vice President Dean, seconded by Mayor Mays, to adopt Resolution 2021-I as presented. No comments followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

**C. Introduction of Resolution 2021-J Declaring the Necessity for and Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Obligation Bond Payable Fund to the General Fund and Authorizing the Law Director to File an ORC 5705.14 Petition for said transfer with the Greene County Court of Common Pleas.** Mr. Duke said on June 1, 2000, the City issued debt to cover costs related to street improvements and pension obligations. To offset these costs, the City began to set aside 0.2 mills of inside millage to cover the debt payments in Fund 471, called the General Obligation Bond Payable Fund. Over time, Fund 471 began to accumulate a larger balance than was needed to cover the debt obligations. In early 2020, the last debt service payment was made retiring the 2000 bonds; however, a balance of \$119,037.23 remains in Fund 471. Under Ohio's Uniform Tax Levy Law, contained in ORC Chapter 5705., there are a few permissible ways to facilitate the transfer of the remaining balance in Fund 471 to a different fund. Staff concluded that the most advantageous method would be for Council to pass a resolution requesting permission from the Ohio Tax Commissioner to transfer the remaining balance from Fund 471, in accordance with ORC 5705.16. Council passed Resolution 2020-MM on December 29, 2020, authorizing the Finance Director to petition the Ohio Tax Commissioner for approval of this transfer. The Ohio Tax Commissioner, however, has dismissed the City's petition for an ORC 5705.16 transfer, finding that the petition requesting the transfer should be filed with the Greene County Court of Common Pleas under ORC 5705.14 instead. Staff understood that this was a possibility given some of the ambiguity in the Ohio Revised Code. As the Tax Commissioner dismissed the City's petition, the next step is now to file the petition with the Court of Common Pleas in accordance with ORC Section 5705.14. Therefore, staff is requesting Council approve this resolution authorizing the petition to be filed in the Court.

President Smith entertained introduction of Resolution 2021-J as presented.

Mayor Mays presented RESOLUTION 2021-J DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PAYABLE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO FILE AN ORC 5705.14 PETITION FOR SAID TRANSFER WITH THE GREENE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, and it was read for the first time.

**D. Administration Motion Adopting Financial Management Policies and Goals.** Mr. Duke said for some time, it has been the practice of the Finance Department to present to Council

financial management policies and goals as a part of the annual budget process, even though there is no requirement that Council formally approve the policies and goals. He noted, in some years, Council has formally adopted the policies and goals, and in other years, they have not been formally adopted. The policies have changed very little from their original adoption in 2010; however, staff believes that Council should adopt a policy stance on significant issues such as reserve requirements, the subsidization of other funds by the General Fund, transfers, and the use of various funds. These important benchmarks help to guide the budget and capital planning creation process, aid in the establishment of utility rates, and impact the City’s bond rating, as well as the State Auditor’s assessment of the municipality’s fiscal health.

President Smith entertained a motion.

Motion by Mayor Mays, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to adopt the Financial Management Policies and Goals as updated for 2021. Comments followed. Councilman Scrivens asked if all key operating funds were in good shape. Mr. Duke said yes; the CARES Act funding and Workers Compensation refunds received in 2020 offset the decrease in income tax revenues and other revenues. He believed the funds are in good shape for 2021 and into 2022; however, there is a projected negative cash flow in 2023. Councilman Scrivens asked if the capital improvement fund was in good shape. Mr. Duke said no; the needs outweigh the available funds. Many needed projects for parks, streets, facilities, etc., cannot be pursued. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith  
 Nays: None                      motion carried.

**E. Administrative Motion Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase of Xenia Police Division Duty Weapons and Associated Equipment from Vance Outdoors as a Sole Source Provider, and Authorizing the Disposal of Decommissioned Duty Weapons Through a Buyback Program to be Administered by Vance Outdoors.** Mr. Merriman said in the 2021 capital budget, the Xenia Police Division requested \$34,000 in 364-1221-55304 to purchase up to fifty-five (55) duty weapons, with accompanying duty holsters and magazine pouches. He noted the platform of the weapons has changed; therefore, the current holsters and magazine pouches the officers are utilizing are not compatible. He respectfully requested authorization to purchase up to fifty-five (55) duty weapons manufactured by Sig Sauer, Glock, and Smith & Wesson; sixty-five (65) Safariland holsters for duty and SWAT operations; and fifty-one (51) Safariland magazine pouches, all from Vance Outdoors, Columbus, Ohio. The prices for these weapons are set by the manufacturers at national law enforcement prices and must be sold by a qualified law enforcement distributor. Vance Outdoors is the only qualified law enforcement distributor in Ohio that can provide duty weapons manufactured by Sig Sauer, Glock, and Smith & Wesson. The total cost per each item is as follows:

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sig Sauer	\$458.66	13	\$5,962.58
Glock	\$481.00	31	\$14,911.00
Smith & Wesson	\$418.25	11	\$4,600.75
Holster	\$110.95	65	\$7,211.75
Magazine Pouch	\$15.85	51	\$808.35
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$33,494.43</b>

Vance Outdoors is also providing a buyback program for the decommissioned duty weapons or permitting each officer to buy his/her decommissioned duty weapon for \$350 per weapon. It is estimated that this program will reimburse \$16,100 to be receipted back to the City into Account 364-0800-40899 - Reimbursement Other. Thus, after the reimbursement, the net cost to the City for the new duty weapons, holsters and magazine pouches is expected to be \$17,394.43. Vance Outdoors is the only qualified law enforcement distributor in Ohio from whom all three types can be purchased (Sig Sauer, Glock, and Smith & Wesson) of needed duty weapons. The Safariland holsters and magazines for these weapons must also be purchased through a law enforcement distributor such as Vance Outdoors; they cannot be purchased directly from Safariland. Lastly, Vance is qualified to prepare and file the necessary paperwork for the buyback program as a federally licensed distributor. Therefore, staff requests City Council waive competitive bidding and authorize this purchase from Vance Outdoors as it the only local distributor that is able to supply all types of weapons and accessories needed.

President Smith entertained a motion.

Motion by Councilman Brannum, seconded by Councilwoman Dean, to waive competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of 55 duty weapons, 65 holsters, and 51 magazine pouches, in the total amount of \$33,494.43, from Vance Outdoors, Columbus, Ohio; and authorize the 46 decommissioned duty weapons be disposed of through a buyback program, to be administered by Vance Outdoors as an authorized law enforcement firearms dealer, and to receipt any funds received from the buyback program into account 364-0800-40899. Brief comment followed. President Smith said he was pleased the officers can chose the weapons that best fits their needs. He was certain the officers carry their defense weapons and hope to never have to use them. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

**F. Administrative Motion Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2021 Dodge Durango from Key Chrysler and Three (3) 2021 Police Interceptor Ford Explorers from Lebanon Ford for the Annual Police Vehicle Replacement Program, and Authorizing the Disposal of the Four (4) Vehicles Being Replaced by Auction.** Mr. Merriman said in the 2021 capital budget, the Xenia Police Division requested \$131,000 in 364-1221-55401 to purchase three (3) marked police vehicles and one (1) unmarked vehicle. Scheduled for replacement are the three (3) marked police vehicles and one (1) unmarked vehicle listed below:

Year	Make	Car #	Mileage/Hours*
2013	Ford Explorer	1127	114,102/3,786
2016	Dodge Charger	1101	56,254/4,046
2017	Ford Explorer	1105	85,064/14,006
2017	Ford Explorer	1113	78,940/13,216

\* The mileage/hours listed on each marked vehicle was as of January 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be additional miles and hours on each vehicle at the time of the actual replacement.

Typically, the Police Division will first look to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Cooperative Purchasing Program to establish the state bid price for new vehicles. The Division will then contact local dealers to see if a better deal can be obtained locally. Under ORC 125.04(C), the City may purchase these vehicles from another vendor instead of through the DAS

Cooperative Purchasing Program if the purchase can be made upon equivalent terms, conditions and specifications but at a lower price than the state bid. Purchases made under this provision of Ohio law are exempt from any competitive bidding. Thus, he respectfully recommended the following:

- The purchase one (1) unmarked 2021 Dodge Durango. This unmarked vehicle will be purchased from Key Chrysler, Xenia, Ohio. The local purchase price (\$30,882) is below the DAS state bid price (\$31,100) for a comparable vehicle. The total cost for the one (1) unmarked vehicle is \$30,882.
- The purchase of three (3) marked 2021 Police Interceptor Ford Explorers. The three (3) marked vehicles will be purchased from Lebanon Ford (Lebanon, Ohio). The DAS state bid is currently held by Larkin Greenwood Ford (Connersville, Indiana), at a base cost of \$31,984 per vehicle with an additional \$862 in needed options; thus, the cost per vehicle under the State bid is \$32,846. Lebanon Ford has quoted a price of \$32,706 per vehicle for same vehicle with the same needed options. The total cost of the three (3) marked vehicles from Lebanon Ford is \$98,118.
- Authorization to surplus and dispose of any vehicle being replaced through gov.deals, Adesa Wholesale Auctions in Franklin, or any other area auction service as determined by the Chief of Police and approved by the Public Safety Director. As always, vehicles may be transferred to other City departments if the vehicles planned for auction are determined to be in better condition than the other City vehicles currently in use.

President Smith entertained a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Dean, seconded by Councilman Brannum, to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2021 Dodge Durango from Key Chrysler in the amount of \$30,882 and three (3) 2021 Ford Explorers from Lebanon Ford in the amount of \$98,118 for the Xenia Police Division, and authorize the disposal, by auction, of a 2013 Ford Explorer, a 2016 Dodge Charger, and two 2017 Ford Explorers, currently in the possession of the Police Division. Brief comments followed. Councilman Brannum asked if local dealership Germain Ford supplied police interceptor vehicles. Mr. Merriman said no; the only dealership in the State of Ohio that provides police interceptor vehicles below the State bid price was Lebanon Ford. He noted the State bid contract is held by a dealership in Indiana. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None                      motion carried.

**G. Administrative Motion Ratifying and Approving the Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Xenia Police Officer's Association.** Mr. Merriman said the terms of the agreement are within the mandate provided by City Council. Further, the terms are in line with other collective bargaining agreements that were recently approved.

President Smith entertained a motion.

Motion by Mayor Mays, seconded by Vice President Dean, to approve the terms and conditions of the proposed collective bargaining agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the Xenia Police Officer's Association. Brief comments followed. President Smith thanked staff, Human Resources Director Jackie Potter, the police officers, and the negotiating team for coming together for a resolution for the betterment of the community.

The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

**H. Administrative Motion Approving the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$415,128.75.**  
Mr. Duke respectfully requested the payment of bills in the amount of \$415,218.75.

President Smith entertained a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Dean, seconded by Vice President Dean, to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$415,218.75. Brief comments followed. Councilman Scrivens asked about the purchase from CDW Government and if the purchase was made with CARES Act funding. Mr. Duke said no; the Surface Pros are utilized by senior staff members, which are easier for staff to use in the office as well as when working from home. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith

Nays: None motion carried.

## 11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**A. Traffic Commission:** Vice President Dean said the February meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items. Councilman Scrivens said he appreciates the flashing lights on N. Detroit Street during inclement weather, which really helps to keep the traffic flowing. President Smith agreed.

**B. Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities:** President Smith said the February meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items. However, a drive-through Easter Egg event is being planned, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. at Shawnee Park. More details will be shared soon.

**C. Planning and Zoning Commission:** Councilman Brannum said the February meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

**D. Economic Development Advisory Board:** Councilman Urschel said he is the newly appointed Chair of EDAB, and they met on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. He was very impressed by the community leaders who serve on the Board. David Thompson from the Xenia YMCA is the new Vice Chair for 2021. They talked about a number of subjects including the Xenia Towne Square, the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), the Eavey Building redevelopment project, and the Xenia Community Schools' upcoming levies (one renewal levy and one to replace the middle school). He noted the school representatives did not seek an endorsement from the City; however, they invited EDAB members, the Mayor and Councilmembers, and staff to tour Warner Middle School so they can share their concerns about the school. They were also invited to tour the new Bob Hope Auditorium if they missed the recent open house due to inclement weather. He said school representatives shared that both the new auditorium as well as the stadium/turf field are meant to be used for many community events with the hope to draw outsiders to Xenia where they will stay in hotels, eat in local restaurants, etc.

## 12. APPOINTED OFFICIALS REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

**A. City Manager, Finance Director, and Law Director:**

Mr. Merriman said this is the season for water main breaks. He encouraged residents or business owners who see water puddling on the road (with no rain) to call the Public Service Department during regular working hours or the non-emergency dispatch number after hours and on weekends. Public Service personnel have done a great job in snow removal and treatment so far this year. City offices will be closed on Monday for Presidents Day, noting the US Flags will not be displayed on the downtown light poles due to the anticipated weather event. He attended the open house for the Bob Hope Auditorium, and they did a fantastic job. The space will provide a much better experience to both students and those attending an event. President Smith thanked Mr. Merriman and other staff for their work and effort in holding the Council Retreat last weekend.

Mr. Duke said all of the outdoor meters have been installed, and as soon as the Covid “red” designation is lifted, they will continue to replace the remaining indoor meters. All of the collectors are up and running and receiving real-time information. As soon as all the kinks are worked out, the program will be pushed out to customers. He continues to have conversations with RITA about their presence in the City Administration Building. RITA only has five offices in the State of Ohio and only one of those offices, other than in Xenia, is located in a municipal office. RITA’s decision to work remotely is really only impacting Xenia and one other community in Ohio. If Xenia residents come into the office, there is a simple one-page form to fill out and mail back with the required tax forms (1099s, W-2s, etc.). RITA will prepare the return and send it back to the resident with a statement of tax liability or the amount to be refunded. There is also an on-line tool that is very easy to use.

Ms. Fisher did not have anything further to share.

**B. Mayor and City Council:**

Councilman Brannum did not have anything further to share.

Councilman Urschel said he attended the Xenia Community Schools Board meeting last week, and he plans to attend all future meetings. He also plans to attend Xenia Township Trustee meetings in an effort to improve relations with both groups.

Councilwoman Dean wished everyone a “Happy Valentine’s Day.”

Councilman Scrivens expressed condolences to the family of Theodore “Ted” Day, who was a basketball player and is in the Xenia Community Schools and Central State University Hall of Fame. He also expressed condolences to the family of Leota Harris. He noted that Governor Mike DeWine is already starting to lift some of the Covid restrictions as the numbers decrease. He would like to see a program established to continue street sweeping all year long to keep the catch basins clean and clear of debris and keep the stormwater flowing. He received two calls about US 42 North, and he would like to get the shoulders and aprons upgraded along that corridor. For the Roundabout, he’s presented the need to complete the sidewalk, which he was told was too expensive. He asked the City Manager to consider some type of concrete pavers to give people something to walk on. He encouraged everyone to visit the site so they can see for themselves.

Mayor Mays thanked the Public Service crew for the work they do to prepare Xenia roads for inclement weather and for snow removal. She congratulated the Xenia Community Schools on the completion of the Bob Hope Auditorium—the seating and sound are amazing and it is beautiful! She highlighted a local business, La Neva’s Pure Styles at the corner of S. Detroit and Second Street. She is an outstanding woman who works very hard. Ms. LaNeva Turner is a local who loves this community. Ms. Turner does her daughter’s hair, and she encouraged everyone to support this local business.

Vice President Dean did not have anything further to share.

President Smith thanked all those who are watching the meeting. He looks forward to touring Warner Middle School. He also visited the new Bob Hope Auditorium—it is very nice. He said sometimes he receives correspondence from citizens; however, if the card or letter is not signed, then he cannot reach out to them and have a conversation. He shared that he received a note from a local church thanking City Council for their service.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Smith entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to Economic Development Projects per XCO §206.04(a)(7) and ORC §121.22(G)(8). He noted Council would not be taking any actions upon conclusion of the Executive Session except to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Dean seconded by Mayor Mays, to go into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to Economic Development Projects per XCO §206.04(a)(7) and ORC §121.22(G)(8). No comments followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith  
Nays: None                      motion carried.

The Council convened in Executive Session with the same members present. At 7:18 p.m., the Council reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilwoman Dean, seconded by Councilman Scrivens to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: L. Dean, Scrivens, R. Dean, Brannum, Urschel, Mays, Smith  
Nays: None                      motion carried.

Michelle D. Johnson  
City Clerk

Wesley E. Smith  
President, Xenia City Council