

BEXLEY CITY COUNCIL
Jeffrey McClelland, President
Ben Kessler, Matt Lampke, Mark Masser,
Jed Morison, Richard Sharp and Rick Weber

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15th, 2011

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Roll Call of Members:** President Jeffrey McClelland, Ben Kessler, Mark Masser, Jed Morison, Richard Sharp and Rick Weber. Matt Lampke's absence was excused.
- III. **Others Present:** Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Mike Price, Chief Rinehart and Kathy Rose.
- IV. **Review of Minutes:** March 8, 2011- **Approved**
- V. **Correspondence:** None
- VI. **Presentations/Special Guests:** None
- VII. **Public Hearing for Amended Ordinance 07-11-** Mr. Weber said this Ordinance 07-11 pertains to the Farmer's Market relocating to the parking lot at Main Street and Parkview. Mr. Weber said there is a potential amendment to the Ordinance. Mr. Langner said he incorporated the suggestions offered by Mr. Sharp at the last meeting. He said he has also added "market will be primarily food". This will be a one year approval and it will need to be renewed on an annual basis. The reasoning behind "primarily food" language is because in the past, we have had Farmer's Market turn into more of a craft show.

Amy Bodiker, 191 N. Ardmore Road – Ms. Amy Bodiker said the Farmer's Market will be changed to Thursday evenings from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. She said it will begin on May 19th and will be held every 3rd Thursday.

Jaime Moore, 14950 Fladt Road, Marysville, Ohio- Ms. Moore said she is helping the Bexley Farmer's Market group establish agriculture vendors. She has successfully secured 15 vendors to date. They have also added some children activities. There will also be cooking demonstrations held during the event. Mr. Weber asked if the Planning Commission agreed with the concern to limit the market to food.

Mr. Langner said the limitation to food is worded as “primarily food” items. Jamie said any products being sold must fit into the “agriculture” products such as flowers. Mr. Kessler said he liked the vagueness of the wording “primarily” and feels it will be beneficial for the group. Jamie said they will be including one additional activity for each 15 – 20 vendors. Mr. Masser asked if someone was selling “aprons” or cooking utensils, etc. would that be considered a “craft”. Jamie said it would fall into the craft category because it would not be an “agriculture” product. She said they were currently in the process of registering the name. Amy said the group is only “formally organized” at this point to have regular meetings. She added that all vendors are required to be insured. Amy said they are working with a mix of both business owners and residents.

Mayor Brennan thanked them for their help and said liked the idea of Thursday evenings. He said he appreciated their efforts. Mr. Kessler said he was excited about the new ideas and thinks it will be very successful. Mr. Weber said the official vote will take place during the meeting later that evening.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Finance Committee – Ben Kessler, Chair

Third Readings.

None.

Second Readings.

None.

First Readings.

None.

B. Parks and Forestry Committee – Matt Lampke, Chair

Third Readings.

None.

Second Readings.

None.

First Readings.

None.

C. Safety Committee– Mark Masser, Chair

Third Readings.

Amended Ordinance 06-11 to amend Bexley City Code 840, Transient Dealers; to allow the purchase of used college textbooks by transient dealers, introduced by Mr. Masser, (Introduced on February 22, 2011)

President McClelland asked Chief Rinehart if Anita would be handling the administrative work on the permits. Chief Rinehart answered yes.

Mr. Masser made a motion to amend Ordinance 06-11. Mr. Morison seconded the motion. Voice vote – Amended. Mr. Masser made a motion to adopt. Mr. Morison seconded the motion. **Vote 6-0 PASSED**

Second Readings.

None.

First Readings.

Ordinance 08-11 to enact a licensed food service operation and food establishment facility public health signage requirement for the posting of the most recent inspection date and to provide to the consumer, if requested, a copy of the inspection report issued by licensed facilities, introduced by Mr. Masser, (Introduced on March 15, 2011) **No Action**

Mayor Brennan said if anyone has any concerns regarding this Ordinance 08-11, please contact him. He feels as a past restaurant owner and as a member of the Bexley Board of Health, he would be able to answer any questions. Mr. Masser requested a copy of the Ordinance to be sent to Dr. Harlan Meyers.

D. Service Committee – Jed Morison, Chair

Third Readings.

None

Second Readings.

None.

First Readings.

None.

E. Water, Sewer & Drainage Report – Richard Sharp, Chair

Third Readings.

None.

Second Readings.

None.

First Readings.

None.

F. Zoning and Development Committee– Rick Weber, Chair

Third Readings.

Amended Ordinance 07-11 to grant a variance pursuant to Section 1264.14(c) (2) of the codified Ordinances for property located at 2111 East Main Street (a parking lot between Alum Creek and Parkview Drive on the south side of Main Street) to permit the property, which is zoned Mixed Use Commercial, to be used for an outdoor farmers' market, introduced by Mr. Weber (Introduced on February 22, 2011)

Mr. Weber made a motion to amend. Mr. Kessler seconded the motion. **Voice Vote – Amended**

Mr. Weber made a motion for adoption and Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. **Vote 6-0 PASSED**

Second Readings.

None

First Readings.

V. Tabled or Referred Legislation

Ordinance 48-10 to grant a Councilmatic Variance to permit the construction of two 41” high stone columns in the front yard of 2488 Bryden Road, in the city right-of-way, at the sidewalk entrance as shown on the attached plan that is made a part of this Ordinance, introduced by Mr. Weber (Introduced on September 14, 2010)

VI. Committee Reports

Zoning and Development –Rick Weber, Chair- Mr. Weber said there was a public meeting held tonight to discuss Ordinance 07-11. He said the next zoning meeting will be held on April 26th. They will be discussing Tabled Ordinance 48-10 at that time. The columns are already in place so he suggested everyone drive by the location.

Finance & Judiciary – Ben Kessler, Chair- Mr. Kessler said he attended the Main Street meeting and they are discussing ideas about how to spend the TIF funds. They will be holding a meeting on May 18th for the public and one on May 26th for the merchants. He would encourage Council members to attend. It will be held at the Bexley Library auditorium from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Kessler said he has been looking at different options and Mr. Hale has been helpful in getting the financial information to me. He is hoping by the first meeting in April, he will have more specifics. Mr. Morison said the Governor has

released his budget and it is an 800 page document. One item is a reduction to local funds by 25% this year and 50% next year. Mr. Kessler said he is slightly encouraged. Mr. Morison said we know much more by the next meeting.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation- Matt Lampke, Chair- Excused absence.

Safety- Mark Masser, Chair – Mr. Masser said the next Safety Meeting will be held on April 12th at 5:30 p.m. He said he would contact Dr. Johnson to meet with him to discuss school safety.

Service – Jed Morison, Chair- Mr. Morison thanked the Mayor and the Service Department for cleaning the alleys. He said the transition period after Mr. Mathes' retirement seems to have gone well. He indicated the last payment was made to Mr. Mathes.

Water, Sewerage & Drainage- Richard Sharp, Chair- Mr. Sharp said the meeting of the Tree Committee will be this Wednesday at the Main Street synagogue. He also reminded Council of the Arborist competition to be held at the Jeffrey Mansion.

President's Report – Jeff McClelland- Mr. McClelland said he had the pleasure to fill in for the Mayor doing an introductory duty at the Capital University at the Division 3 competition on Thursday night. It was an exciting job.

VIII. City Official Reports

John M. Brennan, Mayor- He said during the Division 3 event, there were a few minor parking concerns but he had spoken with the police and they were lenient during the weekend for visitors. Rusty Bucket had their biggest day ever during the event.

He said the City newsletter will be mailed out shortly and contains a lot of information regarding upcoming events. He thanked City Council members again for their support at this time and really appreciates the phone calls and concern. He has been able to be at the office on a daily basis and encouraged anyone who needs him to please send an email or call because he is still actively working.

Gary Qualmann, Auditor- Absent. Mr. Hale did not have a report.

Lawrence Rinehart, Chief of Police- No report.

William Harvey, Service Director- No report.

Lou Chodosh, City Attorney- No report.

Bruce Langner, Development Director- Mr. Langner distributed the Development Department status report. He said there had been an opening of

three new businesses during February and March. He said the Piada patio is going to be very nice. He said the Farmer's Market is very exciting this year and Susan Quintenz has been a large influence. She wanted Bexley to have something more comparable to what she sees in other locations. He said there will be a Main Street tour and it will also include going in to see the new Snap Fitness facility at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Chodosh asked about the status of the Sunoco Station development and why it was not moving forward. Mr. Langner said he has to believe it is a matter of funding on their part but he would find out and report back.

Mike Price, Parks and Rec. Director- Mr. Price said the Recreation Department will soon be sending out their spring and summer brochure with the newspapers. He added the Early Bird special on pool memberships will be ending as of April 1st.

OLD BUSINESS- Mr. Masser reminded Council of the April 9th Clean Up Day event.

NEW BUSINESS- President McClelland reminded Council of the Special Meeting on April 6th which is a Wednesday evening. This meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Harvey informed Council that all payments to Al Mathes have been approved and authorized.

REMARKS FROM AUDIENCE: Tim Madison approached Council to inform them of a Pelotonia Bike Ride which raises money for the James Cancer Clinic. He said last year the sum of \$2 mil was raised. He said there will be a "Team Bexley" and their goal is to raise \$125,000 this year. He said on April 3rd, the Drexel will be showing the movie "Breaking Away" for support of this cause. Rolle Bicycles will be at the event and will be giving away a bicycle. They have distributed flyers around town and currently expect 50 - 70 riders to participate. It will be held on August 18th which is a week earlier this year.

Kevin Brashear, 767 Euclaire Avenue. He addressed Council about his safety issues and the development surrounding the Montrose school. He thinks it is important to add signage in front of Montrose for a school zone.

Mr. Harvey informed Mr. Brashear he had spoken with Quint Gage, Principal of Montrose Elementary, and informed him the City would be more than willing to help but the actual costs of the signage would be the school's responsibility. Mr. Sharp said there could have been a possible exclusion a number of years ago because at the time there were no district transfers and there was no reason to have elementary students cross Main Street. Mr. Brashear said there are still high school and junior high school students who have to cross all the time.

Mr. Masser said they were asked to look at the signage and we have looked into that and discussed it with the school. He would like to hold a public meeting with both City Council and the School Board Members so everyone can be on the same page, working toward the same goals. This will help answer your questions and said he always appreciates him coming in to speak with Council.

Mr. Brashear said he has been bringing this up since November. Mayor Brennan said he has met with Joe Ridgeway, the Traffic Engineer who said the City needs to wait for 30 days or longer after the Piada has opened in order to get a good indication of the traffic levels. He said they also repaired some yellow lights which were not working properly. Mayor Brennan wanted him to know that they have been taking steps and working on his concerns. Mr. Masser said the key was to have both Council and the School Board together for a meeting with the residents for further discussion.

Mr. Langner said there is a new program called "Safe Routes to School" and the funding may be able to assist with the additional costs regarding signage issues.

ADJOURNED 8:20 p.m.