

**XENIA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Pastor Dan Jordan, Xenia Grace Chapel, provided the Invocation before the Call to Order.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Sarah Mays.

B. CALL TO ORDER: President Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

C. 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.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Mays asked Law Director Donnette Fisher if she could vote on the minutes as one motion if she was not present at the Special Meeting but was present at the Regular Meeting. Ms. Fisher suggested that she abstain. President Smith said he would separate it into two motions.

Motion by Councilwoman Dean, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to approve the October 14, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting as written. President Smith entertained comments or questions. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Motion by Councilman Urschel, seconded by Vice President Dean, to approve the October 14, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting as written. President Smith entertained comments or questions. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S): None.

President Smith said there were no special presentations listed on the agenda; however, he acknowledged Mr. Jerry Ferrell in the audience and invited him to speak. Mr. Ferrell thanked President Smith and reminded those present that he presented the Council with a Purple Heart parking sign a few weeks ago. He thanked the City for installing that sign. On the day of his presentation to Council, 13 soldiers were killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan. He has since put together a 13-month calendar to honor the 13 soldiers killed on that day. He offered to leave some with the Council and staff. President Smith, Mayor Mays, and other Councilmembers graciously accepted the calendars and thanked him for his service and for the calendars.

F. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: President Smith explained the procedures for Audience Comments and invited those who wished to speak to come forward. No one came forward to speak.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2021-OO AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 667 E. CINCINNATI AVENUE TO, AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH, MEMORY PUZZLES, LLC**, introduced by Councilwoman Dean on 10/14/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Councilwoman Dean, seconded by Councilman Urschel, to pass Resolution 2021-OO as presented. President Smith entertained comments or questions. Mayor Mays said she would abstain from the vote on this item because the purchaser was an extended family member. She noted she did not participate in the Special Meeting/Executive Session on October 14th. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Abstain: Mays

Nays: None motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. President Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2021-PP ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR (2022-2026) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF XENIA, OHIO**, introduced by Councilman Urschel on 10/14/2021, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Councilman Urschel, seconded by Mayor Mays, to approve Resolution 2021-PP as presented. President Smith opened the public hearing 6:07 p.m. and invited those who wished to speak in favor of the Capital Improvement Plan to come forward to speak. No one came forward to speak. He then asked those who wished to speak against the Capital Improvement Plan to come forward to speak. No one came forward to speak. He closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and entertained Council comments or questions. None were presented. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION 2021-QQ AUTHORIZING THE 2022 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** City Manager Brent Merriman said this item is an annual housekeeping item following the Insurance Committee's endorsement and recommendations. The Committee, comprised of administrative leadership staff, representatives from all collective bargaining units, and non-union staff, meets throughout the year to monitor claims costs, evaluate various health insurance plan designs and platforms, and analyze quotes for the annual renewal. The Committee then makes a recommendation by group consensus that aligns with the goal to maintain a competitive insurance benefit package at an affordable cost to the City and its employees. For several years, the Committee, as part of the annual renewal process, has

requested quotes for consortium options. This is the first year the Committee was presented with an attractive quote from a consortium. With that said, the Committee, with the concurrence of the appointed officials, recommends Council authorize the City Manager to sign a membership agreement with Jefferson Health Plan. The Jefferson Health Plan (JHP), established in 1985, covers over 24,000 employees and nearly 200 governmental agencies. The benefits of becoming a member of The JHP Consortium include retaining control of the plan design and benefits and remaining a self-funded platform, while blending the City's claims experience with the JHP pool experience to balance with renewal peaks and valleys and will lessen the financial strain on the City and its employees. He said JHP will allow the City to maintain its current design and arrangement with Custom Design Benefits, and staff will not see any changes in coverage and/or benefits. Actual premium costs will increase 7% over the current rates, which was much less than many other quotes they received. The Committee recommends keeping the same coverage for dental, vision, and life insurance, continuing with Teladoc telemedicine consultation services, and continuing with Enrollment Management Services (all described in the agenda report). He said the City was self-insured, and he recognized that insurance was a large expenditure. These recommendations provided the best coverage to staff while being fiscally responsible. Staff is requesting City Council pass Resolution 2021-QQ, as an emergency, for the following:

- Authorize the City Manager to sign a membership agreement with Jefferson Health Plan;
- Authorize yearly contribution rates for the HSAs to remain at \$1,500 for the single option and \$3,500 for all other tier options;
- Authorize current working dependent surcharge at current rates of \$200 per pay, and compensation in-lieu of benefits (opt-out) not to exceed \$10,000 for single or \$20,000 for family for integrated plans, and not to exceed \$4,500 for single or \$8,500 for family for non-integrated plans;
- Offer a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for employees enrolled in the True Cost plan of \$2,000 (single) and \$4,000 (family);
- Offer a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for employees who opt-out to cover claims cost in excess of \$2,000 (single) and \$4,000 (family) not to exceed \$6,650 (single) and \$13,300 (family);
- Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Enrollment Management Services for administration of the opt-out program in the amount of \$60,000; and
- Authorize the City Manager to sign single case agreements negotiated by Custom Design Benefits on behalf of the City.

Mr. Merriman said staff has tried to keep Council informed on the structure of the insurance plans over the years, and while he just presented a lot of information, everything was remaining the same with the only change for 2022 being the City becoming part of the Jefferson Health Plan. He anticipated remaining with JHP in the next few years, at a minimum, based on the advantages that membership would bring. He said he, Finance Director Ryan Duke, Human Resources Director Jackie Potter, Assistant City Manager Jared Holloway, and Assistant Finance Director Jason Lake are all present to answer any questions Council may have.

President Smith entertained questions or comments for Mr. Merriman or staff.

Councilman Urschel asked how many employees are estimated to "opt out" of insurance coverage. Ms. Potter estimated 100 employees would opt out. Mr. Merriman said 100 employees was a significant number and this issue has resulted in a lot of debate. He and staff feel very strongly that what they are doing was the best they can do for City employees at an affordable cost. Councilman Urschel asked why staff would choose to opt out. Ms. Potter said the opt-out program has been in

place for several years, and there are many reasons for it. For example, Enrollment Management Services can provide expert advice on Medicaid coverage, which staff cannot do. It was less about moving the risk off of the City's insurance plans and more about providing the most cost effective and best options for employees and their families, which are unique for each employee based on their circumstances. Mr. Duke agreed; it helped to share insurance payment responsibilities with other employers. Prior to the opt-out program, only about 14 City employees were opting out of the City's insurance. Now insurance coverage was being customized for each employee and they are looking at all options, which benefited both the City and the employees. Even though the City pays money to those who opt out, the City saves about \$260,000 per year in premiums. Ms. Potter said insurance was confusing—many employees did not take the time to understand and compare the City's plan vs. their spouses' plans; EMS looks at all options to save the City and employees money.

President Smith asked if employees can choose either the HSA or the True Cost option. Ms. Potter said yes; employees can choose the plan that works best for them.

Councilman Brannum asked if the City had to pay a fee to join the Jefferson Health Plan. Ms. Potter said there was a Third Party Administrator (TPA) fee, which they used to pay to Sun Life. Mr. Duke said JHP was a Council of Governance, and the City of Xenia was just one of many members. JHP was not a for-profit organization and would simply help the City manage its risk and act as a stop loss carrier (instead of contracting separately for that coverage). The City would still be self-funded but would now be sharing that risk with other municipalities. JHP will help balance the peaks and valleys of claims. Ms. Potter agreed; it would also help stabilize rates from year to year.

President Smith entertained a motion to pass Resolution 2021-QQ as presented.

Motion by Councilman Scrivens, seconded by Vice President Dean, to pass Resolution 2021-QQ. Brief discussion followed. President Smith thanked everyone involved who worked to take care of the City's employees. The Roll on this was the following:

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

2. RESOLUTION 2021-RR AWARDED THE BID TO TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TANKER TRAILER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Merriman said the City's Wastewater Treatment Division uses a semi-truck with tanker trailer to haul sludge from the Gladly Run Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to the Ford Road WWTP. The sludge undergoes biosolids handling at the Ford Road WWTP prior to land application, and the hauling of sludge typically occurs 2-3 times a week. The Wastewater Treatment Division's current tanker trailer has accumulated over 13,000 hours of usage and is showing signs of increasing corrosion, particularly to the tank and trailer. The City's Equipment Mechanic and the WWTP Supervisor both believe that the replacement of the semi-trailer cab can wait a few more years, so the Public Service Department is only seeking to replace the tanker trailer this year. (The City's CIP includes the replacement of the semi-trailer cab in Year 2023.) The City advertised for bids for the purchase of a new tanker trailer to service the Wastewater Treatment Division's hauling needs for many years to come. Bids

were opened on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, and the City received one (1) bid from a qualified vendor. The bid price received from Technology International, Inc., is \$94,950 with an expected delivery in 9-11 months. Because of the need to order and secure the tanker-trailer so that it can be delivered without further delay, the Public Service Department has requested that City Council pass Resolution 2021-RR as an emergency.

President Smith entertained comments or questions. Councilman Scrivens asked about the expected useful life for the new trailer. City Engineer/Public Service Director Chris Berger said staff was unable to find this “vehicle” in the fleet management program, but they believed it was at least 20 years old. Councilman Scrivens asked if there was an aftermarket option for it. Mr. Berger said yes; they could either trade it in and the value deducted from the sale price of the new one or it could be sold in an online auction.

Motion by President Smith, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to pass Resolution 2021-RR. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

3. Introduction of Resolution 2021-SS Authorizing Acceptance of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant and the State Victims’ Assistance Act (SVAA) Grant for 2022. Ms. Fisher said in November 2017, Ohio voters passed Marsy’s Law, giving Ohio’s crime victims specific constitutional rights in the criminal justice process. The Victim Advocate Division provides these constitutionally mandated services to victims throughout the criminal justice process, from the arrest of the offender through the final sentencing in the case. The Federal VOCA and State SVAA grants supplement the Law Department’s budget as the Victim Advocate Division provides these required services. The Division also provides training to law enforcement, social service agencies and public groups. Division personnel are trained to respond to mass community crisis events through the National Organization of Victim Assistance and are qualified to assist the Ohio Crisis Response Team when requested. This resolution would authorize acceptance of the award of federal funding for the 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant. Since 1998, the Law Department’s Victim Advocate Division has applied for and received funding through VOCA. For 2022, they have been awarded funding in the amount of \$75,148, which would fund salaries and operating costs. She noted this was a reduction of \$39,758 from last year’s award due to the continued cutting of grant funds at the federal level. Since 2019, there have been severe cuts in grant funding – in 2020, they received \$169,931, in 2021, they received \$114,905, and 2022’s funding will go down to \$75,148. All victim advocate programs across the country are experiencing similar reductions in their grant funding. The VOCA grant requires a 20% local match, which is determined by dividing the federal award by 80% ($\$75,148 \div 80\% = \$93,935$), and then multiplying that number by 20% ($\$93,935 \times 20\% = \$18,787$). Thus, Xenia’s local match for 2022 would be \$18,787. If the grant continues to decrease, they may need to consider going back to some of the jurisdictions for some financial assistance to provide the Victim Advocate Services. This resolution also authorizes the acceptance of the award of funding for the 2022 State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) grant. For 2022, Xenia was awarded \$4,145, which would be used for cell phone charges for after-hours calls, office supplies, printing, and a small emergency fund. There was no match required on the SVAA grant. She offered to answer any questions Council may have.

Councilman Urschel asked if the City was allowed under State law to recover costs from unincorporated municipalities. Ms. Fisher said no, but as current president of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, she has started that conversation.

Councilman Scrivens asked if the City's budgetary impact was only \$18,787. Ms. Fisher said that amount was the local match amount for the grant, which was not the total amount the General Fund was covering for the program. The grant funding only subsidized the program. Councilman Scrivens noted the grant funding has gradually, but significantly, decreased over the years. He asked if she believed that trend would continue. Ms. Fisher said yes, and it was not just Ohio—there are cuts in grant funding for Victim Advocate services across the country. Councilman Scrivens asked who administers the federal grant funding. Ms. Fisher said the Ohio Attorney General's Office receives, administers, and oversees the grant funding.

Councilman Urschel asked if those needing Victim Advocate services outside of the Xenia Municipal Court's jurisdiction could use the City's advocates. Ms. Fisher said no; only the cases heard in Xenia Municipal Court can use the City's Victim Advocate services. She said the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Fairborn provide Victim Advocate services.

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

Councilman Scrivens presented RESOLUTION 2021-SS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT AND THE STATE VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) GRANT FOR 2022, and it was read for the first time.

4. Administrative Motion Approving the 2021 Heritage Tree Nomination. President Smith said the Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities' Tree Committee developed, and the City Council approved, the *Heritage Tree Program*, in 2011, to recognize, honor, and foster appreciation of trees on public or private property for their unique history, shape, size, beauty and specie that have cultural, historical, and aesthetic value. Since that time, 37 nominations for Heritage Trees have been approved. Plaques denoting pertinent information have been installed near each tree or grove of trees. For 2021, the Xenia Tree Committee nominated, and on October 5th BRACA endorsed, one nomination for the Heritage Tree Program as follows:

Scarlet Oak located at 933 Sutton Drive

DBH: 45"

Height: 60'

Canopy Spread: 70'

Approximate Age: 180 years



Property owners Michael and JoAnn DiCuirci have endorsed this nomination.

Motion by President Smith, seconded by Mayor Mays, to approve the 2021 Heritage Tree Nomination as noted above. He entertained comments or questions. None were presented. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

5. Administrative Motion Approving the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$826,150.62.

Mr. Duke respectfully requested the payment of bills in the amount of \$826,150.62, noting about half of the amount was related to a debt service payment for facilities (\$403,000).

President Smith entertained questions or comments. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion by Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman Brannum, to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$826,150.62. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

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

Nays: None motion carried.

J. APPOINTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

President Smith asked Mr. Duke for his comments. Mr. Duke said the Budget and Finance page on the City's website was recently updated and includes a comparison of local government costs, the schedules of bills, a link to the Ohio Checkbook, and a lot of other information. The comparison of local government costs for 24 villages and cities in Greene and Montgomery Counties ranked Xenia the second or fourth most affordable, depending on different variables (\$40,000 median income/\$100,000 housing value or \$100,000 median income/\$200,000 housing value), as the most affordable. Of all the municipalities in the survey of local governments, only the City of Dayton received fewer tax dollars per household for services. He believed the survey spoke to staff's ability to be good stewards of those dollars, the services provided by the City of Xenia with those dollars, and how affordable it was to live here.

President Smith asked Ms. Fisher for her comments. Ms. Fisher said both Council meetings in November will be held on the Tuesday before the regularly scheduled meetings due to the City's observance of the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holidays, respectively.

President Smith asked Mr. Merriman for his comments. Mr. Merriman said City offices would be closed on Thursday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. He thanked all those who volunteered, participated, or took part in the recent *Harvest on Main* event. Many of the food and craft vendors, as well as local businesses, provided great feedback on the event. They have also had good feedback on the *Xenia Oktoberfest* event. He anticipated bringing the conversation of 2022 community events to Council for further discussion to determine if they should replicate the 2021 events or head in a different direction. He thanked all local churches, organizations, and businesses, specifically FLOUR Bake Shop and Route 68 Vintage Toys and Collectibles. He said they ran out of free pumpkins for the pumpkin decorating event within the first 45 minutes, and the local Walmart manager happened to be there and had about 200 more pumpkins delivered. He reported that staff is working to finalize the Public Safety Report in November, noting they just reviewed it with the Public Safety Committee at the October 19th meeting.

Councilman Urschel asked Mr. Merriman his thoughts on the recent census results. Mr. Merriman said he believed there were incorrect and anticipates filing an appeal. The City of Xenia has not lost several dozen housing units—if anything, the City has gained hundreds since the last census in 2010.

K. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities: President Smith said BRACA met on October 5th and heard an update from the Tree Committee to include a report on their recent tree sale (99 trees and 46 shrubs were sold) and endorsing the 2021 Heritage Tree Nomination as approved above. He thanked BRACA and Tree Committee member Nelson King for all his work on this first sale. This year's Christmas event, now called *The Christmas Station*, will be held on Friday, December 3rd, at Xenia Station and downtown from 4 to 9 p.m. The event includes visits with Santa and horse-drawn carriage rides. Additional information would be published soon. They also discussed 2022 events, including the Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Shawnee Park on the Saturday before Easter. The next BRACA meeting was moved to Monday, November 8th, due to the regular meeting date falling on Election Day.

2. Finance and Budget Committee: President Smith said the Finance and Budget Committee met on October 11th. The Committee includes Vice President Dean and Councilman Brannum along with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, and Assistant Finance Director. They received updates on Financial Projections including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursement, they reviewed the Five-Year CIP and the 2022 budget, and they discussed the City's lease fleet program. He noted Council would take action on the annual budget later this year. Mr. Merriman confirmed Council would take action on the 2022 budget at the December 29th meeting.

3. Public Safety Committee: Councilman Urschel said the Public Safety Committee held its first meeting on October 19th. The Committee includes Councilwoman Dean and Councilman Scrivens along with the Police and Fire Chiefs, the Communications Director, and other staff. They discussed the upcoming Emergency Management Planning and the Public Safety Study. Part of that discussion included the buildout of subdivisions and the location (or relocation) of Fire Station 32 further west as well as a joint fire district with neighboring townships. They also had a lengthy discussion on call center volume, which was important as they negotiate a new contract with Greene County.

4. Board of Zoning Appeals: Mayor Mays said the October 25th meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

L. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Dean had nothing further to share.

Councilman Scrivens thanked Greene County Commissioners Dick Gould and Rick Perales, Greene County Engineer Stephanie Goff, Councilman Urschel, Mayor Mays, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Berger, City Planner Brian Forschner, former Mayor Marsha Bayless, and many others who attended the dedication of the James T. Henry, Sr., Circle. Everyone in the community can be proud of this amenity. He thanked all who participated; it was a great day. He was glad to see that work was being done and completed, including the S. Columbus Street Bridge project. He commented on the issue of pedestrian safety on N. Columbus Avenue/U.S. 42, noting he spoke with County Engineer Goff on the need to improve the pedestrian walkway in that area. He said the high school football teams for Xenia, Greeneview, and Bellbrook are all going to the playoffs, and he wished

them luck. Four of his colleagues are on the ballot and running for office. He wished them and others on the ballot good luck. He reported the holiday lights at Shawnee Park are up and running (for Halloween), and he thanked Police Chief Randy Person for his dedication to that project—it was a community attraction that everyone can enjoy. He thanked Council Urschel for working with those who patronize Bridges of Hope and their efforts to pick up over 1,100 bags of trash in the City. He then asked Mr. Merriman about interments at the City’s cemetery. Mr. Merriman said one interment has been held to date, and he believed another would be scheduled in the near future. Councilman Scrivens reported that the Greene County Commissioners recently voted down a solar project, but he was certain the City of Xenia could accommodate it. He commented on the transfer of the Carnegie Library from Greene County to the City of Xenia. Xenia was beautiful, and they need to take care of it. Lastly, some people are saying the City was not in good financial shape, which was incorrect and they have an Auditor of State award to prove it. People should not believe everything they hear.

Councilman Brannum thanked Skyline Chili, who hosted a Halloween event at their Xenia restaurant. The event was very busy, and the employees and management staff did whatever was needed to accommodate the crowd. The kids in costume received a free kids’ meal, and it was a great family event. He also thanked Blair Davis and Montgomery Insurance who donated candy bars to the Xenia Police Division to hand out on Halloween.

Councilman Urschel said Mayor Henry’s son, who was 83 years old, attended the dedication of the Roundabout, and his speech was very moving and inspirational. He said his father—who was elected before desegregation—represented everyone. On the night before his election as Mayor, someone threw a brick through his window—Mayor Henry loved the City, but the City didn’t always love him. He noted his father was inspired and called to serve by a local Catholic priest. He attended the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on Friday, October 22nd, which was a wonderful event with a tremendous turnout. He attended the Xenia Community Schools’ (XCS) trunk-or-treat event this week, which was well attended. He appreciated City staff’s presence as well. Finally, he noted he was still attending the XCS Board of Education meetings, and he looks forward to hearing more about the design for the new middle school.

Vice President Dean had nothing further to share.

Mayor Mays thanked staff, specifically Community Development Coordinator Ryan Baker and Public Relations Coordinator Christina Schaefer, for the amount of work they put into the *Harvest on Main* event. She also thanked Xenia Walmart Manager Shane Barker, North Side Christian Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Rob and Danielle Eldridge with Route 68 Vintage Toys and Collectibles, and Becky and Russ Hawkes with FLOUR Bake Shop. She noted Walmart donated the pumpkin pies for the pie eating contest. It was impressive to see the coordination and effort of all who worked tirelessly on this event. On October 19th, she attended a meeting at Athletes in Action (AIA) regarding the Wooden Family Fieldhouse, which is now fully funded, and they anticipate breaking ground in 2022. She said AIA already brings into Xenia about 150,000 unique visitors every year, and they anticipate that increasing up to 450,000 in the next five years. On a personal note, her nephew was in Xenia from Illinois and was participating in a soccer tournament; his team played teams from New Jersey, Missouri, and Cincinnati, and those people are staying and eating locally. As Councilman Urschel stated, the Prayer Breakfast was held on October 22nd, noting the event was planned and organized by the Christian Men’s Fellowship every year. Pastor Greg

Delaney served as the keynote speaker this year, and he did a great job sharing his story. It was great for the community to come together and pray together at this event every year. She attended the dedication for the James T. Henry Sr. Circle that day as well. Several generations of Mayor Henry's family was present from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Raleigh, North Carolina, including James Henry Jr., James Henry III, and James Henry IV. She agreed Mr. Henry's (Jr.) speech was very inspirational. At the school's trunk-or-treat event, children were lined up for blocks, and she had an opportunity to speak with many parents. She thanked Xenia Fire and Police Division personnel, including the DARE truck and Officer Jackie Masur, for attending the event. Yesterday, the ROTC Marauder Battalion, comprised of students from Central State, Wilberforce, and Cedarville, was at the Colonel Young Home where they were conducting an exercise with two Black Hawk helicopters. It was amazing to witness their training. She extended condolences to the family of Mr. Aaron Kim from the Xenia China Inn, who cared very deeply for Xenia.

President Smith said Beggars Night in the City of Xenia would be held on Sunday, October 31st, from 6-8 p.m. He asked everyone to turn on their porch lights if they wished to participate, and watch out for kids—especially while driving around the City. He thanked XCS Kristy Creel for the trunk-or-treat event this past Tuesday. He participated with his business and gave away 1,000 containers of Play-Doh. He also expressed condolences to the family and staff of Mr. Aaron Kim and the congregation of North Side Christian Church on the passing of Pastor Carol DeMent. He noted North Side was his family's home church for 17 years. Finally, he encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote on Election Day, November 2nd. The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

N. WORK SESSION: None.

O. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilman Scrivens, seconded by Councilman Brannum, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 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 Smith
President, Xenia City Council