

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing

January 19th, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Public Hearing – Consideration of Proposed Additional Appropriation from General Unappropriated to General/Administration-Marsha Pfeiffer

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the City of Bedford, Lawrence County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of the City of Bedford at their regular meeting to be held at City Concourse, 1402 H Street, Bedford, IN, at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of January 2021 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

		AMOUNT REQUESTED
From:	General Unappropriated	\$ 169,500.00
To:	General/Administration	\$ 169,500.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be automatically referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

With there being no questions or comments in reference to the additional appropriation, the Public Hearing was closed.

Prayer: Judy Carlisle

Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Hardman

Call to Order: Mayor Samuel J. Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a *Regular* City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Monday January 19th, 2021 at 7:00 P M at City Concourse. Honorable Mayor Samuel J. Craig presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members in attendance:

- Judy Carlisle
- Dan Bortner
- Ryan Griffith
- Angel Hawkins
- Brad Bough
- Penny May
- Larry Hardman

Reading of Minutes- December 21st , 2020 – Regular Meeting

- Dan Bortner made the motion to approve the minutes,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed. Passed*

New Business:

1. Election of Council President

- Larry Hardman made the motion to elect Judy Carlisle as Council President,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- Dan Bortner made the motion to close the nominations,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor of Judy Carlisle as Council President, (Judy Carlisle abstained, all other votes were in favor, Passed*

2. Appointment for Two (2) Redevelopment Commission-Currently Judy Carlisle and Penny May

- Dan Bortner made the motion to appoint Judy Carlisle and Penny May to Redevelopment Commission,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- Dan Bortner made the motion to close the nominations,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor of Judy Carlisle and Penny May to Redevelopment Commission, all other votes were in favor, Passed*

3. Discussion of Stipend for Permanent Full Time Employees-Effective Date of January 1, 2021-Mayor Samuel J. Craig

- Mayor Craig said there is a total of 158 who would receive the stipend. It is being recommended to give each full-time employee a one-time stipend of \$1,000.00.
- Mayor Craig said the stipend would come from the reimbursement from the CARES Act money that was transferred to General Unappropriated.

- Dan Bortner asked that the city conduct a wage/salary study. Dan said the study is needed for public safety employees to ensure we are not losing veteran employees to better paying positions.
 - Mayor Craig said the city is looking into some of the salary issues that the city is currently experiencing. Mayor Craig stated there are employees who are making more than the Clerk-Treasurer and you know how much work the Clerk-Treasurer does. There were times over the past years that this position did not receive the raises given to the rest of the employees.
 - Mayor Craig stated the departments with the greatest turnover rates are the police department and utilities department.
 - Brad Bough said the council was not able to give raises for the 2021 budget and he feels the employees work hard and deserve to have the stipend.
 - Brad Bough made the motion to approve the stipend for the full-time employees and Larry Hardman seconded Brad's motion.
- 4. Ordinance 1-2021-Additional Appropriations-General Unappropriated to General/Administration-Marsha Pfeiffer**

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bedford, Indiana:

WHEREAS, the proper legal officers of the City of Bedford have determined that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the Annual Budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Lawrence County Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named, subject to laws governing the same:

From: General Unappropriated	\$158,000.00
To: General/Administration/Stipend/Bonus	\$158,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor and Common Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA THIS 19th day of January 2021

- Brad Bough made the motion for the 1st passage,
- Penny May seconded the motion,

- Ryan Griffith made the motion for the 2nd passage,
- Penny May seconded the motion,
- Brad Bough made the motion to suspend the rules and go to the 3rd and final passage,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- Larry Hardman made the motion for the 3rd and final passage,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor, No One Opposed, Ordinance 1-2021 Passed***

5. Ordinance 2-2021-Amending Burn Ordinance-Chapter 101 (Open Burning) of Bedford City Code-Mayor Samuel J. Craig, Brandon Woodward, Fire Chief John Hughes, Greg Pittman

- The main purpose for amending the Burn Ordinance is to move the responsibility of approving the burn permits from the Planning Department to the Fire Department.
- Another change in the Ordinance was to add a residential burn permit for those who own more than an acre. Homeowners with an acre or more would be allowed to burn brush but it would require a permit. The cost of the burn permit will be \$100.00.

- Angel Hawkins made the motion for the 1st passage,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- Dan Bortner made the motion for the 2nd passage,
- Penny May seconded the motion,
- ***The third and final passage will be presented at the Council meeting on February 16th, 2021***

6. Conflict of Interests-Denise Henderson

- James G. Pittman-Stone City Collections
- Derek Blackwell
- Kevin Jones-J & J Locksmith
- Kenneth Tumey
- Shane Nolan-Shane Nolan Masonary LLC
- Dustin Matlock-MATCON General Contracting LLC

- Judy Carlisle made the motion to approve,
- Penny May seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed. Passed***

7. COVID Phase III Grant-Mayor Samuel J. Craig

- Mayor Craig said the city will be applying for the third round of COVID-19 funding through the CARES Act from CDBG.
- The city will be applying for \$250,000.00 and will add a local match of \$10,000.00 for the CARES Act money reimbursement that was transferred to General Unappropriated.

- That will make a total of \$260,000 that will be available to the small businesses in Bedford.
- Mayor Craig said the businesses were very appreciative of the receiving funds in the last run.
- A fee of \$6,250.00 will be paid to ARA to write the grant for the city. ARA overseen the last grant the city received for the small businesses.

8. Discussion

- Larry Hardman asked if there were any updates on the Bedford Development Center (Old StoneGate Building)
- Mayor Craig said the city was still waiting to hear back from Wellness Real Estate Partners. The indication from the last conversation with Wellness Real Estate Partners was they were still interested.

9. Adjourn

- Dan Bortner made the motion to adjourn,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor, No One Opposed, Passed, Meeting Adjourned*

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- *Judy Carlisle, President* _____
- *Penny May* _____
- *Ryan Griffith* _____
- *Angel Hawkins* _____
- *Dan Bortner* _____
- *Larry Hardman* _____
- *Brad Bough* _____

Attest: Marsha Pfeiffer
Clerk-Treasurer _____