

City of Bedford

City Council Public Hearing & Meeting

February 18, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing-Consideration of Additional Appropriations-Local Option Income Tax (Public Safety)-Greg Pittman, Billie Tumey**
Greg Pittman opened the public hearing. Anyone from the audience is allowed to have 2 minutes to speak. Billie Tumey stated the additional for the LOIT Fund is to fund the police and fire salary increase approved in January 2025. The floor was open for any public comment.

With there being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Prayer: Heath Hawkins

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathy Blackburn

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on February 18, 2025, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center. Mayor Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

- Judy Carlisle
- Ryan Griffith
- Kathy Blackburn
- Brad Bough
- Larry Hardman
- Heath Hawkins
- Dan Bortner

Members absent:

- None

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

January 21, 2025 –Regular Meeting

- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed*

New Business

1. Résolution 1-2025 -Additional Appropriation-LOIT-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated the additional appropriation in the Local Option Income Tax in the amount of \$66,700 is required to fund the salary increases for police and fire in January.
- Larry Hardman made the motion for approval of Resolution 1-2025,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2025

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

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 for the purpose of raises for police and fire 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: Local Option Income Tax Fund 2240 Unappropriated	\$66,700
To: Local Option Income Tax- 2240 007 101.00 Fire Admin-	\$24,000.00
2240 007 115.00 Fire PERF-	\$ 5,100.00
2240 007 116.00 Fire FICA-	\$ 650.00
2240 008 101.00 Police Admin-	\$30,000.00
2240 008 115.00 Police PERF-	\$ 6,200.00

2240 008 116.00 Police FICA- \$ 750.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this resolution 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 18th day of February 2025.

2. Résolution 2-2025-Appropriation Transfer-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that the transfer of the appropriations is required for the salary increase for police and fire in January.
 - From the Administration- Fire Hydrant Rental line, transfer \$429,000 to police and fire payroll lines. And Administration-Other Services line, transfer \$20,000 to police and fire payroll lines.
- Dan Bortner made the motion for approval of Resolution 2-2025,
 - Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025

APPROPRIATION TRANSER RESOLUTION

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 transfer appropriations from one department to another department that was originally appropriated in the Annual Budget for the purpose of salary increases for police and fire 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 transfer of appropriations within the General Fund are hereby transferred to or from of the department named, subject to laws governing the same:

From: Administration	1101 003 337.00	Fire Hydrant Rental	\$429,000
To: Fire	1101 007 101.00	Fire Administration	\$ 12,000
	1101 007 102.00	Fire Professional	\$186,000
	1101 007 115.00	Fire PERF	\$ 40,500
	1101 007 116.00	Fire FICA	\$ 4,300
Police	1101 008 101.00	Police Administration	\$ 12,000
	1101 008 102.00	Police Officer	\$156,000
	1101 008 115.00	Police PERF	\$ 18,200
From: Administration	1101 003 339.00	Other Services	\$ 20,000
To: Police	1101 008 115.00	Police PERF	\$ 16,300

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this resolution 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 18th day of February 2025.

3. Cancellation Of Warrants-Two-Year-Old Outstanding Checks- As of 12-31-2024-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey presented the council with a list of two-year-old outstanding checks as of December 31-2024.

4. Resolution 3-2025-Establishing the Pickleball Shade System Fund-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that the Parks Department received a Lawrence County Community Foundation Grant to install a shade system for the pickleball courts.
 - The grant is in the amount of \$5,000.
 - A separate fund is required for grant funds.
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- Larry Hardman made the motion for approval of Resolution 3-2025,
 - Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2025

ESTABLISHING THE PICKLEBALL SHADE SYSTEM FUND

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation Partnership, Inc. has awarded the City of Bedford Parks Department a local grant in the amount of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant is awarded to fund a shade system at the city’s Pickleball Courts;

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana desires to create a fund for the expenditures of local grant funds.

BE IT Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, that the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Bedford, shall create and maintain a fund for the expenditure of the local grant awarded to the City of Bedford Parks Department. Said fund shall be entitled Pickleball Shade System Fund.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA, this 18 day of February 2025.

5. Ordinance 2-2025- Amending City Bedford Purchasing Policy-Billie Tumey, Mayor Sam Craig, Greg Pittman.

- Billie Tumey stated the State Board of Accounts required us to update our purchasing policy to be more defined.
- The policy has more details as it is stated in the Indiana Code.
- The policy covers procedures when federal funds are used for purchasing.

- Dan Bortner made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 2-2025.
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- Judy Carlisle made the motion for the second passage of Ordinance 2-2025.
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of second passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- *Third and final passage will be considered in the March meeting.*

6. Ordinance 3-2025-Establishing City of Bedford Public Works Policy-Billie Tumey, Mayor Sam Craig, Greg Pittman.

- Billie Tumey stated the State Board of Accounts required us to update our public policy to be more defined.
- Greg Pittman stated that it is written as it is stated in the Indiana Code. It covers the bidding procedures.
- The policy covers procedures when federal funds are used for purchasing.

- Heath Hawkins made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 3-2025.
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- Brad Bough made the motion for the second passage of Ordinance 3-2025.
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- *Third and final passage will be considered in the March meeting.*

7. Ordinance 4-2025-Amending Zone Map-Derek Stutz-Sunrise Suites- 2017 29th Street- From B-1 to R-2-Kevin Jones.

- Kevin Jones addressed the council and stated that Derek Stutz is requesting a zoning change from B-1 to R-2 to build duplexes.

- On January 14 the Planning Commission met and approved the request to go to a public hearing.
- All residents were notified of the request and hearing. Three contacted him but they had no concerns but were happy with the new building plans. The hearing had a lack of a quorum, so a special meeting was held on February 14th. The Zone commission approved the request and passed it on to the council for their approval.
- Derek Stutz stated that he purchased 3 properties, and they have old buildings on them, and he would like to put up 18 new apartments on them.
- Dan Bortner remembered an old gas station in that area, thinking that it is why the area is zoned B-1 currently.
- Ryan Griffith asked if all ordinances can be voted on together since it is one project.
- If the motion is made for all three ordinances, they can be approved together.

8. Ordinance 5-2025-Amending Zone Map Derek Stutz-Sunrise Suites-2030 28th Street-From B-1 to R-2-Kevin Jones

9. Ordinance 6-2025-Amending Zone Map-Derek Stutz-Sunrise Suites-Moreland Lot No.23- From B-1 to R-2-Kevin Jones-Derek Stutz

- Larry Hardman made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 4-2025, Ordinance 5-2025 and Ordinance 6-2025.
- Dan Bortner seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- Heath Hawkins made the motion for the second passage of Ordinance 4-2025, Ordinance 5-2025 and Ordinance 6-2025.
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of second passage, no one opposed, passed.*
- *Third and final passage will be considered in the March meeting.*

10. Ordinance 7-2025-Amending Animal Ordinance-David Flinn.

- David Flinn presented amendments to the animal ordinance.
- Sections E and H have amendments.
- Section E addresses non-altered animals not reclaimed within 5 working days shall be placed with a city contracted professional. Altered animals can be placed up for adoption by Animal Control.
- Section H states that all impounded dogs shall be microchipped. The cost to microchip is \$10.

- Larry Hardman made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 7-2025.
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*

- Judy Carlisle made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 7-2025.
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, no one opposed, passed.*

11. Lawrence County Economic Growth Council Update-Shance Sizemore.

- Shance Sizemore presented the council with an update on the Growth Council.
- He gave the LCEGC Insights. Mission is to support growth of Lawrence County Business including startup support, workforce solutions and technical assistance which promotes investment that improves the quality of life for our citizens.
- Economic development Partner: Business Retention and Expansion, Tax Abatements, Negotiations, Marketing, IEDC responses, BUEA Operations, Workforce Development, Business Startup Resources, Community Development Connections, Demographics and Economic Information.
- Funding: Local Government, Membership, Grants and Chamber Partnership
- Advocate with development organizations. Work with business in highly confidential stages of planning. Nimble provides support and resources to local businesses.
- He discussed the economic impact since 2016. The economic impact in 2024: \$1.2 B Heidelberg Announcement, new jobs, grants, 120 AT&T laptops, 53 ILJAS graduates.
- For 2025 continued Economic Development Initiative, Workforce Development Projects, Grant Funding, Strategic Planning and enhanced communication.

12. Request Approval of Using Restricted Opioid Fund for Lawrence County Economic Growth Council-Mayor Sam Craig, Shance Sizemore.

- Shance Sizemore requested Restricted Opioid Funds for the LCEGC.
- The funds will be used to deploy Workforce Development Projects. Naloxone Training and Dissemination of Opioid Educational Materials at ILJAS-manufacturing Classes. Opioid educational materials for other high-risk populations, such as high school equivalency and SOAR+ Participants. Training for future healthcare employees and training through ILJAS-Health Sciences Cohorts. Adult training programs that impact those in recovery or treatment.
- The ILJAS course has been funded by grants and has had 227 graduates. It is skilled training for 40 hours and has aptitude testing.
- The educations are paid to put on the programs, health sciences, medical careers, online EMT training. All classes will have the required materials for opioid training and treatment.
- The program has been around since 2020 and has been funded by grants. Dan Bortner asked if the grants have been exhausted and how much does a class cost. The grant

funds have been exhausted and each class costs between \$10,000 to \$15,000 per class.

- Ryan Griffith stated that the opioid funds have certain conditions for its use.
 - Mayor Craig stated that the city is protected by the MOU that the entity must sign. The MOU has the list of approved expenditures included in the document.
 - The Restricted Opioid Fund has a current balance of \$69,433.
 - Other funding sources for the ILJAS were from the county in the amount of \$30,000.
 - Question arose on when additional deposits were received in the fund. Billie Tumey stated that there has not been set timing with the deposits. We are reported to receive a total of \$1,127,189 through 2038 in the Restricted Opioid Fund.
 - Dan Bortner since they are asking for \$50,000, if the council were to approve \$25,000 today and have the Growth Council come back in June to ask for \$25,000 more, with the next deposit, Would that work out the timing of classes.
 - There are two to three classes on the schedule currently. The classes last three weeks, with 13 to 22 participants per class.
 - There is a waiting list that they work with at the start of each class. Probation and Judge Cline use the ILJAS program. If a participant completes a class their probation is reduced.
 - Brad Bough asked if probation provided funding with probation user fees? They do not provide any funding through probation.
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- Dan Bortner made the motion to approve \$25,000 of Restricted Opioid Funds to the LCEGC and for them to return in June to request additional funding.
 - Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

13. Discussion

- Brad Bough thanked the street department for their good job on the snow removal.
- Mayor Craig stated that all departments worked on snow removal. All CDL drivers from the street department, parks department and utilities all worked in shifts to clear the snow. They cleared the school sidewalks, and this is just some of the jobs they do.
- The Spider Creek Project is on schedule. The top was put on the container this week.

14. Adjourn

- Heath Hawkins made the motion adjourn.
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

Bedford City Council 2025

- *Judy Carlisle, President* _____
- *Kathy Blackburn* _____
- *Ryan Griffith* _____
- *Heath Hawkins* _____
- *Dan Bortner* _____
- *Larry Hardman* _____
- *Brad Bough* _____

Attest: Billie Tumey
Clerk-Treasurer _____