

# City of Bedford

## City Council Meeting

January 21, 2025

7:00 P.M.

### *Minutes*

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*Prayer: Judy Carlisle*

*Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Hardman*

*Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig*

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on January 21, 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

#### ***Members absent:***

- Dan Bortner

#### **Reading/Approval of Minutes:**

December 17, 2024 –Regular Meeting

January 2, 2025-Special Meeting

Adopt Memorandum -December 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Session

- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the minutes and memorandum,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed***

## **New Business**

### **1. Election of President**

- Kathy Blackburn nominated Judy Carlise as president for 2025,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

### **2. Request Approval of Using Restricted Opioid Fund for Boys & Girls Club-Mayor Sam Craig, Frank Decker-Boys & Girls Club.**

- Mayor Craig stated that the Board of Works approved a Memorandum of Understanding (pending council approval) with the Boys & Girls Club for \$50,000 of Restricted Opioid Funds. The last few requests for Restricted Opioid funds have been for \$50,000 and the council amount can change the amount if they choose.
  - Frank Decker stated the club would use the funding for the following three areas:
  - Staff training, offer Smart Moves programming and awareness.
  - All funds will stay local. The club pays an annual fee of \$5,000 but that is from separate funding sources.
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- Brad Bough made the motion for approval of \$50,000 of Restricted Opioid Funds to the Boys & Girls Club,
  - Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
  - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

### **3. Request approval of Using Restricted Opioid Fund for Men's Warming Shelter-Mayor Sam Craig, Heather Flynn-Stone City Alliance for Recovery (Men's Warming Shelter)**

- Heather Flynn addressed the council. The Men's Warming Shelter have helped over 400 men with 95 to 97% having suffered addiction. The shelter follows Schedule A part B in the Exhibit E -List of Opioid Remediation Uses. Providing basic needs, treatment, recovery and job skills training.
- Of the residents at the shelter, 45 to 46% are lifelong county residents, 57% have lived here for 5 years. Some have relocated for a girlfriend, 3 on parole, 9 rehab, 6 from other shelters (Bloomington, Orange Co and Washington Co).
- The funds will be spent for the shelter and its programs, addiction services, faith-based services, AA meetings etc.

- Judy Carlisle made the motion for approval of \$50,000 from the Restricted Opioid Funds to the Men’s Warming Shelter,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

**4. StoneGate Arts & Education Center Budget Update-Duane Embree, Linda Henderson**

- Linda Henderson gave the council an update on StoneGate Focus and ROI Digital Towns Grant.
- Stonegate’s 4 Primary Areas of Focus:1. Academic Partners-Ivy Tech, Vincennes & Indiana Wesleyan. 2. Arts and Media Development-Performing Arts Programming for Adults, Kids Camp & Media Studio. 3. Community Engagement & Support 4. Workforce Development-Hub.
- ROI Digital Towns Grant-4 Areas of Focus-Community (Citizens), Remote Workers, Business and Students (College)
- Duane Embree gave the council an update on StoneGate Financials.
- Review Stonegate Financial History 2018 to end of 2024.City of Bedford provided \$160,000 from 2017 to 2020 and \$50,000 from2021 to current year. Lawrence County Economic Growth Council \$18,000 from 2018 to 2023 and \$9,000 in 2024. Ivy Tech-\$54,000 from 2018 to 2022 and \$34,000 in 2023 and nothing since. United Way \$5,000 in 2023 and \$5,750 in 2024.Facility Usage Income has gone from \$575 in 2018 to \$58,009 in 2024. Grant funding increased in 2024.
- Begin to Inform Council Stonegate Funding decisions for 2026 and out. StoneGate has begun using its funding reserves. Expenses are exceeding its revenue. The big expenses are staffing, heating and cooling and IT.

**5. Request Board Appointments Approval-Mayor Sam Craig.**

- StoneGate Arts & Education Center-Currently Mayor Sam Craig.
  - Lawrence County Economic Growth Council-Currently Mayor Sam Craig
  - Green Hill Cemetery-Currently Dan Bortner
  - Men’s Warming Shelter-Currently Brad Bough
  - Bedford Revitalization (BRI)-Currently Heath Hawkins
  - White River Humane Society-Currently Ryan Griffith
  - Boys & Girls Club Lawrnce County-Currently Mayor Sam Craig, Heath Hawkins
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- Ryan Griffith made the motion to keep all board appointments the same for 2025.
  - Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
  - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

**6. Discussion**

- Brad Bough thanked all the street, utilities and parks department employees for their hard work with snow removal.

**7. Adjourn**

- Judy Carlisle made the motion adjourn.
- Larry Hardman 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* \_\_\_\_\_