

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

July 15, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Ryan Griffith

Pledge of Allegiance: Brad Bough

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center.

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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:

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

New Business

1. Request Approval of Using Restricted Opioid Funds For Lawrence County Growth Council -Joe Timbrook

- Tabled in the June meeting.
 - Joe Timbrook made a presentation to the council on the Lawrence County Economic Growth Councils Workforce Coalition Programs and requesting an additional \$25,000 in funding from the Restricted Opioid Funds.
 - The Introduction to Local Job And Skills (ILJAS) program provides adult education programs. It partners with the North Lawrence Career Center and the Lawrence County Justice System.
 - 60% of participants have been City of Bedford residents.
 - Programs include construction, welding and health sciences.
 - Major focus on opioid educational and resource in Lawrence County in partnership with Families Forever and Centerstone.
 - The funding for the programs comes from grants.
 - The next class begins August 11 and is for three weeks, Monday through Thursday 4pm to 8pm.
 - The Lawrence County Growth Council director position is currently vacant. The executive committee is currently interviewing candidates for the position.
- Larry Hardman made the motion to table the request until a new director is found. The LCEGC is low on funds, and we need to see what the new director's view is.
- Motion died due to lack of second,
- Heath Hawkins asks if it was revisited in August would that be an issue for LCEGC.
 - With the first motion died due to lack of second a new motion would need to be made.
- Brad Bough made the motion to table the request until the August 19th meeting,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

2. Compliance With Statement of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement for WF Meyers Resolution 18-2024-Alex Barnes

- Alex Barnes stated that the investment in the new machinery to expand the business has allowed new opportunities from a Jasper company and one in Texas.

- The estimated pay on the abatement forms varies because a senior employee left and new employee has started at a lower rate.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion for approval of WF Meyers compliance statement,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

3. Compliance with Statement of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement for Evergreen Drive LLC-Resolution 17-2024-Blaine and Miles Parker

- Miles Parker stated that they appreciate the tax abatement. The Parker Group building was sold, and the new building is now mostly complete, and the business has moved into it.
- He added that the city was amazing to work with in the building process.
- There is still one vacant position that needs to be filled with a capable person. There is intensive training for the position and employee are hard to find.
- Larry Hardman made the motion for approval of Evergreen Drive compliance statement,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

4. Compliance with Statement of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement for CAP Group Resolution 3-2024-Doug Conrad

- Doug Conrad stated that the warehouse on 5th Street is completely rented. There are 27 to 30 people working in the building. At the time of the abatement request, CAP was working on a contract bid and they did not get that contract. The building may not get to the 50-employee goal as stated in the beginning. The building is used for auto parts manufacturing.
- CAP is working on a new building project at this time.
- Heath Hawkins made the motion for approval of CAP, Inc compliance statement,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

5. Ordinance 13-2025 Amending Zone Map-Victoria Baker of Apple Baker Studio-512 P Street-From R-3 to PR-Kevin Jones

- Kevin Jones addressed the Council and stated that he received a request from Victoria Baker of Apple Baker to rezone a property at 512 P Street (the old girls club) for an art studio.
- The property is currently zoned R-3 and needs changed to PR to allow for the art studio.
- On June 8, 2025, a preliminary hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the request. The request was approved and moved to a public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, public notices were sent out to adjoining property owners and advertised with local media.
- On July 8, 2025, a Public Hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the requests. There were two residents that expressed concern over the change in zoning. One is worried that the building will be sold in the future, and a tavern will purchase the property.
- After discussing the request, the Planning Commission approved the request for Rezone to be moved to the City Council for final approval.

- Dan Bortner made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 13-2025,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed*
- Judy Carlisle made the motion for the second passage of Ordinance 13-2025,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, the Third and Final Passage will be in the August 19th meeting.*

6. Ordinance 14-2025- Amending Chapter 76-Speed Limit-John Williams Blvd and Beech Street Roundabout-Change for East and West Traffic Travel on John Williams Blvd- Chief Terry Moore

- Chief Moore stated that with the near completion of the roundabout at John Williams Boulevard and Beech Street, which was engineered as a 15-mph roundabout, he believes it's appropriate to reduce the speed limit on John Williams Boulevard from Lincoln Ave. to Beech Street from 40 mph to 30 mph. The speed limit would be reduced to 15 mph at Beech Street.
- As traffic approached the Beech Street roundabout, there would be new signs indicating "reduce speed ahead". From the Beech Street roundabout to State Road 37, the amended speed limit would be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph. These speed limits would change for east and west traffic traveling on John Williams Boulevard. With the increasing number of new businesses and traffic on John William Boulevard, he believes reducing

the speed limit will help reduce traffic accidents and the severity of injuries resulting from those accidents.

- The following proposed changes are as follows:
- John Williams Boulevard From Lincoln Ave to Beech Street-from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- At Beech Street-reduced to 15 mph.
- From Beech Street to State Road 37-From 40 mph to 30 mph.
- The roundabout should be completed, weather permitting, in two months.
- There have been serious accidents on the road, and this should cut down on accidents

- Brad Bough made the motion for the first passage of Ordinance 14-2025,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed*
- Larry Hardman made the motion for the second passage of Ordinance 14-2025,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, the Third and Final Passage will be in the August 19th meeting.*

7. Discussion

- Brad Bough stated that school will be open. He wants to thank the state for the flashing lights at the school zone on 16th Street. They were long overdue.
- Mayor Criag informed the council that on the appraisal for the water department, two engineering firms are still obtaining information. He should have a progress update in the August meeting.

8. Adjourn

- Ryan Griffith made the motion adjourn.
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

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- *Judy Carlisle, President* _____
- *Kathy Blackburn* _____
- *Ryan Griffith* _____

- *Heath Hawkins*

- *Dan Bortner*

- *Larry Hardman*

- *Brad Bough*

Attest: Billie Tumeey

Clerk-Treasurer
