

City of Bedford

City Council Budget Hearing & Public Meeting

September 17, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Budget Hearing-Greg Pittman

1. Budget Hearing-Consideration 2025 Budget.

Billie Tumeay read the following from the advertisement of the budget:

General Fund	\$13,769,888	\$7,350,000 levy
Fire Pension	\$ 557,400	
Police Pension	\$ 511,450	
Local Road & Street	\$ 150,000	
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$ 3,278,300	\$1,975,311 levy
Park	\$ 2,475,800	\$2,272,000 levy
Cumulative Capital Imp	\$ 75,000	
Cumulative Capital Dev.	\$ 550,000	\$ 263,086 levy
Otis Trust Fund	\$ 5,000	
N/R John Lowery Pool	\$ 32,000	
Park N/R Fund	\$ 98,900	
N/R Transit Cap Imp Fund	\$ 295,000	
N/R Golf Carts	\$ 73,752	
N/R Otis Park	\$ 168,308	
Fire Prevention Fund	\$ 4,500	
Law Enforcement Cont Edu	\$ 14,250	
LOIT for Public Safety	\$ 1,297,800	

Attorney Greg Pittman stated that if there was anyone that wanted to make a public comment, they will have two minutes to speak.

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

Prayer: Ryan Griffith

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 September 17, 2024, 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

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

August 20, 2024 –Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

1. Tabled- Third & Final Passage-Ordinance 15-2024-Amending Part of Chapter 77- Parking Schedule 1-West Side of I Street Between 17th and 18th Street-2 Parking Spots in Front of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church-From 7:00AM to 6:00 PM-Monday-Sunday-Chief Terry Moore

- Chief Moore stated that the parking spaces have been painted
 - There are 20 parking spots along I Street, with 5 in front of the church and 5 in front of the apartment building. There are roughly 23 to 24 along I Street and 18th Street in the area.
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- Judy Carlisle made the motion to approve the Third and Final passage of Ordinance 15-2024,
 - Brad Bough seconded the motion,
 - ***All votes in favor of motion, with one abstaining, No one opposed, passed.***

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77: PARKING SCHEDULES
OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD CODE OF 1983 (AS AMENDED)

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford having determined that there is a need to amend Chapter 77: PARKING SCHEDULES of the City of Bedford Code; therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. That parking shall be prohibited on the West side of "I" Street between 17th Street and 18th Street directly in front of St. Vincent de Paul Church from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday.


Section II. That Schedule I(A) Parking Prohibited of Chapter 77: PARKING SCHEDULES of the Bedford City Code of 1983, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding the following:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Side</u>
I Street	17 th Street and 18 th Street 2 Parking Spots in front of St. Vincent de Paul Church from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday	West

Section III. Unless specifically modified herein, all other parts of Schedule I(A) of Chapter 77: PARKING SCHEDULES of the Bedford City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IV. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, approval by the Mayor and proper publication as required by Indiana Law.

17 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana, this day of September, 2024.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Billie Tumey, Clerk-Treasurer

2. Tabled- Third & Final Passage-Ordinance 16-2024-Amending Zone Map-Justin Davis-2115 & 2113 John Williams Blvd-From I-1 to B-3-Brandon Woodward

- Brandon Woodward was asked by the council if there was any new feedback on the request. He stated that there have been no new public inquiries about the request.

- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the Third and Final passage of Ordinance 16-2024,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of motion, with one abstaining, No one opposed, passed.*

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE MAP
INCORPORATED IN AND MADE A PART OF
CHAPTER 150 OF THE CITY CODE OF 1984

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford,
Indiana:


Section 1. That the Zone Map incorporated in and made a part
of Title 15 (Chapters 150-157) of the Bedford City Code be
and the same hereby is amended so as to classify the following
described parcels of real estate in Lawrence County, Indiana,
Planned Business District (B-3), to-wit:

**Sunset S1/2 Lot 4 – 128x124 Lot 5 – 128 x 125 40 x 124 Vacated
U St & 148 x 25 – TR 34, Commonly referred to as 2113 &
2115 John Williams Blvd. Bedford, Indiana 47421.
Parcel # 47-06-15-103-033.000-010**

Section 2. That all regulations applicable to Planned Business (B-3)
Districts under the terms and provisions of Chapter 155 of the
Bedford City Code shall hereafter apply to and regulate the
above-described Territory is to which said Zone Map is hereby
amended.


Section 3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its
Passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of
Bedford, Indiana, this 17th day of September 2024.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

New Business

1. Resolution 20-2024-Authorizing Submission of Application to Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and Funding For a Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) Program-Ashlynn Bender

- Ashlynn Bender stated the council had pledged \$30,000 in a previous meeting, for a match for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant.
- At that time, the amount of the grant was \$250,000. With the amount of a \$30,000 pledge, the grant amount can be changed to \$300,000 with the same matching score for the grant application.
- The need for the grant is high. There have been several calls from Bedford residents asking about this project.

- Brad Bough made the motion to Resolution 20-2024,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,

All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.

CITY OF BEDFORD

RESOLUTION 20-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION

**RESOLUTION OF THE BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL OF BEDFORD, INDIANA
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION
APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS
AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Council, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, has committed the requisite local funds in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of owner-occupied rehabilitation program funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

WHEREAS, Bedford, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities, and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Bedford City Council members of Bedford, Indiana that:

1. The Mayor of Bedford is authorized to prepare and apply for grant funding for the owner-occupied rehabilitation program and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts, and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Bedford, Indiana this 17th day of September, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

2. Ordinance 17-2024-Approving Base Salaries for police, Firefighters, Appointed Officers and Employees and Approving Additional Compensation of Appointed Officials for the Year 2025-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that the 2025 proposed salary increases are as follows:
- 7% salary increase for police and fire in addition to Public Safety PERF increase of 1.2% for a total increase of 8.2% in the budget.
- 6% salary increase for dispatchers.
- 5% salary increase for civilian employees.

➤ Dan Bortner made the motion of the first passage of Ordinance 17-2024,

➤ Larry Hardman seconded the motion,

All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed.

➤ Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the second passage of Ordinance 17-2024,

➤ Brad Bough seconded the motion,

All votes in favor of the motion, third passage and final passage will be at the October 15, 2024, meeting.

3. Ordinance 18-2024-Estblishing the Salaries of Elected Officials for the Year 2025-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that the 2025 advertised salary increase for the mayor and clerk treasurer is 7%. It was originally at 5% but some council members recommended a 7% increase.
- Mayor Craig asked for any discussion.
- Dan Bortner stated that when the discussion about raises began, it was about public safety retaining and attracting personnel. The argument was there. With the elected positions, you don't see the same shortage. He stated that he has a hard time seeing a raise over 5% for any other position outside of public safety.
- Mayor Craig gave a history of salary raises. In 2020, it was discussed that the prior administration doing away with raises for certain elected officials, the mayor and clerk treasurer. At that time, it was discussed that, over time, getting those positions back up to where they would be if those raises were taken. In 2024 mayor salary \$83,134.30 (including water and sewer). If the standard raise would have been given that every other employee received, \$86,629.55. This is one reason why 7% was looked in 2020, trying to put the salaries back in line to where they would have been if those positions would have received a normal pay raise. The clerk treasurer, in 2024 \$71,852.92, if the standard raises were given, \$74,873.83. Another thing that was looked at was some of the department heads getting fairly close to mayors' salary, some have already passed the

clerks' salary. The clerk's, salary is important, with the budgets, it is very crucial. He added that he has had to hire outside sources due to complications in the past. But we are past that now, which is a benefit to the city. This funding was based on what was discussed by the council in the past and some of the council now in reference to the 2025 pay raise.

- Larry Hardman stated that as elected officials, two-thirds of our employees are getting a 5% raise. I am like Dan, as an elected official, it is hard for me to give the elected officials more raise than the majority of them. I like 5%.
- Mayor Craig stated that he understands that input. What we are talking about is all the raises that the elected officials have not received, to keep them even with the other employees and their positions. If you look at it from that perspective, I would think that would be in order for a little bit more of a raise. Elected officials have not received raises in the past that they would have received.
- Judy Carlisle stated that we have talked about trying to raise those salaries to surrounding counties. I know that was in some of our literature from last year. I would like to see us pass it and get everybody to a certain level, it would be easier, and we wouldn't have this battle every year.
- Mayor Craig asks if there was any other discussion. If not, I would entertain a motion.

- Judy Carlisle made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 18-2024,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- A poll was held because the vote was not unanimous
- For the first passage: Judy Carlisle, Kathy Blackburn, Heath Hawkins & Brad Bough
- Against the first passage: Dan Bortner, Larry Hardman & Ryan Griffith
- ***4-3 votes in favor of the motion of first passage, motion approved.***
- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the second passage of Ordinance 18-2024,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- A poll was held because the vote was not unanimous,
- For the second passage: Heath Hawkins, Brad Bough, Judy Carlisle & Kathy Blackburn.
- Against the second passage: Dan Bortner, Larry Hardman & Ryan Griffith
- ***4-3 votes in favor of the motion of second passage, motion approved***
- ***Third passage and final passage will be at the October 15, 2024, meeting.***

4. Ordinance 19-2024- Appropriations and Tax Rates- Adoption of Budget for 2025- Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that the 2025 Budget was read at the hearing earlier.
- The increase included is for payroll and insurance.

- Judy Carlisle made the motion to approve Ordinance 19-2024
- Dan Bortner seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of first passage, motion approved.*

- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve Ordinance 19-2024
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion of second passage, motion approved.*
- *Third passage and final passage will be at the October 15, 2024, meeting.*

5. Request Permission and Approval of Using Unrestricted OPIOID Funds to Purchase Rapid Notification 2.0 Software From software Provider Motorola Solution/Spillman and Approval of Payment to Motorola Solutions-Subscription Quote 2777388 for Rapid Notifications Software 2.0 and FLEX CAD Standard Maintenance Agreement- 5 Year Total Cost \$13,261.98- Chief Terry Moore, Chief Luke Pinnick.

- Chief Moore requested permission to purchase Rapid Notification 2.0 software from the police software provider, Motorola Solutions/Spillman, and use the unrestricted opioid fund.
- This software will allow dispatch to send real-time notifications to the Active 911 app so the Bedford Fire Department can receive updated information as soon as possible.
- This will not replace radio transmissions but will serve as a secondary form of communication.
- Total cost including a five-year maintenance agreement is \$13,261.98
- Chief Pinnick added that this will enhance dispatch for the fire department, and they will receive the information on the truck tablets and phones
- Currently they are having to write the information down as it comes across the radio.
- Ryan Griffith asks about the time frame of installation and if the cost covered everything.
- Chief Moore stated that the installation will be based on Spillman’s timing choice. And the cost covers 5 years. After 5 years, a software update is expected with a maintenance fee increase.

- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the new software and use of Unrestricted Opioid Fund,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

6. Request Approval of Payment to State Board of Accounts for Audit of White River Port Authority-Billie Tumey, Mayor Sam Craig

- Billie Tumey stated that the State Board of Accounts conducted an audit of the White River Port Authority.
 - The Authority was dissolved in 2023 and the balance of their funds, \$42,000 was transferred to the City General Fund.
 - Ryan Griffith asked if the audit was required and if SBOA has to complete the audit and not a third party.
 - It is required by the state and SBOA completes the audit due to the size of the city.
 - Requesting permission to pay the audit invoice in the amount of \$4,130.13 from the General Fund.
- Kathy Blackburn made the motion to approve the audit payment from the general fund,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

7. Request Approval of Settlement for Monon Depot Fire to be Paid to BUEA-Owner of Depot-Mayor Sam Craig

- Mayor Craig stated that the Monon Depot property is owned by BUEA, but the City pays the insurance, that agreement was made years ago.
 - Due to the fire of the depot, the insurance claim was paid to the City.
 - BUEA needs to be paid the amount of the insurance claim \$181,533.56
 - The City is working with BUEA in a joint adventure to possibly place a park/trailhead on the property in the future.
- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the payment as requested,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

8. Discussion

- Mayor Craig stated that he had contacted Sarah Turpen from the White River Humane Society. In the agreement they sent, it left out the council representative on the board. Currently Ryan Griffith represents the city and attends meetings.
- Sarah Turpen stated that it was overlooked in the initial contract that was sent to the council. The White River Humane Society has no issue having a liaison from the city to attend our meetings and having direct contact with us.

- Council members then asked Sarah Turpen questions.
- Brad Bough asked if the member would be a voting member. It will not be a voting member; they will just be able to attend the meetings. Dan Bortner asked if the meetings were open to the public. She answered no. Dan Bortner then expressed his concern over the use of taxpayer money being used. She said she had no answer for that question, but they try to be transparent by sharing expenditures and other information. More animals are coming in, all animals adopted now are required to be spayed or neutered by legislation. This increases expenditures and the cost of adoption can't increase because they already get complaints that adoption costs are too high and that would decrease adoptions. Dan Bortner stated that there is accountability of taxpayer's money here and when it goes to this organization, they don't have that. Transparency with the public is what you need to do and educate the public. Ryan Griffith talked about the fund raisers the Humane Society puts on and there is a culture change going on.
- The fire truck has been delivered to the vendor in New York for the custom bed.
- 16th Street reopened this afternoon. Brad Bough thanked the mayor and department head for their work on 16th Street.
- Mayor Craig stated that they are looking at putting up 20 MPH speed limit by St Vincent School. He updated the council on the progress on the East/West Sewer Line Project.

9. Adjourn

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

Bedford City Council 2024

- *Judy Carlisle, President* _____
- *Kathy Blackburn* _____
- *Ryan Griffith* _____
- *Heath Hawkins* _____
- *Dan Bortner* _____

• *Larry Hardman* _____

• *Brad Bough* _____

Attest: Billie Tumeey
Clerk-Treasurer _____