

City of Bedford

City Council Regular Meeting

August 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Larry Hardman

Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Griffith

Call to Order: Mayor Samuel J. Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a *Regular* City Council Meeting on August 21, 2023, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center. Honorable Mayor Samuel J. Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

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

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

July 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting

- Ryan Griffith 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. Ordinance 14-2023 -Amending Zone Map-Brandon Woodward

- An application was received on June 26,2023 from Jennifer & Cory King to rezone a vacant parcel on John Williams Blvd. just east of the Bedford Federal branch.
 - The Kings plan to relocate Bubbas Pizza to the location.
 - It is currently zoned I-2 and needs to be rezoned B-3 for the restaurant.
 - A preliminary hearing was held by the Planning Commission on July 11, 2023, and a Public hearing held on August 8, 2023. No one spoke against at either hearing.
 - The Planning Commission moved the request to the council for their approval.
- Dan Bortner made the motion to approve the first passage for Ordinance 14-2023
 - Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
 - Brad Bough made the motion for the second passage for Ordinance 14-2023,
 - Angel Hawkins seconded the motion,
 - ***Third and Final Passage for Ordinance 14-2023 will be Presented at the September 18, 2023, Meeting***

2. INDOT TASC Quarterly Update-Dennis Parsley.

- Dennis Parsley presented the council with the quarterly report. He is required to appear three times a year to update the council on the TASC Department.
- Between April to June, they have driven 18,591 miles with 7,278 passengers.
- The buses are back up to pre-covid numbers.
- Four buses run daily with one backup.
- Hours are Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm.
- Mr. Parsley presented the council with a printout of operating cost and budget.

3. Request Approval and Acceptance of TASC Management and Administration Training Requirements- Dennis Parsley.

- Dennis Parsley presented council with the Management and Administration Training Requirement for the Transit Director
 - Mr. Parsley has completed most of his training with on-line webinars.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the training requirements as presented,
 - Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
 - ***All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed***

4. Ordinance 15-2023-Amending §98.01 (Weeds) of the City of Bedford Code- Brandon Woodward

- A request to amend the “Weed” ordinance to include growth prohibited in the tree plat.
- Tree plat need to be mowed by the property residents.
- Also an amendment to the current notice requirement to be replaced with letters C & D in the ordinance: c) leaving a copy of the Notice of Violation at the landowner’s house or usual place of abode; or d) serving the landowner’s agent as provided by rule, statute or valid agreement.
- For the tree plats, most of the city is platted. This does not affect agricultural land.

- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the first passage for Ordinance 15-2023
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- Penny May made the motion for the second passage for Ordinance 15-2023,
- Angel Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *Third and Final Passage for Ordinance 15-2023 will be Presented at the September 18, 2023, Meeting*

5. SARA (Stone City Alliance For Recovery and Hope-Men’s Warming Shelter Budget Update-Heather Flynn

- No one attended the meeting for this presentation.

6. Discussion

1. White River Humane Society Proposed Amendment to “Humane Society Agreement”
Carlos Perry and Debbie Stailey presented the council with several reports concerning the White River Humane Society. WRHS is requesting an increase in city funding for the year 2024. From \$35,000 to \$ 50,000.

The reports show the kennel capacity comparison for three years. Kennels are over capacity and are being doubled up. The length of the stay for dogs is 66.4 days. They added that 54% of dogs and 71% of cats come from the City of Bedford. They are seeing a revenue decline and an increase in expenses.

A lengthy discussion on the following points: Length of animal reclaim by owner, extending the contract from one year to two or three years, other governmental entities payments, 90 or 180 contract cancellation options, refund option if shelter is shut down, additional reporting to the city, City of Bedford owns the property the current shelter is located and has a 50 years lease at \$1.00, The city has a liaison on

the board but is a non-voting member and would like to have voting privileges, board of directors currently has exclusive rights to appoint voting members, City of Bedford's funding comes from taxpayers need representation, 7 other organizations are requesting funding from the city, the city's expenses have increased also and is feeling the effects of the economy and losing employees because of salary issues. Mayor Craig asked the WRHS to be proactive on the rest of the board on the topics discussed and Councilman Griffith can report back to the rest of the council.

2. Non-Profit Organizations Donation/ Sponsorship.

Mayor Craig stated that there are many other organizations the city currently provides funding for in the budget. He asks the council if they would like each organization to attend a meeting to request funding or to attend only if they are asking for additional funding. Many have councilmembers on their board currently. It was decided that only if the organization is asking for additional funding should they make a presentation to the council for the 2024 budget.

Mayor Craig reported that the city was awarded roughly \$1.4 million in a Ready Grant for the Spider Creek project.

The new police station is almost complete. The HVAC is running, the generator is installed, dispatch is set up, AT& T is finishing up their work. Hoping for completion by the end of September. There will be a time for boards to tour the building. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled and the general public will be invited to attend.

The derrick project is beginning this week.

The Land of Limestone ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

7. Adjourn

- ❖ Larry Hardman made the motion to adjourn,
- ❖ Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- ❖ *All votes were in favor, No one Opposed, Passed, Meeting Adjourned*

Bedford City Council 2023

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

Attest: Billie Tumeey
Clerk-Treasurer _____