



WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

DATE: MAY 6, 2024
TIME: 4:30 PM

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Stanley Koci, Sandy Spinks, Steve Salvi, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Tony Longino. Absent: None.

Also present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - **LITIGATION:**
17500 ROCKSIDE ROAD

 - **PERSONNEL:**
POLICE DEPARTMENT
DISPATCH OPERATIONS

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Tony Longino to adjourn into Executive Session at 4:32 P.M. to discuss Litigation: 17500 Rockside Road, and Personnel: Police Department and Dispatch Operations. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Tony Longino |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Frank Smith |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Council did not have any corrections to the minutes of the Work Sessions or Regular Meetings of April 1, 2024, or April 15, 2024.

Council did not have any corrections to the minutes of the Ward Meeting for Wards 1 and 6 on April 22, 2024.

Council did not have any corrections to the minutes of the Ward Meeting for Wards 3 and 4 on April 29, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2611-24: Participate in Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Plan, Resolution No. 2612-24: Appointing Mayor Holzheimer-Gail as representative for 9-1-1 Plan: City Manager Mallis: Every county in Ohio has to have an acceptable 9-1-1 system. The first resolution is to adopt the County's plan while the second one, Resolution 2612-24 is to appoint Mayor Holzheimer-Gayle as the representative and there is a time limit on this.

Resolution No. 2613-24: Necessity for Street Lighting, Ordinance No. 028-24: Proceed with Streetlighting and Ordinance No. 029-24: Assessment for improvements of Streetlights: Mrs. Howland: Resolution 2613-24 is declaring it a necessity for street lighting and Ordinance No. 028-24 are the streets for the streetlighting. Ordinance No. 029-24 is based on property values.

City Manager Mallis: Before this, the last increase did not equate to the drop in 2007.

Resolution No. 2614-24: Assessment of Garbage & Refuse Collection: Mrs. Howland: This went out to bid a year ago, and it is not a rate increase, but it may go up in a couple of years.

Resolution No. 2615-24: Apply for funding through State Infrastructure Bank: City Manager Mallis: This is where we are submitting an application to fund the project.

Ordinance No. 030-24: Contract with Cole-Burton Contractors LLC: City Manager Mallis: For the Turney Rd. Project, we received a 50/50 grant, where we pay for the labor. We received eight (8) bids, and Cole-Burton was the lowest bidder. This is also for asphalt rejuvenation for a couple of streets. This project will start in June after school lets out. It will go from Lee Road South to West Grace St., near the dip, and traffic will be one-way going westbound for safety forces purposes.

Ordinance No. 031-24: Contract with GPD Group for engineering services Greencroft Rd. Culvert: City Manager Mallis: This authorizes the City to work with GPD Group for the design work.

Ordinance No. 032-24: Contract with GPD Group for WWTP Headworks Upgrade: City Manager Mallis: This is for the design work for the Headworks Upgrade Project. This did come up in the NFA Study and the EPA said that we need to do this. Council will receive a full report of the NFA Study when it is ready.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: May 20, 2024



REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 06, 2024

MINUTES

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 7:00 PM

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 6, 2024. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of April 1, 2024

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of April 1, 2024. |
| MOVER: | Frank Smith |
| SECONDER: | Jeff Asbury |
| RESULT: | Pass [5 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| ABSTAIN: | Spinks, Salvi |

b Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2024

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2024. |
| MOVER: | Victor Fluharty |
| SECONDER: | Sandy Spinks |
| RESULT: | Pass [5 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| ABSTAIN: | Spinks, Salvi |

c Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of April 15, 2024

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Longino and seconded by Jeff Asbury to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of April 15, 2024. |
| MOVER: | Tony Longino |
| SECONDER: | Jeff Asbury |
| RESULT: | Pass [6 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

ABSTAIN: Salvi

d Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024

MOTION: Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024.
MOVER: Sandy Spinks
SECONDER: Victor Fluharty
RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino
ABSTAIN: Salvi

e Approval of the Minutes of Wards 1 & 6 Meeting of April 22, 2024

MOTION: Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to approve the Minutes of Wards 1 & 6 Meeting of April 22, 2024.
MOVER: Frank Smith
SECONDER: Jeff Asbury
RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino
ABSTAIN: Salvi

f Approval of the Minutes of Wards 3 & 4 Meeting of April 29, 2024

MOTION: Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the Minutes of Wards 3 & 4 Meeting of April 29, 2024.
MOVER: Sandy Spinks
SECONDER: Victor Fluharty
RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino
ABSTAIN: Salvi

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Swearing in of Patrol Officers Amber Sonnie, Blake Holiday, and Wadell White

6. REPORTS

- a. City Manager Mallis: The Department of Natural Resources actually did a surprise audit of our deer management program. There were no comments, and it was pristine. We are currently in the process of securing a date for a speaker from the Metro Parks to come out and speak about the wildlife and plants you can plant that the deer won't go after, and also talk about why not feed the deer. Once that date is locked in we will post that on social media, and we will also make an announcement at an upcoming Council Meeting. Saturday, May 18th, is our annual Shred Day, which will take place right out here in the municipal parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We have two of these a year, and they are funded through a grant that the staff was able to secure. The pool will be opening on June 7th; information has been going out in the water bill, and it's also been posted on the department's social media site. In regards to the tornado sirens, we did test them about a month ago, and two were identified that needed to be repaired. those have since been repaired, and they are functioning properly. I also want to

mention that our final Ward Meeting for Wards 2 and 5 is Monday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. For those interested, we do stream them. The Department Heads and Administration will be here. We'll provide a brief presentation of some upcoming projects. But more importantly, we open it up for all of you to ask us questions, concerns, or compliments are fine, too. At the end of the dais, on either side, is some information on Cuyahoga County's Sexennial Reappraisal that is currently taking place. They do not come in your home, they do not go in the rear of your property. The reappraisal is conducted at the street. The last reappraisal that they did, equated to about a 16%, on average, increase. That's the Countywide average; some cities may be a little higher, and some may be lower. I can tell you that what we're hearing is that number is going to be significant. Pamphlets are here on either end of the dais; they have information on some upcoming Q&A meetings that the county is hosting. Residents and business owners will have an opportunity to challenge those values. We will also be posting this information on the city's website and social media outlets. We had requested this. When I say we, the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association, requested the county to put something together for us. Understanding what we're hearing of the potential increase and what that average increase is going to be. I think it's going to be significant. I would definitely recommend grabbing one of those fliers or taking a look at the information on our social media site.

- b. Law Director Montello: Had no report this evening, but wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
- c. Finance Director Howland: I just wanted to congratulate the new patrol officers, Amber, Blake, and Waddell. I'm looking forward to seeing them rise through the ranks and excited to see what happens here with these young people. Because of retirements, there will be more swearing-in for the Fire Department. The Civil Service Commission is very busy currently.

d. Council Reports

Councilman Fluharty: Congratulations to the new officers. I got some complaints. We have to get on top of the grass-cutting in the area. There is a lot of construction going on the Northfield Bridge, and everybody has to slow down; it is down to one lane each way. City Manager Mallis, whoever it is that runs that ice cream truck that goes around town, didn't we have a time limit that that thing's supposed to shut down at night, not driving around at 9:30 at night trying to get kids to it?

City Manager Mallis: I can check on what the permit is. There were a couple of different permits that were issued to two separate companies.

Councilman Fluharty: Well, it's nighttime, and I don't think they should be around trying to lure kids to the truck at nighttime. I don't know who it is, but I thought we did put the time limit at 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. on it at one time. Now that the summer's coming, we need to address it and at least let them know not to be out at dark.

Councilman Smith: Congratulations to the three newly sworn officers. Hopefully, their

careers will be long careers here in the City of Bedford. Secondly, I would like to mention, please cut your grass. The city does not want to get into the business of cutting grass. If you want to pay that \$200, don't cut your grass, and you will be charged \$200. A couple of my residents who came to the Ward Meeting mentioned that there were trees on wires and that their catch basins were clogged. They just wanted me to thank the Service Department because they were expedient on that. They came out within two days. City Manager Mallis called The Illuminating Company, and they sent a tree service out to get the trees off the wire. One of my residents had flooding in front of their house from the last storm, and the catch basin was actually clogged. City workers came out and cleaned it out, and she's very, very grateful for that.

Councilman Asbury: Congratulations to the newly sworn-in officers. Thanks to the Civil Service Commission, too, because they're doing a good job and will be busy for another year, if not more. The Chipper services will be the first full week of June 3rd. Make sure you call the Service Department and get on the list. As City Manager Mallis said, our next Ward Meeting for Wards 2 and 4 is Monday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Department Heads will be here to answer your questions. We'll be here to answer your questions. Again, that is for Wards 2 and 5 on Monday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. Happy Mother's day.

Councilman Longino: Congratulations to the newly sworn-in officers. I think one of the bittersweet parts of becoming a councilman is that I had to give up my position on the Civil Service Commission. It was quite rewarding being part of hiring police officers. One of my residents called me to talk about speeding, but the first thing he said was, I haven't seen you yet. I've been in the department for four months, but the one place you can definitely see me in the city is up here twice a month because I'm always going to be here. We can talk before we can talk after. Trash cans I'll talk about that again because the weather's getting warm, so I know that's going to be a problem, and I'm getting calls on that, too. Noise, again I like music, too, but I don't like everybody else to hear my music too. So let's try to keep that down to make sure you enjoy it. Everybody else doesn't need to enjoy it. Yard cleaning let's keep our yards clean; we need to take care of our yards. I talked about it at the Ward Meeting for Wards 1 and 6 when I was just a resident of Bedford, and I'm being honest, I didn't care about anybody else yard because I worried about mine. But now everybody else's problems are my problem as well, so when you see those things, we have to make sure we take care of and keep our city beautiful because this is our city. Happy Mother's Day to my mother and my wife.

Councilwoman Spinks: Congratulations to the three new officers. That's always the exciting part of our jobs up here when we get to witness that. A new business opened up in the old taxidermy place. Mayor Koci, Councilman Asbury, Councilman Longino, and I got the pleasure of meeting Mr. David Ford over the weekend. Two weekends ago, Councilman Longino and some of his fraternity brothers helped me clean up the Sedlon Gardens. Thank you to those guys for coming out and doing part of their community service for the Bedford Historical Society. Mr. Ford designs sunglasses and clothing, and he is also a photographer. Councilman Asbury, Councilman Longino, and I got to

cut the ribbon on Saturday at their grand opening. I talked to City Manager Mallis earlier today regarding yesterday; when I was out doing my Ward check, I got phone calls that the AutoMile bar had cars everywhere. My residents on Sector Dr. had landscapers who were coming yesterday to cut their grass, and they could not get down Sector Dr. They couldn't get in or couldn't get out. I did see our officers out there. But the biggest concern is with that many cars, even if there was one person in each car, they were concerned about how many people were in that bar. I know that we did talk about it, and tickets were given out, and that something was done. Thank you to the residents that they did call in. I always tell them to call the police before they call me; please call me and let me know because I can't be everywhere. I'm usually out every day. But please let me know afterward. Also, talking about that same area, City Manager Mallis, there have been several residents calling me, and I know that they have called the police about the loudness. There are video cameras in front of the old Mazda, and I know that the Building Department has cited it, but they have these cameras, and I drove up there to say I had a resident call me after they called the police. I drove up and heard another one somewhere on Rockside and Center Rd., and was really, really loud. It sounds like it's in our backyard, and I see your vehicle; please leave the premises we have got your license plate. I get so sick and tired of picking trash up there. They own it, and they have to be responsible for it. Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Salvi: I visited several businesses in Ward Two this past week to request that they cut their grass, which they were very cooperative and had their grass cut by the following day. I have received complaints from residents about absentee residential landlords not cutting their grass as required by the City ordinance. I have requested that the city follow up to verify if these properties are in violation and, if so, take corrective action. A priority of residents and I is the long overdue cleanup of the strip center property at the corner of Northfield and Columbus. Something is very wrong with people who do not live in Bedford to neglect their properties to the point that they become neighborhood eyesores. It is an insult to our residents and city. One hidden issue in Ward 2, and perhaps other areas of the city to the general public, is the dilapidated condition of some of the apartment buildings. I became aware of this problem myself while visiting residents. I was shocked by the conditions and obvious failure of the landlords to do repairs. If the city does not have the legal authority to demand landlords to make these repairs, I suggest these apartment residents organize and seek legal assistance from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. That phone number is (216)687-1900. I have made City Manager Mallis aware of a variety of other issues going on in Ward 2 that more police visibility to deter illegal and appropriate activities, including but not limited to Taft Park. Residents are appreciative of this additional attention. I drive every street in the ward every week, looking for issues. I also visit residents to inquire about issues that need to be addressed. Ward 2 residents can request a personal visit or report a concern by calling me at (440) 735-6516. Please speak clearly and leave your name, address, and phone number so I can reply. Lastly, as already been mentioned, the Ward 2 meeting will be on May 13th at 7 p.m.

Mayor Koci: It was a nice event down there on Broadway at Mr. Ford's Studio and store. He's quite the designer, and he had us wear designer sunglasses. He's a dynamic

young man. And I think it'll be a great addition to the community with his boutique-type store with his designer clothes and glasses is a little niche that we're looking for down to fill our stores on Broadway. Hopefully, we can get some more that'll be inspired by his opening there. So we appreciate him being here. I want to wish all the moms, our moms up here on the front and at home and here, a Happy Mother's Day; enjoy it, and I hope you get pampered a little bit on that day.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a **RESOLUTION NO. 2611-24: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO PARTICIPATE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 9-1-1 PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Tony Longino |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: Under this section of the Ohio Revised Code, every county in Ohio is required to have a county-wide 9-1-1 plan. Our county is working to update it. They provided all the municipalities with the future 9-1-1 system. One of the capabilities is that the system must be capable of accepting all calls from any carrier on any type of device. We've reviewed the plan through Mayors and Managers from the other communities. This resolution is accepting and approving the plan on behalf of the City of Bedford.

- b **RESOLUTION NO. 2612-24: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR HOLZHEIMER-GAIL TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS OF ALL MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS WITHIN CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |

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| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Frank Smith |
| SECONDER: | Jeff Asbury |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: In the past Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association has worked to appoint an individual to represent all of the municipalities within Cuyahoga County to sit on this 9-1-1 Plan Committee. We have done so in the past, and it was the former Mayor of the City of Brecksville who has since retired. Mayor Holzheimer-Gail from the City of Euclid has also been very much involved, and the Mayors and City Managers Association unanimously voted to have her continue on as the appointee. However, the County and under the rules that are in place, each individual municipality must pass a resolution appointing the Mayor. So that's what this is, and its resolution appointing her to sit on as a representative for all of the communities.

Mayor Koci: I wholeheartedly concur with having Mayor Holzheimer-Ga assume that role. She's a terrific lady, doing a good job over there in the City of Euclid.

- c **RESOLUTION NO. 2613-24: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Frank Smith |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

Mrs. Howland: This basically declares the necessity of improving the city's street lighting. Two ordinances accompany this, and they are also in tonight's meeting.

- d **RESOLUTION NO. 2614-24: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ASSESSING THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THE COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF BEDFORD FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
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| MOVER: | Victor Fluharty |
| SECONDER: | Sandy Spinks |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

e. **RESOLUTION NO. 2615-24:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (“SIB”) FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE GREENCROFT ROAD CULVERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Victor Fluharty |
| SECONDER: | Sandy Spinks |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Frank Smith |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: This resolution is authorizing the City to apply for funding through the State Infrastructure Bank for the Greencroft Culvert Replacement. This has been discussed over the last couple of meetings. We did have the engineers inspect that culvert, which is in critical condition, and we are submitting an application, and part of that application is that we need the council's authority to submit it. It is going to be approximately a half a million project, and our goal is to begin construction and have that completed in the fall of 2024.

f. **ORDINANCE NO. 028-24:** AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Longino and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Tony Longino |
| SECONDER: | Frank Smith |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

- g. **ORDINANCE NO. 029-24: BEING AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2613-24 AND ORDINANCE NO. 028-24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

- h. **ORDINANCE NO. 030-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLE-BURTON CONTRACTORS LLC BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Frank Smith |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Victor Fluharty |
| SECONDER: | Sandy Spinks |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: The city recently advertised and opened bids for the Turney Road Resurfacing project. We also included in that bid advertisement preventative maintenance improvements. The city was also awarded two grants that are bundled into this one. We received \$250,000 from the county to go towards Turney Road, and we also received approximately \$90,000 from the county for materials associated with the additional roadwork. We received eight bids, which was significant, and those bids ranged from \$868,933 all the way up to \$1,2788,000. Cole Burton was the lowest and most responsible of the bidders. The administration's recommendation is to contract with them. The Turney Road Resurfacing will go from Lee Road South all the way, almost into the dip of West Grace past the underground house. That's the easiest way to explain that. In addition to this, we're going to be doing asphalt rejuvenation on West Grace and Forbes Road. Crack sealing will also be taking place on Union St., Rockside Rd., and Center Road, and long-line striping will take place as well. All of the materials associated with the additional work I had mentioned will get reimbursed to the city. What we would like

to do is award this project, have a pre-construction meeting, and then we'll be able to proceed sometime in June, it'll be after school is out.

- i **ORDINANCE NO. 031-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GREENCROFT ROAD CULVERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Tony Longino |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: This legislation is the design work for the Greencroft Road Culvert Replacement again. This is a contract with GPD for the full design work, which includes field survey, hydraulic designs, structural design, as well as the roadway. Regardless if we get the funding through the State Infrastructure Bank or not, we know we're going to need to do this project this year. So we'll move on to the next funding opportunity. But what we would like to do is not delay the full design. We want to get this design done knowing we're going to have to fund this project one way or another. This contract details that design work.

- j **ORDINANCE NO. 032-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT ("WWTP") HEADWORKS UPGRADE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.**

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Tony Longino |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |
| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |

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| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

City Manager Mallis: As we talk about the Waste Water Treatment Plant here and the No Feasible Alternative Study that we're working through. One of the things that was identified a number of years ago, both internally by our staff and our engineers, but also with the Ohio EPA, was the need to upgrade the plant's Headworks. Basically, to really narrow it down it's everything at the top that's going to collect all of the wastewater coming down to the plant. The amount of rags and beach towels that make their way into the system is significant. This is a dated portion of the plant that needs to be redesigned and upgraded. As I said, it's been referenced by the Ohio EPA. We are working through that No Feasible Alternative Study that's nearly completed. We're going to be presenting that in full, along with the Financial Capability Analysis, to them by the end of May. This work here regardless of where we go from; following the submittal of that report, all of us know we need to upgrade the Headworks. We had previously submitted a grant and loan application, and we were awarded that to cover the funds for the full design. And that's what this contract is for. It'll cover all the design work, the preliminary designs up to 60%, and the establishment and creation of all the bid documents. We're seeing the bid process through, as well as the construction process. We did receive some funding for it, and I think it will show a good gesture that while we're working through the NFA, we understand that there is a need for improvement in certain sections of the plant. Primarily the Headworks, and it's our intent to design that and move forward on that project.

8. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dot Schwende, 2513 Lamson Ave., Bedford, OH: I have two comments. One is as a resident. I wanted to thank Councilman Salvi for providing that information because we have a lot of rental housing in Bedford, and some people don't know what to do when they live in a bad situation. They're afraid their landlord is going to increase their rent if they complain. I've talked to 1 or 2 people in particular; half the street, the properties are rentals. That information could be given again for housing, maybe at the next meeting. My other comment is concerning the Bedford Garden Club, and I just wanted to mention we have a couple of things coming up in May. We have a great guest speaker for Thursday, May 16th, at 7:00. Kali Martin is a naturalist from the Metro Parks, and she's going to talk about fireflies, how they breed, and how you can keep them healthy. In our area, the northwest part of the Appalachian, we have fireflies that the rest of the United States does not. Fireflies are becoming extinct because we're spraying and doing all kinds of things to our lawns, and we're not composting because they like compost. She is going to tell us all about these cool bugs, their cycle of reproduction, and how they hibernate. This will be at Elmwood Gymnasium on Thursday, May 16th, at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, May 17th, from 2:30 to 7:00, and then Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is our Plant Sale. We're going to have a lot of things to offer people this year. Trish Carabao is in charge of it. We're having raffles and all kinds of things, and I think she's even looking into some rose bushes being offered for sale, so it's going to be a really good plant sale. And we're, hoping that you will come and partake. It's Bedford Garden Club's biggest fundraiser. A couple of people asked me, what do you do with the money? Well, we do support the city garden bed, we fund the Arbor Day tree, and we buy signs for Bedford Beauties. Bedford Beauties is our next event in July. It's a

really positive thing for Bedford. So, we invite you, the public, to attend some of our meetings. As I said, the next one we're having is on the 16th of May at 7:00 at Ellenwood Recreation Center in the gym, and our speaker that night will be Karli Martin.

Mayor Koci: It was nice to see that The Plain Dealer put the plant sale in their paper.

Denise Zingale, 27 Tudor Ave., Bedford, OH: Congratulations to officers Sonnie, Holiday, and White. Are the officers an increase in number, or are they replacing the retired officers or the ones who have moved up?

Mayor Koci: It would be replacements.

Ms. Zingale: With these officers coming on board, how many will we have per shift?

City Manager Mallis: With these officers right now, they're additions. One of the officers is yet to retire and two have retired. So what we're doing is they were talking about it, and the chief mentioned we're trying to stay ahead of things. There was a Civil Service meeting last week where they're already certifying a new list, and we're looking to hire. I believe it's an additional two, possibly three. And those are going to replace individuals scheduled to retire starting after the first of the year. So getting individuals on earlier to go through training, riding along with existing officers, that's imperative than being behind, and having less. Then you're having overtime, and that creates burnout. We'll be where we were at as far as our levels, the exact number 30, or I think it was after we passed our tax increase.

Ms. Zingale: Councilman Fluharty, you brought up the ice cream truck. I had sent City Manager Mallis a picture of a white truck. There are two of them that City Manager Mallis shared with me. One of them is a gentleman who is driving around, which is what I had a question about. City Manager Mallis, is this the one that's still driving around? From what I understand, Laura hasn't started her car out yet.

Mayor Koci: She's been out. You inquired if they were registered, and he is registered. Two companies are registered.

Ms. Zingale: What happened to the Community Service Program with the courts? Is there anything coming back regarding that?

City Manager Mallis: We actually work primarily with the county court community service. We have them out more frequently. That's been the best use for, cleaning up streets, cleaning up trash. They've been out, I think, over the last two months at least four separate times. It all depends on how many individuals the Bedford Municipal Court may have. If they assign one child to clean up, we can come in and do some cleanup for that one child. Or we may be able to do something else with that child instead of doing some cleanup. As far as the County Community Service with Cuyahoga County. They have a lot more individuals that come through where they'll come out. We assign them a street, and they go ahead and do that. But there's still is. And we have a staff member that tries to work with Bedford Municipal Court.

Ms. Zingale: The reason why I'm saying that is I didn't know if we had anything or if we could even actually start a program because I know there have been complaints coming from the city regarding the grass-cutting, and there are a lot of residents right now that are up there in age doing their yards slowly, but it's actually quite inspiring. Also to a lot of people, since the tax passed and the school bond, some people have had to go back to working two jobs. So that's probably where we're seeing a lot more of people not being able to cut their grass. I'm a little confused, and this was in the Work Session. Mrs. Howland, are we going to be getting an increase in the lights and the trash as residents?

Mrs. Howland: Yes, it will be a small increase. It'll depend on the property values and on the millage. It's currently \$1.4 Mills, and it will go up to \$1.6 Mills, but that's contingent on finding out what the increase will be on the actual property.

Ms. Zingale: So if our property taxes go up 30%, it'll be higher than \$1.6Mills?

Mrs. Howland: No, we're going to lower. If the property values go up, I would suggest lowering it back down to the current rate of \$1.4Mills.

Ms. Zingale: And that will go into effect then what 2025?

Mrs. Howland: Yes.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles St., Bedford, OH: I came last Monday and asked about the potholes being filled, and they were filled. I appreciate that; thank you. I also wanted to say that if anyone has problems with pain or stiffness because we're getting older I attended the Tai Chi class at the Recreation Center Friday, and it was an 82-year-old woman there who outworked me. But I want to put that out because it was a great asset to have, you know, just someone, and she gave us tips about safety.

9. ADJOURNMENT

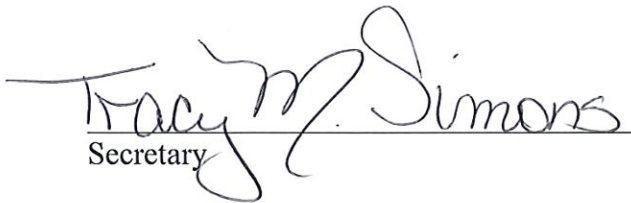
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| MOTION: | Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. |
| MOVER: | Sandy Spinks |
| SECONDER: | Victor Fluharty |
| RESULT: | Pass [7 TO 0] |
| YEAS: | Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino |

- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - PERSONNEL:

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| MOTION: | Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss Personnel. |
| MOVER: | Jeff Asbury |
| SECONDER: | Sandy Spinks |

RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

MOTION: Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to adjourn out of Executive Session at 8:32 P.M.
MOVER: Jeff Asbury
SECONDER: Frank Smith
RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino


Secretary


Chairman

Date: May 20, 2024