

**COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

**5:30 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **BUDGET HEARINGS**

- **5:30 P.M. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- **6:30 P.M. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

October 29, 2018

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 5:33 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks [left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.], Walter Genutis, Heather Rhoades, Donald Saunders and Victor Fluharty. Absent: Paula Mizesak. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland, Chief of Police Martin Stemple, Deputy Chief Rick Suts, Recreation Director Erin Fach and Assistant Recreation Director Mike Callahan. Residents: Jeff Asbury and Joyce Daunch.

#### Police Department

Mr. Mallis was pleased with the day to day operations at the Police Department and he was grateful for the professional partnership. The Officers dealt with multiple situations daily with the drug problems that every community continued to face. The Police Department Officers continued to be trained to ensure Bedford had the best professional Officers. With recent hires and past and future retirements the department had become a younger work force. Discussion was held of the all the hard work and time that was spent regarding the hiring of quality well trained Officers. Chief Stemple assured Council overall the department was functioning very well and he was restructuring the department for better City-wide coverage; "boots and cars on the ground". Mr. Mallis reminded everyone the 2018 Budget allowed the replacement of three vehicles; there was no monies budgeted for new vehicles in 2019 and the department continued to work on Grants for new equipment. The department had two K-9's which would alternate days working from 3:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There were approximately 25 Auxiliaries who were still being utilized for various types of patrols. Council was pleased with the performance of the Police Department and appreciated the recent efforts ticketing those who parking illegally. The department was given kudos for their knowledge of repeat/known robbers and successful investigations. Council reviewed the budget with Chief Stemple and Deputy Chief Suts who satisfied their concerns. Chief Stemple and Deputy Chief Suts thanked Council for their continued support.

#### Recreation Department –

Mr. Mallis reminded everyone last year's 2018 Budget was submitted by Mr. Gambosi and himself because Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan were new hires. Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan now had close to a full year under their belts. Mr. Mallis explained he had been working closely with Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan regarding the Ellenwood project which had experienced a few issues along the way and would be completed in 2019. He felt both Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan's previous experiences benefited with improvements in various programs and changes that offered more to the public. Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan's focus was to grow/improve the current programs and offer more with the support of the community for new programs maximizing the facility to residents only. Both Directors felt it was important to have a "finger on the pulse" before they could give back to the community; knowledge and education was important. They were working with past years' data and were making connections throughout the community. The focus was to reopen the Ellenwood Parks & Recreation Center with improved and new programs and better trained employees. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of surveillance cameras. Council reviewed the budget with Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan who satisfied their concerns.

The Work Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

**CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO**

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD **BUDGET WORK SESSIONS**  
ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS: **OCTOBER 22, OCTOBER 29 & NOVEMBER 26,**  
**2018** IN COUNCIL CAUCUS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT **5:30 P.M.**

THIS NOTICE IS BEING POSTED ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018**  
AT THE FIVE MOST PUBLIC PLACES IN THIS MUNICIPALITY AS FOLLOWS:

- Location No. 1 - Bedford City Hall  
165 Center Road
- Location No. 2 - Southeast Branch, Cuyahoga County Library  
70 Columbus Road
- Location No. 3 - Bedford Recreation Center  
124 Ellenwood Avenue
- Location No. 4 - Board of Education Administration Building  
475 Northfield Road
- Location No. 5 - Glendale School  
W. Glendale and Turney Road

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*Clerk of Council*