

**COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

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

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**• BUDGET HEARINGS**

- 5:30 P.M. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
- 6:30 P.M. COUNCIL**
- 7:00 P.M. LAW DEPARTMENT**

Bedford, Ohio

November 13, 2017

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Donald Saunders [left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.], Paula Mizesak and Greg Pozar. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Recreation Director Erin Fach and Assistant Recreation Director Mike Callahan. Residents: Victor Fluharty Ward 3 elect.

**Recreation Department –**

Mr. Mallis introduced Erin Fach and Mike Callahan. He explained the Recreation Department budget was basically completed by Mr. Gambosi and himself prior to the new hires. Both Mr. Fach and Mr. Callahan had previous experience and a bonus was they worked together at the Orange Village. He felt with their experience Council was going to see some improvements in various programs and changes that would offer more to the public. Mr. Fach said after talking to Mr. Mallis he understood the mindset of the Administration and Council so he was able to evaluate the current programs and quickly move forward in the right direction. 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. There was always room for improvement when it came to dealing with the public; the atmosphere was being changed to a friendly environment. It was determined programs needed to be developed to draw the 20-40 year old crowd. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions which were satisfied.

**Council –**

Council did not discuss their budget. Discussion was held regarding possible inequities regarding Council's hospitalization benefits for those who did not have the coverage whether they should receive a stipend of some sort. It was determined Mr. Gambosi and Mr. Montello would check on a few items of concern and report back to Council at a later date. The Council budget remained as presented by the Administration.

**Law Department –**

Mr. Montello explained the department was utilizing other law firms on an as needed basis. All the unions would be holding negotiations at the same time instead of being staggered. The Administration would discuss with the unions to see if they were interested in changing certain items for new hires. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions which were satisfied.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council