

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 20, 2017

5:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **BUDGET HEARING:**
 - **5:30 pm CITY MANAGER**
 - **6:00 pm FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

- **DISCUSSION OF CEREMONIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
(Resolution No. 2520-17)

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development / Litigation)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Donald Saunders, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak [joined at 5:46 p.m.], and Greg Pozar. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello. Residents: Victor Fluharty, Heather Rhoades, Jen Howland, Laura Hulett, Larry Zolata and Jeff Asbury.

City Manager

Mayor Koci stated Council appreciated the hard work of Mr. Mallis and truly appreciated him keeping Council informed all hours of the night. Council was pleased with the strides the Administration has taken over the last several months and was looking forward to 2018 being an exciting year knowing there were several projects in the works. Mr. Mallis thanked Council for their support. He talked about the positive things that were going to be taking place that has taken several months to accomplish. Testa would be starting their project at the former Sisters of Charity property, Xellia would be hiring more employees and starting production, the former Wal-Mart property sold to a promising owner, a new K-9 Officer would be added to the Police Department, hiring of additional Officers per the income tax increase, the road and sidewalk program would be brought back, continue focusing on infrastructure investments, and new businesses would be introduced to Bedford. The Administration would continue to apply for various grants and work with the CDC on a project. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions which were satisfied.

Finance Department

Mayor Koci stated Council appreciated the hard work of Mr. Gambosi over the many years of his employment. Council understood the importance of his position and appreciated all the hard work and the numerous awards. Mr. Gambosi spoke about the upcoming Municipal Income Tax changes and Senate Bill 181. He explained the cross training in the Finance Department and the recent hire of Jennifer Howland as the Assistant Finance Director. He was impressed with the accomplishments of Xellia and what they had to offer the City in the future and the upcoming business opportunities the Administration was working on. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions which were satisfied.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Mrs. Spinks had one minor change to the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017; replace the words Viaduct Park with Historical Museum. There were no changes to the Minutes of the Work Session of November 6, 2017 and the Budget Work Session of November 13, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 9538-17 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi requested this Ordinance passed this evening. The ordinance was amended by addressing funds 201 and 4250. The 2018 Budget's total was \$42,338,775.00 encompassing the General Fund in the amount of \$17,450,905.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 9539-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis said this ordinance was amended to add the Community Development Block Grant Fund in the amount of \$150,000 in conjunction with the Community Development Supplemental Grant Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for public safety or to enhance the community.

ORDINANCE NO. 9540-17 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 86 WILLARD AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-29-029) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained the property and structures were absent of utilities, vacant and is in a serious state of disrepair. The owner was behind on taxes and an unpaid water bill.

ORDINANCE NO. 9541-17 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 188 GREENCROFT AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-04-048) A NUISANCE, ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained the property and structure was in need of a new roof and structural repair to the front porch. It was determined one bad storm and the front porch would fall off the house plus the roof was in need of repair. Plus the owner was also behind on taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 9542-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9465-17 PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained these amendments for the City Engineer's services were for the year 2018. The rates had not increased and were the same as last year's.

RESOLUTION NOL 2518-17 BEING A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREG POZAR FOR SERVING THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS COUNCILMAN REPRESENTING WARD 5

The resolution read: Mr. Pozar served Ward 5 and the community as a whole as Councilman with dedication and distinction since January 1, 1992. With 25 years of service he has been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interest of the community as he has worked constantly for the betterment of its economic, cultural and aesthetic development and he has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact and the affection of his fellow public servants. Council wished to publicly express its sincere appreciation and thanks to Councilman Pozar for his contributions to the community and highly commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his responsibilities and duties as a member of City Council.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the November 8, 2017 Planning Commission - Colwood, LLC (Mr. Lon Muir) 6255 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville, OH owner of apartment complex located at 93 Solon Road, Bedford aka Wolves Cove Apartments is seeking to reconstruct a 24 bay parking garage to replace the structure that was demolished (\$1305.09)

DISCUSSION OF CEREMONIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - (Resolution No. 2520-17)

The City Offices would be closed for the New Year's holiday January 1st and 2nd, 2018. It was determined the Organizational Meeting would be on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Zolata to go into executive session to discuss Personnel 121.22 (B) (1) / Economic Development / Litigation. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:35 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel 121.22 (B) (1) / Economic Development / Litigation.


Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Saunders to adjourn executive session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of November 6, 2017
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017
 - c. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Work Session of November 13, 2017
5. **PRESENTATIONS** – Sara Lloyd / Kathie Chapman / Meals on Wheels
6. **OLD BUSINESS** - (1st Rdgs: 11-6-17)
 - a. Ordinance No. 9538-17 City of Bedford 2018 Appropriation Budget
 - b. Ordinance No. 9539-17 authorization to apply for a CDSG & CDBG – Community (\$50,000/\$150,000)
7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9540-17 declaring 86 Willard a nuisance and therefore condemning (#811-29-029)
 - b. Ordinance No. 9541-17 declaring 188 Greencroft a nuisance (#811-04-048)
 - c. Ordinance No. 9542-17 amend Ord. #9465-17 contract w/GPD Group for Engineering services
 - d. Resolution No. 2518-17 commending Greg Pozar for serving the City of Bedford as Ward 5 Councilman (25 yrs)
 - e. Motion to accept the recommendation of the November 8, 2017 Planning Commission - Colwood, LLC (Mr. Lon Muir) 6255 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville, OH owner of apartment complex located at 93 Solon Road, Bedford aka Wolves Cove Apartments is seeking to reconstruct a 24 bay parking garage to replace the structure that was demolished (\$1305.09)
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2017. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:07 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of November 6, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizesak to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session of November 13, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders [he left early] Motion carried.

Mayor Koci presented a certificate to Sara Lloyd who worked with Berea Police Department, Olmsted Township Police Department, and Newburgh Heights Police Department with the revolutionary new policing program aimed at getting people suffering from addiction the help they need. "Safe Passages" is changing the way addicts are handled. Mayor Koci presented a certificate to Kathie Chapman who saved John Virzi's life by performing CPR/chest compressions until the Oakwood Rescue Squad arrived. Mrs. Chapman wanted to personally thank Stephanie Balochko and Joe Sisak in the Bedford Fire Department for offering these types of classes. Mr. Mallis, Mayor Koci and a representative from the Bedford Rotary Club presented to Meals on Wheels three separate checks for those who were in need of meal assistance for those who live in Bedford.

ORDINANCE NO. 9538-17 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2018 PLACED ON FIRST READING NOVEMBER 6, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to amend Ordinance No. **9538-17** to include Funds: 201 and 4250 to pay the new Economic Development Director's salary through three funds.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9538-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this was the annual 2018 Budget with a total of \$42,338,775.00 encompassing the General Fund in the amount of \$17,450,905.00.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9539-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUND AND A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLACED ON FIRST READING NOVEMBER 6, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to amend Ordinance No. **9539-17** to include the application for the Community Development Block Grant Fund in the amount of \$150,000.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. **9539-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained these two grants were offered through Cuyahoga County to allow the City to apply for a Community Development Supplemental Grant Fund in the amount of \$50,000 and a Community Development Block Grant Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for public safety or to enhance the community.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Council and the Administration congratulated Sara Lloyd and Kathie Chapman on their well-deserved certificates that were presented this evening. Council appreciated the three checks that were given to the Meals on Wheels from the employees and the Rotary Club. Happy Thanksgiving wishes were extended by Council and the Administration.

City Manager Michael Mallis announced the Tree Lighting was Wednesday, November 22, 2017 promptly at 6:00 p.m. He referred to the recent rain storm that was professionally handled by the Service Department employees in removing the clogged storm sewer inlets with the recent fallen fall foliage. He explained Xellia continued to move forward with their operation which was very promising and the Cleveland-Bedford location would be Xellia's main packaging facility. On November 14th the City and dignitaries were given a tour of the clean room that was very impressive. He thanked Councilman Pozar for all his contributions to the City for his 25 years of service supporting all those who were in the Administration and City Manager's Office. Through Mr. Mallis former City Manager Robert Reid extended his thanks to Councilman Pozar for his support.

Mayor Koci announced the former Wal-Mart building was sold today to someone who was a very professional promising developer. The City was not at liberty to give the details. Channel 8 would be filming New Day Cleveland on December 8th at 10:00 a.m. live from the City Square prior to the Christmas in Bedford Falls on December 9th in hopes of a larger attendance. He, too, was very impressed with the advancement of Xellia in pharmaceuticals dealing in infectious diseases; currently they make Vancomycin which would be produced in Bedford in the future. Mayor Koci listed several seminars he attended at the recent NLC Conference in Charlotte, N.C. He wished other Council members had attended to take advantage of the other classes he could not attend. His total expenses were less than \$1,500.

No report from Law Director Montello. He wished Mr. Pozar good luck in his future endeavors and he hoped he kept in touch. He thanked him for all his services. He congratulated the new elected officials throughout Cuyahoga County.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained the Tax Department continued to inform the residents on the recent income tax increase; he urged everyone to review their estimates to ensure it was correct. He extended congratulations to Mr. Pozar and wished him well. The City had accomplished a lot during his tenure and appreciated everything he contributed.

Councilwoman Mizsak explained Council was given three turkeys each to distribute to those families in their wards who were in need. She asked everyone to support the businesses in downtown Bedford during Small Business Saturday. She appreciated the professionalism of the Bedford and Maple Heights ambulance service during her family's time of need.

Councilman Genutis was impressed with the Safe Passages program. He appreciated the social media input from Kathie Chapman regarding certain services in the City.

Councilman Saunders added the Strawberry Festival also donated to the Meals on Wheels during the summer months. He explained the City was able to maintain the annual budgets over the years in conjunction with the City utilities and services. The City continued to improve its services to the residents. He thanked all the volunteers who participated in the Bedford's Salvation Army Fundraiser which was used to prepare meals and baskets for the holidays. The kettles at Sam's Club and Giant Eagle would be used for Bedford Salvation Army in the Bedford Township area. He announced the Lions Club was in the process of selling tickets for the Robert Schroeder Memorial Scholarship raffle in the amount of \$25; the Lions Club has been in existence for 90 years. He pointed out some of the residents were placing their rubbish cans on the curb on Sunday evenings and pickup was not until the following Tuesday/Wednesday.

Councilwoman Zolata congratulated the new elected officials and congratulated those who put forth their efforts to be elected; she urged them to continue their efforts. She was pleased with the sale of the former Wal-Mart building and she was aware of the positive things to come for Bedford. She enjoyed the Salvation Army Fundraiser, she thanked former Councilman Warner Batten for all his efforts in keeping the Salvation Army alive. She gave accolades to the Police and Fire Departments for being professional. She was pleased with the day to day contributions everyone did throughout the year and she felt Bedford was a great City.

Councilwoman Spinks was pleased with the sale of the Wal-Mart building. 2018 looked promising for the City there was a lot of good things in the works.

Councilman Pozar withheld his comments until later in the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 9540-17 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 86 WILLARD AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-29-029) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9540-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the property and structures were absent of utilities, vacant and was in a serious state of disrepair, behind in their taxes and water expenses. Mayor Koci explained the Administration spent months and sometimes years before this point was reached to declare a property a nuisance or consider condemning it.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9541-17 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 188 GREENCROFT AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-04-048) A NUISANCE, ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9541-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the property and structure was in need of a new roof and structural repair to the front porch.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9542-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9465-17 PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9542-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained these amendments for the City Engineer's services were for the year 2018 at the same rate as 2017. Their services were utilized for various projects throughout the City. GPD employees have a wealth of knowledge of the City's needs and concerns.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried.

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Spinks to accept the recommendation of the November 8, 2017 Planning Commission - Colwood, LLC (Mr. Lon Muir) 6255 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville, OH owner of apartment complex located at 93 Solon Road, Bedford aka Wolves Cove Apartments is seeking to reconstruct a 24 bay parking garage to replace the structure that was demolished (§1305.09)

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2518-17 BEING A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREG POZAR FOR SERVING THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS COUNCILMAN REPRESENTING WARD 5 WAS READ IN ITS ENTIRTY

Mayor Koci read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Pozar served Ward 5 and the community as a whole as Councilman with dedication and distinction since January 1, 1992. With 25 years of service he has been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interest of the community as he has worked constantly for the betterment of its economic, cultural and aesthetic development and he has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact and the affection of his fellow public servants. Council wished to publicly express its sincere appreciation and thanks to Councilman Pozar for his contributions to the community and highly commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his responsibilities and duties as a member of City Council. Mayor Koci had Clerk Villers present Councilman Pozar the resolution.

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to place Resolution No. **2518-17** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Genutis, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Pozar. Motion carried.

Mayor Koci stated Mr. Pozar always came to the meetings prepared; more prepared than any other Council member and the information will be invaluable to Council. Council doesn't always agree but the end result was to put out the best product for the City. He congratulated him on his years of service. He wished Mr. Pozar all the best.

Mr. Genutis personally thanked Mr. Pozar for his experience and more importantly his friendship which was not going to go away.

Mrs. Zolata congratulated Mr. Pozar on his retirement from Council. They shared a special comradery since they were elected at the same time. She said it was interesting working with Mr. Pozar as he was always prepared and an invaluable Councilman especially in the financial aspect. She felt the quality Mr. Pozar brought to the table will be missed. She felt in the end Mr. Pozar always did what was right for the City.

Mrs. Mizsak remembered when she first started she was not good at addressing residents. She felt Mr. Pozar taught her a lot in being politically correct. She wished him the best.

Mr. Saunders wished him success in his future endeavors and he will miss Mr. Pozar's scrutiny of the budget. He also hoped Mr. Pozar did not vanish and that he would stay in touch. Mr. Yakich also wished Mr. Pozar good luck in the future; he currently worked with Mr. Saunders.

Councilman Pozar stated this was a special milestone in his and his wife's lives. He was prepared to deliver four pages of comments; however, he would refrain from doing so. In his last comments it felt like, when a person purchased a boat it was the happiest day of the boat owners life and the second happiest day in the boat owners life was the last day when they sold it which was a combined feeling when he got out of the Navy and was trying to decide what to do with the rest of his life. One of the noteworthy accomplishments he thought Council had made over the years was the responsibility of the scrutiny of the department heads including the hiring and firing employees. He didn't think the voters appreciated or realized that Council was tasked with these types of issues. Over his 26 years he had worked with four City Managers and with the firing of two City Managers the City improved. Former City Manager Robert Reid was elevated to Sheriff and Mr. Mallis who had accomplished a remarkable growth and development in this task/function. He felt Mr. Mallis was important to the City and so was the staff who performed the day to day operations. It was Council's function in selecting department heads and certain employees. He said Council members go through the motions and take credit for what the staff accomplishes. He stated it was the Administration, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Service Department who really actually made it happen on a daily basis. He pointed at the non-Council members sitting among Council tonight who were the ones who made it happen. He did not think there were any motives from these employees other than the interest of the City of Bedford or any deception. Those who ran the day to day operations gave the information to Council to review and most times the Administration got their wishes. He hoped the new Council kept the information available to the residents. He wished Council the wisdom to continue doing what they've been doing, the strength to do the right thing even when it's not politically expedient and the comradery to come of it despite the agreements at the end as a unit. He was blessed with the wisdom to be guided by the confidence that was placed in him by his supporters and his campaign manager his father. He never wanted to do anything that would disappoint the confidence those people put in him and at the end that was his motivator. Those motivations were introspective to where he was coming from. He hoped Council were motivated by the same thing rather than political self-interests. He suspected the Administration would continue to hold Council to the challenge as well as the residents. Elections have consequences and this was probably a good consequence and this was a new day for this group. He wished them all the success in the world.

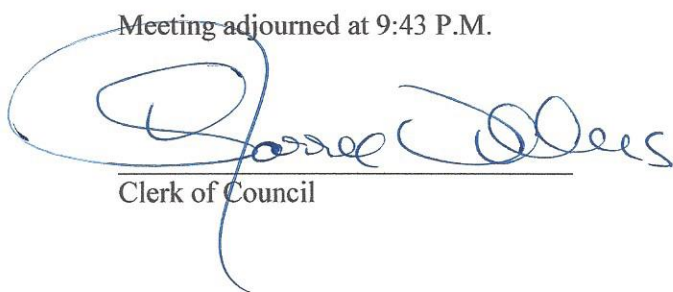
Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Reverend Pinkney-Butts, 518 Northfield Road, felt everyone was doing marvelous work. She applauded Mr. Pozar in not only serving with respect but to leave with respect was an honor, privilege and a blessing. She wanted the Administration to know she felt safe living in Bedford. She offered her services to the City.

Heather Rhoades, 241 Center Road, asked Mr. Mallis what the decision was for the grants. Mr. Mallis explained the plan was for cameras for the Automobile with a recommendation to the CDC. The CDSG would be used for the Broadway corridor starting at Southwick to the Bedford Cemetery. The following year maybe Northfield Road and so on. The BCDC was created years ago and the business donations were not as expected. The Administration would continue to work on this issue as there were several avenues that could be taken.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Mizesak seconded by Saunders to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald Dees", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of Council



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stefan", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor - President of Council