

**SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
  - **6:00 P.M. RECREATION DEPARTMENT** - (45 mins)
  
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development)

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Bedford, Ohio

November 28, 2016

Bedford City Council met in a Special Council Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak and Donald Saunders. Absent: Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Recreation Director Randy Lewis. [Absent: Finance Director Frank Gambosi]

**Recreation Department**

Mr. Mallis noted this was the smallest department; however, it produced several various programs with limited full time employees. After negotiating with the union the City decided to hire a full time senior van driver at \$15.00 per hour; a much lower rate than the employee before and a savings of approximately \$22,000. The previous van driver retired after 33 years at union rate so after a survey was completed the new employee could be hired at a much lower rate; no reflection on the previous van driver's wage or work ethics. Discussion was held that if the ½% income tax levy did not pass in 2017 the Recreation Department would be the first department to experience layoffs and/or cuts; the Administration had a priority list of services/programs to be reduced/cut. The overall Recreation Department was \$30,000 less than last year's budget. He explained to Council the employees/Department heads were doing more with less as some of the positions had not been filled when an employee left or retired.

Mr. Lewis explained the City was not awarded the grant for the Doggie Park at Taft Park; he felt there was not enough acreage for the grant. He was working on a proposal for an overhang over the new steps recently approved by Council. He would continue to do programs as the City could afford. Mrs. Zolata questioned the overtime spent for snow removal and how the shirts were paid for. Mr. Lewis explained the Recreation Department employees were responsible for snow removal at Ellenwood and assisted the Facility Services Administrator Tony Romito at City Hall. The Service Department focused on the streets. The program shirts were paid for through fees, sponsors and the City. Discussion was held regarding the Chemical Hardware & Supplies budget line item. It was determined the use of chemicals varied depending on the weather. Mr. Lewis explained the pool was holding up very well; however, the various pumps as they reached their 5 year warrantee needed to be fixed or replaced. Overall the pool and equipment were in good shape and the City had another successful year end doggie dunk. As far as the monthly food program the City provided boxed or canned foods, the Salvation Army provided the fresh fruits and vegetables and there was a miscellaneous table of items donated by the school. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions for Mr. Lewis who satisfied their concerns. Mr. Lewis thanked Council for their support.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizsak to go into executive session to discuss Personnel / Economic Development. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Spinks, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:47 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis went into an executive session to discuss Personnel / Economic Development.

Executive session adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council