

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Victor Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: Walter Genutis. Also Present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Direct, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland, Clint Bellar, Police Chief Marty Stemple, and Deputy Chief Rick Sutts. Absent: None.

### **Service Department**

Service Department Director Clint Bellar was present this evening representing the Service Department for their 2022 budget

City Manager Mallis stated that the Service Department is down employee's and they still get the job done. He stated that Mr. Bellar is doing a great job with the department and he appreciates everything that Mr. Bellar has done.

Mr. Bellar stated that they are down employee's and they are doing more work with less employee's and they still get the job done.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Service Department got a grant to do the sewer work on Union St. and that they are working on getting a grant for the catch basin repair work.

*At this time, they started going over the line items. (See attached for line items)*

### **Police Department**

Police Department Police Chief Marty Stemple and Deputy Chief Rick Sutts were present this evening representing the Police Department for their 2022 budget

City Manager Mallis stated that the schools set up a meeting today and that the school is closed until Wednesday. He also stated that Chief Stemple and his staff worked toward a Collaborative and they did a wonderful job

Police Chief Stemple stated that he appreciates the support from City Council and the Administration. He stated some of the challenges and success they had this year were:

#### **Challenges:**

- Manpower issues
- Aging fleet of police cars

#### **Successes:**

- The department became certified with The Police Advisory Board and that it was an easy process
- The purchase and implementation of the dash and body cameras
- They want to continue to focus on the quality of life issues with City
- Continue community engagement
- To try and get back to Shop-with-a-Cop

- Work on conflict resolution

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Work Session adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor-President of Council

Date: November 15, 2021