

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: Sandy Spinks. Also Present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland. Absent: None.

There were no corrections to the Work Session for August 1, 2022, the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2022, and the Work Session Minutes of September 6, 2022

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Ordinance No. 10,015-55: Residential Water Rates, Mrs. Howland said that it is a 3% decrease. City Manager Mallis said that he asked the Department Heads to put together a 5 year Project Plan. He also said that some of the parking lots need to be redone and that it could be included in the bond issue. Councilman Genutis asked that this ordinance be amended to say for a base rate. City Manager Mallis said that Arcadis did a study and that there is still a cost associated and proper to charge a minimum; they did ask for an incentive to large users and that it is implemented in the study and the offer is across the board.

Ordinance No. 10,016-22: Sewer Rates Mrs. Howland said that this is to amend Ordinance No. 9901-22, and it is for an increase of 3%, and that is the maximum.

Ordinance No. 10,017-22: Sewer Rates: Mrs. Howland said that this is an increase in Sewer Rates.

Resolution No. 2591-22: Financial Assistance from OPWC, City Manager Mallis said that this is to seek financial assistance for Broadway Repaving and it is estimated at \$2.6 Million. He also stated that the City is to pay 15% and there will be some changes in the lane configuration at Woodrow and West Grace.

Ordinance No. 10,022-22 LPA Agreement: Mr. Montello said that this is for an agreement with ODOT for Broadway Ave.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Lake Shore Electric, Taylor/Willis Property, and TCCP, Litigation: UH Bedford Hospital, and Personnel: Fire Department Safer Grant. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Asbury to adjourn out of Executive Session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: October 3, 2022



REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

AGENDA MINUTES

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

TIME: 8:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, September 19, 2022. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of August 1, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the minutes of the Work Session of August 1, 2022..
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2022..
MOVER:	Walter Genutis
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- c. Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2022
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of September 6, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the minutes of the Work Session of September 6, 2022..
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- e. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022

5. PRESENTATION

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance No. 10,015-22:** AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 9899-21 CONCERNING SECTION §911.01 “RESIDENT WATER RATES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO WATER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**1st Reading on 9/6/22, 2nd Reading on 9/19/22**)

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place Ordinance No. 10,015-22 on Second Reading..
MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. **Ordinance No. 10,016-22:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9900-21 CODIFIED ORDINANCE §911.03 “RATE REDUCTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS” FOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**1st Reading on 9/6/22, 2nd Reading on 9/19/22**)

MOTION:	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 10,016-22 on Second Reading.
MOVER:	Walter Genutis
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	

ABSTAIN:

- c. **Ordinance No. 10,017-22:** BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9901-21 CONCERNING SECTION 913.02 "SEWER RATES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**1st Reading on 9/6/22, 2nd Reading on 9/19/22**)

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to place Ordinance No. 10,017-22 on Second Reading..
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager

City Manager Mallis said that regarding a quick update regarding the Broadway Project that it was tentatively set we had a status update meeting last week, and it was tentatively scheduled to be completed this week. This morning's rain threw that off a bit, they were going to be buttoning up some electrical work so it'll most likely get pushed back at least another day. Still optimistic that we may by the end of the week, but most likely we'll be doing our walk-through and punch list review next week, but that is nearing an end. Council passed an ordinance a couple of months ago regarding all of the painting that's going to be taking place, so they'll be moving in the coming weeks to start on all the light poles and traffic signals. The Archer gas line project probably has a couple of months to go. The main gas line was put in, they're going to be looking at the individual connections, and like said it could be up to two months. There's a chance that'll be completed sooner, but we're going to be conservative and say they got have two months to go. the City was awarded a Safer Grant through the federal government. That Grant is in excess of over six hundred thousand dollars I have to give credit to Fire Chief Nagy and especially Assistant Fire Chief Dan Dopslaf for putting this together and being a leader on this. This grant is going to be able to fund additional fire and EMS medics, and I believe our current lateral transfer list is updated. There are a number of candidates on there, and we're going to be narrowing the field down and hopefully bring on some additional staff members. Lastly, just again, as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we have a status update, and our attorneys have a call tomorrow with Judge Gall and the attorneys for University Hospital regarding our litigation and the ongoing mediation that's taking place. Basically, in our efforts to get this emergency room to reopen, we'll provide an update after that.

b. Law Director

Law Director Montello had no report this evening.

c. Finance Director

Finance Director Howland had no report this evening.

d. Council Reports

Councilman Saunders asked City Manager Mallis if there is a start date of when the water line will start on the Ennis and Harriman, and which one will go first. City Manager Mallis said we do not have a start date and that we're actually going to be scheduling a pre-construction meeting. I believe they're looking at next week for that meeting, and I'll have that in my weekly report as soon as we get that meeting completed. Councilman Saunders said I would assume you're closing at Ennis during this time period because of the hazardous hill you can't maintain two-way traffic for sure on that one; Harriman isn't as bad. Ennis would be critical, but they would probably have to close that to accept local traffic. City Manager Mallis said that we will discuss that with the police and fire departments. They are always involved in those meetings, but I will bring those concerns up. Councilman Saunders said since they're working on the gas line on Archer have they approached us yet as to the next phase that they're going to do in the city? Because I know there are several sections that are still in bad shape. The gas line on my street has been leaking for 15 years, and they are aware of it. City Manager Mallis said that he would inquire, but that I am not aware of the next step yet. Councilman Saunders said that they usually come to us before they're even finished with the current one they're on.

Councilman Genutis said that I want to express my gratitude to the City of Bedford for not raising our water rates. There is a slight increase in our sewer rates, which is understandable. I especially want to express my appreciation for the program for a great reduction for disabled persons and senior citizens in need. I think that's wonderful that the City does it, so thanks for that.

Councilman Fluharty asked if October was the last month for pick-up, and City Manager Mallis said that it is. Councilman Fluharty reminded everybody that we've had discussions about the safety of these school buses and people driving. People need to be aware that school's in, of course, and flying around these school buses, and be a little more aware of what's going on. He also said that when driving through some of the neighborhoods, we need to cut our grass better. It's a shame that we have to remind people to cut their grass. Like I said, just be aware of the kids that's the main thing.

Councilman Smith said, first of all, I'd like to welcome Dr. Johnson; it's good to see you, and thank you. I was talking with City Manager Mallis and anyone in my ward I've been living there for 24 years. The Colony Club is starting to spend some money on the aesthetics of their property. They put in a higher curve that so they don't run up on the side of the road there. I thought that the City was doing the work, but I found out that the Colony Club was actually doing it. They've done all of their parking

lots and are continuing to work on some other things. They are spending some money on the aesthetics of their property, and it's really pretty.

Councilman Asbury congratulated the Fire Department on the Safer Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). This will fund two firefighters for three years, which is a great thing, so congratulations to everybody involved. Our Community Garage Sale was this past weekend, and I am happy to say it was a big success. The people that actually made the list, I believe it was 72 houses, but I think there were more. I didn't make the list; I was able to go out Saturday morning and pick up some stuff that I didn't need. I went back out a little later in the afternoon and picked up something that my wife needed, so it all worked out great. There were multi-families on the same street, and there were people barbecuing, people meeting people that they haven't met before, it was a really good event. I think we are planning for it to be an annual thing, so we did learn some things this year, and hopefully, it'll be bigger and better next year. The Children's Fall Fest is coming up on October 1st from 10 to 1 on the square. Children and families are invited to enjoy a variety of fall activities, including hunting for a pumpkin, a pumpkin patch, dancing and singing along to music, and much more, so come on out and bring your kids out to that Saturday, October 1st from 10 to 1. Bedford Downtown Alliance's last first Friday of the year will be held on October 7th the hours have changed because it's getting darker a little earlier now, so we're going from 5:30 to 7 p.m, and it's "Calling All Superheroes." So get your little ones dressed up as superheroes and come down to the square for fun. I was informed that some people are submitting their requests for absentee ballots, and they're not filling out the request forms correctly. So those are being denied, and I guess the problem is I haven't seen it because I generally voted in person, but it has something to do with the dates. It looks like it has to do with the date of birth, which is printed between the lines and easy to miss. So if you're filling out a request for an absentee ballot for the November election please make you make sure that you fill out the request form correctly, because if not, it will be denied this is going to be a delay.

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent of the Bedford City Schools said I do appreciate this opportunity because I feel it's so important that as a school district we keep those lines of communication open, and we don't just come to you when we need something. We want to continuously let you know what's happened in the district, whether it's good or bad. You'll see me, or one of the Executive Directors or one of the Board Members at one of the meetings at least once a month to share what's happening in the district. This week is homecoming week for us, so on Wednesday weather permitting is the Homecoming Parade with Friday being our homecoming game against Shaw High School. We encourage individuals to come out to that. This year as a district, we're all trying to head in the same direction, so even our pre-k through second-grade buildings are having their own Spirit weeks. This week as well in addition to that just a couple of things that we're focusing on, and as you know just over the past couple of years the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone, but especially our children. Many schools have really put a lot of focus and emphasis on social and emotional learning. I'm very grateful to our board for that support, and they allowed them to be 19:22 an

SEO interventionist in every building. So right now what we're doing is we're preparing to do our mental health screening. We will train all of our staff as a reminder of what that purpose is and what that assessment can do, so that would be conducted over the next couple of weeks. That will basically identify our students that are on the radar but also some that may not need a little extra support. We utilize that data to establish even smaller groups to work with our students and provide some of that support. In addition to that, the board also provided an opportunity for us to create our staffing in our Social Work Department. We also have an additional Social Worker because we wanted a multi-tiered system of support for our students even in the mental health field. Not only are we working on the curriculum side of things in each of the buildings, but we needed that Gap where that liaison between the school and home was why we need that additional Social Worker. That is our main focus and some things you'll hear over the next couple of weeks if you have not already. Please make sure that you sign up for communications that's been great because Denise our Communications Coordinator has reached out to your departments, and you guys are always willing to put a little blurb in our communication, and that goes to all of our families. If there's something that you want us to advertise or you want something communicated to our families you can provide that to Denise. That goes out every other Friday, so she sent one out last Friday the next one will go out next Friday. At short notice, she can kind of whip some things together another thing that we put out in alignment to working on focusing on mental health is there is a mental health newsletter now that will go out monthly. Just some tips for a parent some things that they can look for any assistance that they might need. We just want them to know that we're here for them so whether they are a student in our district or they're living in one of our four communities, whether you're a student or an adult we're here for you to provide that support, so thank you.

Mayor Koci said good to have you here thanks for having. We talked about communication, and we have a meeting next week. Amazing that Mike and I, and the other Mayors speak with the superintendent on a quarterly basis. We need to know what each other's doing, and that's a good thing to keep that communication open. I know we appreciate it.

Dr. Johnson said it's been very nice I appreciate all of your support as well, especially Mike whenever I need something I appreciate your response. In addition to that, we had our Safety and Security meeting so, if not, you'll be getting an invitation for a meeting in the next couple of months. As a follow-up to the four communities, where we have the Mayors come out, and the chiefs of police come out where we all just kind of came together with everything happening in our schools. We wanted to just make sure that we're all on the same page, and that we're doing what we need to do as a school to keep all of our children safe. I appreciate your collaboration and support by coming out tonight as well thank you.

Mayor Koci asked City Manager Mallis if the sidewalk program started. City Manager Mallis said that he would check. Mayor Koci said that hat individual residents can have the sidewalks at our price. City Manager Mallis said yeah those

letters are now, yes. On a sad note, we had a funeral today for Gene Tylicky, a long-time City mechanic who passed away this past week, and I just want to offer our condolences to his family. He was buried this afternoon; keep him in your prayers and his family in your prayers.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution No. 2591-22:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM TO FUND A CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis said ODOT going to be resurfacing Broadway Ave. starting next spring per the agreement. The City is going to be required to match up to 15% of that total project, which we believe that it will be approximately, if not exceeding three million dollars. This resolution is authorizing us to go and seek financial assistance, grant dollars, or zero-interest loan dollars. We prefer grants through the state of Ohio Public Work Commission funding mechanism.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to approve.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	[6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. **Ordinance No. 10,022-22:** THE FOLLOWING IS AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA)

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis said this is the standard agreement between a municipality and ODOT for these types of resurfacing projects. This one, in particular, is for the Broadway project. We did negotiate that 15% down. The Standard is municipalities have to match up to 20%. We showed that we were maintaining areas of Broadway and that we made substantial Investments over the last 20 years and they had reduced our percentage. That was built into this document obviously if there are extras we'd be responsible for some of that, and it's detailed in the agreement; handicap curb ramp all of that is detailed in the agreement. This project is approaching and the sale taking place later this year ODOT is looking for the agreement to be executed.

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: October 3, 2022