

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: None.

Also present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland.

• DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

There were no corrections to the Work Session or Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023.

Ordinance No. 031-23: Amending Chapter 123 Titled “Rules of Council”: Mayor Koci: This will be on Second Reading this evening.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s decision approving Buckeye Relief to open a Medical Marijuana Dispensary located at 22803 Rockside Rd., Bedford, OH 44146. Mayor Vote “yes” if you agree with the Planning Commission and “no” if you disagree.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s decision to approve Jamil Zayed, JZDZ LLC, located at 277 Northfield Rd., construct a new 6,000 sq. ft. addition with four (4) white box spaces, Zoned a B-2 to go to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a variance. Mayor Vote “yes” if you agree with the Planning Commission and “no” if you disagree.

Resolution No. 2599-23: Resolution for the City to get reimbursed for the Wastewater Fund: Mrs. Howland: In August of 2022, Council passed a resolution, and this is for the City to get reimbursed from the proceeds of a bond.

Ordinance No. 038-23:Contract with Simplex-IT to upgrade the City’s core network: City Manager Mallis: Simplex made upgrades to the firewall, and when performed, the core network switch failed.

Ordinance No. 039-23: Contract with Plug Hug: City Manager Mallis: This piece of equipment is for the Water Department, and this does all of the work, and it will also help to get more hydrates repainted.

• DISCUSSION OF Air BNB

City Manager Mallis: we put together a simple application and shared it with Police and Fire Departments in case of any issues. There would be an annual building and fire inspection, and the rental fees would be \$150. I would like it to go Three Readings during the summer meetings. This would go into effect in January 2024. This would be for the short-term Air BNB and prohibit a commercial Air BNB.

There will be no meetings in July, and in September, the Council Meetings will start at the new time of 7:00 P.M.

• EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

LAND ACQUISITION

TAYLOR & WILLIS PROPERTY

BEDFORD AUTOMILE

LITIGATION:

UH/BEDFORD HOSPITAL

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Land Acquisition, Taylor & Willis Property, and Bedford Automile and Litigation: UH/Bedford Hospital at 7:29 P.M.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:56 P.M.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of April 17, 2023

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to approve.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Bedford City School: Joseph Commander: New Athletic Director
Mr. Commander: I am the incoming athletic director, at Bedford High School. So I'm pretty much trying to replace the legend in Mark's office. So I'm going to do my best. But as a matter of fact, I have a transition day with him tomorrow, so I'm just really looking forward to it. My wife was a Bearcat. With Chris Chambers and that group



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and then had some cousins that came through as well. Last name, Barnes, So Nick and Nicole. So just really happy for the opportunity. And what I told myself this was the best way to get to know the community is to get and get out and know the community, so to speak. I actually met Councilman Fluharty at an activity for the school district on Saturday. So nothing really planned. Just wanted to say that we got a lot of good things going athletically, and it's a great day to be a Bearcat.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 031-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 TITLED "RULES OF COUNCIL" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st Rdg.: 4/17/23)**

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to place Ordinance No. 031-23 on Second Reading..
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager
City Manager Mallis: We do have a water line replacement project underway on Harriman and Ennis. They will last approximately 90 days. Contractors should be on Ennis by the middle of May. What we do ask is that there will be no parking on those streets during that time. And it's an inconvenience, we understand, but a necessary improvement. I do want to mention that the City anticipates the County Council will be voting in the coming weeks on two grants; one is a CDSG grant of \$50,000 that we hope to be awarded for land acquisition. As well as a CDBG grant, which will fund \$150,000 of improvements to the Commons, the train depot, the public restrooms, and



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the electrical upgrades that will need to take place with the expansion of the Commons that will be getting underway later this year. Also, a friendly reminder that the next Ward Meeting will be on Monday, May 8th, and the last Ward Meeting is on Monday, May 22nd. The annual Shred Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 13th. That will be right out here in the Municipal Parking lot. And I also wanted to mention that there will be more information on our social media platforms as well as the city's website, about a program that is being offered by our Fire Department, and that program is Be the Beat. It is specifically to provide high-quality-hands on CPR training for employees, businesses, and residents in Bedford, so look for more information to come out on that. It's a new program, and kudos to the staff and the chief for working to put this together.

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

Councilwoman Spinks: I had to say goodbye to Mr. Lynch; he used to work in the Building Department for many, many years. I have developed a really close relationship with him through the Church of Nazarene, and through Dave and his brother Joe Lynch, who passed away last year, I was able to start a free basketball camp. They taught the kids not only how to play basketball but also how to be a good team player, how to be a good person, and to learn to defeat and learn from it. The sportsmanship that the kids learned from those two guys. I am not going to have a basketball camp; I am going to have a team-building camp that will be announced. It will be at Greencroft Park for Bedford kids only, not our school district for kids, and not just Ward One. It'll be a week-long thing, and the kids will have to register with the Recreation Department. That'll come out a little bit later on in the summer too easily, the first week before school starts, because a lot of kids have spare tires. Most of the other camps are done. So look forward to announcing what's going to be happening in that it'll be August sometime. City Manager Mallis, real quick, can you kind of explain to people what's going on? I, I know what's going on, but on a



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Greencroft with the culvert.

City Manager Mallis: The base of the culvert that runs underneath Greencroft is failing. We also identified a void in the curb where it was substantial. Our plan today was to dig that area and fill it. When we did dig that, we identified a water leak. It actually was coming from Dominion Line, which was odd. They did come out on-site, and it was a Dominion drip box. The repair was made, and that's what caused the eroding. It did go under a portion of the roadway. That repair was made, and we then worked to backfill that to ensure the safety of the road and the top portion. We are going to look to figure out the best approach to address the repair to the base of that culvert. Most likely that could be a liner but we will we'll know that in the coming weeks.

Councilwoman Spinks: Do we have a timeline for it?

City Manager Mallis: No, not on that.

Councilwoman Spinks: The one good thing about it is that it stops people from speeding down, but lets the residents know to be patient. Dominion has completed their work on Cresswell, Mike, I think that they're done, and it looks nice. Friday, May 12th will be our speaker series for the Bedford Historical Society. The Speaker Series will be on Walker China which is free but, we do accept donations. That's at the Old Church at 7 p.m. next Friday. Also, the Historical Society will be open for the Chocolate Walk the day before Mother's Day so make sure you come to our gift shop, Ms. Schroeder has stockpiled our gift shop with a lot of stuff that a lot of mothers would love to have. I want to brag about the Bedford High School class of 2023; yesterday everybody set up their booths of colleges that they have been accepted to, and I could not believe how many of our graduates are going to college to be educators. It's very heartwarming to see that there were a lot of students going to nursing school, but that a lot are going into the educational field. That says a lot about our schools here and about our teachers. Thank you for coming to Bedford I appreciate you, and I think it's awesome.

Councilman Genutis: It strikes me that as we look back at the memories of our



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education, the extracurricular activities that we were involved in, those were the things that we always have the dearest memories of and remembrances of whether it be playing sports or whatever. So it just, you know, it's a thrilling thing to realize that it's been a while since I've been to school, but I still hear the marching band, so it's pretty cool. The Bedford looks great, so I don't have any complaints about anything because this time of year everything just looks wonderful with the green leaves and everything and people getting out in the yard and having a good time. And the only other thing is that, well, as Mr. Miles pointed out, we have the word meetings on Monday. So word to and word for on Monday. And the great thing about the word meetings is that all the department heads will be here. So if you have any concerns, you can talk right to the people in charge and ask questions and whatnot. And the city will also have a really good presentation for what's in the future for the city of Bedford. And it's a really exciting, positive message. So that's happening Monday, So try to come together.

Councilman Fluharty: We had our ward meeting a week ago, and everything went well. We had some major concerns about things, and some of the stuff has already been addressed, which has been very good. All the Department Heads were at the meeting, and they've already taken care of a few problems. So one of these days we got to get a repave, but we'll crawl before we walk. So you got it done. That's the main thing. I was shocked when I came down the road that we lost. Some got done here finally, so it was good. So we got on that and also took care of paying attention to our school buses, seeing what kind of speed they were going up and down the road. And that was addressed too. So along with other people driving fast up and down the road.

Councilman Smith: Welcome, Mr. Commander to the City of Bedford. The Ward Meetings for Wards 2 and 4 will be this Monday, May 8 from 7 to 9 right here in Council Chambers. This year we will be celebrating Juneteenth at the Bedford Bearcats Stadium from 5-7. We will be doing this with three surrounding communities Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village, and Walton Hills. Some of the things that will be there, well, there will be food, trucks, music, dance, often wellness vendors, voter registration, and a parade in the garden registration. The middle school students have entered a contest, so they will display their poetry.



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Councilman Asbury: Mr. Commander, congratulations on your new position, and good luck. Sincerely, Bedford Graduate, 1983. As was already mentioned, we do have an issue on the ballot tomorrow. Its Municipal Court Judge and Wards one, three, and six are now voting at Ellenwood. Ward two is still at the high school, according to the Board of Elections, and four and five are voting at Glendale. Okay. One last reminder before the event for Downtown Alliance for the annual Chocolate Walk, Saturday, May 13th, from noon to five. Tickets are still available, but they are going fast. Some great prizes. We've got five top prizes, and everybody that buys an admission ticket is entered into, and we've got 50 prize pool tickets. So for a \$20 price for tickets, you're guaranteed a minimum \$20 prize. So get your tickets while they're still available. The Chipper Services is this week, and the next one is June 5th through the 9th, so make sure you call the Service Department to get on the schedule. Ward meetings for, Wards 5 and 6 will be Monday, May 22nd at 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers. The Bedford Police Department posted on their social media today an instance in South Euclid where a member of NOPEC was going around soliciting door to door. The only issue with that is NOPEC doesn't solicit in South Euclid. So the police were pretty sure that this was a scam. At this point in time, Bedford has nobody that is licensed to solicit in the City of Bedford. So you do not have to open your door to these people. If you do see them, you can call the non-emergency number (440)232-1234three, and the police will come out and check. At this point in time, nobody is licensed to solicit in the City of Bedford. Do not feel obligated to open the door to these people. They can be pushy and rude. I'll say it again. Back in January, a gentleman came around from a cable company, and my wife said, "No, thank you." He didn't like that answer, I guess, and he fraudulently started an account in her name. And next thing you know, we have a box of equipment from this company, and we're getting a bill. It took almost three months, multiple phone calls and visits to finally hopefully get this situation. City Manager Mallis, do we have a time frame on Broadway?

City Manager Mallis: No, we reached out to ODOT following our most recent payment. We authorized the additional 50,000. So they did receive that, and we asked when the pre-con is scheduled, and they have not scheduled it yet. They did award the project to Shelley. But, you know, a couple of weeks ago, they had indicated that they



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wanted the project to start at the end of May. That means we would have to have a pre-con in the coming weeks. So as soon as we hear, we'll share that.

Councilman Saunders: For the Lincoln Water main replacement are we going to bid that out before these two are finished? Because chances are you'll probably get the same contractor, and we would get a lower price because he doesn't have to set up because he's already here. Yeah, well, I don't know if they'll bid it or not, but yeah, we will be going out to bid later. This will begin advertising this month. Okay. Gets that way. I would almost assume we're going to get the same one set up. Cost is a big thing. So if they're already here, they get an advantage to some degree.

Mayor Koci: I just want to extend my sympathies to the family of Mr. Lynch, who just passed. He was the Building Inspector for the City, and I worked with him quite a bit because I was the Fire Marshal at the time. So we worked together on a lot of projects, and he was a good guy. He will be missed. And again, my condolences to his family.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's decision approving Buckeye Relief to open a Medical Marijuana Dispensary located at 22803 Rockside Rd., Bedford, OH 44146.

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to approve the Planning.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	



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Ms. Henry: Give you an idea of Buckeye relief is what they call level one cultivator. We operate a 60,000-square-foot building with 25,000 square feet of area where we grow medical marijuana plants. And that's in Eastlake, Ohio. We also in that facility have a processing operation where we turn the oil extracted from those plants into other products like tinctures, capsules, edibles, and vape cartridges. And we have a dispensary, I think we had mentioned we have one in Cleveland Heights and one in Columbus. We are an Ohio-owned and operated company. We don't operate in any other state. We are here to provide medical marijuana to the patients of Ohio, and we don't have aspirations to go anywhere else. But we'd be more than happy to answer any questions that might have.

Member of the audience: What zone is that building on exactly?

Mayor Koci: It will be in Ward 2 along Rockside Road.

Member of the audience: What zone is it?

City Manager Mallis: That is a Mixed Use District, and when it was established, this use is a conditional use, which meant they had to go in front of the Planning Commission first and then ultimately here at City Council.

Member of the audience: What other areas of the area are now basically specific areas where that kind of retail will be allowed?

City Manager Mallis: The medical marijuana as of right now only permitted in the Mixed Use District.

Councilwoman Spinks: This was part of our work session, how Ms. Henry explained it to us is that you can't just walk in there and buy gummies or whatever.

Ms. Henry: The general public is not allowed to enter a medical marijuana dispensary. To come into a dispensary, you have to be a registered patient, which means you have one of 25 conditions that are approved by the state of Ohio to qualify for medical marijuana. You've taken your medical records to a recommending physician. So in



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Ohio, a physician has to choose to become a recommending physician. They have to take 2 hours of training on medical marijuana. They register, and they can start seeing patients. They certify you. Then you get a card from the state of Ohio, and you have to come to the dispensary and present that card. We only allow patients, and they can bring one visitor with them to the dispensary. And that visitor is not allowed to leave the lobby. They can't enter the actual retail area of the dispensary. The point of the visitor is really we're dealing with sick patients. They might need some help from a family member to get into the dispensary to get out of their car. They might have questions, and they want to meet Buckeye-related dispensaries operated by a pharmacist, and so they might want to meet with their family member, with the pharmacist to talk about their condition and the type of products that might help them. But it's not open to the general public. Everyone can't walk in and just peruse the dispensary and learn more about medical marijuana. They have to have a card. They have to be a registered patient. Then they're tracked every one of their purchases and tracked in the state or system, which is the same system that tracks any type of opioid that's purchased, any type of pharmaceutical purchase. Distressed or so physicians can see everything that was purchased in a dispensary and they can see everything that patients have purchased. So when a patient goes to see their physician, their physician knows that medical marijuana patient and everything they've bought, that it's very secure. You won't see the children from the community running into a dispensary.

Representative of Buckeye Relief: Within a day between one and 200 people come into the building.

Ms. Henry: Ohio has 160,000 registered patients today.

Member of the audience: Now when they take that does that, they can be influenced. Do you know what I'm saying? Like, I like to go down there like back in the day, as long as you get that. I don't know about this new medical care because it affects the brain.

City Manager Mallis: It's more of a side effect. And then, you know, the medical effect that you're after, especially when you're mixing it with CBD or CBD gummies or other minor cannabinoids.



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Representative from Buckeye Relief: It can lessen what they call psychoactive effects, like making you feel impaired but there is still THC in there, and that's the component that can make you feel high. But a lot of these patients are using the medications; they get those therapeutic effects at much lower doses than what keeps them from being nonfunctional. So while it is a side effect, it's usually a side effect that's seen in much bigger doses of medical effects that you need can really be achieved in much, much smaller doses.

Member of the audience: So they're allowed to drive cars.

Representative from Buckeye Relief: We anticipate there'll be somewhere between 25 and 30 jobs.

Representative from Buckeye Relief: And that's probably a direct effect that the secondary tertiary effect will be. And I think someone else mentioned just putting some kind of life into that business center. I think you're going to see more think you're just going to have more traffic currently. You guys can speak with better granularity, but the dispensaries that are the closest you have, Garfield Heights, Cleveland Heights you've got will never be like that. With that, you certainly have not got a lot of close-by spots that are this close to probably the major and we get the time it takes to get into people.

Representative from Buckeye Relief: It's very nice to see a lot of increased traffic. So that's going to be what your staff is going to be and not to make some joke that more snacks and pizzas and whatever else we are going to be part of.

Ms. Henry: Changes over there. Yeah.

Member of the audience: If it was legalized in the state, would your facility be selling retail?

Ms. Henry: It really depends on how we survive. Right now there is an initiative that is planning to be on the November ballot under that initiative. Medical marijuana



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dispensaries automatically become adult use. But there is something that says if the community does not want an adult-use dispensary, the community can choose not to have that dispensary become adult-use. And so it really depends on how this passes and what the community decides.

Member of the audience: Is that from the community or is that something from Council decides?

Ms. Henry: There's a process that is outlined in that particular initiative where that if the city decided not to have it, I'm not sure the council I'm not sure who would make that decision, but then it could be voted on. If the community decides they wanted to, they could override that decision, or if they decide if the council decided they didn't have to a process to override that. But it depends on if adults use passes and what passes. I'm just looking at what is probably going to be on the November ballot. But there are other things that could also happen. Hard question to answer. I'm sorry.

- b. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's decision to approve Jamil Zayed, JZDZ LLC, located at 277 Northfield Rd., construct a new 6,000 sq. ft. addition with four (4) white box spaces, Zoned a B-2 to go to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a variance.

MOTION:	Motion made by and seconded by to approve.
MOVER:	
SECONDER:	
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is an expansion on the vacant lot on Northfield next to Mr. Z's, the convenient store located there. This would be, as the mayor said, a four-unit expansion of this parcel; two of the units would be earmarked for the owner to house Nathan's famous hot dogs, and then the other two he would be leasing out. He would



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be required if he wants to keep that existing storefront to match, which is what his intent is, the existing building. He would need to seek a variance, which is why it talks about going to the Board of Zoning, and that variance would be a rear setback requirement to the adjoining parcel.

- c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2599-23:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS (501) WASTEWATER FUND FOR THE YEAR 2023, WWTP NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PHASE 2 PROJECT WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO
Was read by title only.

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

Finance Director Howland: Back in August of 2022, Council approved the ability for the administration to apply for, accept and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan fund agreement for this project, and we were awarded in the amount of \$227,950.00, and this resolution is just simply declaring the intent for us to reimburse our final one, which is our wastewater fund with these funds, which is and these are proceeds that will be paid back over time, over as it goes, a ten year period ending in 2025.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 038-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIMPLEX-IT TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF BEDFORD'S CORE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AT CITY HALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: We are performing updates to the firewall. A few weeks ago when we identified a number of main switches that are at capacity that are failing. This proposal is to install a ten-gigabyte fiber adapter which includes two new switches and 12 ports switch. So basically, to put it into perspective, right now, our capacity is one gigabyte. This would be upgraded to ten gigabytes. It would address the switch that was failing when we did that upgrade, and it failed. Our records department was down for roughly half the day, so we could have replaced it with an existing one. But we're looking to have more capacity, especially when adding security cameras to the Ellenwood facility and the pool for the new pool house, and



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have that all connected to the municipal complex.

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- e. **ORDINANCE NO. 039-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PLUG HUG LLC FOR A FIRE HYDRANT CLEANING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: In the past, we would have staff, mostly seasonal staff, go around wire brushing each individual hydrant and then prep it for pain. It was a very time-consuming and cumbersome process. They have now developed a piece of equipment that attaches to a machine that we have now. It's a cylinder. It goes over the



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hydrants and cleans it and perhaps it for paint, all in an extremely short amount of time. We can then follow behind that and restore a lot of our hydrants, a lot of our hydrants at a much faster pace. We did look into other communities that are utilizing similar equipment. Chagrin Falls is using this and spoke very highly of it.

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dariek Mapel, 717 Broadway. I don't design custom T-shirts. I don't know if this is the proper place to address this, but I have noticed going up and down Broadway, there are many vacant buildings. I'm on the verge of closing my store down due to some health problems. There is a lack of communication and support from Bedford, and I have noticed this in the last five years. I opened a store five years ago for my wife, which passed away, and we were very blessed to be in Bedford and had a good run. But I noticed lately, the high school outsources their stuff, and that was understandable. The Rec Center just did this last year, but they did not come to us and a couple of other people that are in Bedford to give us an opportunity to bid on the t-shirts or whatever they wanted, didn't even give us a chance. And if they really gave me a chance, I would give them a quote and say, this is, you know, bottom line, is it a price? But they didn't give me that. They said yes or no, but they will give that to us. Another person that we are also, you know, I just know as another T-shirt company came in Bedford, I met them just the other day. Very nice people, great people, and I wish them the best of luck. But I just feel that Bedford is not really helping us out at all. And like I said, I don't know if this is the right place to address this or not, but I feel disappointed. I've worked with Better Downtown Alliance extremely, quite a bit, donated quite a bit, and appreciated everything up until recently. And I feel very angry, humbled to say I feel screwed over point blank.



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Councilman Smith: Is that just silkscreen or is that embroidery?

Mr. Mapel: No embroidery, but silkscreen or vinyl mugs. I mean, you name it if we do it, but we don't do embroidery.

Councilman Smith: The reason why I was asking them there. There is a lady who I guess just retired from Lynn's Logo, she retired, and she did a lot of work for me, and I had been looking for somebody else to do it in the city, and not too many people do embroidery.

Mr. Mapel: Carson bought the jewelry store, and they do embroidery now, and we're very close, and we send each other work now and then.

Councilman Smith: Like I said she retired and retired, and I didn't even know that she went out of business. I went in there, and I couldn't get done what I want to have done in there, and I reached out to I think the place down in Solon big, big conglomerate and she sold all of her equipment and programs to these people. I know that there are a couple of programs that she sold to them that they're never going to use. And I tried to contact them, and they wouldn't even talk to me.

Mr. Mapel: So you just tell them I'm good or not, I mean, I'm just a little guy, you know, you got your Internet, you can order anything you want, but you don't know what you're going to get. You don't know what size it's going to be when you get it back, you know? Why don't the Bedford schools or the Rec Center reach out to me or anybody else right around here and give us a shot? If they say no, it's too high. It's no, I mean, it's business. But I don't even get a shot.

Mayor Koci: I will have to look and see how the bids get sent out, and I appreciate you bringing it to us.

Councilman Asbury: You're shutting down your retail location downtown, but you're still going to stay in business.

Mr. Mapel: Yes and right now new owners have bought the building, and I don't know where these people are. I have no clue. They bought our building, and I have no idea who they are.



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They sent me an email to send a check to the company at this address. I'm like, Okay. What about the problems I have with this building? You know, my store personally and everybody else in there? We have no idea who these people are.

Mayor Koci: If there are problems with the building talk with our Building Department should be notified.

Mr. Mapel: I have talked to the Building Department and the Fire Department, and they're on top of it.

Mayor Koci: So we'll look into the other about the bid process.

Sabrina, Future 15 Charles Street. I think if I heard correctly that the fire station is going to do CPR training for residents. So thank you for that and also for the fire hydrants, because I was driving through another city, and their fire hydrants looked terrible like they were corroded. I wanted to know the status of that veteran place on Northfield; it's terrible.

City Manager Mallis: The VFW?

Ms. Future: It's right there on Interstate and Northfield next to Timko.

City Manager Mallis: I was thinking of the VFW hall downtown Union; the Veterinary Clinic City Council did condemn that building a few months back. We're going to be working to try to take it down.

Ms. Future: I just want to estimate how long is the project.

City Manager Mallis: It's hard to say; all the proper notifications will be going out. We have to do a lean search. I believe a lean search was already conducted. But what we're trying to do is the county had recently notified us that there could be potential dollars to cover commercial demolitions available. So we would like to go after those so the city doesn't have to spend money to demolish a building and then assess because we probably won't get it back because we don't own the property. So will most likely be applying for funds through the county. I would imagine it'll be down within six months, hopefully much sooner, but it's hard to tell right now.



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Ms. Future: The second thing is the status of the picnic tables at Interstate Park on my street. That park is the only park that does not have a picnic table. What is the status of getting the picnic tables back?

City Manager Mallis: So we haven't addressed that at that specific park. I will say that our Parks and Recreation director and our staff were doing a park-by-park assessment. That was done earlier this year; we actually had to dismantle that playground equipment because it was a hazard. And our numbers didn't show that it wanted that. I'd have to look and see what the response was. As far as the park you're talking about and what improvements or changes need to be made there. But we were doing a park-by-park assessment at all of the top lots.

Ms. Future: Correctly, you assessed that park.

City Manager Mallis: We were assessing all of them. But I don't have that report in front of me. I do have to look.

Ms. Future: So it's not going our summer to get a picnic table or two?

City Manager Mallis: I don't know.

Ms. Future: Because it has been like two years. This Thursday is National Day of Prayer.

City Manager Mallis: You had mentioned that Bishop Thomas was organizing that. I've been in communication with Bishop Thomas, and I am waiting for him to call me back.

Ms. Future: He told me he was going to call me back.

City Manager Mallis: I went to him, and we had a conversation last week, and he was going to follow up with me, but I have not connected with him.

Ms. Future: That's why I was trying to be in the loop I really want our city to participate in this because we are a blessed nation. We should have it right here. We have everything else. I mean, shame on us. If you need me to coordinate it, I don't have a problem doing that. I visit the



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churches throughout because we're all if we all churches, we're all connected. And I think that would make a better community. Let's get National Day of Prayer on the books for next year; that would be great.

Dot Schwende, 2513 Lampson Avenue. I was running some errands on Saturday afternoon. and I stopped in at Dollar General, and I don't know if you're aware of it, but the parking lot back there has become another haven for our truckers. There were quite a few of them out there Saturday afternoon, so it doesn't give a very good impression of our downtown, in my opinion. So just to bring that to your attention. And also the Garden Club will be having a plant sale, our 35th annual plant sale, Friday, May 19th, from 1-7, and Saturday, May 20th from 10-2.

Bob Dietrich, 1377 Satan Circle. I just needed clarification on the amendment for the "Rules of Council" Amendment. What are you amending and what specifically?

Mayor Koci: We discussed this last meeting with the council rules and some of them we had to update because of the charter changes when the Charter Review Commission went through it last year.

Mr. Dietrich: Anything in particular about rules or counts? I don't know exactly what it is. Does this have to do with our meetings? Does it have to do with participation and the time of participation we have in these meetings?

Mayor Koci: Yes. We went over those two weeks ago. The biggest thing is changing the start times of the meetings; starting with the first meeting in September we will be meeting at 7:00 for our regular meeting instead of eight. That's a big thing there. Notifying council members of different things. It used to say by telephone or by written notice. We added email and text, you know, bring us up or things like that.

Mr. Dietrich: Any changes for us when we want to come up and give any questions or a limitation?

Mayor Koci: There is no time limit at this time.

Frank Spiker, 20, William Street. I just wanted to follow up on what Dot was saying about the



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tractor-trailers parked at Dollar General down there. There were six of them down there the other day when I pulled in off of Columbus. There were two or three on the back wall, and then there was one lined up along the guardrail. It is becoming a truck stop over there, and it doesn't need to be there in downtown Bedford.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 P.M.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

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