

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 15, 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. Shawn Francis, John Sokolowski.

**• GIS PRESENTATION**

City Manager Mallis: The City had an in house GIS and in 2021 the City went with a more proactive and a more strategic approach.

Mr. Francis: This was generated for EPA reasons. The services are for storm water and sewer and that they are still working on maps and that they are around 40% done with uploading the maps. With the system we are able to give GPD what we have and export them. We are able to document what was done and that this is for those who will be here after us, and that it is an asset management program.

John S.: A portion of this is up on the City's website.

City Manager Mallis: Any resident or insurance company has access to this on the City's website.

**• DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

The minutes were not ready to be reviewed. .

Ordinance No.:031-23: Chapter 123 "Rules of Council": Mayor Koci: We will pass it this evening.

Ordinance No. 040-23: Northcoast Two-Way Radio: City Manager Mallis: This is for improvements to switch over to an 800 band for the Municipal Complex.

Ordinance No. 041-23: Gift to the Metroparks: City Manager Mallis: I would like to have Council place this on First Reading this evening. There will be a building built on the property that can be used year round. The City will have access to the building twenty-four times a year to host events or the State-of-the-City. In the agreement for the first twenty-four months the Metroparks will be clearing the property of trees to start building.

Ordinance No. 042-23: Contract with Vally Truck Centers.: City Manager Mallis: This was budgeted for, and the quote did go up, and it is a state bid.

Ordinance No. 043-23: Contract with Pat Flowers for longline street striping: City Manager Mallis: The Administration recommends going with Pat Flowers.

Resolution No. 2600-23: Approving the 2024 Tax Budget: Mrs. Howland: The Tax Budget is how much money the City needs and how much money the City will get.

Resolution No. 2601-23: Requesting the County Auditor to advance tax proceeds from year 2023: Mrs. Howland: This is what the county auditor will advance to the city.

Resolution No. 2602-23: Necessity to improve streetlighting, Ordinance No. 044-23: Proceed with Improvement of certain streets, and Ordinance No. 045-23: Levying special assessments for improvement to certain streets: Mrs. Howland: Ordinance No. 044-23 stated what streets need improvement.

Resolution No. 2603-23: Assessing expenses of garbage refuse collection: Mrs. Howland: this is a necessity to access the expenses.

**• DISCUSSION OF SALT STORAGE**

City Manager Mallis: The City did make an attempt to purchase the rear property next to the Service Department, but the property owners were not interested in selling the property. We do have 1,000 tons of salt left to get still this year, we can pile it to store another 600 tons and pay the extra \$5.00 per ton for that to be done. The current salt storage is at the lowest spot on the property. There is an option for a possible place for a new storage unit in the woods on West Taylor, this may be a temporary spot.

**• EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
890 BROADWAY AVE.  
VIADUCT PARK**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: 890 Broadway Ave. and Viaduct Park at 7:44 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:56 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Smith

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
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<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

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

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor-President of Council

Date: June 5, 2023



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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 May 1, 2023  
The minutes will be approved at the next Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023  
The minutes will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

**5. PRESENTATION**

**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, 2nd Rdg.: 5/1/23)**

Read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
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Mayor Koci: This is the Third Reading for the "Rules of Council" that we went over toward the end of the last year and at the beginning of this year. We spent a lot of time bringing them up to date with the changes that were made by our Charter



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Commission. And some of them needed to be brought up to date because some of the rules were from 1932, but some of those from 1932 are effective, so we left those alone. But probably the biggest thing that will affect most people is the fact that in the first meeting in September, we will be doing our council meetings at 7 p.m.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
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## **7. REPORTS**

### **a. City Manager**

City Manager Mallis: We have the Memorial Day parade to be taking place later this month on the 29th. That will start at 1015 prompt and it will begin at City Hall, and we will make our way to the square for a ceremony and then ultimately to the cemetery. So again, that event starts at 10:15 a.m. I also want to mention that the month of June is free permit month through the Building Department, and we will be waiving all of the permit fees for residential building projects, exterior only, and for owner-occupied homes. So if you're looking to get something done schedule in June, you still need to get a permit, and your contractors still need to be registered. I also want to mention that we do have this coming Wednesday, the second pre-construction meeting for Broadway with ODOT. And the contractor for the project is Shelley that is scheduled this week. We'll be participating in that pre-construction meeting, at which point we will then get all of the details as far as the start date and location. Are they starting at the Oakwood Bedford border, or are they starting at the Bedford Maple border? We'll get all of those details, and once we have that information, we'll be putting that out on our website, and social media, and sharing it, obviously at the public meetings. I also want to mention we posted on our website and social media about the Be the Beat Program. The Fire Department is going to be offering, and it's



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free hands-on CPR training that's going to be taking place at Ellenwood on Saturday, June 3rd and there are three sessions that you can choose from. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., and no registration is required. So if you're interested, check that out. Be the Beat Program. Every second counts when you're dealing with cardiac arrest. And lastly, I just want to mention that the city officially closed on the first transaction in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, Cleveland Tank and Supply acquired approximately five acres. And we are now reviewing their plans to start construction, and we hope to be moving dirt within the next 30 to 45 days.

Mayor Koci: The CPR that the fire department is doing. They just did a session for our church. And I just encourage everybody to go out. It's all hands, no mouth-to-mouth. It's strictly a quick, immediate help if somebody has a heart attack. And it was very, very simple to learn. A lot of people hesitated when they had to do mouth-to-mouth. Chest compressions are vitally important. And Stephanie over at the fire department did a great job teaching us the other night. So I would encourage anybody and everybody to get over there, learn it, and tell them thank you.

b. Law Director

Law Director Montello: I just want to publicly congratulate Mr. Papa for winning the Municipal Judge Seat. He will be the next Municipal Judge for the next six years. Judge Melling is retiring, and his last day will be December 31st. We will miss him and congratulate Judge Papa.

c. Finance Director

Finance Director Howland: Had no report this evening.

d. Council Reports

Councilwoman Spinks: Congratulation to Mr. Zilber; he is the owner of the Cleveland Jewelry Exchange on Northfield and Rockside, and he just celebrated 35 years in the city. He's moved probably four or five times, but in that 35 years, he's always remained right here in Bedford. He's originally from Beachwood, but he started the business in 1988. This weekend is the Bedford Garden Club Plant Sale at Elmwood. It starts on Friday from 1 to 7 and Saturday from 10 to 2, so make sure you stop by and get your annuals and your perennials. I spoke to City Manager Mallis, about this past



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weekend, which of course, with prom, was a drag strip down several of the side streets. I was talking to City Manager Mallis if the speed signs catch the cars speeding going both ways. Because if it doesn't, then right now, it's just got on with there coming off of Broadway, going down Grand. He is going to check into that to see. It's really dangerous. This weekend there were some young kids on Thames that thought it would be really fun to pound on people's doors and windows at around 9:30 - 10:00 at night. That's not cool because there are people that are recovering from something or are sick, or they work the third shift, or sleeping, and they may be gun owners. Parents, please tell your kids, that it's unsafe.

Councilman Genutis: First, I'd like to say that Saturday was the Chocolate Walk in downtown Bedford, and the Bedford Downtown Alliance did a great job. I don't know what would bring hundreds of people onto the street on a Saturday in downtown Bedford, but the chocolate did it. And I think the interesting thing about it for me was it gave me an opportunity to go into all these businesses that I would never have gone into and see what they have there and whatnot. Everyone's doing a really good job keeping their yards up along with the litter and the trash. There are some yards that aren't cut but just patience because the City of Bedford is on top of the grass cutting. Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, I don't know if anyone knows about that on the other side of Shawnee that has been empty forever. And now, finally, lo and behold, there's going to be buildings going on there. And it's just it's really something. It's a big deal and how it came about I can't even get into it because it's such a complication of taxes and other legal matters, and it was just amazing what transpired. And then finally, the one thing coming up here in new business is an ordinance authorizing the city manager to sign an agreement of a gift, and this has to do with I'm sure that City Manager Mallis will talk about it shortly. The City of Bedford is essentially giving a large chunk of land to the Metroparks to develop. And it really makes me think of this, so often we think of the decisions that are made in the city as based entirely on revenues, based on the bottom line. But this is an interesting situation because Bedford could have sold it and made money on it. But the agreement with the Metroparks is going to be more valuable than something that is real estate. It's going to be more valuable to the city, and it will be a legacy, and it will be enjoyed by people who live here for generations to come. And there's not a dollar sign, the dollar amount you could put on it, but I could tell you what the city is going to get out of it.



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It's going to be worth times more than the value of that land is real estate. Oftentimes we think of our history in that it only has to do with the buildings. But really, our history is much richer than just only the buildings. Our history in Bedford has to do with sceneries and vistas and homes and yards that are historic and their natural resources. So this would be an opportunity, and I think City Manager Mallis will talk about it more, but that it'll open up a vista to the river that we've never had before. And it's just going to be the greatest thing.

Councilman Fluharty: Had no report this evening.

Councilman Smith: I would just like to say welcome to everyone, whether you're here or on our channel. Thanks to everyone who attended the letter you were to work for or meetings. I was told that it was a good meeting. Since that was my first world meeting, I have to take that as it were. On June 19, the Juneteenth celebration will be at Bearcat Stadium. Plenty of food, fun, and activities will be involved. Many of the school's students will be entering oratory contests. Also, one of the speakers at the stadium will be Betsy Lee. She will be talking about the Historical Society and trying to drum up some participation from the community and our students. I think that's one way that we could keep up with the history of this city by having the children do some type of report on what we're trying to build in the schools that have the history. Teachers say, "Hey, why don't you connect the students with the Historical Society and make it mandatory or so for them or a certain amount of them to do reports on the city and how it was founded or who lived here or whatever" because I know there are still some things that the Historical Society doesn't know that would like to know and it will give them some time to do some of the things that they want to do by having our students actually do the footwork. Councilman Asbury: Councilman Genutis brought up the Chocolate Walk, which was this past Saturday, and this has been in the planning for several months now. We take a break during the winter and then in January, and February, get together and start planning the chocolate walk. The Bedford Downtown Alliance would like to thank all the businesses that stayed open and where chocolate stops. Without the volunteers, this wouldn't have happened. We had 60 prize pools and seven main prizes. Without the donations, the volunteers, or the businesses, we couldn't have done it. And thank you to everybody who purchased tickets. I think we had 160 or so walkers. The next event will be the first First Friday





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of the year, and that will be Friday, June 2nd, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the square, and the theme is Once Upon a Time. So dress in your royal best and enjoy a free, family-friendly evening In the land of Bedford downtown, a special pizza party will be held on the Commons along with the make-and-take craft for your young royalty. And there will be special guest appearances by Rapunzel and Flynn Ryder. The next chipper service will be June 5th through June 9th so make sure to call ahead and get on the list. The Bedford Boy Scout Troop 399 will be at the Lutheran Church this Saturday, May 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. collecting gently used clothes or small household items. And I guess what they do is they take these items and donate them to a local thrift store, and they get paid per pound itself. If anybody has cleaned their attics or garages, and they have some gently used clothes or small appliances, please think about donating them this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the church next to Giant Eagle. City Manager Mallis, are we still on schedule for the pool house to be open?

City Manager Mallis: We haven't set a date yet. Our initial hope was that we would open earlier than we did last year. Last year, we opened in the middle of June. Our challenge this year is getting our guards trained. Last year we were able to use the high school and is not available. We need to make sure that our project finishes and then we need to allocate some time for our guards to get trained. So we're probably still looking at the middle of June, but we'll have an official date hopefully within the next week or so.

Councilman Asbury: And I want to thank the Service Department, and I know you can't talk about it too much, for the help with 201 and 203 West Glendale in getting it cleaned up last week. Hopefully, it stays that way, and we'll see how that goes. Let's hope. And last but not least, the Wards 5 and 6 Ward Meeting will be next Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers. Councilman Saunders: I just want to say that Ward 6 has quite a bit of construction going on right now. The Waterline Replacement on Harrimon has tied up from Lincoln all the way down to Washington. They've already started laying the temporary water line down Ennis, which will also go down the dead-end stretch of Logan. This brings up the question, are we prohibiting parking underneath and the dead-end stretch of Logan? Because two days ago, FedEx couldn't get down the street because of parked cars on the street, because



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of the temporary water line in the street.

City Manager Mallis: There will be no parking. No on-street parking. And we'll be posting that shortly.

Councilman Saunders: The other thing is that today is National Police Appreciation Day. President John F Kennedy started this way back in his time designated May 15th as a day to honor our police for what they do, what they've done, and the sacrifices that they've made. So if you run into any of our police, thank them for the job that they're doing. It is a rough job, no matter which community you're in. The Union Street Viaduct that's being replaced as a bridge, they are putting a sidewalk on that?

City Manager Mallis: The new bridge, Yes, there will be sidewalks. And we actually requested for them to be widened to the max width that they're able to do. So I believe they're going to widen what's there now.

Councilman Saunders: Because they won't have the lookouts that are on the curb.

City Manager Mallis: There will not be the lookouts. It'll be a stamp to give that stone appearance. You know, that's what we obviously were pushing for. I still believe the earliest that'll start is in 2024 next year, and that project will last approximately a year. But we're not even there yet, so who knows? It could get pushed back further.

Councilman Saunders: Well, we don't want it to some degree this year because with Northfield Road Bridge starting in a few months and Broadway being torn up most of the summer, we don't need another main route cut-off for the time being. So that's good to hear. So of course, with our proposed plans and everything that is going on, Metroparks but Bedford Falls and so forth, we want to make sure that we have the walk ability from a lot of the different neighborhoods and that that will work out really well. Mayor Koci:

**Speaker 2:** [00:27:43] And again, a reminder the Memorial Day parade is to remind people that it is a solemn parade. There will be no candy, no sirens or horns. It's just totally out of respect for those men and women who gave their lives for this country.



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And we want to respect them. We have a nice ceremony at the Commons, and then we march all the way down to the cemetery for a keynote speaker. It's just it's a great afternoon, and it's been going on for over 150 years, so keep that going.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 040-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTH COAST TWO-WAY RADIO FOR TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Read by was title only

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

City Manager Mallis: We're working within our Police Department to acquire all new portable radios for our officers. We're currently on the 420 band, and we'll be switching over to the 800 band. In order to do so, we need to eliminate a number of dead spots within this complex in our jail area in the basement, and these upgrades will accommodate that. We did receive two quotes, and North Coast Two Way Radio was the lower of the two. We've worked with North Coast before, and we'd like to get these improvements completed first while we start the process of switching over.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders



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- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 041-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT OF GIFT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEDFORD LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM (“GRANTOR”) AND THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT (THE “PROPERTY”) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
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City Manager Mallis: Years ago the City acquired approximately nine acres, which was the former Taylor Chair site, and six of those acres are adjacent to Viaduct Park. It was initially planned to be residential townhomes. As Councilman Genutis had mentioned, there were a number of home builders interested since the city acquired it. They were interested in building approximately 10 to 12 homes and purchasing the property from the city. We held off on that. You know, we've we long talked about one of our assets in Bedford is the park system, and how do we expand that connection to the park system? And through our discussions with the Metroparks, we came to an agreement to where the city will be donating it. This agreement states the



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city will gift six acres at Taylor and Willis that runs along Tinker's Creek and in return, the Cleveland Metropark's intent to construct what is referred to as a Four Seasons facility. It can be used in winter months, summer months heated, and it's a reserved space for the public. The city will have access to that space and that facility for 24 dates throughout the year for events, for presentations. If it's ward meetings, state of the City, senior club events, or anything that we choose with the idea of expanding our programming through Parks and Recreation to use that. We did request that they include an addendum in the agreement of a similar facility to put a comparison of what they intend to construct in that facility that they are comparing it to a four-season facility in the Geauga Park District, which is at Holbrook Hollows in Bainbridge. So for those of you that are interested, if you take a look at that, the hope is and the goal of this agreement is that they'll be constructing that the first two years will be basically clearing of the land, removing invasive species, new plantings, new trails, some improvements along those lines. And then ultimately the parks will be working to secure grant funding to build this facility. We do have a clause in there that if a facility is not built by the end of 2030, the Metroparks will agree to pay us the current value of that property, which is valued at \$311,000. So if that doesn't happen and it is not the intent for that not to happen, I fully believe we'll be seeing that facility constructed soon. But we do have protection there. The way it is Bedford does get recouped for the value of that land. The other thing that is important is outlined in the agreement. The parks for years supporting our project of connecting the downtown district to the Bedford Reservation with a pedestrian trail that we talk about down Willis, which will then go through Viaduct Park and construct the bridge over by the Falls. So the park is completely behind that initiative, and that is also outlined in this agreement. I think it's a this is a win-win for both. I think we expand that area and provide a space that can be enjoyed by everybody, everybody in Bedford and visitors. Not that homes wouldn't be nice there, but, you know, a small number of people can enjoy that space. We want something that our entire community can enjoy.

- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 042-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY TRUCK CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 FORD UTILITY TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



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City Manager Mallis: This is for the purchase of a utility truck for the Water Department, and it was budgeted for 2023. I will point out that this purchase is the state Bid Cooperative Agreement. However, Valley Truck does have the state bid, and the quote that we did receive in October when we were going through our budget process was \$20,000 less than the quote that Valley Ford is providing now, which is why we're moving forward with this purchase. So it did go up, and we'll have to adjust our budget accordingly. But this is a much-needed piece of equipment and, again, budgeted for this year.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
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- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 043-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF PAT FLOWERS FOR LONGLINE**



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**COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**  
**165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146**

**DATE: MAY 15, 2023**  
**TIME: 8:00 PM**

**STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKING OF STREETS IN THE CITY AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Was read by title only.

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

City Manager Mallis: Annually, we get quotes to have the long lines and our transmission lines stripped throughout town. We did receive those quotes. Pat Flowers did come in as the lowest, most responsive bidder, or to quote, I should say, not bid. And our recommendation is to go forward with them.

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

- e. **RESOLUTION NO. 2600-23: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2023 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**



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<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on First Reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

Finance Director Howland: This is what we do annually, and passing this, allows the county auditor to set the property tax rate for next year to 21.7 mills. This was passed back in 2009, and it doesn't change until we do it again. But I don't know when it would be. But failure to pass this tax budget would eliminate the property tax revenue, and it's pretty important. Passing the tax budget also allows us to receive the undivided local government revenue that doesn't fund and also allows us to get a certificate of estimated resources which will limit the amount that the Council can appropriate for the year 2024 as appropriate money. We're going to do that process later in the year.

- f. **RESOLUTION NO. 2601-23:** BEING A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2022 COLLECTED IN 2024 PURSUANT TO SECTION NO. 321.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on First Reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury





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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

Finance Director Howland: This is in conjunction with the tax budget. This simply is just a resolution to request the county to advance the tax money next year. Instead of waiting until March for the first allotment. We would get it in January and February and then the final one in March. And the same for the second half of the year.

- g. **RESOLUTION NO. 2602-23:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

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

Mayor Koci: This is just for our street lighting. We do this every year.

- h. **ORDINANCE NO. 044-23:** AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
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<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on First Reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Smith, Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- i. **ORDINANCE NO. 045-23:** BEING AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2602-23 AND ORDINANCE NO. 044-23 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

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

- j. **RESOLUTION NO. 2603-23:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ASSESSING THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THE COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF BEDFORD FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



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<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on First Reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
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Finance Director Howland: We're not changing the rates from last year. Last year, we did raise the rates to \$18 per single-family residential unit, \$36 per two-dwelling residential unit, and \$54 per three-family unit residential unit that is per month. And we're not; there's no need to change the rates at this time. I just needed to pass this so that we can certify it to the taxpayers.

## **9. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Austin Reid. 764 Wellman, I wanted to come tonight to publicly express my dissent for a recent position Council came to opposing changes to the animal ordinance to allow citizens the ability to keep and maintain chickens. Throughout sitting in the meeting, I wondered when was that law passed. But I want to thank and commend the two members who understand the fundamental issue at hand. We share a common opinion that citizens should generally be afforded abilities to make decisions that best suit their own interests. I believe that the right to keep chickens may come with appropriate duties that the citizen has to uphold to keep safety and health concerns at bay. A compromise between liberty and the obligations the issue will raise can be made, but the refusal to act means no compromise can be made. This leaves the citizen with an important decision to submit to the city's will and forego the values chickens may bring them to violate the ordinance and risk legal consequences If the city spends resources in pursuit of the violations or move out of Bedford. I don't believe any of these possibilities are warranted as a compromise could and should be made to the members that oppose this issue. I ask. Move forward in the discussion and write the risks that you believe the issue poses into the law as conditions. And to



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the citizens of Bedford for advocating for the chickens, continue to fight, continue to bring awareness, and continue to have your voice heard at all times. Disappointed more people don't show up regularly. It seems like they care an awful lot. But I'll say for the record that they should come out and protest their ask of Council.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor-President of Council

Date: June 5, 2023