



**WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

TIME: 4:30 PM

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: Stanley Koci.

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

**BUDGET HEARING
CITY COUNCIL**

At this time Council went over the line items.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montello thanked Council for allowing him to continue as the Law Director and City Prosecutor.

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DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

Ordinance No. 081-23: Appropriations for 2024: Mrs. Howland stated that there is a change of \$5,000.00 in the Service Fund and to place this on Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 089-23: Updating Building Fees: City Manager Mallis stated that this was last updated in 2014 and to place it on Second Reading. He also stated that this will go into effect in January of 2024.

Ordinance No. 090-23: Contract with Simplex-IT: City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the replacement of two security fire wall components for the Police Department.

Ordinance No. 091-23: Contract with Brite: City Manager Mallis stated that MDT's in the Police Department are showing signs of failure, and that this ordinance is for the replacement of ten (10) new devices. .



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Ordinance No. 092-23: Contract with Northcoast: City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the installation of the new MDT's for the Police Department.

Ordinance No. 093-23: Contract with GPD: City Manager Mallis stated that this is to accept the rates and it is not a contract with GPD. He also stated that GPD also assists with the Water and Wastewater facilities in addition to the general engineering.

Ordinance No. 094-23: MOU with Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners: City Manager Mallis stated that Tinkers Creek Watershed was instrumental with two past projects in the City and membership cost is \$1,000.00 per year.

Ordinance No. 095-23: Contract with SSECO: City Manager stated that this is to control the software in the fuel pumps at the Service Department for the fleet. He stated that this is state bid pricing and that this also tracks all information.

Ordinance No. 096-23: Fabrizi Contract: Mrs. Howland stated that this is a change order for the Ennis and Harriman Project and that even though it was an increase to the water budget line, overall, the project was reduced.

Ordinance No. 097-23: Contract with Atwell's: City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the purchase of twenty-five ballistic vests for the Fire Department and to place it on First Reading.

Ordinance No. 098-23: Amending Chapter 178 Sections 178.062, 178.094, 178.10: Mrs. Howland stated that this is the update to the Tax Code and due to House Bill 33 this has to go into effect on 2024. She stated that this will bring our ordinance in line with the Ohio Revised Code.

DISCUSSION OF COSGROVE PARK: City Manager Mallis stated that

- They looked at the space and that when a dog park was brought up years ago, they looked at Taft Park.
- He stated that Cosgrove Park used to have two tennis courts and that this would be enough space for two dog parks (one for large dogs and one for small dogs).
- Fencing alone, with hinged gates would be about \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 and if they are going to proceed with the project, a walkway / sidewalk would need to be installed from the parking lot to ensure it is ADA compliant.



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- This project can be done under \$50,000.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Frank Smith to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Personnel: Contract Negotiations.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

MOTION:	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:19 P.M.
MOVER:	Walter Genutis
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: December 4, 2023



CITY OF BEDFORD OHIO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael S. Mallis, City Manager

Subject: Budget Hearing Schedule on November 20, 2023

COUNCIL

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LAW

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City of Bedford
2024 Expense Budget Worksheet

Account	Description	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Department Request	City Manager Recommendation	2024 Council Approval
COUNCIL & CLERK								
110-7100-00-5-31000	SUPERVISION	\$135,656.82	\$136,040.88	\$140,820.00	\$75,734.40	\$140,820.00	\$140,820.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-32000	OFFICE	\$48,740.68	\$49,970.80	\$64,000.00	\$27,432.86	\$55,179.00	\$55,179.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-37000	OVERTIME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-38000	LONGEVITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-41000	HOSPITALIZATION	\$19,000.00	\$19,025.00	\$21,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-42000	P.E.R.S.	\$25,690.65	\$26,141.59	\$28,675.00	\$13,400.12	\$27,440.00	\$27,440.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-45000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$2,086.53	\$3,568.91	\$5,941.00	\$1,429.90	\$5,845.00	\$5,845.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-46000	LIFE INSURANCE	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$82.50	\$205.00	\$205.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-48000	MEDICARE	\$2,654.84	\$2,661.80	\$2,973.00	\$1,369.94	\$2,842.00	\$2,842.00	.....
	Personnel	\$233,989.52	\$237,573.98	\$263,574.00	\$129,949.72	\$254,831.00	\$254,831.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-51000	TRAVEL	\$1,093.33	\$8,590.35	\$6,000.00	\$437.17	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-51500	EMPLOYEE TUITION & TRAINING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,207.70	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-53500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,950.10	\$25,241.60	\$12,271.34	\$9,872.27	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	.....
110-7100-00-5-56000	ADVERTISING	\$3,156.00	\$7,686.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,398.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
110-7100-00-5-57500	RENTS, LEASES, & MAINT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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110-7100-00-5-64000	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	\$899.98	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
110-7100-00-5-65000	STATIONERY, SUPPLIES & DUES	\$12,405.97	\$14,776.73	\$13,000.00	\$7,326.04	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
110-7100-00-5-97000	EQUIPMENT \$5,000 OR MORE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNCIL & CLERK Totals:		\$254,494.90	\$293,868.66	\$304,345.34	\$150,190.90	\$298,831.00	\$298,831.00



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LAW DEPARTMENT								
110-7120-00-5-31000	SUPERVISION	\$120,160.96	\$122,836.40	\$127,105.00	\$67,308.40	\$127,105.00	\$127,105.00
110-7120-00-5-38000	LONGEVITY	\$1,622.43	\$1,662.44	\$1,725.00	\$912.64	\$3,813.00	\$3,813.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-41000	HOSPITALIZATION	\$19,000.00	\$19,025.04	\$21,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-42000	P.E.R.S.	\$16,770.15	\$17,656.56	\$18,035.00	\$8,843.55	\$18,329.00	\$18,329.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-45000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-46000	LIFE INSURANCE	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$82.50	\$205.00	\$205.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-48000	MEDICARE	\$1,753.48	\$1,776.46	\$1,870.00	\$899.17	\$1,898.00	\$1,898.00	.....
	Personnel	\$159,467.02	\$163,121.90	\$169,900.00	\$88,546.26	\$173,850.00	\$173,850.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-51000	TRAVEL MUNICIPAL LAW EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-51500	EMPLOYEE TUITION & TRAINING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-53300	LEGAL FEES	\$54,925.90	\$25,114.83	\$68,740.27	\$8,070.47	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-53500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$15,107.50	\$113,799.78	\$52,875.00	\$50,396.68	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-57510	PHONE PAYMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	.....
110-7120-00-5-65000	STATIONERY, SUPPLIES & DUES	\$615.67	\$559.98	\$300.00	\$369.29	\$600.00	\$600.00	.....
	LAW DEPARTMENT Totals:	\$230,116.09	\$303,596.49	\$292,815.27	\$148,382.70	\$300,950.00	\$300,950.00



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2023. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of November 6, 2023

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session of November 6, 2023.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

5. PRESENTATION



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- a. Proclamation presented to Stephen Fleming
- b. Dr. Johnson, Superintendent of the Bedford City Schools: I also have Mr. Aikens, our board vice president, with me, who has joined me here tonight. And honestly, I don't have much. I just wanted to come before you and thank the City of Bedford for your continued support, especially you, Mayor, for all that you've done in your ongoing support for myself, the board, and all the students and staff at Bedford City School District with the passage of our bond. We definitely will be reaching out to the municipalities. This is not our facilities plan, but it is the city's facilities plan. We will need your support and input over the next five years as we begin to build the building. The conversations have begun, and we will be coming forward with feedback and updates. We also will share a website link with you so you can see all the changes in action live as they happen. But again, we have started those conversations and will be reaching out soon to gather input and feedback. As we move forward, we will need some members from all municipalities to sit on the committees.

Mr. Atkins: The sentiments of our superintendent that we appreciate your support and we look forward to your input because, as she stated, this is going to be a community project, and we need to know what you would like to see in your city as well as what we would like our students to have opportunities for as we want to work together on this initiative.

Mr. Montello: What do you anticipate breaking ground?

Dr. Johnson: The goal is to break ground early in 2025, which is the First Phase. And so, again, the first step is to secure the architects to come up with the plans, which is, as Mr. Atkins talked about, the feedback, as you know, we were not permitted to do that before the bond's passage. So now that we will begin moving forward with that and securing the architect. As a reminder, the first phase would consist of the middle school on the channel property and the primary building behind Haskett, then the middle school and board office inside the middle school.

6. OLD BUSINESS



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- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 081-23:** BEING AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG. 11/6/23, 2nd RDG. 11/20/23) **Was read by title only.**

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

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 089-23:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1305.16 "FEE SCHEDULES," 1311.22 "CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION; FEES," SECTION 1311.32 "CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR RENTAL UNIT; FEES," SECTION 1303.04 "TIME AND FEE" REGARDING REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONTRACTORS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG. 11/6/23, 2nd RDG. 11/20/23) **Was read by title only.**

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



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7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager: One friendly reminder that the annual tree lighting is scheduled for this Wednesday at 6 p.m. sharp. That is when the lights will be turned on. Ice sculptures will be starting around 4:30 and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus after that. There will also be some characters walking around for photo opportunities for the children. We officially closed on the transaction with the Cleveland Metroparks for the sale of the property at Willis and Taylor, which is approximately six acres that adjoins Viaduct Park. For those of you who are not familiar with it, the city sold that property to the Metroparks with the intent that it will be developed. Short term the Viaduct Park will be expanding with some trails, and that property will be cleaned up. Long term The Metro Parks is committed to constructing a Four Seasons facility that will be on that site that'll overlook Tinkers Creek. The city will have opportunities up to 24 occurrences a year for planning events, whether It's a State of the City, Ward Meetings or if it's programming for our Parks and Recreation Department; all of that is going to take place. This property should be made available to the entire community and visitors of Bedford because it's beautiful down there and I think we made a great partnership with the Cleveland Metroparks. Our staff was working to restore hydrants, and they finished just over 220 hydrants. We are stopping for the year just due to the weather. We will pick it back up in the spring, and all hydrants will be restored and repainted by next summer. In regards to the water department, as far as our water loss, I think we've hit our lowest number. We're collecting over 93% of all our water that we're being billed from Cleveland Water, which does not happen by accident for an old community that owns and operates its own public utility. To put it into perspective, 12 years ago, that number was in the 50 percentile. So that is a tremendous job by our staff and knowing the processes that we have in place for identifying leaks, repairing leaks, and just being ahead of things as far as replacing some of these lines. We do have our walk-through tomorrow with ODOT. We have three pages of punch list items for the Broadway job, so we'll be making our way through town with them and identifying some concerns that we had found during the project and obviously afterward, and we'll get those cleaned up. Leaf collection is ongoing, and we have three crews out making their way through the entire city. They'll continue to do that as long as weather permits.



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- b. Law Director Montello: Congratulated Stephen Fleming and wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.
- c. Finance Director Howland congratulated the Flemming Family on their accomplishments and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- d. Council Reports
Councilman Genutis: Congratulated the gold medal winner and thanked the small circle of supporters who have always supported me all along the way here on City Council. And it's meant the world to me. And you've made it all worthwhile. So I love you all. And congratulated Mr. Salvi as the new Ward 2 Council Member, and I know that he is going to do a good job.

Councilman Fluharty Congratulated Stephen Fleming and his family on the gold medal win and wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Smith: Congratulated the Fleming family for bringing the gold medal to Bedford, and he thanked all of those who voted for him and had confidence in him to vote for him and opponents to for him to lead the Ward for the next four years and congratulations to our new councilmen. Hopefully, you will join us in moving the City forward. It is my hope that we can involve the youth of our city and our city government where they are the next leaders and need to take note of what they want. We need to start talking to the youth in our community about what they want, and in that way, they can move forward not just for seniors but for the whole community.

Councilman Asbury: Congratulated the Two Tigers team and the Flemings, and especially Stephen Fleming. Speaking of the tree lighting ceremony, City Manager Mallis mentioned that there are going to be things for kids; the Bedford Downtown Alliance will be having their Second Annual Wine Pull outside of Bedford Falls Cafe. There were some nice bottles of wine donated. Thanked the former council representative, Ms. Rhodes, for her generous donation, and he also thanked James D'Angelo from Casa DeAngelo's in Macedonia for his generous donation. For \$5, you get to take a pick of of chips out of a bowl or a box. And if you're a winner, you get to pick your wine bottle. And even if you don't win, you're donating to the



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Bedford Shop with the Cop Program. All proceeds are going to the Shop with the Cop Program here in Bedford. This helps kids to Target this year, and it will be from 5:30 to 6:30. The Bedford Downtown Alliance is also having their Second Annual Mitten Fence set up between Spirit Apotheosis and Gionino's and the Black Rye right out in front by the sidewalk. The idea is that if you have something to donate, either new or gently used clean hats, gloves, mittens, or scarves, please do. So there's a rope with clothespins on it. We ask that you put them in a Ziploc bag, and hang them on the fence. We will also have Ziploc bags available at Spirit Coffeehouse at Four Falls Cafe in the Broadway cycle. So anything that you can donate would be greatly appreciated. And if you're in need, please take what you need. Again, with the animals, the weather is getting really cold, and we know December is coming, and the snow is going to fly and freezing rain, so please try and keep your pets under control and please try and keep your pets indoors. Other than that, have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Councilman Saunders: Congratulated Stephen Fleming and Mr. Longino, who will be my replacement on Council next year. Hopefully, he and Mr. Salvi will continue to keep the city prosperous. We've had our ups and downs, but we've always seemed to be able to work together and get through it. So, hopefully, that will continue. He thanked the EMS for their help a month ago when he fell between his garage door and truck and ended up having to use them. I fell between my garage door and my truck. He stated that we probably have the best EMS and fire service in the county. And then a final thank you will be to the garden club. They put a plaque into the garden behind the museum and a dedication to my mother, who was six members for 63 straight years. She was a lot. She's been the longest-continuous member of the Bedford Garden Club, and she was also one of the founding members of starting the garden behind the museum. So I want to thank all those involved with that, especially Barb McDaniels, who managed to push a lot of this through and get it handled. So it's very much appreciated by the family. And I want to thank everybody involved for that. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and don't let the bird be the only thing stuffed on Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Spinks: Congratulated, Steven Fleming. The Flemings do a lot of stuff for our community. As Councilman Smith said, the kids are so important in our city.



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We do have good kids, and it's very important. It's kind of a circle that really starts with our kids. But kids are our future here in Bedford, and their kids are busy. Kids are good kids. Talking about getting kids involved, all of these kids live in apartments, and they don't have a car, they don't have a yard, and they don't have anything where you can do a simple thing like starting seeds. You can grow your own things or in your house if you have a windowsill. Bragging rights about Bedford's very own is our very own Jennifer Shelf, who is our band director and is in New York City right now. They just her and there are 399 music educators from all 50 states. They are there, and they will be performing today for a 9/11 Memorial Service. On Thursday, she will be in the Macy Day Parade with the Snoopy. Have a very safe Thanksgiving.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 090-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIMPLEX-IT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW SOPHOS XGS 2100 FIREWALLS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is an IT upgrade for the police department and is actually considered a priority item. We are replacing the current outdated watch guard



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firewalls, there are two of them, and they are being replaced with the new Sophos firewalls. The main reason that this is a priority is the watchguards have started showing signs of failure and, at the end of the year, our licensing and support expire. They'll still function with the licensing and support expiring. There are a number of security features that become disabled, so that is a priority.

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

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 091-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) GETACH MOBILE DATA TERMINAL ("MDT") UNITS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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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.
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City Manager Mallis: As the ordinance states, this is for the replacement of all ten MDT's , which is the computer in all of our cruisers within the Police Department. Brite was the lowest of the two quotes that we did receive, and our recommendation is to contract with them to purchase the GE Tech MDT that came in at \$43,061. The other quote was for Panasonic's, and that came in at \$50,700.

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 [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 092-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHCOAST TWO WAY RADIO (NORTHCOAST) TO INSTALL THE MDT UNITS IN THE POLICE CRUISERS AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE NO. 091-23 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

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



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City Manager Mallis: As stated in the ordinance, not only is it for the installation, but it is all of the MDT mounts, the keyboard, and all of the miscellaneous items that are necessary for the installation into the ten cruisers.

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

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 093-23:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10,043-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG. 11/20/23, 2nd RDG. 12/4/23) **Was read by title only.**

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

- e. **ORDINANCE NO. 094-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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WITH THE TINKER'S CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERS 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: This is an agreement with the Tinkers Creek Watershed. This is a nonprofit that was created to assist with the conservation of Tinker's Creek, and they've now expanded to include Brandywine Creek. We partner with them. Our fee annually is \$1,000. They provide a number of different assistances. There are grants that are made available to member communities they offer if we need any assistance in reviewing or modifying legislation. We partnered with them a few years ago, where we started exploring rain barrel legislation. Two big projects in town that they assisted with were when the Bridge on Columbus was restored, which was about ten years ago.. There was a lot of land that was just left where a couple of homes were taken down after the fact. They came in; they addressed that creek, they did native plantings, and they covered all of that at their expense. And then they also connected the city with another organization called Western Reserve Land Conservatory, where we ended up donating a large amount of land that was in a ravine near Palmetto Woods. . That conservatory will protect the land and also handle any erosion issues, making sure that the stream is healthy. And it was something that we made that connection through the Tinkers Creek watershed.

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

- f. **ORDINANCE NO. 095-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SSECO SOLUTIONS ("SSECO") FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM 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: This is to replace our existing fuel management system. This system is down at the service department. It is software and hardware that controls two of our pumps that provide fuel, diesel, and regular fuel to all fleet in the service, police and fire departments. The new software will control both pumps, but it also tracks all that data. To pump any vehicle, the individual has to have their I.D. number, every vehicle has an I.D. number and you have to enter in the mileage. You have to enter in which pump you are utilizing and it tracks it all. All of that, if anything, does not match, it will not function. If you put in a vehicle number that's a regular gas and you hit from two for diesel, it won't work. So our existing software is showing signs of



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failure. This has been proposed in the last couple of budgets that we've cut out, and we identified funds in this year's budget to cover the cost of replacing this and our recommendation is to replace it. SSECO Solutions is listed under source well. Source well, which is the stated price, so there is no need to go out for formal bids. They are the lowest that we would get.

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

- g. **ORDINANCE NO. 096-23:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10,010-22 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CHANGE ORDER REGARDING AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO. INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was rea by title only.

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



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City Manager Mallis: This change order will actually reflect the overall projects for the waterlines that we did at Ennis and Herriman. The change order actually lowers the total that we spent. When you're dealing with waterline replacements, you cannot use those funds out of an enterprise fund to cover the replacement of the roadway, the entire roadway. You are able to replace the roadway, as we refer to as the trench, that has to come up to replace that waterline. Initially, the plan was to replace the entire roadway at Ennis and at Herriman, which would increase the budget. After looking at it when we were replacing Herriman, we identified some issues in the Washington Court water line that also was from the 1930s, and we believed that it would be more responsible to, in lieu of replacing all of the entire roadway at Harriman and Ennis, use some of the funds, which would be less in the overall project to replace the waterline on Washington court. We would then go back at a later time and address the roadways when there are funds available. So what this change order is, is it's spending less money. It's just redirecting how much comes out of the Enterprise fund and how much comes out of the capital fund.

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

- h. **ORDINANCE NO. 097-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ATWELL'S POLICE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TACTICAL BALLISTIC VESTS AND BODY ARMOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG. 11/20/23, 2nd RDG. 12/4/23) Was read by title only.**

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

City Manager Mallis: We received donations, and one of the donations was earmarked for the safety of any equipment associated with the fire department. We've combined that with another donation, and the goal is to provide this gear for all of the members of the department. There are already a couple of members who have it because they are part of a response unit for SEAL and SWAT. So they were provided with this gear anyway in the event that they have to respond accordingly with that unit.

- i. **ORDINANCE NO. 098-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH W.S. DARLEY & CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GEAR DRYER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

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

City Manager Mallis: The City received a grant of approximately \$8,000 through the Bureau of Workers Compensation to purchase a mobile drying unit for the fire



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department. We identified a unit that is a mobile unit that we can wheel out and utilize for all of our turnout gear and all of our hoses only when needed. What that will allow us to do is that all of that can be dried quickly and safely. It'll minimize all shrinking and then get it back up to ensure the guys turn out. Gears are available, and hoses are available quickly. We did check for two other quotes. The two other providers have permanent units, which must be mounted and stationed in one location. We want to use the mobile unit because it's not always utilized. We can bring that out, utilize it, and put it back into storage. Overall, that grant award will cost the city just over \$1,100 to get this unit, which is over \$9,000.

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

- j. **ORDINANCE NO. 099-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 178.062, "NET PROFIT; INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX; ALTERNATIVE APPORTIONMENT", 178.094, "EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE", AND 178.10, "PENALTY, INTEREST, FEES, AND CHARGES" OF CHAPTER 178 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" FOR THE TAX YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury



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RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Mrs. Howland: House Bill 33 was passed in June of this year. As part of that House bill, we are now required to amend our reimbursable income tax code Section 178 to comply with Ohio's revised Code Section 718. And so that's what this is about. The significant changes affecting us will start in the tax year 2023. We can only charge a penalty of \$25 plural, whereas, in prior years, you're allowed to charge 25 per month up to \$150. It also provides an extra month for net profits to file an extension. So, instead of filing in October, they can file in November. And the other significant change is starting for the tax year 2023. We can no longer reach out to anyone who has already obtained an extension to let them know that they need to file by the filing deadline of April 15 because if they have an extension, they have until October 15. We're also not allowed to ask them if they have an extension. So, therefore, it's a little different. But are there significant changes we must implement by January 1, 2024.

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:	

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Helen Briggs, 149 Grand Blvd.: I just wanted to congratulate Steven and the entire Fleming family. I actually had no doubt that you'd be bringing back the gold. And I know this because



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I trained with Steven and with an instructor, Fleming, so I know what both of them are capable of. And I know I'm one of those young at heart students that stand here. So I'm one of the older ones that are there. And I just wanted to say it's, you know, you think that it's something that your kids sign up for. And I actually love the fact that I'm one of the older adults. I'm there, and I train with a lot of really young kids, too. So one of my sparring partners is a 13-year-old boy. And I figured, oh, he's got to love sparring with me. But he's we've actually become really good friends. It's a family environment. This is something that forms of p t together. It's if you walk through the door, you become a member of their family. And it's a wonderful place. It's a wonderful asset in our community. And really, it's I'm old, and I have two really bad knees, and I love every second. I just wanted to let you know that the reason why I started at Two Tigers is that I won a gift certificate from the Chocolate Walk. And I figured, sure, I'll just. I've never done anything like this. I'll give it a whirl. I'll see what happens two and a half years later. And I love every second of it. So it's something that I hope more people join, especially these days when you're in front of a computer all day or on your cell phone all day, or you drive from point A to point B, everyone's stationary. And this was something that I needed because I was way too stationary for too many hours a day. And I feel great. And I, you know, working with the Fleming family is just fantastic. So I just wanted to say congratulations again and thank you.

Jay Watson, 40 Berwyn: My general topic is public safety, more specifically, operating motor vehicles well within our borders. And I like to go about with examples of what I am seeing. People operate their vehicles in our city limits. Running red lights seems to be very common, and I'm very concerned about it. I have also seen many times that people have a disregard for school zones. I want to make sure the kids are safe, and a guy j st zoomed right on through it. They didn't have any regard, didn't even slow down, and the crossing guard was helping the kids cross the street. I also see where, within the city, people run the stop signs in neighborhoods with no regard. You hear that car revving up, and they keep flying through the stop signs. I don't have an answer for it. As I said, this is my concern for public safety. Well, I can say, though, that when I first came to Bedford, I saw a lot of police officers. Are police enforcing the school zone speed? I don't see, and there used to be a police officer frequently over there in Solon and Northfield in that garage area, watching people come across that bridge. I don't see a police officer with a catch those people coming across that bridge. My concern is that we got kids, and we all see to take it during school, and they walk, and they aren't paying attention to where they're going, crossing the intersection. They are hoping that



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someone is going to be considerate and not hit them. So there's a lot that I have concerns about in terms of public safety when it comes to motor vehicles at the borders of Bedford. I'm not trying to blame it on the police department. But I would venture to say no one on this panel can deny what I'm saying. So I'm going to sit down. I'm not expecting any response. I want to say I'm a citizen of this community, and this is something that troubles me.

Mayor Koci: I can tell you, we've all seen that. I know our police department is doing all they can, and they are a lot busier than they used to be. And they can't do some of this babysitting of the people. It's sad. And it's not just Bedford. It's every community you go in. I don't care where you're at. Atlanta, Georgia, is the number one city in the country for getting in a traffic accident because of the way they drive down there. What we have here is nothing like down there; it is horrible. And the police, we get these calls all the time. We talk about it all the time. The police are dealing with it daily. They're just busy. If we had more money in our budget, we'd hire more police officers.

City Manager Mallis: I think a lot of it is if you look at our calls of service, we are responding to significantly more calls today than 20 years ago. I think just from last year to this year, we're projected to respond to 1,100 plus calls for service than last year. When you're dealing with six officers or five officers, whatever that may be, on a shift, that many more calls of service. There isn't downtime. There's no downtime. We talk about our revenue, the number of tickets have increased and Council saw, all of those have gone up. I think parking complaints, overnight parking, those quality-of-life issues. I don't think we're going to double that from last year, but we're way over what we issued the year before. So, you know, your concerns are noted. I've seen it. I've seen some of that. You know, it's come up in our mayors and manager's discussions with all of the mayors from northeast Ohio. It's challenging. In a perfect world, we would have three more officers per shift. But with that being said, I have talked to the chief. I've talked with our lieutenants and sergeants. We're talking about what measures can be taken as far as just public safety in general; how do we utilize technology better? How do we use technology more? We talk about cameras; we talk about Flock cameras. We've installed 16 of those. If you were at the last council meeting I talked about, one of those once again caught a stolen vehicle out of Cleveland flying right through town. Our guys stopped them on Solon Road, made the arrest, and recovered the vehicle. They weren't from here. Not that that matters but, you know, it's technology like that that will help make an improvement. But I can tell you, there's no downtime. It's not like, you know, we can



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sit around and, you know, stick a guy in each ward and monitor. The calls for service has dramatically increased. And like I said, we're on pace for well over a thousand just in this year compared to last year.

Denis Lachowski, 745 Archer Road: I'm also a member of the Civil Service Commission in the city. So first, I'd like to offer thanks to Councilman Sanders and Councilman Gianaris for your service to the city. You've done a tough job. Thank you. Additionally, I would like to say that as a member of the Commission, the Civil Service Commission, we're going to have a vacancy on our commission. It's a position that gets filled with nominations from the council, and then decisions get made as to which replacement should be for our commission. So I would encourage the Council to act quickly and swiftly to consider people to be nominated and considered for the opening that's going to occur. We've got important work ahead of us in this coming year on the Commission, and it would be good to have a full team to work with from the get-go at the start of the year right now. In the vein of I'd like to pick up a theme from Councilman Smith in terms of engaging the youth in our community, but also having diversity in representative representation so that the Commission truly represents the breadth of the community. I would ask the Council to consider, you know what? Right now, we've got representation from most wards, but we don't have any representation from Ward One or Ward Five currently on the Commission. We don't have anyone younger than 55 on the Commission. And in terms of persons of color. Right now, that's the one person who's going to be moving into a position on council. So, I ask you that in terms of representing our community and finding people who are going to work together on the commission, that is going to have a role to play in terms of who we're hiring for our safety forces. I encourage you to act swiftly and considerately for our community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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



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NAYS:

ABSTAIN:


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

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