

City of Bedford

City Council Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Ryan Griffith

Pledge of Allegiance: Penny May

Call to Order: Mayor Samuel J. Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a *Regular* City Council Meeting on May 15, 2023, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center. Honorable Mayor Samuel J. Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

- Judy Carlisle
- Larry Hardman
- Dan Bortner
- Brad Bough
- Ryan Griffith
- Penny May

Members in absent:

- Angel Hawkins

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

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- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the minutes,
- Ryan Griffin seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed***

New Business:

1. Request Approval and Acceptance of SB-1 Real Estate Improvement Property Tax Abatement For Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation-Development of Limestone Edge L.P. 32-Unit Senior Housing; and Approval of Resolution 2-2023-approving and Establishing Deduction for Real Estate Property Tax Abatement- Mayor Sam Craig, Brandon Woodward, Chuck Heintzelman (Milestone Ventures), Natalie Powell (Hoosier Uplands)

- Mr. Heintzelman has been the consultant for Hoosier Uplands for many of their other projects.
- Limestone Edge LP was formed last week, and they are asking for an abatement at a flat 75% for 10 years.
- Limestone Edge LP is a for profit entity. Hoosier Uplands also partners with the developers of Shawnee Apartments, Stalker Apartments and Stonecutters Place. All pay property taxes.
- They will be applying for State of Indiana Housing Authority tax credits in the amount of 12 million dollars and the credits are usually purchased by a bank. This requires the purchaser to be a part of the project for 15 years.
- The city is required to make a \$25,000 off-site improvement investment. Sidewalks or streetlights are being considered. This helps in the scoring process for the tax credits.
- Planned are 16 one story duplexes with 32units. A community building and playground is also planned.
- Hoosier Uplands solicits bids from contractors within southern Indiana.
- They have already received calls to be on the waiting list for the units.
- The 15% annual fee will be designated to go to Bedford Redevelopment

- Dan Bortner made the motion to approve the SB-1 as requested,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor, No One Opposed, Motion to Approved***

2. Ordinance 11-2023-Amending part of Chapter 77-Section 1 Parking Schedule I(A)- Parking Prohimited-400 and 500 Block of 22nd Street-Both sides of Street-For Vehicles Traveling East and West-Chief Terry Moore.

- At the April 11th Plan Commission meeting concerned citizens approached wanting restricted parking along the road.
- The roadway is supposed to be 20 feet, but this road is 14 feet.
- Residents on the road have driveways.

- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the first passage for Ordinance 11-2023
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- Judy Carlisle made the motion for the second passage for Ordinance 11-2023,
- Penny May seconded the motion,
- *Third and Final Passage for Ordinance 11-2023 will be Presented at the June 20, 2023, Meeting*

3. Ordinance 12-2023-Amending §155.019 Accessory Uses of The Bedford City Code-Fence - Brandon Woodward

- The city has had some issues when residents call and ask about fence ordinances.
- The regulations are listed in several areas of ordinances. The passage of one ordinance will all of the regulations would simplify the issue.
- A discussion was had over fencing with barbed wire. Barbed wire is not allowed without a variance approval from the Zoning Board or is grandfathered in due to age of fencing.
- A discussion was had over fencing and property lines. A survey is recommended when building a fence, but a fence can be built on or inside property lines. If it is built outside of the property lines, the owner could be forced to move the fence.

- Dan Bortner made the motion to approve the first passage for Ordinance 12-2023
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- Brad Bough made the motion for the second passage for Ordinance 12-2023,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *Third and Final Passage for Ordinance 12-2023 will be Presented at the June 20, 2023, Meeting*

4. Resolution 3-2023-Authorizing City of Bedford Clerk-Treasurer to Deposit, Invest and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories-Billie Tumey

- Requesting passage of an updated resolution due to the age of the previous investing resolution.
- Judy Carlisle made the motion to approve Resolution 3-2023,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All Votes in Favor, No One Opposed, Motion of Passage for Resolution 3-2023 Approved.*

5. Ordinance 13-2023-Amending §33.31(Procedures for Filling Vacancies) of The City of Bedford Code)-Denise Henderson

- The current ordinance provides for a two-week in-house posting of open positions in the city. The issue is we have to wait two weeks to start the process of hiring if no current employees apply. That would part be removed.
 - Current employees would still be given preference if they have the qualifications for the open position but allows HR to review applications on file to eliminate a delay.
 - #4 is removed from the current ordinance that states the city can do background check prior interview.
 - Added “the Department Head may fill said open position by promotion or transfer from within the affected department with approval from the Director of Administrative Service”.
- Brad Bough made the motion to approve the first passage for Ordinance 13-2023
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- Dan Bortner made the motion for the second passage for Ordinance 13-2023,
- Penny May seconded the motion,
- *Third and Final Passage for Ordinance 13-2023 will be Presented at the June 20, 2023, Meeting*

6. Discussion

- Larry Hardman asked about when the new budget information would be available. The City is beginning to prepare for next year’s budget and is waiting for Insurance information.
- The new police station’s A/C units have been delayed until August.
- A Job Fair is being held on Wednesday at Stonegate. The City of Bedford will have a booth. There are several job opportunities within the city: the Utility Department, Parks Department, Police Department, Fire Department all have positions available.

7. Adjourn

- ❖ Larry Hardman made the motion to adjourn,
- ❖ Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- ❖ *All votes were in favor, No one Opposed, Passed, Meeting Adjourned*

Bedford City Council 2023

- *Judy Carlisle, President* _____
- *Penny May* _____
- *Ryan Griffith* _____
- *Angel Hawkins* _____
- *Dan Bortner* _____
- *Larry Hardman* _____
- *Brad Bough* _____

Attest: Billie Tumeey
Clerk-Treasurer
