

**COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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**• BUDGET HEARINGS**

- 6:00 P.M. SERVICE DEPARTMENT**
- 7:00 P.M. BUILDING DEPARTMENT & MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:13 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Donald Saunders, Greg Pozar. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Service Director Clint Bellar, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly and Law Director John Montello.

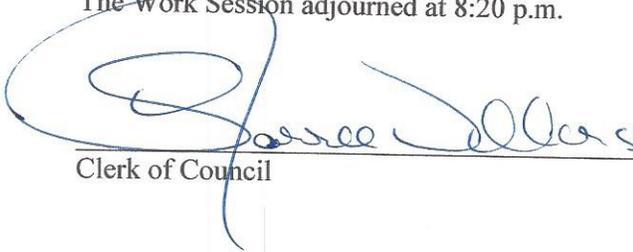
### Service Department

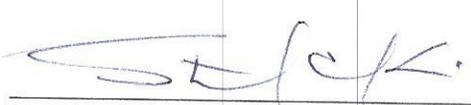
Mr. Mallis and Mr. Bellar explained the Service Department was physically in the field the most and had been hit the hardest in the past years; the department continued to be understaffed by seven employees. The cut-back and prioritizing of City services had been a great help to allow scheduling for other projects some of which were seasonal. The sewer and water infrastructure was old and crumbling which was a major concern. The 2017 Issue II monies were already being slated for much needed water and sewer repair projects. The City was fortunate to have Rick Soltis as the new WWTP Superintendent; he was very gifted in rebuilding pumps/equipment, very knowledgeable and basically over qualified; he had a degree in micro biology. Mr. Soltis could go elsewhere making six figures easily. Shawn Francis, Public Works Superintendent, applied for a grant for trench box training; continuing education and safety was needed. Discussion was held of the pros and cons of storing salt and a possible location of a salt shed and equipment. Mayor Koci noticed the Service Department was \$300,000 under budget from 2016. It was determined the 25 year old rubber roof on the Service Garage needed to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$117,000. It was determined the overall cost for hospitalization was for 18 employees for the entire Service Department. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions for Mr. Bellar who satisfied their concerns. Mr. Bellar thanked Council for their support. Council thanked Mr. Bellar for his dedication.

### Building Department

Mr. Mallis explained the new floater receptionist/office clerk would be trained to assist the Building and Water Departments as needed. The recent lawsuit addressing the POS inspections also freed up some time for the Inspectors so the inspections were getting caught up. The day to day operations for the Building Department could be extremely tasking and tough at times. The department was given kudos for maintaining the housing stock, dealing with contractor registrations and enforcement of City and State Codes. The grass cutting notices had improved and some of the deplorable homes were being razed after many years. The Building Department and Fire Department were working well together in addressing issues. It was determined the fees needed to be reviewed for possible increases; some of the fees didn't cover the administrative costs. The Planning Commission members were getting paid a \$35 stipend; however, the City did not charge the applicants any fees. Discussion was held regarding the Facility Services Administrator and Tony Romito's Chevy Blazer was in deplorable shape. The snow plow could be transferred to Mr. Bellar's Chevy Blazer easily to save money; the City could get another five years out of the vehicle and with that being said, Mr. Bellar would receive a new vehicle. Council reviewed the budget with only a few questions for Mr. Beverly who satisfied their concerns. Mr. Beverly thanked Council for their support.

The Work Session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council