

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

**6:30 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 9177-14** – (Tabled 5/5/14, 5/19/14)  
(Registration of Contractors) – Beverly
  
- **DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 9178-14** – (Tabled 5/5/14, 5/19/14)  
(Permits, Bond, Deposits and Fees) - Beverly
  
- **DISCUSSION OF LINEWEAVER FINANCIAL GROUP**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF BROADWAY & MITCHELL PROPERTY DONATION**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF SEWER RATE INCREASE OF 10%** - Gambosi
  
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personnel/Economic Development

Bedford, Ohio

June 16, 2014

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders, Sandy Spinks. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly, Police Sergeant Mike Stask. Absent: None.

#### **DISCUSSION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Mayor Koci said Sergeant Stask was present this evening so he could participate in the discussion concerning the unruly children at the Interstate Park. There were approximately 40 unruly children gathering at the park all hours of the day and night and causing problems on a daily basis. Many residents were very upset of the ongoing unacceptable behavior that continued for the past several years. The problem was most times the children ran when they saw an Officer pull up plus the children couldn't be arrested for "gathering". It's not that the Police Officers weren't willing to address some of the issues but they actually couldn't do anything about some of the complaints the Department had received. It was about the Quality of Life in Bedford, the neighborhood was deteriorating, and some of the residents feared for their lives and were very disappointed something hadn't been done regarding the behavior. Discussion was held that the City Administration and Council should meet with the landlords but the concern was whether the landlords would even show; there were 650-700 rental units in the City. Mr. Mallis reminded everyone that Bedford was known as a cheap place to do rental business so addressing the Building Department fees was just a portion of what needed to be addressed.

Mr. Pozar talked about how society had changed and the children needed to be sent a message. The residents needed to form a neighborhood watch. There were several problems that needed to be addressed and there wasn't a quick easy answer; this was going to take time and involve several departments. Sergeant Stask said even when some of these children were arrested their own parents wouldn't even pick them up at the Police Station after they had spent their six hours in jail. Sometimes when an Officer was dispatched to the park, the Officer couldn't arrest anyone because the children were not causing any problems; there was just a large group gathered. Discussion of having an Auxiliary Officer drive through the area for a presence was an option in an attempt to control the ongoing problems. It was understood there were times Officers could not respond to the park because of other problems or arrests happening throughout the City. Mr. Mallis made it clear the Police Department was prepared to deal with this issue but the problem was being able to. This issue was in the process of being addressed on several different levels. Council thanked Sergeant Stask for his time and he returned to duty.

At 6:59 p.m., Council and the Administration recessed to conduct the Public Hearing for the Tax Budget scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

At 7:05 p.m., Council and the Administration reconvened the Work Session.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of May 19, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014.

**Discussion of Agenda****DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 9177-14** – (Tabled 5/5/14, 5/19/14)

Ordinance No. 9177-14 was an ordinance amending the section of Bedford Codified Ordinances regarding the registration of contractors. This ordinance was tabled on May 5, 2014 and May 19, 2014. The changes requested were as follows from the May 19, 2014 Work Session discussion: Evidence that the applicant was licensed by the State of Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board, Registration renewal period reduced from 60 days to 45 days, Verbiage changes to the homeowner's exception, a homeowner doing their own work must submit a notarized affidavit and performance bond requirement increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. It was determined this Ordinance still needed additional discussion in July. Council considered the cost of a performance bond be amended to \$15,000. Mr. Beverly again explained that bonds were issued to a municipality for a calendar year, not by job, and this was the practice of the bonding/insurance industry. There was discussion whether it could be pro-rated. Again, Council decided to table this ordinance this evening.

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 9178-14** – (Tabled 5/5/14, 5/19/14)

Ordinance No. 9178-14 amends the fee schedule for permits and inspections. This ordinance was tabled on May 5, 2014 and May 19, 2014. Mr. Beverly reviewed our permit fees and compared them to those of other municipalities. Although increases were being requested, these fees would still be less than other surrounding cities. The fees have not been increased in seven (7) years and the cost of doing business in the Building Department keeps rising. It was determined this ordinance would be read as a first reading this evening.

Resolution No. 2479-14 was to approve and accept the proposed 2014 tax budget for year 2015. This resolution was read on first reading May 5, 2014 and second reading May 19, 2014. The Public Hearing was scheduled for June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the Resolution would be passed this evening for certification by the Clerk on June 17, 2014.

Ordinance No. 9183-14 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Apex Construction. Mr. Mallis explained the items that were cut out of the project in order to make the project more feasible. It was determined the City wasn't going to spend the money just because they had it. It was determined the project would have to be rebid because the bids were just too high. Council agreed to fail this ordinance this evening.

Ordinance No. 9184-14 amended Chapter 911.04 "Director to Control Meter Reading Dates and Bill Payment" as requested by Service Director Mr. Bellar. This would allow the Water Billing Clerks to mail the water bill to the renter along with the property owner/landlord. The landlord would have to fill out a form to initiate the double bill knowing there was an additional \$2.00 fee. There was discussion that maybe the fee could be made mandatory instead of doing the mailing process and additional paperwork. Council would table this ordinance this evening for further information.

Resolution No. 2482-14 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Integrys. Mr. Mallis explained NOPEC rates were for the smaller consumers, mainly residents, and Integrys was for the larger 7-8 consumers throughout the City. This was a 12 month contract for the larger consumers.

The motion to certify that Michelle Hollo successfully completed the Ohio Auditor of State's Office Public Records Training on May 23, 2014 was an annual action taken by an employee of the City. It was determined Mr. Montello would amend the motion slightly at the Regular Meeting for clarification.

At 7:59 p.m., Council and the Administration recessed to conduct the Regular Meeting scheduled at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Work Session would resume after the Regular Meeting.

At 10:08 p.m., Council and the Administration reconvened the Work Session.

**DISCUSSION OF LINEWEAVER FINANCIAL GROUP**

Mr. Mallis explained Chief Nietert had requested Lineweaver Financial Group in addition to Ohio Deferred Compensation and FNA Financial. It was determined this topic needed additional discussion.

**DISCUSSION OF BROADWAY & MITCHELL PROPERTY DONATION**

The property owner at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Mitchell Street had passed away and the children wanted to sell this lot to the City if the Administration and Council were willing to pay for the costs involved in filing the paperwork and the back taxes owed on the property. It was determined this topic needed additional discussion at the July meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF SEWER RATE INCREASE OF 10%**

Mr. Gambosi had previously discussed a 10% sewer rate increase in order to keep the fund healthy. This issue would be before Council in legislation form in July. It was determined the increase needed to be 15% not 10%. Mr. Gambosi would recheck his calculations.

At 10:12 p.m., Bedford City Council and Administration went into an executive session to discuss Economic Development and Personnel.

Executive Session adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



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Clerk of Council



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Mayor - President of Council

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 19, 2014
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014
  
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9177-14, amending Chapter 1303 of the Bedford Codified Ordinances entitled "Registration of Contractors" (Tabled 5/5/14 - 5/19/14)
  - b. Ordinance No. 9178-14, amending Chapter 1305 of the Bedford Codified Ordinances entitled "Permits, Bond, Deposits and Fees" (Tabled 5/5/14 - 5/19/14)
  - c. Resolution No. 2479-14, approving and accepting the proposed 2014 tax budget for the year 2015
  
6. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
  
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9183-14 authorizing City Manager to enter into a contract w/Apex Construction
  - b. Ordinance No. 9184-14 amending Chapter 911.04 "Director to Control Meter Reading Dates and Bill Payment"
  - c. Resolution No. 2482-14 authorizing City Manager to enter into a contract w/Integrays
  - d. Motion to certify that Michelle Hollo successfully completed the Ohio Auditor of State's Office Public Records Training on May 23, 2014
  
8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
  
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council minutes and Agenda posted at [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov))

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 16, 2014. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:01 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Absent: None.

Motion made by Pozar and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of May 19, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Abstain: Spinks. Motion carried.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Abstain: Spinks. Motion carried.

Mayor Koci noted the following Ordinance No. 9177-14 would remain tabled:

ORDINANCE NO. 9177-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1303.02, 1303.04 (a), 1303.07 AND 1303.08 (a) OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS” TABLED ON MAY 5, 2014 AND MAY 19, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

ORDINANCE NO. 9178-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305.16 OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “PERMITS, BONDS, DEPOSITS AND FEES” TABLED ON MAY 5, 2014 AND MAY 19, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9178-14** on first reading.

Mayor Koci explained since the Building Department fees were going to be increased he wanted to read this Ordinance three times to allow resident participation. Mr. Pozar said since Council was addressing property maintenance issues he recommended the 150% requirement for people who were renovating homes in Bedford be revisited by the Building Commissioner. He thought the 150% was well intended but counterproductive; it could be a detriment to the resident. He thought it was “hand in glove” with the Building Department fees. Mayor Koci said that was not part of this ordinance but it would be considered.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2479-14, BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2014 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 PLACED ON FIRST READING MAY 5, 2014 AND SECOND READING ON MAY 19, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to place Resolution No. **2479-14** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the Tax Budget was the first step in next year's budget. It allowed Cuyahoga County to set the property tax, allowed Bedford to receive the undivided local government tax funds and allowed the County Auditor to provide Bedford with a Certificate of Estimated Resources, which limited the amount of money Council can appropriate for the next year. Resolution No. 2479-14 was for the year 2015. The Public Hearing was held on June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Saunders asked if any taxes were being increased. Mr. Gambosi replied, no.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Michael Mallis explained the Broadway Avenue waterline project would be completed before schedule by July 4, 2014. The City would start its annual hydrant flushing. He congratulated the Rotary Club, Historical Society and the Bedford Garden Club on their recent successful events. Mr. Mallis announced the business portion/assets of Ben Venue was sold to Hikma but Westward Pharmaceuticals was the United States operation. There were no guarantees of anything at this point; everything was in the beginning stages. The City Administration, City Council, State Representatives, Jobs Ohio and Representatives from Washington, DC were willing to support this very important transition. Information was positive but the City was not out of the woods. Two of the buildings were in very good shape; however, two of the other buildings needed a little work to bring them up to spec. Mr. Mallis was proud to honor Ed Romito, owner of Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, for his 50 years as a Funeral Director here in Bedford and the School Board and Sherman Micsak for being voted in the Top Work Places in Northeast Ohio.

No report from Assistant Law Director John Montello.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained the Finance Department was working on the CAFR. He was looking forward to receiving the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive award.

Councilwoman Spinks assured the raccoon problem was still being addressed. She appreciated the efforts the Building Department was doing regarding the grass cutting issues. She stressed the speeding issue on Grand Boulevard over the past seven years after the recent hit and run. Large speeding signs were installed in an attempt to reduce the speeding problem. Mr. Mallis and Mayor Koci met with her and the local churches to organize a "Day of City Service" on August 2, 2014 to clean up around Bedford as a group. Mrs. Spinks mentioned the unprivileged children's basketball camp that was still in process of organizing in hopes to teach good sportsmanship, respect, dealing with anger, being prideful of themselves and so on.

Councilman Genutis liked the idea of volunteering for the betterment of the City. He mentioned the contractor at his home got his lunch eaten by a raccoon.

Councilwoman Zolata was very pleased with the recent events. She appreciated the efforts made by the staff regarding the grass cutting complaints. She appreciated everything the Police Department did for the residents; their presence was greatly appreciated for various issues. She commended the fast action regarding a speeder in her Ward and was relieved the Broadway Avenue waterline project was coming to an end. Mrs. Zolata gave "kudos" to the recent Bedford Garden Club's event. She asked if the Animal Wardens checked to see if the resident had the proper vicious dog insurance. Mr. Mallis said if the City received a call, then the City would know there was an issue. She had concerns about the Meals on Wheels business in Maple Heights. The fund raiser was June 22, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Chris's Restaurant on Broadway Avenue also had a basket raffle in hopes to support the cause.

Councilwoman Mizesak heard there was over 6,000+ visitors for the recent Strawberry Festival. She was pleased with the efforts being made in maintaining the old Taylor Chair property. Mr. Mallis explained the City was in no rush to make a decision regarding this property. Mrs. Mizesak inquired about citywide tree trimming schedule. Mr. Mallis said he would provide Council members again with the list and areas being addressed. Mrs. Mizesak said a neighbor on Grandmere Boulevard was successful in trapping four raccoons; one which was spray painted to see if it would return to the same location or the proper measures were taken in dealing with the baby raccoons.

Councilman Pozar referred to the previous discussion with a Police Officer this evening. The City understood the frustrations a lot of people were experiencing regarding speeders, noise levels and so on. He concluded the "times have changed" for those under the age of 30 years old. He urged everyone to be the Eyes & Ears of the City to protect their investments. The Building Commissioner was amending some of the areas in the Codified Ordinances to maintain a quality of Bedford. He wanted to employ the residents to report occupancy violations especially on the rental homes or any home on their streets; it can't hurt to make an effort. He hoped the City was addressing the Powers Road pump station situation.

Councilman Saunders said the Service Department crew was seen cutting the grass and weeds at the old Taylor Chair property; so it was being addressed. Also, the citywide tree trimming was happening throughout the City because they had been in his neighborhood. He was happy to announce AT&T finally fixed the phone problems in his neighborhood after several months; however, there were other areas in the City that needed addressed; the half telephone poles still needed to be removed in conjunction with working with Time Warner. He wondered if the Administration was taking precautions regarding the Ellenwood swimming pool since Maple Heights announced their financial problems and their pool would not be open for their residents. Per the newspapers, Maple Heights would be in a fiscal emergency by August 2014. Mr. Saunders was pleased with the repaving of Union Street and Broadway Avenue. He hoped the contractor paid for the repaving since they used it as a staging area. He, too, was pleased with the recent events on the City Square but felt the sales were not as good as last year; he felt it was because of Macedonia rescheduling one of its weekend events. He pointed out the numerous amounts of trains that passed through Bedford over the past weekend. Mr. Mallis explained the ongoing issues regarding this; he had not followed up since the fall of 2013 with the concerns the safety forces expressed. This was not a dead issue but it could be addressed again. The main issue for Bedford was it was the only City that had two (2) railroad tracks in the City; surrounding cities had only one track. It was important not to jeopardize safety force emergency response time.

Mayor Koci urged everyone to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; he noted the City would not have fireworks again this year. He announced Virginia Marti College of Art Design (VMC) was very excited of becoming a corporate citizen of Bedford and they were considering the Doty Miller building on Broadway Avenue; this was a huge plus for Bedford. The Director of Education was already working on a ten (10) year plan and the paperwork had not been signed. Virginia Marti College representatives would be working with the business owners and the school district in art design. One of the college VMC graduates designs was worn at the Academy Awards Ceremony by two actresses on the Red Carpet; in the design field that was huge. He, too, congratulated the School Board on their award.

ORDINANCE NO. 9183-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH APEX CONSTRUCTUION & MANAGEMENT, INC. BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Koci stated the bids that were submitted were at twice the cost of the project. This project would be rebid at a later date.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9183-14** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: None. Nays: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Motion failed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9184-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 911.04 ENTITLED “DIRECTOR TO CONTROL METER READING DATES AND BILL PAYMENT” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Koci announced this Ordinance would be tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 2482-14, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL POWER WITH INTEGRYS ENERGY SERVICES, INC. (“INTEGRYS”), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to place Resolution No. **2482-14** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis said the City’s residents were contracted with NOPEC for energy rates; however, the 7-8 larger consumers had to contract with Integrity’s for energy rates. This increase was because of the polar vortex (extreme cold weather) this past winter.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci noted there was a slight amendment to the motion.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to certify Michelle Hollo as the City designee who successfully completed the Ohio Auditor of State’s Office Public Records Training on May 23, 2014.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Susan Bordeaux, 42 Greencroft, has lived in Bedford since 1977. She felt the auto dealership had been in violation since the property was purchased. She thought Mr. Mallis was not honest with her recently because the grass had not been addressed correctly in her view plus he accused her of complaining. Mr. Mallis clarified he was only relaying the other side of the story to her when he had recently spoken to her. Ms. Bordeaux stated she had been maintaining the dealership's property near her home for the past 17 years.

She spoke about the situation she had concerning the bushes and the replacement trees that destroyed her drive. The dealership refused to fix her drive, however, they removed every tree. She said she had problems numerous times with the dealership previously piling/mounding used tires near the property line. Ms. Bordeaux was unhappy with the lack of privacy the fence had to offer. She added there were three (3) other residents that had called to complain about the dealership as well; she really didn't have time to make numerous calls to the City because of her overwhelming work schedules over many years. She understood that the project was on hold; however, construction was continuing. Mr. Mallis said the dealership was aware their rezoning request could be denied by the Planning Commission and Council in the upcoming meetings. She told a story about the dealership using her water while she was at work which she did not appreciate. She felt the Mazda Dealership lied to Mr. Mallis. Ms. Bordeaux begged Council to deny the rezoning request.

Tammy Ersek, 33 Charles Street, talked about the rude unruly children that live at 54 Charles Street. Several neighbors have complained for several months and nothing was being done about it. The vulgar language, graffiti, disrespect, noise, ignorance, disorderly conduct and drug deals that continued from these children was unacceptable. She said the Police Department wasn't being aggressive enough to control these children or the situation. She felt the Police Dispatchers were not taking their calls seriously enough so nothing was being done. There were 30-40 children acting up continuously; some of the children had made threats of vandalizing her yard. Ms. Ersek made it very clear if these children jumped her bushes to vandalize her yard their options to be faced with were: 1) punjsticks, 2) buckshot or 3) the police. She was tired of the ongoing behavior and nothing being done about it. Interstate Park was not a nice park to visit nor could it be used for other children to play.

Jessica Roch, 56 Justin Street, lived in this home for 12 years. She said every night around 7:00 p.m. she heard vulgar language and she was sick of this behavior. She was tired of picking up these children's trash and having to tolerate the vandalism. She thought a fence should be installed completely around the park so these children could not run from the Police Officers when they showed. This behavior had been going on for four (4) years, she has had enough and she felt Bedford was not a good place to live anymore. She felt these children needed to be respectful regardless of their age. She had encountered a situation with an 18 year old male and told him he was going to be responsible for the younger children if the Police was called. There was a situation between her husband and one of the younger female children that lead to her calling her husband a slang word and this female child threatened to punch him. The child was wrestled to the ground four times by other children in order to control her. She was very tired of dealing with this ongoing unacceptable behavior. These children were also coming from several homes in the immediate area. She invited Council and the Administration to her home to witness these children's behavior. She stated it was not a black or white issue; it was a society problem.

Carol Martel, 184 Paul Street, feared for her life and her children's lives in her own home. These rude children were walking in the street. The driver of the silver BMW was not only speeding but he did not stop at the stop signs. She stopped him herself for a somewhat pleasant chat but two days later he was right back speeding and not stopping at the stop sign. She was going to start writing down license numbers. She thought some of these children lived in Oakwood Village. There were acts of vandalism in the neighborhood recently.

Mr. Mallis assured everyone the Administration, Council members, Police Officers and the Police Chief were all aware of the numerous problems in this area. He explained the system was broke; legally the

Police Department could only hold the minor for six hours and when the parents were called, they refused to pick up their own child. The Police Department made the proper calls to the appropriate organizations to start the process of dealing with these unruly children and family behavior. The Administration was addressing several different ways to deal with these types of issues from Building Department fees for rentals, Criminal Nuisance call assessments to available programs or organizations to deal with these types of families. It was a fact the landlord did not care "who" or "what type" of family they were renting to as long as they received their rent money.

Diane Coleman, 63 Justin Street, lived in Bedford for 26 years. She suggested a privacy type fence be installed surrounding the entire park because these children were jumping her fence. Her family received threats from these children that they better watch when they sleep plus a ball had been thrown at their window. She suggested the park be completely fenced or torn down.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles Street, apologized to her neighbors for all the commotion; she was sad to hear the problems. She had also witnessed some of the unruly behavior of these children. She agreed the system was broken so she suggested the Police Department, schools and the community leaders' work together on dealing with these types of problems; she volunteered her time. She felt it was important to educate all the new residents on how the Administration and the vested residents expected them to conduct themselves Mrs. Zolata explained the City previously had this type of group and it had accomplished a lot of good things. She said young adults were also casing homes during the night to see if someone was home. Her neighbor pulled his gun the other night and because of his laser light shining on her house, the three cars left the area. She felt the entire City needed to pull it together, the situation was not going to change; it was only going to get worse. She wished the Police Officers visited the City Parks just for their presence.

Ms. Future referred to Mr. Pozar's comment earlier regarding Ordinance No. 9178-14. It was determined the Administration would visit her home so she could show them her situation. She said she would not buy another double home in the City of Bedford because of the way she had been treated. She was upset of the way the City billed for water and felt it was unfair. Mrs. Zolata assured her this issue had been addressed several times. Mayor Koci said Council would hold a neighborhood meeting to address their issues. It wasn't that the Police Department wasn't willing to do the drive by checks in this area but rather sometimes it was not feasible.

Mr. Pozar directed Clerk Villers to submit a copy of these minutes to Police Chief Nietert. He felt what needed to be done was a "strong male presence" to stand up to these young thugs. Government cannot be the solution in every case; this had to be addressed at the neighborhood level. The Police Department needed to know the addresses of these problem children. He felt this unruly disrespectful unacceptable behavior should be considered a "cancer" and it needed addressed. He supported the idea of a fence being installed. Mayor Koci felt all the options needed special attention. Mrs. Roch explained her and her husband had interjected and was told by a Police Officer they could not confront these children because they were minors and they were taking a chance of being arrested. The Roch family has waited two (2) years since they were told not to interject and this problem has still not been addressed by the Police Department. Mr. Pozar explained it was the responsibility of the City Manager to address what child gets banned in situations like this; not the Police Department so the City Manager needed a list of names. Mrs. Roch said she would not "stand down" from these kids. She addressed these children instead of her husband because it is looked at differently if a woman was hit instead of an adult grown man. She felt if a woman was assaulted the issue would be handled differently. Mrs. Zolata requested a wooden fence in place of the blue ugly fence that former City Manager Robert Reid had installed.

Mayor Koci reiterated mainly to Mrs. Roch that the City understood the situation and would start addressing it. This issue was not being taken lightly.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson Avenue, reported homes in her area had been egged and air let out of the tires. There was a situation where a door had been attempted to be kicked open; the Police Department was called and the response from the Police Department was "they don't care". She said there was a bad perception; she requested a slow ride through the neighborhood between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. She did not want to give any addresses because they were her neighbors. She felt since Oaths were taken by the

Police Department, Ordinances, ORC and the Charter were in place they needed to be followed. If not, then Council had a recall to do something to these Officers/Dispatchers. She felt if the Dispatchers responded unprofessionally to a caller then that Dispatcher needed to be fired. She stressed the laws needed to be enforced.

Joyce Daunch, 86 Harriman Street, said the Bedford Garden Tour was very nice. She thanked all of those who worked very hard on the committee. The next FriDates was June 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

Jean Sapir, Southeast Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Road, listed several events happening at the Library.

Barbara McDaniel, 186 Center Road, reported a bad pothole near the Post Office on Willis Street. She noticed the streetlights were not as bright as usual and they were not effective.

Mayor Koci announced a ten minute break for Council and then the Work Session would resume.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.



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Mayor – President of Council

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**DATE: June 16, 2014**

**AGENDA**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution No. 2479-14

approving and accepting the proposed 2014 Tax Budget for  
the year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bedford, Ohio

June 16, 2014

Mayor Koci called the **Public Hearing** to order at 7:00 P.M. The roll was called. Present: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Absent: None.

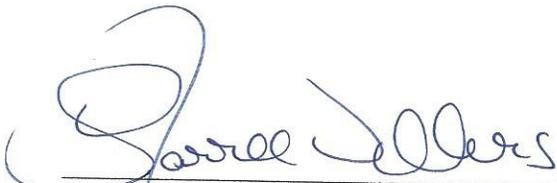
RESOLUTION NO. 2479-14, BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED **2014 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015** AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Mr. Gambosi said the tax budget allowed the County Auditor to set the property tax rate for next year which would be 21.7 mills the same as the year before. It also allowed the City to receive local government funds and it allowed the County Auditor to provide the City with a Certificate of Estimated Resources which limits the amount of money Council can appropriate for the next year. The tax budget did not appropriate any money for the coming year. There are three reasons for this budget process: 1) County Auditor sets the property tax for the following year and currently Bedford was at 21.7 mils as it had been in the past since the levy passed, 2) it allowed the City to receive local government funds even though they were reduced, and 3) it allowed the County Auditor to provide the City with a certificate of estimated resources. This did not appropriate any money for spending but it gave a rough estimate of where the County was going to value Bedford and where the City thought it could be based on the revenues and expenses. He said this was the beginning of the budgetary process.

Mr. Gambosi requested this Resolution be passed this evening. Council had no questions. There was nobody present in the audience.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council