

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

November 18, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Larry Hardman

Pledge of Allegiance: Judy Carlisle

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on November 18, 2025, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center.

Live Streaming VIA Facebook: www.facebook.com/Bedford.in.gov

VIA YOUTUBE: [https://www.youtube.com/@City of Bedford-812/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofBedford-812/streams)

Mayor Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

- Judy Carlisle
- Ryan Griffith
- Kathy Blackburn
- Brad Bough
- Larry Hardman
- Heath Hawkins

Members absent:

- Craig Turpen

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

October 21, 2025 – Public Hearing And Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

1. Third & Final Passage of Ordinance 21-2025-Amending Animal Ordinance-Chapter 21-Animals-Sections 91.01-01.07

- Brad Bough made the motion to approve the Third and Final passage of Ordinance 21-2025.
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 21-2025, All votes in favor of motion, no one opposed, passed.*

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91: ANIMALS (§ 91.01 - § 91.07)
OF THE BEDFORD CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford as follows:

Section I. That Bedford City Code *Chapter 91: Animals, Sections § 91.01 through § 91.07*, shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

§ 91.01-Definitions shall be amended to add the following language:

- AT LARGE. Off the premises or property of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family who is not less than 18 years of age, either by leash, cord, or chain; or by confinement inside a travel crate or carrying case; or by confinement inside a conveyance for travel, such as an automobile, other motor vehicle, or train. All animals, except cats which have been neutered or spayed and are wearing identification or are ear tipped or tattooed in the case of community cats, shall be kept under restraint.
- COLONY. Means one or more community cats, whether managed or unmanaged.
- COLONY CARETAKER. Means a person who provides food, water and/or shelter for community cats in a managed colony. Colony caretakers shall not be deemed to own or harbor said cats.
- COMMUNITY CAT. Any free-roaming cat that may be cared for by one or more residents of the immediate area that is known or unknown; a community cat may or may not be a feral cat. Community cats shall be distinguished from other cats by being sterilized and ear tipped. Community cats may be part of a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program.
- EARTIP. Means a mark identifying a feral or stray cat as having been sterilized, specifically the removal of one-quarter inch off the tip of the cat's left ear in a straight line cut while the cat is anesthetized.
- FERAL CAT. Means a cat that is not socialized to people and typically avoids contact with humans.
- FREE-ROAMING CAT. Means a cat that is at large that does not possess any identification tag or microchip nor has been ear tipped to indicate it is a community cat.

- HARBORING. Means the actions of any person that permits any animal habitually to remain or lodge or to be fed within his or her home, store, enclosure, yard or place of business or any premises on which such person resides or controls. An animal shall be presumed harbored if it is fed or sheltered for three consecutive days.
- MANAGED COLONY. Means a colony of community cats that is registered with the city of Bedford animal care and control.
- TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN or TNR. Means a nonlethal approach to community cat population control where community cats are humanely trapped, altered, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and then returned to the location where they were originally trapped.

§ 91.02 *Running at Large Prohibited* shall be amended to add the following language:

- No person, being the owner of any animal or fowl, or harboring or having charge or control of any animal or fowl, shall permit the animal or fowl to run at large in any street, lane, alley, market place, or public ground of the city; or permit the animal or fowl to go upon or enter any private yard, lot, or enclosure, without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure. This section does not apply to community cats which belong to a managed colony.

§ 91.06 *Licensing* shall be amended to add the following:

- (E) Exemptions: Community cats are not required to be licensed.

§ 91.07 *Animal Care* shall be amended to add the following:

- (G) Trap-neuter-return (TNR) shall be permitted within the City of Bedford.

All the rest of this ordinance shall remain the same unless specifically modified herein.

Section II. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval by the Mayor and proper publication as required by Indiana law.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 18 day of November
2025.

Judy Carlisle
Presiding Officer

This ordinance is approved and signed by me this 18 day of November
2025.

Samuel J. Craig
Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Billie Tumey
Billie Tumey, Clerk-Treasurer

2. Third & Final Passage-Ordinance 22-2025-Establishing Rates And Charges-Amending Water Rates

- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the Third and Final passage of Ordinance 22-2025,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 2025, All votes in favor of motion, no one opposed, passed.*

ORDINANCE NO. 22 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICE RENDERED BY THE
WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD
AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-2008,
AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-2012, AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE
15-2021, AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 12-2022, AN AMENDMENT OF
ORDINANCE 8-2025, AND AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 9-2025

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said City are too low and are insufficient to produce revenue to pay all of the necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repairs, legal expenses and other obligations, provide payment to the City in lieu of taxes, provide adequate working capital, provide for depreciation and make necessary extensions and replacements, and to provide funds for a reasonable return on the utility plant, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford adopted Ordinance 15-2004 on May 11, 2004 pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1 whereby the City of Bedford removed itself from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission effective sixty (60) days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, no petition was received by the Common Council pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1(d); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1(h) the Common Council mailed written notice of the withdrawal from the commission jurisdiction to the commission within thirty (30) days after Ordinance No. 15-2004 became effective.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA:

Section 1. That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Bedford, the following rates and charges.

Metered Rates

(Rate Per 1,000 Gallons)

For the first	2,000 gallons per month	\$ 8.82
For the next	3,000 gallons per month	7.85
For the next	5,000 gallons per month	6.87
For the next	10,000 gallons per month	5.84
For the next	30,000 gallons per month	4.49
For the next	50,000 gallons per month	4.08
For all over	100,000 gallons per month	3.38

Minimum Charge

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set in the metered schedule of rates.

	<u>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 inch meter	2,000	\$ 17.64
3/4 inch meter	2,975	25.29
1 inch meter	3,950	32.95
1 1/2 inch meter	6,210	49.50
2 inch meter	14,360	101.00
3 inch meter	17,240	117.82
4 inch meter	31,580	185.93
6 inch meter	67,450	339.84
8 inch meter	123,970	553.66
10 inch meter	227,850	904.77
12 inch meter	418,780	1,550.12

Hydrant Rental

Private Hydrant - per hydrant

	<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
4" Diameter		\$ 68.23
6" Diameter		\$ 115.10

Section 2. That the rates herein approved shall provide for a reasonable return on the water utility plant of the City of Bedford and such other legal and other necessary expenses as provided for in I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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Phyllis
Kathy Blackburn
Judy Carlisle
Bob Brown
Leslie
Pat Fisher
Ed J. C.

Adopted and approved by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana, on this ~~21st~~ ^{18th} day of ~~October~~ ^{November}, 2025.

Judy Carlisle
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Billie Tumey
Billie Tumey, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, on the ~~21st~~ ^{18th} day of ~~October~~ ^{November}, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 10-2025-Appropriation Transfer-Motor Vehicle Highway Fund-Street Department-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that there is a need for a transfer in the MVH Fund from Utility line 335 to Other Supplies line 229 in the amount of \$10,000.
 - The transfer is due to a large expenditure for salt from the supplies line last January for over \$56,000. 200 lines are for supplies, and 300 lines are for services. A resolution is required when a transfer is outside of expenditure codes.
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- Ryan Griffith made the motion for approval of Resolution 10-2025,
 - Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2025

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bedford, Indiana:

WHEREAS the proper legal officers of the City of Bedford have determined that it is necessary to transfer appropriations in major classifications in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund-from 300 Other Services and Charges to 200 Supplies to pay expenses for supplies, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be It ordained (resolved) by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Lawrence County Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following transfer of appropriations within the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund are hereby transferred , subject to laws governing the same:

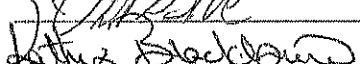
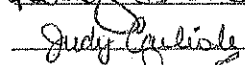
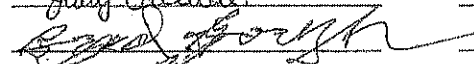
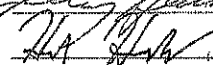
From: MVH	2201 001 335.00	Utility	-\$10,000
To: MVH	2201 001 229.00	Other Supplies	+\$10,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor and Common Council.

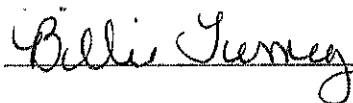
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA THIS 18th day of November 2025.

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ATTEST:



Billie Tumey Clerk-Treasurer

2. Ordinance 23 -2025 -Amending Zone Map-Darci & Caleb Bell-1613 E Street-From B2 to R2-Kevin Jones

- Kevin Jones addressed the Council and stated that he received a request from Darci & Caleb Bell to rezone a property they own at 1613 E Street from B2 to R2.
 - The Bells have torn down an dilapidated building and want to build a new home.
 - On October 14, 2025, a preliminary hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the request. The request was approved and moved to a public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, public notices were sent out to adjoining property owners and advertised with local media.
 - On November12, 2025, a Public Hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the requests. After discussing the request and hearing no objections from the adjoining property owners the Planning Commission approved the request for Rezone to be moved to the City Council for final approval.
 - The property is just east of Core Nursing Home.
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- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the first passage of Ordinance 23-2025
 - Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*
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- Brad Bough made the motion to approve the second passage of Ordinance 23-2025,
 - Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, second passage passed. Third and final passage will be considered at the next meeting.*

3. Council Appointments For RDC For 2026-Mayor Sam Craig

- Mayor Craig wanted to start the process of appointing the council appointments for the RDC board. Currently, there are 4 council members on the board, and he believes there should be no more than 3 on the board. Four members on the board would be a quorum..
 - The council appoints two members; the mayor appoints three members.
 - Currently the council appointments are Judy Carlisle and Kathy Blackburn.
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- Larry Hardman made the motion to reappoint Judy Carlisle and Kathy Blackburn to the RDC Board for 2026 ,
 - Brad Bough seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

4. Discussion

- Brad Bough wants to thank the Bedford Street Department for their leaf pickup.
- Heath Hawkins wanted to note that Bedford lost two prominent people in the last week. Bob Lee and Joe Elliott. He added that it is a big loss for the community.
- Mayor Craig stated that the renovation on the new council chambers will begin this week and the kitchen renovation at the fire department is progressing.

5. Adjourn

- Brad Bough made the motion adjourn.
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

Bedford City Council 2025

- Judy Carlisle, President

Judy Carlisle

- Kathy Blackburn

Kathy Blackburn

- Ryan Griffith

Ryan Griffith

- Heath Hawkins

Heath Hawkins

- Craig Turpen

Craig Turpen

- Larry Hardman

Larry Hardman

- Brad Bough

Brad Bough

Attest: Billie Tumey
Clerk-Treasurer

Billie Tumey

