

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

December 16, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Ryan Griffith

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathy Blackburn

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on December 16, 2025, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center.

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

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Mayor Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

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

Members absent:

- None

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business

1. Tabled- Third & Final Passage of Ordinance 23-2025-Amending Zone Map-Darcy & Caleb Bell-1613 E Street-From B2 To R2.

- No comments were received from the public on the request.
- Larry Hardman made the motion to approve the Third and Final passage of Ordinance 23-2025.
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE MAP
INCORPORATED IN AND MADE A PART OF
CHAPTER 150 OF THE CITY CODE OF 1984

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford,
Indiana:

Section 1. That the Zone Map incorporated in and made a part
of Title 15 (Chapters 150-157) of the Bedford City Code be
and the same hereby is amended so as to classify the following
described parcels of real estate in Lawrence County, Indiana,
47421 Low Density Residential District (R-2), to-wit:

PARKS S 1/2 LOT 66 EXC E 6 FT 90 X 66
State Parcel # 47-06-24-252-009-000-010
Commonly referred to as 1613 E St. Bedford, IN 47421

Section 2. That all regulations applicable to Low Density Residential
(R-2) Districts under the terms and provisions of Chapter 153 of
the Bedford City Code shall hereafter apply to and regulate the
above-described Territory is to which said Zone Map is hereby
amended.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its
Passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of
Bedford, Indiana, this 16th day of December 2025.

Judy Carlisle
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Billie Turney
Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, this 16th day of
December 2025.

Billie Turney
Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 16th day of
December 2025.

Samuel J. Craig
Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTBST:

Billie Turney
Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

New Business

New Business

1. Election of President

- City Attorney Greg Pittman opened the floor for nominations for president of the council for 2026.
- Kathy Blackburn nominated Judy Carlisle.
- Larry Hardman nominated Ryan Griffith.
- With no other nominations made Mr. Pittman closed the nominations.
- Mr. Pittman then called the vote for Judy Carlisle as president. Yes votes were Kathy Blackburn, Craig Turpen and Judy Carlisle.
- Mr. Pittman then called the vote for Ryan Griffith as president. Yes votes were Larry Hardman, Heath Hawkins, Brad Bough and Ryan Griffith.
- With the vote 3 to 4, Ryan Griffith was elected council president for 2026.

2. Resolution 11-2025 -Encumbrances-Billie Tumey-Clerk Treasurer

- Clerk Treasurer Billie Tumey presented Resolution 11-2025 to the council for the 2025 Encumbrances.
 - Fire Department-\$1,960 for repairs to garage door, \$1,595.90 for repairs to Ladder One Truck, \$4,291.94 for repairs to Ladder One Truck and \$35,788.40 for the purchase of extraction tools.
 - MVH-\$226,179 to purchase a 2027 Freightliner and \$49,213.25 to purchase a 2026 Ford F-350.
 - Park-\$15,000 to pay for paving of the track around Garden Park.
 - Police Department-\$27,000 to pay for sign on bonus for new hires.
- Brad Bough made the motion for approval of Resolution 11-2025,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

RESOLUTION 11-2025

RESOLUTION FOR 2025 ENCUMBRANCES

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Council has the duty and authority to maintain and allocate funds as necessary from the adopted budget to maintain the fiscal integrity of the City of Bedford and maximize efficiency; and

WHEREAS it becomes necessary to encumber funds for the end of the year 2025 for the fiscal integrity of the City of Bedford.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana that the Clerk-Treasurer has notified and informed the Council of the need to encumber funds for the following:

Section 1: That the following sums are to be encumbered.

A. General Fund-Fire Department-1101-007-00223-00 Repair, Maintenance & Supplies-\$1,960-Indiana Door and Hardware Invoice 14700AA-42-Materials for garage door repair

B. General Fund-Fire Department-1101-007-00336-00 Repairs & Maintenance-\$1,595.90-First Alarm LLC-for Waterway Repair on Ladder One Truck

C. General Fund-Fire Department-1101-007-00336-00 Repair & Maintenance - \$4,291.94-for PTO Replacement on Ladder One Truck

D. General Fund-Fire Department-1101-007-00444-00 Machinery & Equipment-\$35,788.40-Impact Rescue LLC-for Rescue Equipment

E. General Fund-Police Department-1101-008-00119.200-Sign On Bonus-\$27,000.00 to new police officer hires.

F. MVH-2201-001-00444-00 Machinery & Equipment-\$49,213.25-Ruxer Ford for 2026 Ford F-350

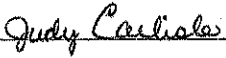
G. MVH-2201-001-00449-00 Other Capital Outlay-\$226,179.00 -Premier Truck Group-to purchase 2027 Freightliner

H. Park-2204-001-00443.00 Improvement Other Than Building-\$15,000.00-Flynn & Sons-for trail repair at Garden Park.

Section 3: The Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to encumber those sums as indicated.

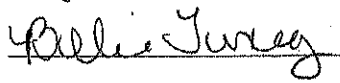
Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect without further notice or further approval.

Resolution 11-2025 -Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bedford This 16th Day of December 2025.



Judy Carlisle, President
Bedford City Council

ATTEST:



Billie Tumey
Clerk-Treasurer

3. Ordinance 24-2025 -Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property At 2535 39th Street-Requested By Brian & Janita Norris DBA Chili Red Investments LLC-Kevin Jones-Planning Director

- Kevin Jones stated that this is a request from Brian & Janita Norris to rezone the property they own at 2535 39th St. from I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential for the purpose of building townhouses on the property. The property is approximately 6.45 acres altogether. 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 November 12, 2025 a Public Hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the requests. The board and the public were presented with preliminary plans showing the layout of roadways, sidewalks and units that were being planned. There were 10 members of the public that spoke regarding this project. 6 persons from the 39th St and Hillcrest Circle neighborhood spoke in opposition to the plan. 4 people had questions and concerns regarding stormwater runoff, utility services, increased traffic, noise and crime. After discussing the request and hearing from the public, the Commission voted to table the request to the December 9th meeting so a complete set of plans could be presented that addressed some of the concerns from the neighborhood.
- On December 9, 2025, the Commission was presented with a complete set of plans for the layout of the property and what the townhouse units would look like. The buildings sizes will vary from two units to six-unit buildings. The units will be single story, 576 sq ft, one-bedroom units with a laundry room. The layout would be similar to what you would find at Ridgewood Apartments on Plaza Drive South or the Shady Brook Apartments on 30th St. The planned roadways will remain privately owned, which means the owner will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep. The complex will have private trash service as well. The complex will have an onsite office, and they plan to have set hours for office staff. Stormwater for the property naturally flows to the northwest, away from 39th St. The roadways will have storm drains that flow to a fenced detention pond on the northwest section of the property. Utility services will come from and go to Industrial Park Drive through a utility easement that has been secured with Air-Master HVAC and Electric. The Planning Commission listened to a neighborhood resident that previously spoke with concerns for the project who said that his concerns had been addressed. No other members of the public spoke at the December 9th meeting. The board asked if anyone had contacted the Planning Dept. about the request since the November meeting. I relayed that one person called on December 9th to confirm the request was on the agenda for the meeting. A neighbor had called in opposition, and another close neighbor that originally opposed the request was no longer in opposition after hearing the detailed plans. They would rather see apartments on the property vs. what could be built there with the I-2 zoning. After reviewing the complete set of plans and hearing from the Norris' and Travis Norman of TNG Surveying, the Commission approved the request for the Rezone, sending the request to the City Council for final approval.
- Mr. Jones now ask the Council to approve the rezoning of 2535 39th St from I-2 industrial to R-3 residential.

- Heath Hawkins stated that he attended both meetings for the Norris proposal. All concerns were answered and satisfactory. The first meeting several attended and were concerned about the increase of population, but also other things could go in the same location with the same situation.
- Larry Hardman asked if Section 8 housing would be accepted. Mr. Jones stated that he does not have that information but, due to being one-bedroom apartments, no more than two people would be living in one.
- Mr. Hardman then asks if the apartments would be pet friendly. Mr. Jones stated that he does not have that information but there will be plenty of green space.
- Kathy Blackburn asked if the amount of rent had been disclosed. Mr. Jones stated that it has not been discussed.
- Ryan Griffith asked if there were two entrances off of 39th Street, if the fire trucks would fit and if there were more than two fire hydrants in the area. Mr. Jones stated that there is two entrances off of 39th Street. A fire truck might have trouble on one side of the road and he is unsure about the number of hydrants.
- Brad Bough asked if a vacant apartment would be marked vacant. He didn't want the firemen to risk their lives in a vacant apartment. Mr. Jones stated that he did not know the answer to the question. But, the project will take three to five years to build, it is a 65-unit project.

➤ Heath Hawkins made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 24-2025,

➤ Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,

➤ *All votes in favor of the first motion, motion passed.*

➤ Ryan Griffith made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 24-2025,

➤ Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,

All votes in favor of the second motion, Third passage will be at the January 20, 2026 meeting.

4. Request Board Appointment Approval-Mayor Sam Craig

- StoneGate Arts & Education Center-Currently Mayor Sam Craig-Same for 2026
- Lawrence County Economic Growth Council-Currently Mayor Sam Craig.-Same for 2026
- Green Hill Cemetery-Currently Dan Bortner-Brad Bough for 2026
- Men's Warming Center-Currently Brad Bough-Same for 2026
- Bedford Revitalization (BRI)-Currently Heath Hawkins-Kathy Blackburn for 2026
- White River Humane Society-Currently Ryan Griffith-Same for 2026
- Boys & Girls Club Lawrence County-Currently Mayor Sam Craig & Heath Hawkins-Mayor Craig will discuss his appointment with the Boys & Girls Club director. Heath Hawkins will remain for 2026.
- Mayor Craig stated that in 2026 it will be a difficult year financially and there may be possible cuts to the contribution to the boards listed.

5. Discussion

- Judy Carlisle wants to thank the Parks Department for their hard work on the Santa House.
- Brad Bough wants to thank Debby Andry for her hard work on the council books. He also wants to thank the Street Department for their hard work on keeping the streets plowed during the bad weather. Mayor Craig added that other city departments also work on the streets during bad weather, Parks Department and Utility Department.
- Mayor Craig wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

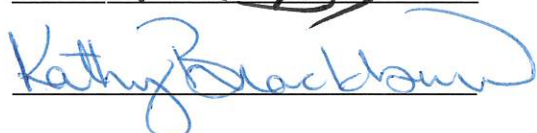
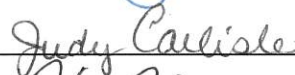
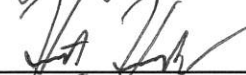
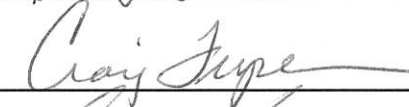
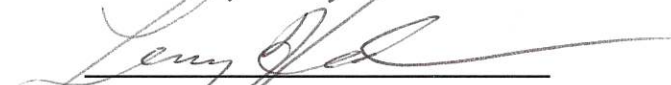
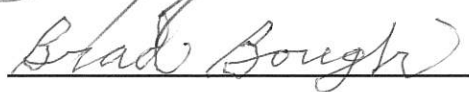
6. Adjourn

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

Bedford City Council 2026

- Ryan Griffith, President
- Kathy Blackburn
- Judy Carlisle
- Heath Hawkins
- Craig Turpen
- Larry Hardman
- Brad Bough




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Attest: Billie Turney
Clerk-Treasurer

