

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

January 20, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Judy Carlisle

Pledge of Allegiance: Brad Bough

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on January 20, 2026, at 7:00 P M at Stonegate Arts & Education Center.

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Mayor Craig presided and called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance:

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

Members absent:

- None

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

December 16, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Adopt Memorandums -Executive Sessions-January 8th and January 13th, 2026

- Craig Turpen made the motion to approve the minutes and memorandums,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed*

Old Business

1. Third & Final Passage-Ordinance 24-2025-Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property At 2535 39th Street-Brian & Janita Norris DBA Chili Red Investments LLC- From I-2 to R-3-Kevin Jones-Planning Commissioner

- Mayor Craig asked the council if anyone had any questions on property rezoning at 2535 39th St. With none, he asked for a motion on Ordinance 24-2025.
- Brad Bough made the motion for the third and final passage of Ordinance 24-2025,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 2025, All votes in favor of motion, No one opposed, passed.*

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2025

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:

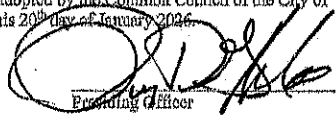
Section 1. That the Zone Map incorporated in and made a part
of Title 15 (Chapters 150-157) of the Bedford City Code be and the same
hereby is amended so as to classify the following described parcels of real
estate in Lawrence County, Indiana, 47421 Medium Density Residential
District (R-3), to-wit:

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BEING LOTS 39, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52, 55, 56, 59, 58,
AND 57 PART OF LOTS 45, 46 AND 54 IN SOUTH MEAD
ADDITON PER PLAT BOOK 1, PG. 44 (1922) INST. 2025005914
State Parcel # 47-06-27-430-010,000-010, 47-06-27-430-007,000-010,
47-06-27-400-010,000-010 & 47-06-27-430-004,000-010
Commonly referred to as 2538 39th St. Bedford, IN 47421

Section 2. That all regulations applicable to Medium Density Residential (R-
3) Districts under the terms and provisions of Chapter 155 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 20th day of January 2026.


Presiding Officer

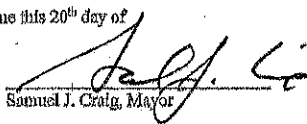
ATTEST:


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, this 20th day of
January 2026.


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 20th day of
January 2026.


Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

New Business

1. Ordinance 1-2026-Amending Zone Map -Rezone Of Property At 1516 R Street-Johnce Wells Of DDC Wells LLC-From R-2 to B-1-Kevin Jones-Planning Commissioner

- Kevin Jones stated that Ordinance 1-2026 is a request from Johnce Wells of DDC Wells LLC to rezone a property they own at 1516 R Street from Residential R-2 to B-1 Business for the purpose of using the existing building as office space. The existing building has been used for this purpose under a variance since July 1999, and was recently purchased by DDC Wells, Inc. The property has three parcels.
 - On December 9, 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 January 13, 2026, 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. Mr. Jones asked the Council to approve the rezoning of 1516 R Street from R-2 to B-1.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 1-2026,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the first motion, motion passed.*
- Larry Hardman made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 1-2026,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the second motion, Third passage will be at the February 17, 2026 meeting.*

2. Ordinance 2-2026-Amending Zone Map-Rezone Property At 1520 Clinic Drive-Belinda Hicks-From I-2 to B-1-Kevin Jones-Planning Commissioner

- Kevin Jones stated that Ordinance 2-2026 is a request from Belinda Hicks of Cedar Hill Catering, who is requesting to rezone the property located at 1520 Clinic Drive. From I-2 Industrial to B-1 Business for the purpose of constructing a building to have a Commercial Kitchen, Banquet Hall, and Clothing Boutique.
- On December 9, 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, notices were sent out to adjoining property owners and advertised with local media.
- On January 13, 2026, a Public Hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the requests. A representative of IU health spoke to the board requesting a stop sign be placed at the end of the private drive accessing 1520 Clinic Drive at Clinic Drive. The

board referred the request to the Chief of Police. With no further discussion, and hearing no objections from the adjoining property owners, the Planning Commission approved the request form Rezone be moved to the City Council for final approval.

- Mr. Jones asked the Council to approve the rezoning of 1520 Clinic Drive from I-2 to B-1.

➤ Brad Bough made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 2-2026,

➤ Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,

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

➤ Larry Hardman made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 2-2026,

➤ Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,

➤ *All votes in favor of the second motion, Third passage will be at the February 17, 2026 meeting.*

3. Cancellation Of Warrants-Two-Year-Old Outstanding Checks-Billie Tumey-Clerk/Treasurer

- Billie Tumey stated that by statute, the council must review the cancellation of warrants over two-year-old and receipt them into the fund from which they were written. City General Fund \$143.26 Park Fund \$1,261.92

➤ Heath Hawkins made the motion for approval of cancellation of warrants two years old as presented,

➤ Larry Hardman seconded the motion,

➤ *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

4. Ordinance 3-2026 -Ordinance Amending Chapter 72: Commercial Vehicles And City Transit Authority (72.12 Overnight Parking Restrictions)Of Bedford City Code-David Flinn-Street Commissioner

- David Flinn requested the Council consider amending Ordinance 3-2026 to allow semi parking on the northside of J Street. Currently it is not marked for semi parking, the city will mark the street and install signs. The parking area will have a 72-hour limit. This will eliminate a long-term parking or abandoned vehicle issue. The Street Department and Police Department can monitor the parking.

- Heath Hawkins made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 3-2026,

- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,

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

- Judy Carlisle made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 3-2026,

- Brad Bough seconded the motion,

- *All votes in favor of the second motion, Third passage will be at the February 17, 2026 meeting.*

5. Discussion

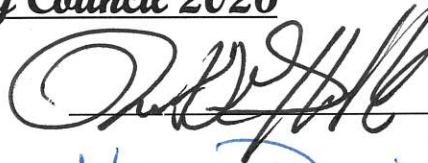
- Indiana American Water/City Of Bedford Utilities Water
- Mayor Craig stated that there were discussions about selling the water department and it was decided not to move forward with the sale.
- Brad Bough stated that he is opposed to selling to a bigger company that will not provide the same service that the city can provide.
- Larry Hardman added that there is a plan for the future of the water company.
- Mayor Craig stated that there is a lot of information on the price of water and utility prices around the area. There are problems that need to be corrected and in correcting those problems, there will be rate increases. In the next month or two information about projects will be introduced. This is a year in the making and several offices and departments have been helping in gathering information.

6. Adjourn

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

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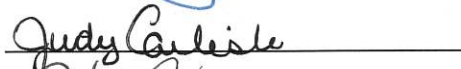
- Ryan Griffith, President



- Kathy Blackburn



- Judy Carlisle



- Heath Hawkins



- Craig Turpen



- Larry Hardman



- Brad Bough



Attest: Billie Tumeey
Clerk-Treasurer

