

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

February 17, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Heath Hawkins

Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Griffith

Call to Order: Mayor Sam Craig

The Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana met for a Regular City Council Meeting on February 17, 2026, 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:

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

Members absent:

- None

Reading/Approval of Minutes:

January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting

- 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. Third & Final Passage-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

- Craig Turpen made the motion for Third & Final Passage of Ordinance 1-2026.
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 1-2026, All votes in favor of motion, no one opposed, passed.*

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ORDINANCE NO. 1-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE MAP
INCORPORATED IN AND MADE A PART OF
CHAPTER 130 OF THE CITY CODE OF 1984

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

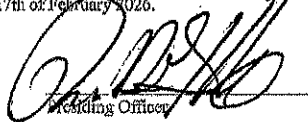
Section 1. That the Zone Map incorporated in and made a part
of Title 15 (Chapters 150-157) of the Bedford City Code be
and the same hereby is amended so as to classify the following
described parcels of real estate in Lawrence County, Indiana,
47421 Convenience Business District (B-1), to-wit:

Deans Addition, Lots 7 and 8
State Parcel# 47-06-14-330-021.000-010,
47-06-14-330-022.000-010 and 47-06-14-330-023.000-010.
Commonly referred to as 1516 R St. Bedford, IN 47421

Section 2. That all regulations applicable to Convenience Business
Districts (B-1) under the terms and provisions of Chapter 135 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 17th of February 2026.


Recording Officer

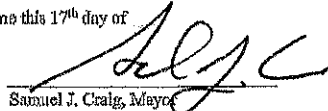
ATTEST:


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, this 17th day of
February 2026.


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 17th day of
February 2026.


Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:


Billie Tunney, Clerk-Treasurer

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

- Brad Bough made the motion for Third & Final Passage of Ordinance 2-2026.
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 2-2026, With Craig Turpen abstaining, Six votes in favor of motion, passed.*

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ORDINANCE NO. 2 2026

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:

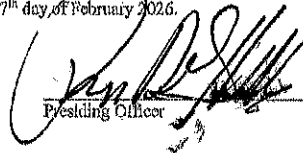
Section 1. That the Zone Map incorporated in and made a part
of Title 15 (Chapters 150-157) of the Bedford City Code be
and the same hereby is amended so as to classify the following
described parcels of real estate in Lawrence County, Indiana,
47421 Convenience Business District (B-1), to-wit:

SEC 15 TWP 5 RIW 2.59A E CIENT PT W 1/2 SW
State Parcel# 47-06-15-300-044.000-010
Commonly referred to as 1520 Clinic Dr. Bedford, IN 47421

Section 2. That all regulations applicable to Convenience Business
Districts (B-1) 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 17th day of February 2026.


Presiding Officer

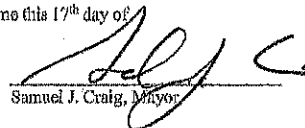
ATTEST:


Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, this 17th day of
February 2026.


Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 17th day of
February 2026.


Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:


Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

3. Third & Final Passage-Ordinance 3-2026-Amending Chapter 72:Commercial Vehicles And City Transit Authority (72.12 Overnight Parking Restrictions) Of Bedford City Code

- Larry Hardman made the motion for Third & Final Passage of Ordinance 3-2026.
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 3-2026, All votes in favor of motion, No one opposed, passed.*

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ORDINANCE NO. 3-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
AND CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (§ 72.12 Overnight Parking Restrictions)
OF THE BEDFORD CITY CODE

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

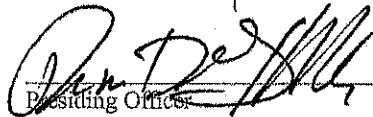
Section I. That Bedford City Code *Chapter 72: Commercial Vehicles and City Transit Authority* § 72.12, shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

§ 72.12 OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

- (A) Freight-carrying or freight-pulling vehicles may park overnight only on the west side of J Street north of Thirteenth Street in designated parking areas and shall not remain parked for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours. Freight-carrying or pulling vehicles must not unhook the tractor from the trailer while parking in the designated parking area.
- (B) Freight-carrying or freight-pulling vehicles, except panel and pick-up trucks, are hereby prohibited from parking on any other streets of this city except while actually loading or discharging freight. The vehicles may park for not more than one hour in residential areas.

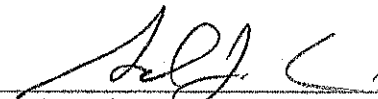
('67 Code, § 72.04) (Ord. 11-1952, passed 9-2-52) Penalty, see § 70.99

This ordinance shall take effect on the 17 day of February, 2026.



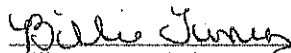
President Officer

This ordinance is approved and signed by me this 17 day of February, 2026.



Samuel J. Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Billie Turney, Clerk-Treasurer

New Business

1. Ordinance 4-2026-Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property For 1423 L Street-From PR To B-2-Kevin Jones-Planning Commissioner

- Kevin Jones stated that Ordinance 4-2026 is a request from Helee Six, LLC to rezone a property they own at 1423 L Street from PR to B-2 Business for the purpose of a gas station with three tanks and three dispensers. The existing building has been used for this purpose in the past, but the tanks were removed 12 years ago.
 - On January 13, 2026, 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. Helee Six presented the plan showing the configuration of the pumps and the security measures involved with installing tanks. There was an email from neighbor Zach Nagal regarding his concerns over the types of products the store sells (Vape items & Delta 8) and the distance from the Ju. High and potential traffic congestion. Mr. Jones responded to the email prior to the meeting to address the merchandise concerns. The law regarding Vape products does not take effect until July 1, 2026. Ryan Griffith asks if that was the only contact from the public and Mr. Jones stated that it was. Heath Hawkins stated that there was a concern over the entrance to the building on L street. Mr. Jones stated that he was told that the entrance would be moved off the alley and that those plans would have to be approved. Mr. Griffith asked who approves the final plans. Mr. Jones stated that he contacts the street commissioner and the mayor.
 - On February 10, 2026, a Public Hearing was held with the Planning Commission for the requests. 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 1423 L Street from PR to B-2.
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- Larry Hardman made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 4-2026 ,
 - Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
 - *Six votes in favor of the motion, Brad Bough opposed, the ordinance moves on to second passage.*
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- Judy Carlisle made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 4-2026 ,
 - Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
 - *Six votes in favor of the motion, Brad Bough opposed, Third & Final passage will be considered on March 17, 2026*

2. Ordinance 5-2026-Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property For Bedford Development LLC-John Williams Blvd & Williams Park Drive-From I-2 to B-3

- Kevin Jones stated that Ordinance 5-2026 is a request from Bedford Development to rezone a property they own at Williams Park Drive and John Williams Blvd. 6.24 Acres from Industrial I-2 to B-3 Business for the purpose of commercial development.
 - On January 13, 2026, 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 February 10, 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 the property at Williams Park Drive and John Williams Blvd from I-2 to B-3.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 5-2026 ,
- Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
- *Six votes in favor of the motion, Craig Turpen abstaining, the ordinance moves on to second passage.*
- Larry Hardman made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 5-2026 ,
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *Six votes in favor of the motion, Craig Turpen abstaining, Third & Final passage will be considered on March 17, 2026.*

3. Ordinance 6-2026-Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property For Jack Woods-.5337 Acres Shawnee Drive South-Building Three Duplex Buildings -B-3 to R-3-Kevin Jones-Planning Commissioner

- Kevin Jones stated that Ordinance 6-2026 is a request from Jack Woods Jr. to rezone a property he owns at Shawnee Drive South .5337 Acres from Industrial B-3 to R-3 to build three duplex buildings.
- On January 13, 2026, 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 February 10, 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 the property at Shawnee Drive South from B-3 to R-3.

- Heath Hawkins made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 6-2026 ,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, the ordinance moves on to second passage.*

- Brad Bouth made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 6-2026
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, Third & Final passage will be considered on March 17, 2026*

4. Notification-City Of Bedford Submitting Application For Grant-GM On Main Street Program 2025:Road Safety Innovation For Downtowns -Grant Award \$60,000.00-Sarah Turpen-Director of Business & Community Development-Mayor Sam Craig

- Sarah Turpen stated that the city is applying for the GM On Main Street Grant in the amount of \$60,000. Five communities will be selected from all over the county. The grant award will be announced in late April. If we are awarded the grant, the project must be completed by November 30th. The project submitted is a crosswalk on J Street by Harp Commons.

5. StoneGate Arts & Education Center 2026 Update-Linda Henderson, Duane Embree

- Linda Henderson and Duane Embree presented the council with an update on StoneGate activities and financial status..
- Classes are being offered in keyboarding and guitar (in the future). They are planning to participate in the 250th year celebration. Summer camp is being planned for kids. Sherwood Oaks Church in Bloomington gave them a baby grand piano.
- Many organizations are renting spaces for events and programs. They are applying for several grants. The current revenue is not enough to sustain the building. They are looking at additional funding sources.

6. Discussion

- Brad Bough thanked Jim Elkins for his many years of service to the city.
- Mayor Craig stated that the million dollars that city gave to the Spider Creek Project was not spent. The Bank of New York holds the funds and is adding interest to the account. The plan is to receive the money back from the bank of New York and put it into utilities to put the next overflow project at 22nd Street and M Street with INDOT guidelines.
- A new street department garage is being planned with the help of RDC funds. The old sign building will be removed, and the new garage will be built in its place.
- Land at X Street and John Williams Blvd is being considered for a new fire station to replace the North Side Fire Station. The current building is too small for the truck and there is concern with the weight of the fire truck being over the basement. This will be an RDC project.
- The new council room is progressing. The drywall is hung, wiring is complete and doors are being installed.

7. Adjourn

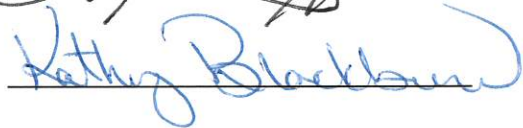
- Craig Turpen made the motion adjourn.
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

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- Ryan Griffith, President



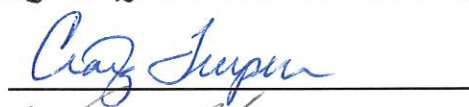
- Kathy Blackburn



- Judy Carlile



- Heath Hawkins



- Craig Turpen



- Larry Hardman



- Brad Bough



Attest: Billie Turney
Clerk-Treasurer



