

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

April 21, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Larry Hardman

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 April 21, 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:

March 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting

- Craig Turpen 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. Presented-Ordinance 7-2026-Repealing And Replacing Chapter 51 Sewers Of Bedford City Code-Misty Adams

- Misty Adams stated there is one change since the first prestaton in March. On 51.041 Report of Accidental and Slug Discharges. IDEM requires notification within two (2) hours of discovery of accidental or slug discharges and notification within twenty-four (24) hours of a violation.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve the first passage of Ordinance 7-2026
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed.*
- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the second passage of Ordinance 7-2026
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed.*
- *The third and final passage will be in the May, 19, 2026 meeting.*

New Business

1. Resolution 1-2026-2027 INDOT 5311/5339 Transit Grant Authorization-Dennis Parsley

- Dennis Parsley stated that for the 2027 Federal Grant a formal resolution is required stating that the City will comply with stipulation regarding the transit authority and INDOT guidelines.
- Brad Bough made the motion for approval of Resolution 1-2026,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 1-2026

Resolution authorizing the filing of a CY2027 application for a grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support capital, operating and feasibility study assistance projects for nonurbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the FTA Act of 1964, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Office of Transit, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has been designated by the Governor to make Section 5311/5339 grants for public transportation projects.

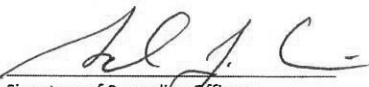
WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of a portion of supplemental local share of project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City of Bedford:

1. That Mayor Sam Craig on behalf of the City of Bedford is authorized to make the necessary certifications and assurances and be empowered to enter into an agreement with INDOT for the provision of rural public transportation services within the City of Bedford.
2. That the City of Bedford has designated the following system to coordinate and provide rural public transit services within our city identified above:
 - a. Transit Authority of Stone City (TASC)
3. That Mayor Sam Craig is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Bedford with INDOT to aid in the financing of transit assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended.
4. That Mayor Sam Craig is authorized to furnish such additional information as INDOT may require in connection with the application.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Bedford certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City of Bedford Council held on 04/21/2026..


Signature of Recording Officer

Mayor
Title of Recording Officer

04/21/2026
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2. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement- Justin M. Davis (J. Davis Properties/Anytime Laundry)-Real Estate Improvements-Justin M. Davis

- Justin Davis addressed the Council and stated that he has three employees and will be adding a fourth. He is concreting the entry and will be paving the parking lot next year. There was fill in the parking lot area and needs time to settle. He is looking into purchasing a dry-cleaning machinery to provide in-house dry-cleaning services.
- Craig Turpen made the motion for compliance approval for Justin Davis,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

3. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement- Charles B Hensley (DH20 Properties, LLC)-Real Estate Improvements-Charles Hensley

- Charles Hensley addressed the Council and stated that they have renovated the old theater into a full-service restaurant, arcade, and other activities. They plan to build a 14,000 square foot building addition that will house a skating rink, bowling alley, pickleball court, and volleyball court. They currently have thirty employees and will add more.
- Larry Hardman made the motion for compliance approval for DH20 Properties, LLC.
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

4. Ordinance 9-2026 -Amending Zone Map-Rezone Of Property For K&J Investments, LLC-John Williams Blvd At Limestone Drive-Kevin Jones-Plan Commissioner

- Kevin Jones stated that this is a request from K&J Investments to rezone the property they own on John Williams Blvd. at Limestone Dr. The property is 5.62 acres known by parcel # 47-06-15-300-062.000-010. The property is currently zoned I-2, and they would like to rezone the property to B-3 for use as commercial space. A portion of the property is currently a section of the parking lot and drive-thru for Culver's. Another section of the 5.62 acres will be the location for a new Del Taco restaurant.
- On March 24, 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, notices were sent out to adjoining property owners and advertised with local media.
- On April 14, 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 asks the Council to approve the rezoning of parcel 47-06-15-300-062.000-010 from I-2 to B-3.
- Judy Carlisle made the motion for first passage of Ordinance 9-2026,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the first motion, motion passed.*
- Brad Bough made the motion for second passage of Ordinance 9-2026,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the second motion, motion passed.*
- Heath Hawkins made the motion for to suspend the rules for a third vote of final passage,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*
- Heath Hawkins made the motion for third and final passage of Ordinance 9-2026.
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, Ordinance 9-2026 passed.*

5. LTAP-City Of Bedford Wheel Tax Presentation-David Flinn, Patrick Conner (LTAP- Purdue)

- David Flinn introduced Patrick Conner from LTAP-Purdue who presented the Council with updated laws for Wheel Tax.
- The Wheel Tax or LOHUT was established in 1980 to help fund highway expenses. The BMV collects the tax for Lawrence County, and it is distributed based on road mileage. In 2025 House Bill 1461 changed the funding for the Community Crossings Grant from 250 million dollars to one hundred million dollars. This change has made it more competitive for units that apply. Lane Mileage Distribution was established in the amount of 80 to 90 million dollars a year with an additional allocation for Indianapolis. If Indianapolis is not able to match their allotment, that allotment is added to the 80 to 90 million dollars for Lane Mileage Distribution.
- INDOT has a million-dollar threshold for governmental unit to receive funding. If the unit receives \$100,000 from Lane Mileage Distribution then they could only receive \$900,000 from Community Crossings Grant
- In order for a municipality to qualify for the Lane Mileage Distribution, they must pass their own Wheel Tax. This would not be a duplicate tax; they will only pay one tax for each registration. The collections for a municipality residents will be distributed to the municipality they live in. Collections for residents that live outside of a municipality will be distributed to the county.

- The Lane Mileage Distributions will begin in May of this year. In order to qualify for the distribution next year, a municipality must pass an ordinance before September 1, 2026.
- Mr. Conner provided the Council with a spreadsheet with estimated revenues for the city. He emphasized that this is not a double tax, only one Wheel Tax can be charged for each registration. This will separate the city collections from the county collections, and the distribution of funds will be from each registration not from road mileage.

6. Resolution 2-2026-Resolution Authorizing Transfer Of Funds-RDC Public Safety Reimbursement-Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that in October 2026 the RDC Board approved the reimbursement of the police officer and firefighter stipends. The resolution will satisfy the SBOA requirements for the transfer for funds for the reimbursement. The stipends will be distributed in two installments, June and December, and will not exceed \$220,000.
- Ryan Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2-2026.
 - Craig Turpen seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

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COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BEDFORD, LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA
RESOLUTION 2-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, Bedford Redevelopment Commission allocated funds for public safety expenses in their Annual Spending Plan,

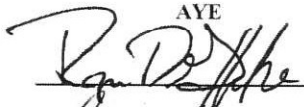
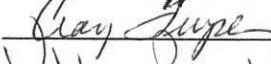
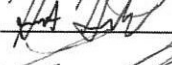
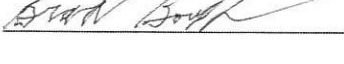
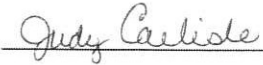
WHEREAS, the Bedford Redevelopment Commission allocated \$ 220,000 toward the police and fire fighter employee stipend as a reimbursement in 2026,

WHEREAS, the Bedford Common Council approved employee stipends in the 2026 Salary Ordinance in the amount of \$3,000 for full-time city employees and \$1,500 for permanent part-time employees,

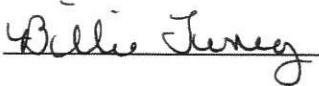
WHEREAS, the 2026 employee stipends are to be distributed in two equal payments: half in June 2026 and the remaining half in December 2026

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana, authorizes the Clerk Treasurer to transfer the police and fire fighter employee stipend expense as approved by Bedford Redevelopment Commission, in June and December 2026 from the Redevelopment Fund to reimburse the City General Fund .

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Common Council of the City of Bedford on this 21st day of April 2026.

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Attest:

, Clerk Treasurer

7. Resolution 3-2026-Resolution Authorizing Transfer Of Funds-RDC Economic Development- Billie Tumey

- Billie Tumey stated that in December of 2025 the RDC Board approved the quarterly reimbursement of 35% of the Director of Business & Community Development and Plan Commissioner salaries and benefits from the Abatement Fee revenue not to exceed \$79,800. The resolution will satisfy the SBOA requirement for the transfer of funds for the reimbursement.
- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve Resolution 3-2026.
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

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COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BEDFORD, LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA
RESOLUTION 3-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

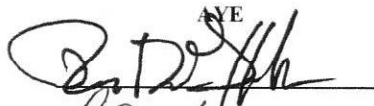
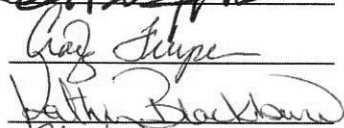
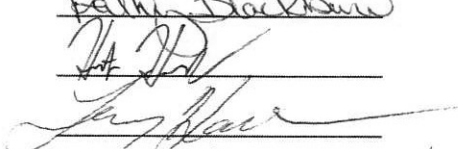
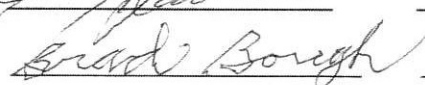
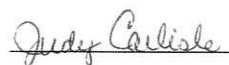
WHEREAS, Bedford Redevelopment Commission allocated funds for Economic Development expenses in their Annual Spending Plan,

WHEREAS, the Bedford Redevelopment Commission allocated funds from the TIF Abatement Fees toward a reimbursement in 2026 for Thirty-Five Percent (35%) of the salary and benefits of the Director of Business & Community Development and Planning Commissioner,

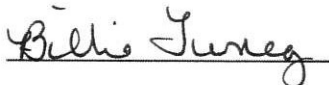
WHEREAS, the Bedford Common Council approved the 2026 Salary Ordinance that includes the salaries of the Director of Business & Community Development at \$2,749.02 bi-weekly and Plan Commissioner at \$2,774.47 bi-weekly,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana, authorizes the Clerk Treasurer to transfer Thirty-Five Percent (35%) of the Director Of Business & Community Development and Planning Commissioner salary and benefits (not to exceed \$79,800) as approved by Bedford Redevelopment Commission, quarterly from the Redevelopment Fund to reimburse the City General Fund.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Common Council of the City of Bedford on this 21st day of April 2026.

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Attest:

 , Clerk Treasurer

8. StoneGate Arts & Education Center update-Linda Henderson-

- Linda Henderson provided the Council with the March 2026 StoneGate Update.
- Ms. Henderson discussed the revenue, increase in rates, expenses, grants, activities, collaborations, community engagement & support, media, and workforce development.

9. Families Forever Update And Request Consideration For Allocation of \$20,000 In Restricted Opioid Funds To Families Forever -John M. Keesler

- John Keesler stated that he is requesting \$20,000 in funding from the Restricted Opioid Fund to Families Forever. The funds would offset the cost of maintaining the director of client services and directly support the provisions of slightly more than six hundred hours of services to the community.
 - The services include drug and alcohol assessments and case management to individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system and to those who have limited financial resources to receive services elsewhere. These services are instrumental in helping individuals develop goals for recovery and receive ongoing support to improve their quality of life. The city has allotted funds to Families Forever from Restricted Opioid Funds in the past.
- Brad Bough made the motion to approve the request of \$20,000 from the Restricted Opioid to Families Forever.
 - Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
 - *Six votes in favor of the motion, Craig Turpen abstained, passed.*

10. Update Of 2026 OOR Housing Program Grant Funding Adjustment-Additional \$3,500 For A Total Of \$38,500-Sarah Turpen

- Sarah Turpen stated that she learned of a change in the requirements with the OCRA Grant that was approved in the March meeting. The ten percent match is a total of all funds allotted for the grant. \$350,000 grant funds and \$35,000 of local match totals \$385,000. This increases the ten percent match to \$38,500. Ms. Turpen is requesting an additional \$3,500 in matching funds.
 - There are two cycles left in 2026, June and October. If the grant is not approved in the June cycle, we will apply again in October.
 - The outreach in the last grant for the program generated 107 applications with seventeen being approved.
- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the additional \$3,500 in matching fund for a total of \$38,500.
 - Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

11. Discussion

- Mayor Craig informed the Council about a request from Amanda Patton to allow her to have domesticated raccoon inside the city. Ms. Patton would like to come to speak to the Council with her request. David Flinn stated it would require a change in the Animal Ordinance. Currently raccoons are considered wild animals and are not picked up by the street department. He added that there is a much to consider with the request.
- Mayor Craig stated that the State passed a law to allow the City of Bedford to establish a Food & Beverage Tax within the city. There has been no action on the new tax at this time. The legal side of how the revenue can be spent needs to be reviewed.
- Mayor Craig stated that he is collaborating with Baker Tilly on splitting up a few of the current TIF areas in the city. Limestone Edge, Del Taco and WAWA could be broken out and reset the TIF starting date for those areas.
- Mayor Craig stated that he had a meeting to look into the water well options.
- An official city flag is being worked on.
- The new Council Chamber is progressing well. All city public meetings will be held in the location, and he is looking into a new name for the building. Bedford Meeting Hall is a possibility. It is estimated that the June meetings will be held at the location.

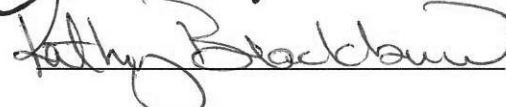
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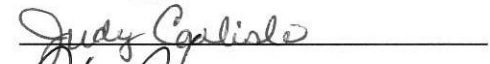
- Judy Carlisle made the motion adjourn.
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

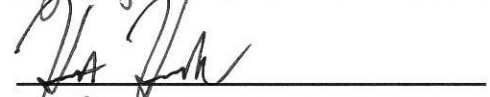
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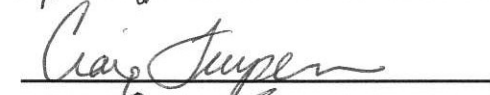
- *Ryan Griffith, President*
- *Kathy Blackburn*
- *Judy Carlisle*
- *Heath Hawkins*
- *Craig Turpen*
- *Larry Hardman*
- *Brad Bough*















Attest: Billie Turney
Clerk-Treasurer

