

City of Bedford

City Council Meeting

May 19, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Prayer: Heath Hawkins

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 May 19, 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:

April 21st – Regular Meeting

- Heath Hawkins made the motion to approve the minutes,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- ***All votes were in favor of the motion. No One Opposed, Passed***

Old Business

1. Third And Final Passage-Ordinance 7-2026-Repealing And Replacing Chapter 51 Of Bedford City Code

- Mayor Craig asked for any questions on Ordinance 7-2026 and if not, a motion for third and final passage.
- Brad Bough made the motion to approve the third and final passage of Ordinance 7-2026,
- Larry Hardman seconded the motion,
- *The Third and Final Passage of Ordinance 7-2026, All votes in favor of motion, No one opposed, passed.*

New Business

1. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement For Evergreen Drive LLC Resolution 17-2024- Real Estate Improvements-Miles Parker

- Mile Parker stated that the tax abatement was important for development of the property.
- They have added four new team members with the merger.
- Craig Turpen made the motion for approval of the CF-1 for Evergreen Drive,
- Kathy Blackburn seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

2. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement For Sunrise Suites- Resolution 7-2025 Real Estate Improvements-Derek Stutz

- Derek Stutz state that the tax abatement was critical for the development of five duplexes and eighteen apartments. He added that the properties look beautiful.
- Mr. Stutz stated that he has purchased the old skating rink building on 29th Street and is planning on twelve additional units.
- Brad Bough made the motion for approval of the CF-1 for Sunrise Suites,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, with Craig Turpen abstaining, passed.*

3. Re Approval of 2026 OOR Housing Program grant Funding Additional \$500 For A Total Match Of \$39,000.00-Carrie Riley (Ara), Whitney Loelling (Ara)

- Carrie Riley stated that the amount for the grant match is 10% of the total project cost. This in a \$500 increase of what was previously approved. Previously the grant match was 10% of the approved grant.

- Larry Hardman made the motion for approval of the grant match of \$39,000,
- Ryan Griffith seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

4. Resolution 4-2026-Authorizing Application Submission -Owner -Occupied Rehabilitation Program-Carrie Riley (Ara), Whitney Loelling (Ara)

- Carrie Riley requested the council approve the resolution authorizing the application submission for the OOR grant.
 - The previous grant generated interest of over one hundred Bedford residents attending the information meeting and 107 applications were received. Seventeen residents were selected for funding their home project.
 - The residents that were not selected can receive an extra point in their application if they apply again.
 - If the award is not approved for the June submission, the city can apply again in October.
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- Heath Hawkins made the motion for approval of Resolution 4-2026,
 - Kathy Blackbutn seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

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CITY OF BEDFORD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION

**RESOLUTION OF THE BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL OF BEDFORD, INDIANA
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION
APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS
AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Council, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, has committed the requisite local funds in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$39,000.00), for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of owner-occupied rehabilitation program funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

WHEREAS, Bedford, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities, and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Bedford City Council members of Bedford, Indiana that:

1. On or About July 12, 2026, the Mayor of Bedford is authorized to prepare and apply for \$350,000 in grant funding for a total project cost of \$389,000 for the owner-occupied rehabilitation program and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts, and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Bedford, Indiana this 19th day of May, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

5. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement For WF Meyers Co., Inc.- Resolution 18-2024-Personal Property -Alex Barnes

- Alex Barnes passed around a sample new product the company manufactures that the new machinery processes.
- Brad Bough made the motion for approval of the CF-1 for WF Meyers,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

6. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement For CAP, Inc- Resolution 3-2024 Real Estate Improvements-Doug Conrad

- Doug Conrad stated this abatement is for the building on 5th Street. Tri-Star leases a part and Cap Group uses part. It houses some EV parts. Tri-Star is looking at expanding their area in the future.
- Larry Hardman made the motion for approval of the CF-1 for CAP Group,
- Heath Hawkin seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

7. Compliance With Statement Of Benefits CF-1 Tax Abatement For CAP, Inc- Resolution 9-2025 Real Estate Improvements-Doug Conrad

- Doug Conrad stated this abatement is for the 65,000 square foot building for CAP Group. It warehouses the castings for the GM Plant. It has gone from a 3-day supply of casting to a 12-day supply of castings.
- Mr. Conrad stated that there is an error on the CF-1, and he will correct it and asked the council if he needs to come back and present again.
- Heath Hawkins made the motion for approval of the CF-1 (with corrections given to the clerk treasurer) for CAP Group,
- Judy Carlisle seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

8. Ordinance 10-2026-Amending Chapter 33:Employment Policies (33.50 Health Insurance) Request Authorization And Approval Of Amendment To Ordinance 33.50-Health Insurance-Spousal Carveout-Denise Henderson

- A discussion concerning the city will see a revenue loss due to the changes to the property tax and LIT collections. And estimated \$3 million dollars of revenue will be lost by 2029. A proposal to approve a spousal carveout to the health insurance has been proposed.

- The city pays an estimated \$3.1 million a year in insurance premiums for health insurance.
 - A spousal carveout would be if a spouse of a city employee is employed and the spouse's place of employment offers health insurance; the spouse would not be eligible for the city provided insurance policy.
 - Denise Henderson reviewed the current employees and estimated a savings of \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year for the city if a spousal carveout is adopted.
 - Other cities have already adopted this policy as well as Lawrence County.
 - A memo was sent to city employees about the proposal of the spousal carveout and HR received three phone calls from concerned employees. There are 157 full-time employees and 139 take the health insurance.
 - Mayor Craig stated that we are looking at all options to save revenue and this is one of them. The Food and Beverage tax is being reviewed and how those funds can be spent. The other option is to cut city services.
 - Ms. Henderson stated that the proposed ordinance states "The City *may* implement a spousal carveout provision."
 - After more discussion, Mr. Pittman stated that the word "may" would not work as intended. The ordinance would need to say "shall."
- Brad Bough made the motion for amending and tabling Ordinance 10-2026,
 - Heath Hawkins seconded the motion,
 - *All votes in favor of the motion, no one opposed, passed.*

9. Discussion

- Amanda Patton Request Regarding Ordinance Change On Keeping Raccoons As Pets. The state can issue permits for keeping raccoons, but the city ordinance would need to change to allow them in the city. The council had no discussion on the request.
- Mayor Craig stated that this should be the last council meeting at StoneGate. The new meeting room should be ready for the next meeting in June.
- The street department building project is ready for bidding.
- The land purchase on John Willams Blvd for the new fire station is progressing.

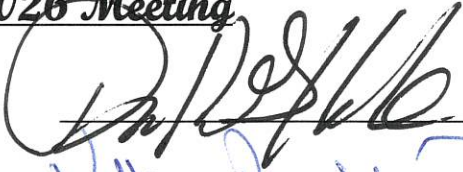
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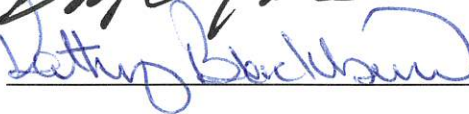
- Larry Hardman made the motion to adjourn.
- Brad Bough seconded the motion,
- *All votes in favor of the motion, No one opposed, meeting adjourned.*

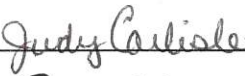
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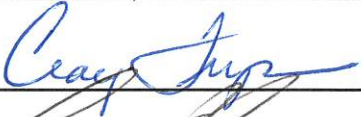
- Ryan Griffith, President
- Kathy Blackburn
- Judy Carlile
- Heath Hawkins
- Craig Turpen
- Larry Hardman
- Brad Bough















Attest: Billie Tumey
Clerk-Treasurer