

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

5:30 P.M. PROMPT

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
 - **5:30 P.M. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - **6:30 P.M. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bedford, Ohio

November 10, 2014

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Greg Pozar, Paula Mizsak, Donald Saunders [left at 6:50 p.m.]. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Police Chief Kris Nietert, Fire Chief Dave Nagy and Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Solar.

Police Chief Nietert was present this evening to discuss the Police Department's budget. Chief Nietert prepared a worksheet of bullet points for discussion. (See attached)

Mr. Mallis felt Chief Nietert did an excellent job showing leadership by example. The Chief worked overtime when he could to save money in the department's overtime line item. He spoke about the challenges of new hires and vehicle maintenance and repair. The department was in need of new vehicles and it would be beneficial to get back on vehicle rotation schedule. The Tasers were slowly failing, ammo had increased in price and the server was running out of memory and the jail cameras were in need of an upgrade. There were recent changes within the department because of recent retirements and Detective Sergeant Brian Byard leaving Bedford to become the new Police Chief at the City of Aurora. The opening of the new Regional Dispatch would be in January 2015. After the Dispatch Center opens there was going to be a need for two part time employees to man the jail cameras. The department successfully changed over all their desktop computers and replaced the MDT's; Microsoft has stopped supporting Windows XP. The centralized printer reduced the cost of individual ink cartridges. It was determined there was a need to address the police vehicle rotation program. Guns were successfully replaced at a minimal cost which was another cost savings.

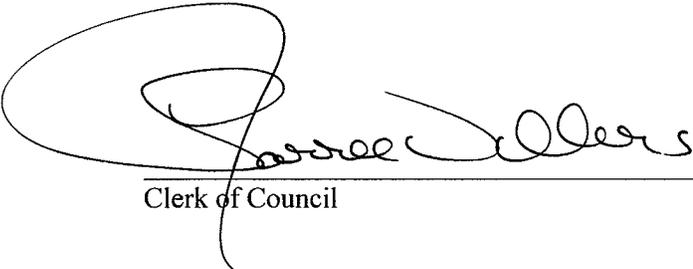
Chief Nietert thanked Council and the Administration for their ongoing support.

Fire Chief Dave Nagy and Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Solar were present this evening to discuss the Fire Department's budget. They did not submit an outline for discussion.

Mr. Mallis thanked both Chiefs for all their professional services. There was discussion regarding the two firefighters that were paid through a previous grant and how that might be addressed once the grant had expired. The department would continue to apply for grants as done in the past. Chief Nagy was pleased the vehicles and equipment were in good shape; there was no big ticket items in 2015. The current Service and Fire Department mechanics currently serviced the Fire Department vehicles. The overtime costs for these mechanics was lower than what it would cost if these services were farmed/contracted out. The department was fully staffed with qualified employees. It was determined the collection of Permit Fees was not cost effective so these fees were not being collected; however, the ambulance fees were still being collected. It was determined the department was still installing smoke detectors for the residents free of charge. Mutual Aid involving Maple Heights hadn't changed with their recent cutbacks.

Chief Nagy and Assistant Chief Solar thanked the Administration and Council for their years of support.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council