

COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

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- **BUDGET HEARINGS**

- **6:00 P.M. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- **7:00 P.M. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Donald Saunders. Absent: Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Police Chief Kris Nietert, Deputy Chief Marty Stemple, Fire Chief Dave Nagy and Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Solar.

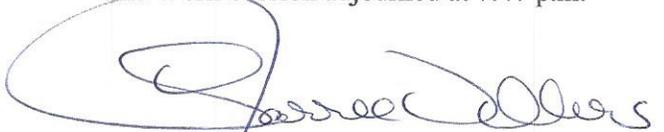
Police Department

Chief Nietert announced he would be retiring in 2017 along with Officer Chase. He said overall the department was functioning very well. He informed Council nine of the police vehicles had over 100,000 miles on them with an increase in costs to maintain them. The department continued to work on grants for equipment, K-9 Mike was working out well along with the motorcycle utilized for traffic violations. The goal was for the Motorcycle Officer to write 250 traffic tickets per year so the motorcycle would be equipped with radar very soon. The Dispatch Center had its challenges but was improving. The Dispatchers needed to be retrained to understand they had to address issues the same at the new facility; not like it used to be when they were employed at their previous community. The jail total operating costs had decreased and currently the City was contracted to assist the following Police Departments: Village of Oakwood, City of Woodmere, City of Bedford Heights, Tri-C and hopefully soon the Village of Chagrin Falls. He intended to increase Oakwood's fees in 2017. He explained the Police Department appreciated the used K-9 patrol vehicle donated by the Village of Oakwood. Discussion was held about the poor design of the firing range and exhaust system which would have to be addressed soon to ensure there was no lead buildup. It was determined there were 24-25 Auxiliaries who were still being utilized for various types of patrols throughout the City. Mr. Mallis was pleased with the day to day operations at the Police Department. He talked about how busy the Officers were dealing with multiple situations daily. The Police Department Officers continued to be trained to ensure Bedford had the best professional Officers. Council was pleased with the performance of the Police Department. Chief Nietert and Deputy Chief Stemple thanked Council for their support and time.

Fire Department

Chief Nagy stated the Fire Department was definitely committed to the community, they were well trained and very qualified. He thanked Council for their support for the ongoing training, the well maintained vehicles and equipment. He thanked Assistant Chief Solar for his dedication in applying for well needed grants. Currently there were three employees paid for by two awarded grants. The cost savings continued by paying Pat Goodie to fix the Fire Department vehicles instead of a contracted mechanic. Two of the vehicles were older but still in good shape. To his knowledge there was one employee retiring in 2017. Assistant Chief Solar explained how the Fire Department worked closely with Building Commissioner Beverly; he was grateful for the "teamwork". He expressed how thorough and knowledgeable Mr. Beverly was during inspections. He felt Mr. Beverly had the toughest job at the City. Mr. Mallis was pleased with the day to day operations at the Fire Department and with the relationship he had with the Chiefs. He felt the staff was very well trained and professional. He told a story about how the EMT/firefighters were being videoed by those who were on the scene. Council was pleased with the performance of the Fire Department. Both Chiefs thanked Council for their ongoing support.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Clerk of Council
Mayor – President of Council