

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

**6:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **BUDGET HEARINGS**

- **6:00 P.M. BUILDING DEPARTMENT**
- **7:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL COURT**

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Donald Saunders (left at 7:15 p.m.). Absent: Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly, Clerk of Court Tom Day.

Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly was present this evening to discuss the Building Department's budget; he did not submit an outline for discussion.

Mr. Mallis felt the Building Department had accomplished a lot in 2014. Many Codified Ordinance amendments were addressed in the 16 months of Mr. Beverly's employment as well as employee staff meetings. Mr. Beverly had made some changes within the department in order to get everyone on the same page so the department ran more efficient as well as Mr. Beverly working well with the other departments.

Mr. Beverly explained he was hired to enforce the State and City Codes and sometimes the codes were not viewed as the most favorite; however, they were the codes. He was in the process of reviewing and changing many of the forms within the department as well as more fees in the future. It was determined many of Bedford's fees were lower than the surrounding communities so the increases were necessary. In 2013, there were approximately 1,980 inspections and the inspections had increased in 2014 to approximately 2,255. He understood exterior maintenance throughout the City was a top priority. He hired Richard Hickman part-time to assist in some of the inspections; however, Mr. Hickman would be given an opportunity to fill the position of Larry Stouffer who would be retiring in the next couple days. Mr. Beverly would also be posting for this inspector position. It was understood Mr. Hickman was definitely an asset to the department. He clarified in 2006 the State of Ohio removed the Home Rule powers from the Cities. As far as the 2015 Budget, it was noted the Planning Commission stipend had increased because of the scheduled amount of meetings, \$2,500 was allotted for overtime costs for Mrs. Zelasko and Ms. Imburgia and Municipal Building repair costs had increased because of the age of the buildings and equipment. Tony Romito repaired as many things as he possibly could before he requested to contract out any projects in order to save money. Discussion was held whether landscapers could be charged a permit fee like the snow plowing businesses. Mr. Beverly thanked Council and the Administration for their ongoing support.

Clerk of Court Tom Day was present this evening to discuss the Municipal Court budget; he did not submit an outline for discussion. Mr. Day thanked the Administration and Council for their support and professional working relationship on behalf of Judge Brian Melling. Mr. Mallis appreciated the working relationship between the Court and Administration/Council as he did with all the departments. It was determined Mr. Day had been doing this type of work for 40 years.

Mr. Day explained the computer fund was a driven fund for professional services, computer maintenance and other items. He spoke of various special funds and how they were used. The computers and servers were in good shape so there was no expected expenses. The Revenue portion of the budget for the General Fund varied throughout the years. Some of the money came from State funding from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment and the costs were divided. The remaining Revenue items were basically the same as the Expense portion of their budget. Mr. Day tracked the costs on a regular basis and kept the budget very balanced. Council did not have any other questions.

Clerk of Court Tom Day thanked the Administration and Council for their years of support.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor - President of Council