November 1, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the following Council Members present, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, William Blackburn, Patrick Neff, Kenny Fetterman and John Cessna. Council President Tim Weaverling was absent.

Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Solicitor Dean Crabtree, and Tim Cooper, PE of Stiffler McGraw, were also present.

Lloyd Roach, Cessna Communications, and Will Deshong, Bedford Gazette, were in attendance. Borough Residents Gwendolyn Ray and Bill Blackburn were in attendance.

Multiple individuals who were present at the Public Hearing for the request of rezoning an area adjoining Walnut Street, Green Lane, South Thomas Street and Broad Street from the R-1 (single family residential) Zoning District to R-3 (multi-family residential) Zone remained for the Council Meeting.

Council Vice President Turkovich called the Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve the Minutes from the October 4, 2021 Council Meeting, and the October 19, 2021 Council Workshop. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the list of bills from October 5, 2021 through November 1, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the November 1, 2021 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the police statistics with Council.

Chief Bowman shared that he was contacted by Mark Studeny, PW Campbell, who is designing a renovation for the drive through for the Juliana Street branch of FNB Bank. The drive through is located along Central Way. Mr. Studeny would like to discuss the one-way streets in the area. Council asked that Mr. Studeny attend a future council meeting to present his proposal.

Council Vice President Turkovich requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a litigation issue.

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Fort Bedford Museum will participate in the annual Cookie Walk the first weekend in December.

Vice President Turkovich shared the following requests from DBI:

- Downtown Christmas Tree to be placed in the Presbyterian Square November 26th through January 2nd. Tree will be decorated on November 29th with light up night at the Christmas Family Fun event on Saturday, December 4th.
- Overhead Decorations will be put up on Sunday, November 7th beginning at 6:30 am
- Christmas lights will be turned on November 25th through January 2nd

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the requests. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Council Member Blackburn thanked everyone for attending the First Responders Event and Open Houses.

After discussion a motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve Ordinance 2021-04, an Ordinance to rezone properties within an area adjoining Walnut Street on the north, Green Lane on the west, South Thomas Street (or lands previously designated thereas) on the east and Broad Street (or lands previously designated thereas) on the south from R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential. Vote was (0-6) against; motion failed.

Manager Diehl shared that no Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) applications were received.

Manager Diehl shared that no letters were sent from the Bedford Police Department to property owners in October.

Representatives from PEMA shared that the Fire Department's lower level is being utilized as a Disaster Recovery Center and that individuals who suffered from Tropical Storm Ida were welcome to drop into the center for help applying for disaster assistance. If individuals are unable to stop by the recovery center, they can call 800-621-3362.

Mr. Roach, Mr. Deshong, and members of the public exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Council entered Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:25 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the settlement agreement between the Borough and Arnold & Smythe for Barclay Manor contingent upon final review, revisions and approval of Tim Cooper, the Borough's Engineer, and Esch McCombie, the Borough's special Solicitor. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:32 p.m.

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Borough Secretary