Page 8 Wednesday, May 21, 2025 The Bedford Times-Press Bedford City Council

Regular meeting of the City Council of Bedford, Iowa was held Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Hardee, Councilmembers Still, Brown, Hardee and Wyckoff, Clerk Thompson, Deputy Clerk Dougherty, Public Works Director Worl, Sandy Schubert, Nicki Lock, Cole Walters, Mike Sayler, Shelby Money, Jackie Minor, William Wisdom, Trisha Moore, Niki Dalton, Daisy Valenzuela-Cordell. Bradley Morgan, Todd Yarnell, and Darren Farnan. Councilmember Peterman was absent. Monthly Fund Totals (April)

Late Claims for April: Petty Cash Fund Meal reimb for class 39.00 Treasurer St of IA Sales Tax Sales tax2,659.99 US Post Office Certified mail 129.22 First Interstate Bank Paper statement fee on $chk\;acc\;\dots\dots\dots2.00$ Claims: ACCO Chemicals 2150.25 American Red Cross Learn to swim enroll . . . 200.00 Antique Power Magazine renewals (2 yrs)63.95 Cafeteria/HRA plans 66.00 Bedford Building Supply Cement/primer/spray/ gauge......252.23 Bedford Building Supply GS dep refund 100.00 Bedford Swimming Pool Start up cash 50.00 The Bedford Times Press Publishing 596.90 Bok Financial, N.A. IABEDFRDG021 . .159,293.75 Brianna O'Hearn Legal fees 1443.75 Card Services Envelopes w/ postage . . 656.87 Card Services Cars w/paint 116.11 Card Services 2 computers......... 1629.96 Central Plains Electric Repairs on mid-tank . . . 308.08 Cintas Corporation First aid refills 132.40 City of Atlantic City of Bedford Transfer to gs reserve . 1493.85 City of Bedford Utilities Utilities 1163.85 City of Lenox Purchased gas 11,896.35 Cummins Sales and Service Generator maint 858.14 Davis Paint Company Dept of Inspections, Appeals Boiler inspections 135.00 Dollar General Corporation Cleaning supplies 10.00 **Dustin Eaton** HRA ded reimb 336.79 Ewart Insurance Agency Ann fire fighter acc ins . 283.00 Frontier Ph/fax 1033.38 Hawhee Truck Repair Blades 137.00 Hawn Sanitation Garbage collection . . . 9329.36 Jo Ellen Dougherty HRA ded reimb 933.44 Microbac Laboratories Inc Testing. 416.00 KGM Meters 861.88 Mediacom Phone. 85.29 MidAmerican Energy Electricity 119.60 MidAmerican Energy Street lts 3679.53

Midwest Data Revenues

IT management 502.00 Motor Inn Skidloader tires 1621.35 Napa Auto Parts of Bedford Batt charger 409.53 Page County Landfill Assn Recycle bins 470.00 People Renewal magazine 1 yr. 135.36 Peve Crop Service Weed spray 1900.41 R C Trees Services Tree removals 1500.00 Randy Peterman Reader Service 4 books 32.92 Rescom Services Pest control treatment . . . 35.00 water bill 30.00

Schildberg Construction Superior Bowen Bold patch........... 3541.74 Swank Movie Licensing USA Renewal for 3 yrs 906.00 Tanya Wyckoff Movie Mufasa.......... 37.92

Taylor County Engineer Fuel 1227.73 TC Fabrication & Repair Frame repair on truck . . 170.00 Treasurer St of IA sales tax Sales tax 877.31 Treasurer St of IA sales tax

Excise tax 2620.42 Unity Point Clinic Occ Medicine Drug testing. 42.00 US Post Office

Certified mail 64.61 HD Supply, Inc USDI

Mayor Hardee asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Being none, Councilmember Wyckoff moved and Still seconded approval of the consent agenda. 4 ayes, mc.

Trisha Hill was present to discuss her farm animal permit. Only animals that have been approved by the council on the annual farm animal permit are allowed to be kept within the city. Ms. Hill will make the appropriate changes to her permit for approval by council in July.

Representatives of United Fiber were present to review their plans for fiber installation throughout the Bedford area. covered included information about the company, the construction process, services offered, and timeframe for the project.

Arlene Carroll not present so there was no discussion on her complaint.

Public Works Director Worl provided an update on pool repairs and painting. The pool is set to open Memorial Weekend. Shelby Money reviewed staffing, swimming lessons and admission fees with the council.

William Wisdom was present to discuss repairs needed at 407 Pearl. The council reviewed the deficiencies listed on the property inspection. Mr. Wisdom proposed a timeline for making the improvements needed and agreed to provide updates every three months throughout the restoration process. No further action was taken at this time.

Sandy Schubert updated the council on chamber of commerce activities and projects.

There was no sheriff's

Cole Walters provided the BEDC update. Public Works Director

Expenses

Revenues	Expenses	
General	183,678.17	75,749.77
Garbage Deposit	45.00	45.00
Road Use Tax	17,644.51	9,249.98
Employee Benefits	14,274.93	.00
Emergency Fund	29.79	.00
Local Option		
Sales Tax	5,847.64	.00
Economic Development		
LOST	1,461.91	.00
Hotel/Motel Tax	224.46	.00
Nicholson Beautification	.00	.00
Trusty & Agency		
Hsg Rehab	.00	.00
Economic Develop	2,554.00	11,262.78
Bond Performance	.00	.00
Library Memorial	143.31	.00
Debt Service	39,221.77	.00
Capital Project Fund	.00	.00
Polk Street Proj 2016	.00	.00
State St improv proj	.00	.00
USDA wt system		
Improv proj	.00	.00
Polk St Proj 2023	.00	.00
Perpetual Care	.00	.00
Water	43,849.99	33,779.30
Water Deposits	300.00	100.00
Water Sinking	.00	9,617.00
Water Reserve	.00	.00
Water Improvement Pr	.00	.00
Sewer	27,445.77	36,749.48
Sewer Deposits	90.00	30.00
Sewer Sinking	6,950.55	.00
Gas	79,721.85	63,825.47
Gas Deposits	2,866.85	2,712.85
Gas Reserve	2,712.85	.00
Flexible Spending Fund	.00	138.46-
Report Total	429,063.35	242,983.17

Worl provided the maintenance update, including upcoming street repairs, along with a pubic reminder to please use caution and provide ample distance for the city employees when they are working on streets.

Resolution 2025-09 adopting a policy for underground was introduced. Councilmember Hardee moved and Still seconded approval of Resolution 2025-09. Ayes: Still, Brown, Hardee, Wyckoff. Nay:

none, mc. 2025-10 Resolution approving and authorizing signing of a sharing agreement Bedford Community Schools (baseball/softball field maintenance) was introduced Councilmember Hardee moved and Brown seconded approval of Resolution 2025-10. Ayes: Still, Brown, Hardee, Wyckoff. Nay: none, mc.

Resolution 2025-11 setting public hearing for disposal of real property was introduced. Councilmember Hardee moved and Wyckoff seconded approval of Resolution 2025-11. Ayes: Still, Brown, Hardee, Wyckoff. Nav: none, mc.

Councilmember moved and Still second approval of annual tobacco permits for Casey's and Hy Vee Food Store. 4 ayes, mc.

Councilmember moved and Still seconded approval of a Class C Retail Alcohol permit renewal for The Locker Room. 4 ayes, mc.

Councilmember moved and Wyckoff seconded approval to block Main Street on July 5th for a street dance. 4 ayes,

Councilmember Still moved and Brown seconded approval of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol permit for Gettin' Slushed South of 35 LLC d/b/a Lucky Wife (@BedfordFest). ayes, mc.

The council reviewed a list of properties with nuisance abatement notices that have reached their allotted time for compliance. Those found to be non-compliant after the given time will be turned over to the city attorney.

Being no further business to come before the council. Councilmember Wyckoff moved and Hardee seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. 4 ayes,

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USDA to open General and **Continuous Conservation Reserve Program enrollment for 2025**

The U.S. Department offers for General CRP of Agriculture (USDA) announced several Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment opportunities for agricultural producers and landowners. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting offers for both the General and Continuous CRP beginning today through June 6, 2025. CRP, USDA's

conservation flagship program, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For four decades, CRP has provided financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners who place unproductive or marginal cropland under contract for 10-15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and support wildlife habitat. The American Relief Act, 2025, extended provisions for CRP through Sept. 30, 2025.

"With 1.8 million acres available for all CRP enrollment this fiscal year, we are very aware that we are bumping up against the statutory 27-million-acre statutory cap," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "Now more than ever, it's important that the acres offered by landowners and those approved by USDA address our most critical natural resource concerns. With the limited number of acres that we have available, we're not necessarily looking for the most acres offered but instead prioritizing mindful conservation efforts to ensure we maximize the return on our investment from both a conservation and economic perspective."

General CRP (Signup 64) Agricultural producers and landowners submit

through a competitive bid process. Offers are ranked and scored, by FSA, using nationally established environmental benefits criteria. USDA will announce accepted offers once ranking and scoring for all offers is completed. In addition to annual rental payments, approved General CRP participants may also be eligible for assistance cost-share to establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative cover. Continuous CRP (Signup

Unlike General CRP, Continuous CRP offers are not subject to a competitive bid process. To ensure enrolled acres do not exceed the current statutory cap of 27 million acres, FSA is accepting Continuous CRP offers on a first-come, first-served basis through June 6. However, should allotted CRP acreage remain available following the June 6 deadline, FSA will accept continuous CRP offers from interested landowners through July 31, 2025, and may be subsequently considered for acceptance, in batches, if it's determined that the offered acres support USDA's conservation priorities.

Continuous **CRP** participants voluntarily offer environmentally sensitive lands, typically parcels smaller offered through General CRP including wetlands, riparian buffers, varying wildlife habitats. In return, they receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative cover.

Continuous **CRP** enrollment options include: -State Acres

Enhancement Initiative: Restores vital habitat in order to meet high-priority state wildlife conservation goals.

Highly Erodible Land Initiative: Producers and landowners can enroll in CRP to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland that has a weighted erodibility index greater than or equal to 20.

Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative: Prioritizes water quality practices on land that, if enrolled, will help reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms. The vegetative covers also contribute to increased wildlife populations.

CLEAR30 (a component the CLEAR Initiative): Offers additional incentives for water quality practice adoption and can be accessed 30-year in contracts.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program: Addresses high priority conservation objectives of states and Tribal governments on agricultural lands specific geographic areas. Grassland and Expiring **CRP** Acres

FSA will announce dates for Grassland CRP signup in the near future.

Additionally, owners with acres enrolled in CRP set to expire Sept. 30, 2025, can offer acres for re-enrollment beginning today. A producer can offer to enroll new acres into CRP and also offer to reenroll any acres expiring Sept. 30, 2025.

For more information on CRP participant and land eligibility, approved conservation practices and detailed program fact sheets, visit FSA's CRP website.



