

**Council Minutes June 27, 2017**

**STATE OF TEXAS §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD §**

**The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:00 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 27th day of June, 2017 with the following members present:**

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Michael Boyter	Council Members
Roger Fisher	
Dave Gebhart	
Amy Sabol	
Rusty Sartor	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Cathy Cunningham	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Jeff Gibson	Police Chief
Kenny Overstreet	Public Works Director
Maria Redburn	Library Director
Bobby Sewell	Deputy Fire Chief
Eric Valdez	Community Services Manager

**COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION**

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:52 p.m.

- **Report on the Feasibility Study for Phase Next conducted by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.**

City Manager Brian Bosshardt stated that this item is to continue the discussion on Phase Next. Staff is seeking direction from Council and for help in framing the public meetings. Staff will come back to Council on August 8, 2017 with options for a bond package after public meetings are held in July with the community, as well as with stakeholders, including the Parks and Recreation Board, Arts Council Northeast and ONSTAGE, to get their sense of what they want to see in a new facility and service offerings. Staff would then come back to Council at a special meeting between August 9 and August 21, 2017 to set the ballot language for a bond election in November. Kimley-Horn will present an assessment of existing facilities, a review of the recreation center tours, and a menu of options for an indoor facility and outdoor improvements. Cost estimates have been developed for construction and improvements, which include a built-in inflationary percentage. The presentation will also include potential layouts of what the park may look like after the improvements. Staff is seeking specific direction from Council, including on a new outdoor aquatics facility, an indoor aquatic center, the location of the facility, performance space and a banquet hall, and cost recovery expectations.

Community Services Manager Eric Valdez thanked Council for the time allotted for the presentation and recognized key staff involved in the process, including Parks Superintendent

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Don Henderson, Athletics/Aquatics Coordinator Mike Radoyevich, and Recreation Coordinator Katy Wainwright. Mark Hatchel with Kimley-Horn introduced Steven Springs with Brinkley Sargent Architects and Miklos Valdez with Counsilman-Hunsaker, who are working with Kimley-Horn on operations, projections, aquatic planning and design, and the recreation center planning and design for a new senior activity center. Mr. Hatchel stated they worked with the City on the original Boys Ranch Master Plan eight years prior and several changes have taken place since then, including an improved economy, population growth, and the completion of both Phase 1 of the Boys Ranch and the highway expansion. Goals for the project include preserving and enhancing open space; improving circulation, parking and accessibility; upgrading athletic facilities; upgrading the Senior Center and Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC); improving operation sustainability; and enhancing the City's quality of life and community image. He presented a timeline of progress to date, including a kick-off meeting and tour of the existing facilities in April; work sessions with staff, gathering of operational data, and touring benchmark activity and senior centers in May; and further staff work sessions and a Council work session in June.

Mr. Hatchel presented information on the assessment of existing facilities. The Arts Council and ONSTAGE buildings are approximately 6,000 and 4,000 square feet in size respectively. Attendance at both facilities is unknown; they are not City-operated facilities, so there is no operational cost recovery; and both were constructed in 1949. They are non-compliant with current City codes and major renovations or replacement is necessary in the next two to five years. They are maintained by the City and are for non-profit use. Bedford Splash is approximately 50,000 square feet and was constructed in 2003. Attendance at the facility is approximately 40,000 and operational cost recovery is 80 to 90 percent for the summer season. It also needs major renovations or replacement in the next two to five years. It has limited deck space and needs improved access and parking. The Senior Center is approximately 8,000 square feet in size and was built in 1976, with an addition built in 1984. Attendance is approximately 30,000 and operational cost recovery is five percent, which is typical for senior facilities. It is non-compliant with current codes and needs improved access and parking. The BRAC is approximately 30,000 square feet, which is less than half the size of the activity center in North Richland Hills. It was constructed in 1949, and expanded in 1999. Attendance is approximately 60,000 and operational cost recovery is 50 to 60 percent. It is non-compliant with current City codes, has limited programming space, and needs improved access and parking.

Mr. Hatchel presented information on the benchmark activity center tour of the facilities in Grapevine and North Richland Hills. They both have combined senior and activity facilities, and are both relatively new and well-received. He displayed a demographic comparison of Bedford, North Richland Hills, and Grapevine. He discussed the NRH Centre, which has several common areas and social spaces; a large banquet hall, which can be subdivided for meetings; multiple basketball courts; and an indoor recreational and aquatic center. It is approximately 85,000 square feet and was constructed in 2012. It has 400,000 visits a year. It has a 90 percent operational cost recovery, which is paid for by the active users, with the senior users being subsidized. It is a multi-generational facility, which has a lot of operational efficiencies. It has shared exercise and aquatic programs and 400 parking spaces.

Mr. Hatchel discussed options for an upgraded BRAC, including an upgraded senior facility that would be similar in size to the current one at 8,000 square feet; upgraded active-user facilities at 40,000 square feet; enhanced wellness programming; consolidated facilities with separate entrances for seniors and active users; and an optional banquet/performance area and indoor aquatics. The total cost of an upgraded BRAC with all the options presented would total \$35,000,000.

Mr. Hatchel presented information on an assessment of existing outdoor facilities. A display of the approved 2010 Master Plan and facilities as they currently are show them to be the same, except for the lake, trails and drainage creek having been redone. There are two primary parcels

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of land to develop, one mainly for athletics at 14 acres, and an indoor facility and aquatics at 20 acres. For athletics, there is a need for four acres for the baseball fourplex, two acres for a new tennis center, and three acres for 300 parking spaces. For the indoor and aquatics portion, there is a need for two acres for the BRAC and senior center, two acres for an outdoor aquatic center, one acre for a skate park, two acres for special events, two acres for soccer, and six acres for 600 parking spaces.

Mr. Hatchel stated that much of the 2010 Master Plan is still valid. The area for the athletic facilities is maxed out with what is planned, but what is different is where the BRAC is going to be placed. Option A shows the BRAC to be at the corner of Harwood Road and Forest Ridge Drive, the pros of which are new visibility and image, no impact to current operations and improved access. Cons include completing the berm and debris removal, and electrical primary relocation. Option B puts the BRAC where it currently is, and includes the entrance to the park lining up with the street light and locating parking adjacent to the facility. Pros include being adjacent to the ponds and special events, and improved access. Option C moves the BRAC closer to the new ponds. Pros include being adjacent to special events and open space, and improved access. Cons include impact to special event space and less visibility from the main thoroughfares. Each option preserves the open space, upgrades all the facilities, and improves the roads, parking and accessibility. Each option totals \$35,000,000, including a new outdoor aquatic center at \$9,000,000. Simply renovating Splash would be an approximately \$4,000,000 project. He discussed the next steps in the process, including public outreach and a survey in July, an update to Council on August 8, a special Council meeting to call a bond election in November, more public outreach in September, and the bond election.

There was discussion on the \$70,000,000 cost for the entire project. In response to a question from Council regarding the increase in costs for the outdoor facilities from 2010, Mr. Hatchel stated that there has been a huge demand for labor and materials costs for construction have increased over the last two years by one to two percent a month. It is anticipated that there is going to be two more years of that type of inflation. The plan is for the same quality and level of facilities being constructed or upgraded in neighboring cities. Regarding the lifespan of an outdoor aquatic facility like Splash, he stated that new style pools have increased wear and tear from more attendees and because they have more moving parts, and they need replacement or renovation every 15 to 20 years. More often, water is being kept in the pools to protect their finishes, and they are being run with low-energy consumption during the off-season. Moving pools indoors will protect them from the elements but they are expensive to heat and operate year-round. Regarding keeping the BRAC in the same location and building around Splash, he stated that doing major renovations to pools has not been a good solution. Further, the site is tight and has a lot of theming, and if it is to be renovated, he would like to see a new bathhouse to match the new architecture. The pool mechanicals would have to be redone and though some of the pool shells could remain, pools are being built today with longer rivers, more deck space and more shade. There was discussion on moving the BRAC and aquatics to the corner to help with operations and staffing, and adjusting the roadway to consolidate the landmass. Mr. Hatchel stated that if the facilities were adjacent, there would be a need for separate parking and an outdoor entrance so as not to burden the recreation lobby or interfere with the activity and senior users.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Hatchel stated the new outdoor aquatics center would be approximately 80,000 square feet, compared to 50,000 square feet for the current facility. There was discussion on economies of scale; input from Council and the public on the different options presented by Kimley-Horn; the goals listed for the project; and the existing facilities assessment. Mr. Hatchel stated the future of the Arts Council and ONSTAGE buildings are up to the Council and citizens. The buildings are old and he does not know if they can continue to be operated as they are currently. He believes if the larger BRAC is constructed, those uses could be accommodated within it. There was discussion on facilities in other surrounding cities. Regarding return-on-investment (ROI), Mr. Hatchel stated that he knows the City's facilities are

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too small, and there is a need for more gym areas and classroom space. Once a direction is set by Council, then they can start the detailed programming of the new BRAC and Senior Center, and then look at all the options for such items as indoor aquatics. Mr. Valdez with Councilman-Hunsaker stated that with the amount of other facilities in the area, the aquatic and recreation facilities would draw in people from an approximately 10-mile radius, with Bedford residents being the major draw. There was discussion on the City paying for passes to allow Bedford residents to go to NRH2O. Mr. Hatchel confirmed that having aquatic facilities in Bedford is sustainable if the citizens want them and if they can be done. He stated that on the Parks Master Plan, aquatics always is near the top of priorities. Regarding attendance, he stated there is always a spike when a facility first opens. There was discussion on ROI, including providing the level of services desired by citizens and doing so affordably, and cost-recovery from active users. Mr. Sanchez stated that ROI is expenses related to running the facilities and revenue generated from the facilities, and is not related to the cost of construction. None of the options presented are for 100 percent ROI, and that for a new outdoor aquatic center, the cost-recovery would be about the same as the current facility. Mr. Springs stated that a 100 percent ROI is not typical, and that ROI drives what amenities could be put in a center, as well as the fee structure. He discussed the cost-neutral Keller Point facility and inertia that needs to be overcome in a more mature city that already has a center with an expectation from citizens on the costs of using it. He stated a 60 to 80 percent range for ROI is normal in a city that is rebuilding or renewing. Indoor aquatics is expensive to operate and would decrease the City's ability to have a high recapture rate.

Acting City Manager Cliff Blackwell stated that the City experienced record growth in property tax valuations the previous year, and that from preliminary reports, the City will see another double digit increase in property tax valuations for the current year. That increase, coupled with a decrease in tax-supported debt service from \$5,500,000 to \$3,800,000, will decrease the effective rate by approximately six cents to around 41 to 42 cents. The debt portion of the effective tax rate will decrease from 17.2 cents to 11 cents. A \$75,000,000 issuance would generate a \$5,700,000 annual debt service payment in addition to the \$3,800,000 debt service payment for the following year. The debt portion of the tax rate would go from 11 cents to 27 cents. For a \$60,000,000 issuance, the debt portion would go to 23.5 cents and for a \$50,000,000 issuance, the debt portion would go to 21.35 cents. The average residential taxable value in Bedford is \$168,456 and with the current tax rate of 47.6 cents, the tax levy is \$802.71. If the City does not do a debt issuance and goes to a 41.5 cent effective tax rate, and the average residential taxable valuation remains the same, the tax levy will decrease to \$700.32. For a \$50,000,000 debt issuance, the tax rate would be 50.4832 cents, which would generate a tax levy of \$850.42. For a \$60,000,000 issuance, the tax rate would be 52.61 cents, which would generate a tax levy of \$886.25. For a \$75,000,000 debt issuance, the tax rate would be 55.77 cents, which would generate a tax levy of \$939.54. There was discussion on the impact being felt in Fiscal Year 2019, as the first year would mostly be interest. He stated that there is going to be a \$1,500,000 decrease in the 2005 General Obligation bonds, which will then drop off in 2019.

There was discussion on continuing the services of ONSTAGE and the Arts Council. Mr. Valdez with Councilman-Hunsaker stated that the amount of people that will continue to use a facility after it first opens depends on the amenities and facilities, and they do not look at the initial increase in attendance but instead look at the long term. There was discussion on a decrease in population in Bedford; the lack of space to grow out; concerns on the ability to pay for the facilities; moving BluesFest to the Boys Ranch; and the danger of 4thFest at the Boys Ranch due to the increased number of facilities. Mr. Hatchel stated that the Boys Ranch is not an ideal location for BluesFest, and plans have been developed to allow 4thFest to continue and function better at the Boys Ranch with improved parking and circulation, a permanent stage, and using soccer practice fields for a lawn, and a set-piece amphitheater. Regarding competition with local facilities such as with fitness equipment, Mr. Stevens stated that fitness equipment drives membership. The private sector conflict does come up but that public facilities serve as an incubator for the private sector. Regarding the potential for decreased construction costs by having larger, more consolidated

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buildings, Mr. Hatchel stated that it would not substantially decrease costs and there is a need for the same number of roads from the same entry points. They want to slow down traffic and have it come out to a light for safety, and fix the slope coming into the park. He further stated that concessions, restrooms, an added pro shop for tennis, reworking the creek south of Harwood Road to match the construction in Phase 1, and electrical primary relocation and existing utilities are built into the site development costs.

There was discussion on Council first getting feedback from the community on what is important before making decisions; not doing something because the City covets neighboring facilities; looking hard at costs and what is truly needed; narrowing down the focus before going to the public; integrating the conference center/banquet hall/theater into the Old Bedford School property, including the need for bond money; the phasing of the Bedford Commons project, including a new city hall and the need for bond money; a funding opportunity for a miracle park; putting all those projects into a bond package; and the larger impact on the budget of not doing anything with the City's facilities.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session began at 6:38 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order. He stated the community suffered a tragedy with the loss of Kaytlynn Cargill. The Council's thoughts and prayers go to her family. The family prefers that the press give them space to deal with the loss. He stated the Police Department continues to do a wonderful job in dealing with the situation and is working tirelessly to bring it to a resolution. He said a special thanks to Chief Jeff Gibson and his command staff for their leadership; Monique Hall with the Repeat Victimization Unit; Crime Victims Coordinator Courtney Janes; Police Chaplain Mark Massey; multiple members of the Criminal Investigation Division; and members of the Patrol and Traffic Divisions. He stated they all have committed a tremendous amount of time, effort and energy to this situation, and their hearts and prayers go to the family and the community.

### **INVOCATION (Pastor Nosa Onaiwu, Arise and Shine International Ministries Church)**

Pastor Nosa Onaiwu of Arise and Shine International Ministries Church gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Public Information Officer Natalie Foster reported that the annual 4thFest event will be held the following Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Boys Ranch Park. Admission is free and there will be children's activities, a car show, live music, and fireworks. For the safety of attendees, drones are not allowed to be flown in or around the Boys Ranch Park during the event. Shuttles will not be available, but parking is available on site for \$20.00 and \$15.00 at the Library. She reported that a Flick and Float event, featuring the movie "Finding Dory," will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 at Bedford Splash at 9:00 p.m. She reported that tickets are on sale for the annual Blues & BBQ Event running Friday, September 1 through Sunday September 3, 2017. The musical lineup will feature legendary Blues musicians and there will be a Kansas City-

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sanctioned BBQ cook-off. She reminded everybody that Stormie Jones and Harris Ryals Park are now open to the public with brand new playground equipment that was just installed.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Nobody chose to speak during Open Forum.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

**1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:  
a) June 13, 2017 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

**2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ron Wright, Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector and Tarrant County, for assessment and collection services of ad valorem taxes levied by the City of Bedford; and providing for an effective date.**

This item was approved by consent.

**3. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year lease agreement with the Bedford, Texas Airport Area YMCA for the purpose of having league games and practice at the Meadow Park soccer fields.**

This item was approved by consent.

**4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year lease agreement with the Bedford Eules Soccer Association for the purpose of having league games and practice at the Stormie Jones Park and the Boys Ranch soccer fields.**

This item was approved by consent.

**5. Consider a resolution authorizing the donation of two traffic trailers to the Bedford Fire Alumni Association by the Bedford Police Department.**

This item was approved by consent.

**6. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with TSCA-231 Limited Partnership d.b.a. Cimarron Plaza, by and through their agent, Quine and Associates, Inc., for continued operation and maintenance of the Wildfire Camera placed at 1220-1424 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas.**

This item was approved by consent.

**7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase three Automatic Chest Compression Devices (ACCDs) from Physio-Control in the amount of \$46,500.**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Deputy Fire Chief Bobby Sewell presented information regarding this item. He stated that earlier in the year, staff requested four Lucas Devices through the Assistance for Firefighters grant, and were awarded three. These devices will help with continuity, as efficiency goes down once the firefighters go mobile. They will also help with safety, as currently firefighters are unable to be restrained in the ambulance while performing CPR. The City received a \$46,000 grant, and the City's portion is \$4,000. In response to questions from Council, Chief Sewell stated the devices will go into the three active ambulances, and if an ambulance breaks down, the device will be moved from that vehicle to the reserve vehicle. The devices have Wi-Fi for software updates and must be serviced once a year. They have one-year warranties and will be added to the Department's current service contract. The life expectancy of the devices is eight to ten years.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase three Automatic Chest Compression Devices (ACCDs) from Physio-Control in the amount of \$46,500.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

**8. Consider a resolution of the City Council of Bedford, Texas, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.**

This item was approved by consent.

**COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

These items were discussed prior to Open Forum.

**9. Employee Service Recognition**

The following employees received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Caroline Tait, Library - 5 years of service  
Brad Deutsch, Police Department - 10 years of service  
Jeff Pruett, Police Department - 10 years of service  
Emily Hilbish, Library - 20 years of service

**10. Proclamation declaring July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Bedford.**

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Bedford. Mr. Valdez and Mr. Radoyevich accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Community Services Department.

**11. The following individual has requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:**

- a) Ed Henderson, 2513 Meadow View, Bedford, Texas 76021 - Request to speak to the Council regarding renewable energy.**

Mr. Henderson discussed the City being on the forefront of renewable energy. He stated alternative energy would be a good source to consider on the development of any new structures with the bond issue as it would require less infrastructure, maintenance and cost. It is estimated

the use of solar panels to provide electricity would result in minimum cost decrease of ten percent, and up to a 15 or 20 percent decrease if done correctly. A press release from the National Mayors' Conference stated that they agree with the Paris Accord and that the national government can no longer be relied on for leadership in this area. He stated that 331 mayors adopted the climate accord during the session, and 83 stated they would adopt, honor and uphold the Paris Accord regardless of the national government, including those from Houston, Austin, Smithville, Dallas and Georgetown. He discussed other cities and states that have come out in support of the Paris Accord.

In terms of what Bedford can do in the short term, he stated that new hotels currently being built could provide electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Using Fort Worth as an example for the utilization of bikes, Bedford could make bike paths on arterial roads to connect different sectors of the City, including linking restaurants and stores. The City could also install EV outlets at City facilities, such as Colleyville did at their town square at no cost to the City. Current businesses and homes could be encouraged to install alternative energy. He stated alternative energy is a low-maintenance form of energy and a low-cost infrastructure development so in the long term, when the City needs to enhance or replace its infrastructure, it should look at the use of alternative energy. He discussed the amount of wattage from solar panels, and stated they should cut down on the degradation of air coolers and heaters on facilities as they do not pull as much energy. The return on investment for City facilities should be a minimum of 15 percent. The City should look at lighting such things as tennis courts with solar energy. He stated the objective of the Council should be to commit to the conversion of Bedford to renewable energy as time allows and use it as a source for reducing costs. He asked Council to consider making a proclamation supporting the Paris Accord and the commitment to renewable energy for the coming future. There was discussion on being good stewards of the City's money and the environment. In response to questions from Council, he stated he first got interested in alternative energy when he saw it's advantages and cost impact while working at Rockwell. He also studied and in the next 10 to 15 years, with the age of the electric grid, there will be blackouts due to overcapacity. He discussed EV charging stations in the area and stated that charging at home does not really impact his electric bill.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$126,000, for the update and maintenance of the existing City Geographic Information System (GIS) database and to provide hosting services for this database.**

Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet presented information regarding this item. He stated that Council discussed GIS at their previous meeting, and staff was asked come back with a contract for 100 percent of what was needed and to find a way to fund it without carrying over to next fiscal year, with a budget that was not yet approved. The cost to do 100 percent of the work is \$126,000, which can be funded out of line items in the current budget and a 2007 Certificate of Obligation (CO) bond. In response to a question from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated this contract would build all the layers for water, sewer, stormwater, traffic and signs. There will still be benefits to Economic Development as presented. Regarding how this item is being paid, \$36,800 is coming from the line item for GIS, \$35,169 from the 2007 bond, with the remainder coming out of the Utility Repair Fund. He confirmed that payment for this item will not result in having to forgo any purchases or services, and will be paid from excess funds that have not yet been appropriated. There was discussion on the City being currently deficient in terms of GIS; and layer building and data collection.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$126,000, for the update and maintenance of the existing City Geographic Information System (GIS) database and to provide hosting services for this database.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement to renew the City's employee medical benefits with CIGNA.**

Interim Human Resources Director Kathryn Usrey presented information regarding this item. The previous year, there was a 34 percent increase on health insurance, due in part to several large claims, including ten exceeding \$50,000 that totaled over \$1,300,000. At one point, the loss ratio was 181 percent. This year, some of those claims have moved off the plan and the loss ratio in May was 32 percent, and for the year, the loss ratio is 56 percent. She stated IPS did a wonderful job negotiating with CIGNA and there is no rate increase this year. Traditionally, the City has bid all its insurances every year, which is not a good plan as it discourages some potential bidders. The City is moving to a process of not going out to bid every year and will establish through resolution the length of the relationship, and will further strive to get rate agreements for whatever period it can get a guaranteed rate. It will be further established with Council at what point the insurances will be taken out to bid. There are some insurances that would normally be included with this item that are being taken out to bid. She stated there was an initial increase of eight percent in health insurance but it was negotiated down. In response to questions from Council, Andrew Weeger with IPS Advisors stated that the loss ratio by then end of the year is projected to be 65 to 70 percent due mainly to the reduction in large claims. The plan itself, outside of the large claims, is being well run and utilized effectively. He believes the employee clinic is still a worthwhile expense, it was highly utilized, and one of the reasons to drive employees to the clinic is to build a relationship with a primary care physician. Ms. Usrey discussed the City's rate structure, and stated that employees and their spouses who get annual an annual physical receive a discounted rate, which is done by a very high ratio of employees.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement to renew the City's employee medical benefits with CIGNA.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried

### **14. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Flores, VSP, AETNA and OPTUM for various benefit programs with existing multi-year rate guarantees.**

Ms.Usrey presented information regarding this item, which is to allow the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with four different companies. The agreements are with Flores for COBRA, VSP for vision, AETNA for the employee assistance program (EAP), and OPTUM for health savings account (HSA) management. They are all a two-year relationship and this is the second year of fixed-rate agreements. They will all be taken out to bid the following year. For vision insurance, there is no cost to the City as the employees pay for that benefit.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Flores, VSP, AETNA and OPTUM for various benefit programs with existing multi-year rate guarantees.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

**15. Consider a resolution to not oppose the application of Shred-Tech, Inc. to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a Municipal Setting Designation for the property at 12700 Calloway Cemetery Road, Arlington, Texas.**

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding this item, which is a resolution in support of a Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) for property at 12700 Calloway Cemetery Road in Arlington. From different companies being at that location over the years, the groundwater has become contaminated. The MSD Program allows for mitigation to be done. The City of Arlington did a resolution, and any surrounding cities operating a water well within a five-mile radius must look to see if there would be any effects on their well. It has been determined that there would be no effect on Bedford's well as the City is three miles away from the location and water flows in a southwesterly direction. In response to questions from Council, Dr. Kenneth Tramm with Modern Geosciences stated that Arlington, being the sponsoring city, has passed a resolution, which is just now going out to surrounding cities. He confirmed the City's well is approximately 1,500 feet deep and the area being discussed is approximately 50 to 75 feet deep, with water flowing away from the well. He stated the mitigation would not impact the City's well and water. There was discussion on having the resolution state that the City "does not oppose" the application instead of "supports" the application.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve a resolution to not oppose the application of Shred-Tech, Inc. to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a Municipal Setting Designation for the property at 12700 Calloway Cemetery Road, Arlington, Texas.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried

**16. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:**

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board**

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission**

Councilmember Turner reported that the Commission is actively working on increasing participation in Clean Up Bedford Day, including putting up banner signs.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission**

Councilmember Boyter reported that the Commission will be working on the Resident and Business of the Year awards. He stated that he hopes Chairperson Sal Caruso is feeling better.

✓ **Cultural Commission**

Mayor Griffin discussed videos being shot by Councilmembers Fisher and Boyter, and members of the staff, for the Commission.

✓ **Library Advisory Board**

Councilmember Boyter stated the Library is doing an awesome job and that it is nice to have one of the best small municipality libraries in the State be recognized.

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### ✓ Parks and Recreation Board

Councilmember Sartor reported on the upgrade to facilities at Stormie Jones and Harris Ryals parks.

### ✓ Teen Court Advisory Board

No report was given.

### ✓ Senior Center Liaison

Councilmember Turner reported that the survey is still under way concerning the dance schedule. Mayor Griffin stated he attended the previous dance and that there were 62 people in attendance.

## 17. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Fisher complimented the Police Department and all first responders and stated the situation has impacted the family and many other people.

Councilmember Sartor complimented the Police Department and Chief Gibson for the fantastic job they have done and continue to do. His prayers went out to the family involved.

## 18. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**To convene in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:**

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.072, receive an update on recent economic development activity.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, receive an update on recent economic development activity at 7:47 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the Regular Session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

## 19. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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