

11-14-89 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., November 14, 1989.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman E. Thomas Messier; Vice Mayor John M. Owen, III; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman James A. Vest.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular meeting held on October 24, 1989, were approved as mailed.

City Manager Gross informed Council that Dr. Tom Muller, consultant for the Coalition for Effective Government, met with City officials in order to review the City's budget, capital planning projects, etc., as to what the Grayson Commission proposals would mean to the City of Bedford. Mr. Gross stated that Dr. Muller is preparing an extensive spreadsheet of small and medium-size communities throughout the Commonwealth so the economic effects of the Grayson Commission proposals could be analyzed very quickly.

Councilman Brookshier stated that he had received complaints regarding the condition of Orange Street Extension. He also asked about the status of the realignment of the Jackson Street and Bridge Street intersection. The City Manager stated that the realignment is still in the master plan which was approved by Council, but that it is not in the capital budget for funding at the present time. Mr. Gross stated that all of the State Highway money is pledged to the A-1 Alternate project, and the City is not accruing any money for any other street work until that project has been completed. The City Manager will provide Council in the next agenda packet, a report on the condition of Orange Street Extension and the estimate on the realignment cost.

Councilwoman Grahame stated that she had received telephone calls this week from ladies on fixed incomes who have paid to have leaves raked and the City has not picked up the leaves. The City Manager stated that the crew has been out with the leaf machine.

Councilman Rice stated that he has been contacted by persons requesting more lighting on the front of the stucco building (next to the Bedford Middle School) in order to provide better lighting for the parking lot. Councilman Rice stated that he viewed the situation and agrees that more lighting is needed. The City Manager stated that he would check into the matter and that an additional light could be placed there.

Councilman Rice stated that he had received numerous calls and complaints regarding the mess that has resulted from Bedford Cable Vision extending underground cable service into North Hills Subdivision.

Councilman Messier asked for an updated report and recommendations concerning handicapped parking in the City on private property, and the City requiring spaces to be properly signed.

Mayor Shelton reminded Council members that a Virginia Municipal League regional legislative meeting

will be held on December 6 in Roanoke at the Sheraton Airport Inn at 5:45 p.m. and he urged Council members to attend.

Mayor Shelton stated that Delegate Lacey Putney will be present at the Council meeting of November 28 and Senator Elliot Schewel will be present at the Council meeting of December 12 to discuss the City's position on forthcoming legislation. The Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney will develop a list of legislative matters to be presented to Mr. Putney and Mr. Schewel.

The following were the items on the Consent Agenda:

Appoint Mr. Allen F. Persinger to serve a four-year term on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, said term to expire October 13, 1993.

Appoint Mr. Richard W. Drechsel to serve a three-year term on the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, said term to expire December 31, 1992.

Councilman Messier moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The Mayor stated that each member of Council had before them the final report and recommendation from Frantz-Chappelear Associates regarding the study of the yellow stucco building for potential use as the Bedford Regional Library. Mayor Shelton asked the special committee that was formed earlier, which included Councilwoman Grahame, Vice Mayor Owen, and Councilman Brookshier, to set up a meeting with the city members of the Regional Library Board to discuss this document and other alternatives available in terms of a library site, and to report back to Council with recommendations.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

WHEREAS, the City Code requires in Section 2-3 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

WHEREAS, the second regular Council meeting in December is scheduled for December 26, 1989, that date being the day after Christmas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council meeting scheduled for December 26, 1989, be and the same hereby is cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council meeting of December 12, 1989, be adjourned to January 9, 1990.

Councilman Brookshier moved that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Brookshier | aye |
| Councilwoman Grahame | aye |
| Councilman Messier | aye |
| Vice Mayor Owen | aye |
| Councilman Rice | aye |
| Councilman Vest | aye |
| Mayor Shelton | aye |

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.