

3-27-90 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., March 27, 1990.

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

Members absent: Vice Mayor John M. Owen, III.

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 Council meeting held on March 13, 1990, were approved as mailed.

Councilman Brookshier reported that Council has received copies of the evaluation forms for the City Manager and City Attorney.

The City Manager stated that during the February 27 Council meeting, the City Manager and City Attorney were directed to develop an ordinance for the sale of property located at the northwest corner of Federal Street and South Bridge Street resulting from condemnation.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF EXCESS
PROPERTY AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
FEDERAL STREET AND SOUTH BRIDGE STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford determined that it was in the public interest to widen and realign South Bridge Street near the Bedford County school bus maintenance shop and accordingly instituted condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of Bedford County to obtain owner-ship of a small strip of land on the West side of South Bridge Street; and

WHEREAS, in the course of condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of Bedford County the City was required to obtain by condemnation more land than was actually necessary for the improvements to South Bridge Street since the remaining land would be so small as to be unsuited for the erection of appropriate buildings thereon; and

WHEREAS, by Order entered in those proceedings on March 17, 1989, the Court confirmed ownership of the entire parcel in the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to established City policies the surplus property not needed for the project was offered to the adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS, Russell J. Otey and Marie R. Otey have offered to purchase the property for the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:

1. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the City of Bedford to sell the unused portion of the condemned property at the Northwest intersection of Federal Street and South Bridge Street in the City of Bedford to Russell J. Otey and Marie R. Otey;

2. Upon payment of the total purchase price of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Deed in proper form, as approved by the City Attorney, to Russell J. Otey and Marie R. Otey, conveying the surplus property;

3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

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

City Manager Gross reported that the Bedford Junior Women's Club has donated \$100 for the curbside recycling project to the City of Bedford. He stated that in order to utilize this money, it would be in order for Council to appropriate \$100 from a revenue account to an expenditures account. Mr. Gross said that this money will be utilized for the purchase of curbside containers for the pilot curbside recycling program.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council appropriate \$100 from Revenue Account 011800189903 to Expenditure Account 0808108107056044. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vest.

Councilwoman Grahame amended her motion by adding: and that this money be utilized for the purchase of curbside containers for the pilot curbside recycling program. Councilman Vest, who seconded the motion, agreed to the amendment. The motion was then voted upon by the following roll call vote and carried:

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

Betty Lambeth Gereau, representing the Bedford Historical Society, addressed Council concerning a proposed joint architectural survey project. She stated that the main purpose of the project would be to provide the City and County with a professional assessment of their architectural resources. Mrs. Gereau stated that as proposed, funding for this project would be provided jointly by the City (\$5,000), Bedford County (\$20,000), the Bedford Historical Society (\$5,000), and a matching grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Threatened Properties Fund. Mrs. Gereau asked Council to include \$5,000 in the City budget for 1990-91 for this project.

Mr. T. C. Jones, IV, Executive Director of the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, asked Council for continued funding in the amount of \$3,500 for services provided by the Agency.

Mr. Augustine J. Fagan, Executive Director of the Central Virginia Community Services (CVCS), requested that Council include in its budget funds in the amount of \$10,058 for the CVCS. Mr. Fagan reviewed the services that are provided by the CVCS.

Abby Endres, representing the Bedford City-County Museum, asked Council for funds in the amount of \$10,000 for the Museum. She gave a report on the activities at the Museum.

Mr. Keith E. Fisher, Executive Director of the Bedford Area YMCA, asked Council for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the

1990-91 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Ron Burks, President of the Bedford Middle School Band Boosters, asked Council for funding in the amount of \$1,000 or in the purchase of a musical instrument and some music stands.

Mr. Burks stated that the Band Boosters have raised approximately \$13,000.

Mrs. Nancy Strachen, Bedford Public Library, asked Council for funding in the amount of \$71,986.33 for fiscal 1990-91.

Mrs. Strachen reviewed the proposed library budget.

Ms. Linda Kochendarfer, Director of Bedford Main Street, Inc., reviewed some of the activities of Main Street, such as Downtown Employees' Appreciation Day to be held April 24, 1990; and the Downtown Walkers' Association. Ms. Kochendarfer asked Council to continue to support Main Street at same level.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

