

9-22-92 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., September 22, 1992.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Members absent: Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

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 September 8, 1992, were approved as mailed.

Councilwoman Grahame reported that the City/County Relations Committees of City Council and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors have met. Councilwoman Grahame and Councilman Rice indicated that they felt it was a very positive meeting. Councilwoman Grahame stated that another meeting is scheduled for September 29.

Councilman Rice indicated that he had received several telephone calls from City employees regarding no hunting being allowed on City property surrounding the reservoir.

City Manager Gross stated the City's insurance carrier has notified the City that it would not cover any accidents occurring on that property.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Appointment of Mr. O. P. Stancer to fill an unexpired term on the Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire November 30, 1995.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried.

Mr. Tom Foster, representing the Go-Kart Race Committee of Bedford Main Street, Inc., gave a report on the scheduled Go Kart race to be held October 24, 1992. Mr. Foster reviewed the time schedule; and information regarding pit areas, spectators, crowd control, safety barriers, route approval, and the insurance carrier.

Mayor Shelton suggested appropriate signs be used to direct persons to those businesses that will remain open during the racing event.

The agenda item "Resolution in Support of Recognition of Contributions to New Library Building" was delayed until later in the meeting.

City Manager Gross stated that the boiler at the Bedford Middle School was recently inspected by the City's insurance company for its insurability and safety of operation. Mr. Gross indicated that the inspection revealed that stays had deteriorated within the boiler. An estimate received by a certified boiler welder for repairs needed, including the stays and other items, was approximately \$10,000. Mr. Gross stated that the boiler is more than seventy years old.

The City Manager said that advertising has begun for a replacement boiler based on the cost estimates of repair, the age of the boiler, the consensus that investing \$10,000 in a seventy-year old boiler would not be cost effective, and contingent upon funding. It is estimated that the City will save approximately twenty percent annually in fuel costs and maintenance operation of the new boiler. The City Manager indicated that in addition to this cost saving, the City has to consider the safety of the boiler. It is recommended that Council consider an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for emergency replacement of the boiler.

Councilman Rice moved that Council appropriate an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the unappropriated contingency to Account No. 0606106101054132 for replacement of the boiler at the Middle School. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	absent
Mayor Shelton	aye

The City Manager stated that Council has received a draft of the revisions to Chapter 19, Sewer and Sewage Disposal, of the City Code. Mr. Gross indicated that the ordinance revisions were prepared by the City's consultant, Olver Incorporated, and represent the minimum requirements mandated by the State Water Control Board, State Health Department, and the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA). City Manager Gross stated the City is required to adopt this ordinance per state and federal regulations and the City's financing agreement with the VRA. The City's bond agreement requires that the ordinance be adopted by City Council when the City's project reaches 95% of its completion. Mr. Gross stated that the project is now at that point. The Water and Sewer Committee has met with the consultant and staff to review the ordinance and recommends its approval.

Mr. Glen Foster, of Olver Incorporated, reviewed the summary of proposed changes to Chapter 19 of the City Code.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Roger Henderson, representing the Bedford Industrial Management Council, and the following individuals who are members of the Industrial Management Council, spoke regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance: Mr. Blake Martin, Rental Uniform Service; Mr. Joe Davidson, President of Piedmont Label Company; Mr. Pete Peterson, President, Bunker Hill Foods; Mr. Tim Childress, Golden West Foods; and Mr. Harry Schickling, Rubatex Corporation.

Mayor Shelton suggested the following:

1. That the Bedford Industrial Management Council have a series of meetings with the Water and Sewer Committee.

2. That the City hold a tour of the sewage treatment plant for the members of the Industrial Management Council.
3. Assistance - the City staff, the Water and Sewer Committee, and the industries review the alternatives that are available.
4. General Assembly - taking Bedford's concerns to the General Assembly in terms of legislation that impacts this community.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council waive the reading of the proposed ordinance regarding sewers and sewage disposal, as it has been properly posted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council adopt the revised sewer ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, and after a brief discussion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	absent
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The City Manager stated as part of its fund raising efforts, the Library Board and staff have compiled a list of rooms and areas of the new library building which can be named for a family, individual, or business making a substantial contribution to the building fund. In recognition of such contributions, the Board and staff plan to attach engraved plaques in such rooms and areas, with the understanding that such plaques will remain at those locations in perpetuity.

The Clerk read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, construction of a new headquarters building for the Bedford Public Library will begin in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a part of the funds necessary for the construction is being raised through a fund-raising drive in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board and Library staff wish to recognize those families, individuals, and businesses which make substantial contributions to the building fund by the naming of certain rooms and areas of the building for those families, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board and staff wish to place engraved plaques bearing the names of these families, individuals, and businesses in these rooms and areas, which plaques will remain in perpetuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedford City Council hereby gives assurance of its support for the recognition of substantial contributors to the Library Building Fund through the placing of engraved plaques naming those contributors in the new library building, with the understanding that such plaques will remain in the building in perpetuity.

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

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	absent
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.