

7-13-93 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., July 13, 1993.

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 June 22, 1993, were approved as mailed.

City Manager Gross stated that Mr. Michael A. Socha will join the City staff on July 19 as the new Director of the Electric Department. The City Manager indicated that Mr. Socha is from Ozark, Missouri, and has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, is an electrical engineer, and has recently completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Councilman Rice expressed appreciation to those individuals who worked in the sever storm that occurred on June 4, 1993.

Councilman Rice asked for a status report at the next regular meeting on the preliminary completion date of the cleanup of debris from the storm.

Councilman Brookshier asked members of Council to give comments regarding the storm evaluation plan pertaining to the Electric Department to the City Manager or one of the Electric Committee members prior to the meeting on June 27.

Mayor Shelton congratulated the Recreation Department on the success of the Fourth of July Celebration event.

Councilwoman Grahame reported on the First Annual Pet Parade held on July 10 and thanked Bedford Main Street, Inc., for sponsoring the event.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1993, a devastating wind and hail storm of unprecedented severity struck the City of Bedford and surrounding areas, causing extensive damage to the City's electrical system; and

WHEREAS, the storm brought down many trees in the city, including a tree which fell on a propane tank at the Elks National Home, necessitating the evacuation of residents of the Elks Home and other residents of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the storm many individuals, groups and associations came to the aid of City personnel in their efforts to shelter evacuees and to restore services to the citizens, businesses and public offices of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to publicly acknowledge the outstanding performance by City personnel and all others who rendered assistance during the period following the storm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia hereby offers its grateful appreciation to all those who so selflessly gave of their time and energy to aid the City in recovering from the effects of the storm of June 4, 1993; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be read into the minutes of the meeting of Bedford City Council on July 13, 1993 and be made a part of the record thereof.

Councilman Rice moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey.

Mayor Shelton expressed appreciation to all of those involved in the June 4th event for their dedication, loyalty, and responsiveness in meeting the needs of this community.

The motion was then 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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.