

1-11-94 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., January 11, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor 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 Council meeting held on December 28, 1993, were approved as mailed.

Members of Council discussed various items during the "Council Comments" section of the agenda: continued work on the 122 North/South Connector road; stopping logging trucks from driving through the downtown area; the status of Emerald Crest Subdivision; and the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day scheduled for February 17 at the Richmond Marriott.

On motion by Vice Mayor Vest, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda: Executive Session - Consultation with Staff and Legal Counsel regarding Consolidation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Council at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 11, 1994, at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main St. for the purpose of considering a request for the following:

To consider a conditional use request to construct a duplex on property located in a B-1 zone. The property is located on the west side of S. Bridge Street which was the old LYN CAG playground.

The application is on file in the Office of Community and Economic Development.

The request is being made by Henry H. Carey, Owner.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to the request will have an opportunity to express their

view at this hearing.

By the Authority of City Council

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

As there were no comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

The City Manager stated that the Planning Commission met on January 6, 1994, and recommended that Council approve the conditional use request from Mr. Henry H. Carey to allow construction of a duplex on the west side of South Bridge Street, at the site of the former Lyn Cag playground.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously, after a brief discussion, Council approved the conditional use request as submitted by Mr. Henry H. Carey for property on South Bridge Street, based upon recommendation from the City Planning Commission.

Council held the quarterly meeting with the City School Board.

Mr. William Ludwig, Chairman of the City School Board, presented Council with copies of several resolutions regarding City School Board goals, which dealt with school discipline, the School of Nursing program, the Literacy Passport testing. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed block scheduling at Liberty High School; the budget preparation for the schools, with Mr. Ludwig reporting on state mandates; substitute teachers; future long-range plans of the School Board regarding ideas for a gym at Bedford Middle School.

Mr. Ludwig asked Council for the School Board to be furnished a copy of the 1990 report on consolidation and any updates that may be done.

Further discussion ensued regarding various items.

Mayor Shelton stated that the Assistant to the City Manager will furnish the Board with copies of the 1990 report on consolidation and any future updates.

Mayor Shelton presented an Employee Service Award to Bernard R. Cundiff for many years of service to the community.

Mayor Shelton presented Employee Services Awards to the following City employees:

Five Years Service

Phyllis Dellis

Gary Haynes

Ten Years Service

Dean Dickson

Bob Bush

Darryl Updike

George Hughes

William Berry

Jack Gross

Fifteen Years Service

Walter Kent

Marshall Parker

Debbie Roberts

Twenty Years Service

Grover Hensley

Jimmy English

Gwen Craig

Twenty-Five Years Service

Joanne Caldwell

Brenda Daniel

Mayor Shelton presented the 1993 Employee of the Year Award to Paul J. Cackowski, employee in the Public Works Department.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess which lasted from 8:23 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. for a reception in honor of the employees who received service awards.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council adjourn into executive session for consultation with staff and legal counsel regarding consolidation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Grahame aye

Councilman Otey aye

Councilman Rice aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Vice Mayor Vest aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:45 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, and Clerk of Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:44 p.m. The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council approved the resolution:

Councilwoman Grahame aye

Councilman Otey aye

Councilman Rice aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Vice Mayor Vest aye

Councilman Brookshier aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed upcoming retreat to be held by Council.

Council decided to hold a two-day retreat on February 26 and 27 at one of several places suggested. The City Manager is to make the arrangements.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.