

6-14-94 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., June 14, 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 May 24, 1994, and the minutes of an adjourned Council meeting held on May 25, 1994, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager indicated that a public hearing will be held on June 28 regarding the appointment of school board members.

Council will hold interviews with candidates for the City School Board at 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 1994.

Councilwoman Grahame, on behalf of the Bedford Main Street Board, extended thanks to Elizabeth Berry-Mosley, Director of Bedford Main Street; Ellen Wandrei, Executive Director of the Bedford City-County Museum; and Mr. Harris Gardner, Nations Bank, for their work on the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilman Tharp thanked Nations Bank for its generous gift of \$6,000 for the Library building project.

Mayor Shelton spoke regarding the outstanding job done by everyone on the Memorial Day Ceremony. The Mayor commended WBLT radio station and the Bedford Bulletin for their participation.

Mayor Shelton expressed thanks to the employees of Rubatex Corporation for sponsoring the flyover of World War II aircraft.

Mayor Shelton presented keys to the City to the following individuals for their work on the Memorial Day Ceremony:

Harris Gardner, Nations Bank

Ellen Wandrei, Bedford City-County Museum

Elizabeth Berry-Mosley, Bedford Main Street

Elizabeth Berry-Mosley presented the City with the D-Day Resolution from President Bill Clinton. Mayor Shelton presented the resolution to Mrs. Wandrei for the Museum.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

Executive Session - City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended

Discussion ensued regarding when to hold the Council reorganization meeting.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: appointment of Mr. David A. Keith to fill an unexpired term on the City Planning Commission, said term to expire March 31, 1997.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

Council proceeded to hold a work session on the proposed 1994-95 budget.

Discussion ensued.

City Manager Gross stated that the Council/Library Board Committee met on May 25 to consider a proposal to partially complete, furnish and occupy some of the offices on the second floor of the new library. Mr. Gross indicated that the Library is asking the City to advance the funds to pay for the work as it is done and the Library Foundation will reimburse the City as the money comes in. The City Manager stated that the Library Committee did recommend that Council advance \$50,000 more for work on the second floor. City Manager Gross indicated that this would require no additional appropriation of funds and is essentially just a guarantee of pledges.

City Manager Gross recommended that based on the performance of the Library Foundation, which has more than adequately demonstrated its ability to deliver on its promise to raise these funds, the agreement with the Library Board be amended to provide \$134,585 that the City is guaranteeing.

Councilman Brookshier moved that the following item be added to the agenda: Amendment to Library Foundation Agreement to Guarantee \$134,585. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Vice Mayor Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council approved the amendment to the agreement with the Library Foundation to guarantee \$134,585 of pledges against next year's budget.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied for the fiscal year 1994-95, a tax of \$.71 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in the City, the respective levy hereby ordered being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations

within the limitations specified by Section 58.1-2606 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified.

Vice Mayor Vest moved that the ordinance be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, for the calendar year 1994, a tax of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, including property separately classified in Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, unless exempted from taxation or subject to a different rate under this ordinance. Household goods and personal effects as classified in Section 58.1-3504 and horses, mules and other kindred animals, hogs, poultry, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, grain and tobacco as such items are classified in Section 58.1-3505 are exempted in whole from tangible personal property taxation. The following items are taxed at a levy of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation: (a) cattle, sheep and goats, and farm machinery and farm implements as separately classified in Section 58.1-3505; and (b) machinery and tools as separately classified in Section 58.1-3507.

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

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye

Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 1994-95 for the City of Bedford are appropriated and set aside to the General Fund, to the Water and Sewer Fund, to the Electric Fund, and to the Contingency Fund as shown in said budget, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and Electric Fund in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

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

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

The City Attorney reported that the City Charter states that Council shall meet on July 1 for the reorganizational meeting.

Council will hold the reorganizational meeting on July 1, 1994, at 8:00 a.m.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Vice Mayor Vest, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session for City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

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

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:20 p.m. Council-member elect Linda Kochendarfer attended the executive session. Non-council members attending part of the executive session were: City Manager Gross and City Attorney Berry.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:12 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.

Councilman Tharp 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:

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

On motion by Vice Mayor Vest, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda: Employment Agreement with the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Vest moved that Council approve the employment agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with the City Manager and to authorize the execution of the change notice regarding a

salary raise of \$65,200. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m. until June 28, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviews with candidates for the City School Board.

Mayor Shelton then reopened the meeting immediately.

It was the consensus of Council that the City Attorney review drafting an amendment to the City Charter dealing with the section on compensation for City Council. Mayor Shelton asked the Finance Committee to work with the City Attorney and review the draft prior to submission to Council.

The City Manager suggested that the proposed draft amendment to the City Charter be submitted to Senator Elliot Schewel and Delegate Lacey Putney for review.

Mayor Shelton then adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. June 28, 1994.