

6-28-94 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 8:02 p.m., June 28, 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.

It was the concurrence of Council to move agenda item "Presentation of Resolution of Respect - Mr. Joseph Trocino, Council Member, Town of Leesburg" as the first item on the agenda.

Mr. Joseph Trocino, Council Member, Town of Leesburg, Virginia, read aloud the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Veterans from Bedford, Virginia,

Who Lost Their Lives on D-Day, June 6, 1944

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, Virginia, lost twenty-three young men in Normandy, France, on D-Day during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bedford lost more men per capita than any other town in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the loss prompted the United States military to cease its practice of forming units of soldiers from a single community; and

WHEREAS, Bedford is commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of World War II and remembering those who sacrificed their lives; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg, as an official World War II Commemorative Community, would like to honor the citizens of Bedford and express its sympathy to the families of the fallen soldiers.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia extend their sympathy to the families of those who gave their lives for their country on D-Day June 6, 1944; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution of Respect be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be sent to the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia.

PASSED this 14th day of June, 1994

James E. Clem, Mayor

Town of Leesburg

Mayor Shelton accepted the resolution and expressed Bedford's appreciation for this recognition to the citizens and City Council of the Town of Leesburg. Mayor Shelton presented a Key to the City to Mr. Trocino.

Mayor Shelton asked the City Manager to hang the resolution in the Municipal Building and present it to the Museum sometime in the future.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on June 14, 1994, were approved distributed.

The City Manager stated that the City was notified on June 27 that it has received funding under the 1994 Intersurface Transmodal Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in amount of \$164,400. The funds will be used to provide pedestrian bike paths throughout the City, bike route signs, landscaping, etc.

City Manager Gross reported that the City of Bedford had an evaluation of the City Animal Shelter on June 15 and it was found that the City is in full compliance with all regulations. The City will receive an Award of Distinction. Mr. Gross stated that an open house for the new animal shelter will be held on July 7.

Councilwoman Grahame expressed thanks to the City employees involved in the Bike Virginia event held last weekend. Mayor Shelton stated the event was a success. Councilman Rice indicated that he had received many complaints regarding the early closing of the streets on Friday. Councilman Rice commended Lt. Davis and Sgt. Webster of the Police Department for their professional manner during the event.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda: Resolution - Recognition of James A. Vest.

Mayor Shelton presented Vice Mayor James A. Vest with a Jefferson Cup and plaque in recognition of his twelve years of service as a member of Bedford City Council.

Vice Mayor Vest spoke regarding the accomplishments of City Council during his term in office.

Members of Council expressed thanks to Vice Mayor Vest for his service to the City.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following Public Hearing Notice:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City Council of the City of Bedford will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on June 28, 1994, in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, for the purpose of receiving the views of citizens on the appointment of members to the City School Board.

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 8:31 p.m. Mayor Shelton stated the following citizens are being considered for appointment to the School Board:

Mr. Dennis Blake, Mrs. Janice Martinez, and Mr. Eric Thompson

Mr. William Ludwig, Chairman of the City School Board, expressed thanks to Council for its consideration of different projects the School Board brings to Council.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

City Manager Gross stated that Bedford Main Street, Inc., is requesting permission to block the following streets from 11:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on August 13 (rain date: August 14) for the Third Annual Go-Kart Race in Centertown:

Washington Street between South and Center Streets; Main Street between Court and Ballard Streets; South Street between Washington and Main Streets; Center Street between Washington and Main Streets. Also closed to through traffic will be: East Main Street from Otey Street to Court Street; West Main Street from Ballard Street to Crenshaw Street; Washington Street from Center Street to Crenshaw Street and from South Street to Otey Street; and North and South Bridge Street from Washington Street to Depot Street.

Mr. Gross indicated that Bedford Main Street has on file permission forms from the affected area and has contacted merchants regarding the proposed event. The Police Department, Fire Department and Lifesaving Crew has also been informed of the route.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council approve the closing of the aforementioned streets from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on August 13, 1994 (rain date: August 14) for the Go-Kart Race. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Vest.

Discussion ensued regarding the unsuitability of holding the Go-Kart Race on a Sunday (rain date August 14).

Vice Mayor Vest suggested that Bedford Main Street choose another rain date for the Go-Kart Race.

Councilman Tharp amended his motion by eliminating approval for the rain date. Vice Mayor Vest, who seconded the motion, agreed to the amendment. The motion was then voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton read aloud the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James A. Vest has served with distinction as a member of the Bedford City Council since July 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, James A. Vest has diligently and faithfully served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Electric Committee, as a member of the Property Committee, the Local Government Day Committee, and the Industrial Liaison Committee, and as Council's representative on the Transportation Safety Commission and the Tourism Steering Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1992, members of Bedford City Council displayed their confidence and trust in **James A. Vest** by selecting him as Vice Mayor of the City of Bedford; and

WHEREAS, James A. Vest will complete his third four-year term on Bedford City Council and his term as Vice Mayor of the City of Bedford on June 30, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of Bedford City Council hereby express their appreciation to **Vice Mayor James A. Vest** and recognize his many years of devoted service to the Council and to the City of Bedford.

Councilman Brookshier moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. until July 1, 1994, at 8:00 a.m.