

12-2-94 Minutes

A called meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m., December 2, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; and Councilman Ronnie C. Rice.

Members absent: Councilman Payton M. Otey and Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Deputy Clerk of the Council Dianne Flake.

The Mayor read aloud the following called meeting notice:

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

You are hereby notified that there will be a Called Meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, on December 2, 1994, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, for the following purpose: To consider a resolution seeking industrial access funds for the Sam Moore Furniture Company expansion project.

The City Manager called Council's attention to the following informational items:

1. Notice of a public hearing regarding a request by the Elks National Home for the adoption of a resolution supporting the Home's application for tax exempt status. The public hearing will be scheduled at the December 13, 1994, Council meeting.
2. Bedford Middle School Feasibility Study 1995
3. A letter dated December 1, 1994, from Bedford CableVision regarding a four-cent per month increase in the basic cable rate.
4. A memorandum from the Commissioner of the Revenue listing business license tax receipts for 1994.
5. A memorandum from Barry W. Thompson, Assistant City Manager, regarding a three percent increase in the Virginia Retirement System benefit.
6. Dr. Thomas Muller's preliminary study on the fiscal implications of shire status.

Mr. Gross reported that he and the Director of Planning and Community Development had met today with officials of the Virginia Department of Transportation to discuss reimbursement for the construction of the extension of Norfolk Avenue. The construction of an additional 600 feet on this street will provide access for the additional parking lot Sam Moore Furniture Industries was required to build in order to accommodate the company's 50 to 60 new employees. It is necessary that Council adopt a resolution in order to request

industrial access funds from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The Deputy Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION - SAM MOORE FURNITURE INDUSTRIES

EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Sam Moore Furniture Industries has purchased property located in the City of Bedford and has entered into a firm contract to expand its facilities on that property for the purpose of manufacturing furniture and providing access for employee parking; and

WHEREAS, this new facility is expected to involve a new private capital investment in land, building, and manufacturing equipment of approximately \$1.5 million dollars and Sam Moore Industries is expected to employ 50 to 60 additional persons at this facility; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing operations in relation to the expansion are expected to begin at this new facility on or about January 1995; and

WHEREAS, the existing public road network does not provide for adequate access to this facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford hereby guarantees that the necessary right of way for this improvement, and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Industrial Access Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City Council of the City of Bedford hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide Industrial Access Road funding to provide for the construction of an adequate access road to serve the expanded manufacturing facility of Sam Moore Furniture Industries.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that the resolution requesting industrial access funds for the Norfolk Avenue extension be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The Mayor asked that the VRS benefit increase be placed on the agenda for the December 13, 1994, Council meeting.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.