

### 3-14-95 Minutes

A called meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:50 p.m., March 14, 1995.

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

Members absent: None. (A vacancy exists on City Council due to the death of Councilman Payton M. Otey on February 22, 1995.)

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

The Clerk of Council read aloud the called meeting notice which stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the Fiscal Year 1995-96 budget.

City Manager Gross spoke concerning the proposed consolidation agreement as it pertains to preparation of the budgets for each jurisdiction. Mr. Gross discussed the impact on the City's budget because of Bedford County lowering the County's tax rate to forty-four cents and how that affects the one-year balance provision in the proposed consolidation agreement.

The following department heads reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Program requests for the departments listed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barry Thompson, Assistant City Manager - Finance

Mr. Jay Scudder, Director of Planning and Community Development - Planning, Education, and Economic Development. Mr. Gross suggested that certain items in the proposed CIP budget not be expended until the outcome of the proposed consolidation is known. The City Manager is to give Council a report on the progress of measures being taken at Bedford Elementary School that would equip the school to be used as a shelter during an emergency.

Mr. Thompson - Fire Department. Council asked that representatives from the Fire Department address Council at its next regular meeting regarding the Fire Department's budget request.

Mr. Milton Graham, Chief of Police - Police-Dispatcher, Police Department.

Ms. Fran Hart, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries - Cemetery, Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Clarke Gibson, Director of Public Works - Public Works.

The remainder of the work session on the CIP budget was scheduled to be held at the regular Council meeting which followed the work session.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.