

## 5-9-95 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., May 9, 1995.

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

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 welcomed the seventh grade student participants of Local Government Day. Members of Council and the staff introduced the students. Mayor Shelton also welcomed Mrs. Faye Craghead, Principal Bedford Middle School.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular meeting held on April 25, 1995, and the minutes of an adjourned meeting held on May 3, 1995, were approved as distributed.

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

Agreement between the Regional Library, the Community Health Foundation and the City of Bedford

Vice Mayor Brookshier indicated that student Vice Mayor Anne Marie Wyatt had a comment to make.

Student Vice Mayor Wyatt presented the following petition to the Chief of Police:

The citizens of the Pinecrest Avenue neighborhood hereby request, by signature, that the following actions be taken by the Council of the City of Bedford:

- I. Speed limit signs be posted at the intersection of Maybeury Drive and Pinecrest Avenue and the corner of Lyle and Pinecrest Avenue.
- II. More frequent police patrolling.
- III. Stop sign at intersection of Lyle Street and Pinecrest Avenue coming from the South.

Chief of Police Graham stated that this issue was discussed earlier in the day at a staff meeting and it is planned to start working radar more often in the Pinecrest area.

Vice Mayor Brookshier requested help in understanding a chart from the Parks and Recreation Department. The City Manager stated it will be explained to the Vice Mayor.

Councilwoman Grahame reported that the City and Bedford Main Street, Inc., have received a certificate stating that Bedford has reached a "One Million Dollar Investment Community." The certificate stated the following:

The City of Bedford and Bedford Main Street, Inc., have created the climate for private investment and job creation and are preserving downtown historic character for generations to come using the Main Street Four Point approach to downtown revitalization.

Councilwoman Grahame indicated that the certificate was signed by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Director of Housing and Community Development, and the Director of Department of Historic Resources.

Mayor Shelton stated that this certificate signifies a great deal of private and public partnership effort in this community. The Mayor suggested that press coverage be given to the award of this certificate.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer had student Council member Amanda Dooley ask questions of the Chairman of the City School Board regarding an item about the ROTC program mentioned in the April 3, 1995, minutes of the School Board. Chairman Bill Ludwig answered the questions.

Councilman Tharp commended Assistant City Manager Thompson and City Attorney Berry for their assistance in dealing with the negotiations regarding the Health Foundation, Library, and City issues.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the observation of the functions of local government is of primary importance in the study of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the seventh grade students of Bedford Middle School have, on May 9, 1995, participated in the local government process by observing these officials in the carrying out of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, these students will, on May 10, 1995, conduct Local Government Day activities in the Council Hall of the City of Bedford;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that May 10, 1995 be, and it hereby is, designated as

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY**

in the City of Bedford.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier                      aye

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Student City Manager Brandon King read aloud the following: The City of Bedford currently participates in and receives services from the Lynchburg Community Diversion Program, which provides alternatives, such as community service, to non-violent offenders who are convicted by the courts and are considered suitable candidates for such programs. The Community Diversion Program will terminate on June 30, 1995, and will be replaced by the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local-Responsible Offenders. The Department of Criminal Justice Services will administer this program and will make funds available through grants to local units of government. The City of Lynchburg, which has been acting as fiscal agent for the Community Diversion Program, will send a Letter of Intent to the Department of Criminal Justice Services requesting interim funding for the period of July 1 to September 30 to continue the services. The Letter of Intent will also indicate which localities intend to apply for funds for fiscal year 1996 under the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act program. A resolution passed by each of the governing bodies of the localities intending to participate must accompany the Letter of Intent. Prior to July 1, the governing bodies of the localities intending to participate in the program must appoint members to a Community Criminal Justice Board.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford has participated in the Lynchburg area Community Diversion Program since 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Diversion Program will terminate on June 30, 1995, and will be replaced by the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local-Responsible Offenders, as enacted by the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary for the City of Lynchburg, which has acted as fiscal agent for the existing program, to file a Letter of Intent with the Department of Criminal Justice Services requesting interim funding for the period of July 1 to September 30, 1995 to continue supervision and services for offenders diverted by the courts; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution passed by each of the governing bodies of the localities intending to participate in the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act program must accompany the Letter of Intent; and

**WHEREAS**, a community corrections plan is required to receive state funding for a regional

jail; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears the Lynchburg Community Diversion Program, operated by the City of Lynchburg, offers a viable option for the City of Bedford to address the issues within the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia:

1. The City Council hereby elects for the City of Bedford to join the City of Lynchburg to participate in the programs and services to be provided through the Lynchburg Community Diversion Program as required by the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for certain misdemeanors or nonviolent felonies.
2. The City Council agrees to appoint such representatives to the Community Criminal Justice Board as required by the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Student City Manager King read aloud the following: Council has received a letter from Elizabeth Berry-Mosley, Executive Director of Bedford Main Street, Inc., requesting permission to block East Main Street from Bridge Street to Court Street on May 29 between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a commemorative ceremony in observance of Memorial Day and in honor of all Bedford veterans. The Bedford Main Street office has on file signed permission forms from those organizations and businesses in the area affected by the closing, and notice of the ceremony plans will be mailed to them prior to the event. The plans have been reviewed by the Chief of Police, and the Fire Department and Rescue Squad have been notified.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council approve the closing of East Main Street to Court Street on May 29, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Berry stated that at the last meeting Council discussed the possibility that the use of space in the new Library by the Bedford Community Health Foundation would result in the loss of a federal grant that had been approved for construction of the library. Mr. Berry reported that Mr. Hehman, Director of the

Library, contacted the State Library, which is in charge of the grants program. The State Library does not feel there is any difficulty as long as the Library has some input into the decision as to renewing the arrangement after the first five years. Mr. Berry reviewed changes in the proposed agreement. The City Attorney recommended that Council approve the agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council approve the agreement of the City of Bedford, the Board of Trustees of the Bedford Public Library, and the Bedford Community Health Foundation, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Student Mayor Susan Sutler adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. until May 10, 1995, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session.