

## 7-11-95 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:37 p.m., July 11, 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 presented a Key to the City to Meade Daffron, reporter with the Lynchburg News & Advance. Mr. Daffron will be leaving the Bedford area for a new job in Hopewell, Virginia.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular meeting held on June 27, 1995, were approved as distributed.

Chief of Police Graham gave a brief report on the Police Department's new speed monitoring trailer, part of which was financed by a federal grant.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda: Resolution - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Finance Assistance - Flooding.

Councilwoman Grahame spoke about the following:

- thanked members of Council for attending the E911 presentation at Ericsson
- problem of long truck coming through the middle of the City

Councilwoman Kochendarfer commended the City workers for the good job they did after the flooding.

Councilwoman Grahame commended Kate Allen for her work as Solid Waste Collection Coordinator.

Mayor Shelton gave a favorable comment on the 4th of July fireworks display at Liberty Lake Park.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: appointment of Mr. Henry Carey to a five-year term on the Local Building Code Board of Appeals, said term to expire June 11, 2000.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council approved the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council appoint Mr. Guy E. Murray, Jr., and Mr. John K. Boardman, Jr., to the City School Board to serve the three year terms said to expire June 30, 1998. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton thanked Ms. Lois Miller for her interest in appointment to the School Board and invited her to submit her name for appointment to the School Board next year or appointment to other boards and commissions.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford suffered severe damage during the rain storms that began on June 22, 1995, and continued through June 30, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the storms caused severe damage to the streets within the City of Bedford that will require extensive repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, there was extensive water damage to the City's landfill and recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, certain citizens received water damage to their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager and in the absence of the Mayor, a member of City Council found it necessary to declare a local emergency in order to deal with the situation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that the declaration of local emergency made by the City Manager and Councilman Tharp on July 6, 1995, be and it hereby is confirmed.

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

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

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford, along with the surrounding area, recently experienced severe storms, flooding and mud slides; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared an emergency relating to this weather event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is allowing partial reimbursement for certain costs associated with the flooding of June 22-30, 1995;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Bedford appoints City Manager Jack A. Gross or Chief of Police Milton H. Graham as the Governor's authorized representatives, and hereby authorizes them to execute and apply for these funds for and on behalf of the City of Bedford, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia. This application shall be filed with the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund; and

**THAT** Jack A. Gross, City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the City of Bedford, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Bedford, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements printed on the reverse side of the Designation of Applicant's Agent form.

Councilman Rice moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood.

City Manager Gross gave a brief report about the FEMA team being in the City today and tomorrow.

The motion was then voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council adjourn into executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members concerning the regional radio contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Rice  | aye |
| Councilman Tharp | aye |

Vice Mayor Brookshier                      aye  
Councilwoman Flood                              aye  
Councilwoman Grahame                        aye  
Councilwoman Kochendarfer                 aye  
Mayor Shelton                                      aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:05 p.m., after a five minute recess declared by the Mayor. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, Chief of Police Graham, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:35 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.

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

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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.