

7-25-95 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., July 25, 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 declared that the minutes of an adjourned meeting held July 11, 1995, and the minutes of a regular meeting held July 11, 1995, were approved as distributed.

Vice Mayor Brookshier thanked the City Manager and staff for the quick response to a power outage last week at a local industry.

Mayor Shelton reminded Council of the grand opening of the new library on July 30, 1995, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Leighton Langford, Director of the Bedford County Department of Social Services, made a presentation to Council on the Commonwealth of Virginia's welfare reform program and its impact on County and City social services. Mr. Langford indicated that Bedford County is one of the pilot localities for this reform program and is scheduled to begin implementing the changes in October.

Discussion ensued with members of Council asking questions of Mr. Langford regarding the reform program.

Mr. Clarke Gibson, Director of Public Works, made a presentation on the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program.

City Manager Gross stated that the Bedford Detachment, Marine Corps League 00is sponsoring the Bedford Honor-Quest Fair at the County recreation facility and has requested permission to block off Bedford Avenue from the Health Department to the Primary School on the following dates and times: September 6, 7, and 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Mr. Gross indicated that the Marine Corps League applied for a loud speaker permit, which has been issued until 10:30 p.m., and if complaints are received, the permit can be revoked. The City Manager stated that Honor-Quest, Inc., is a non-profit organization which supports battered women

and youth at risk in the City of Bedford and Bedford County. The Marine Corps League has notified the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Life Saving Crew, as well as the Elks National Home, of plans to close the street for the fair.

Councilman Rice moved that Council approve the closing of Bedford Avenue on the requested dates and times for the Bedford Honor-Quest Fair. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously.

City Manager Gross stated that the City Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Department is requesting that City Council permit the closing of Bedford Avenue Extension and to confirm action that has already been taken to close the street on certain dates, from the Health Department to the Primary School during Dixie Baseball/Softball tournaments. Mr. Gross stated that some of these dates have already occurred because the City picked up an additional tournament that another jurisdiction chose not to continue. The City Manager asked that Council confirm the closing on July 21, July 22, July 23, July 24, and allow the street to be closed on July 25 and July 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council approve the closing of Bedford Avenue Extension from the Health Department to the Primary School on the dates and times requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously.

City Manager Gross stated Council has received a letter from Elizabeth Berry-Mosley, Executive Director of Bedford Main Street, Inc., requesting permission to block the following streets from 1:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on August 19 for the Fourth 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 Bridge Street from Main to Depot Street and South Bridge Street from Main to Franklin Street, with the understanding that provision will be made to allow customers ingress and egress to the Vista Supermarket parking lot. Vista Supermarket has agreed to the closing of South Bridge Street.

The City Manager indicated that Bedford Main Street, Inc., has on file signed permission forms from businesses in the affected area and has contacted merchants regarding the event. The Police Department, Fire Department and Life Saving Crew will be informed of the route.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council approve the closing of the requested streets from 1:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on August 19 for the Fourth Annual Bedford Main Street Go-

Kart Race. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding placing street closings on the Consent Agenda or allowing the City Manager to approve the closings.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.