

12-12-95 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., December 12, 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 a regular Council meeting held on November 28, 1995, were approved as distributed.

Mayor Shelton reported that the annual Christmas Parade was outstanding.

Council decided to adjourn this meeting until December 26, 1995, at 12:00 noon to consider a revised Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax Ordinance and to meet with Senator Steve Newman and Delegate Lacey Putney to discuss legislative matters. The tentative location for the meeting was the Liberty Station Restaurant.

Vice Mayor Brookshier reported that the Reynolds Park Committee had its first meeting last week and the next step in the process will be a neighborhood meeting to be held at his home on January 8.

The City Manager stated that each year Council approves the City's electric tariffs, which include all the current policies and any new policies or tariffs which have been adopted. Recently the Electric Committee recommended, and Council approved, changes in the City's billing policy for service extensions and after-hours meter reconnections. The Electric Committee also reviewed the 6 MW purchase from Cinergy and, based on the current contract, recommends that Council adopt the proposed electric tariff to be effective February 1, 1996. Mr. Gross brought to Council's attention a typographical error on Page 4 of the proposed tariff: the charge for returned checks should be \$20.00 not \$15.00.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council approve the Rate Schedule and Terms and Conditions of Service Governing Sale of Electricity, to be effective February 1, 1996. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton indicated that the Library Committee referred the proposed lease of the Charles A. Wharton Building to the Finance and Property Committees.

Vice Mayor Brookshier reported that the Finance and Property Committees recommend that the revised lease dated December 12, 1995, offered by the Bedford Historical Society, move forward to the full Council for consideration. Based on this recommendation, the Committees asked that a resolution regarding the lease of the Charles Wharton Building be added to the agenda.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Vice Mayor Brookshier, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda: Resolution - Lease of Charles A. Wharton Building.

Discussion ensued regarding the deliberations of the Committees concerning the lease.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby accepts the lease of the Charles W. Wharton Building dated December 12, 1995, offered by the Bedford Historical Society, Inc., for a term of 40 years and authorizes the City Manager to execute the lease on behalf of the City of Bedford.

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

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

