

12-28-95 Minutes

A called meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held at the Olde Liberty Station Restaurant, 515 Bedford Avenue, at 12:00 noon, December 28, 1995.

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

Members absent: Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; Director of Planning and Community Development Jay Scudder; Chief of Police Milton H. Graham; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting, after lunch, at 1:00 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the Notice of Called Meeting which stated the purpose of the meeting as follows:

1. Adoption of a Business, Professional and Occupational License ordinance;
2. Meet with area legislators to discuss upcoming legislative session.

The Mayor welcomed Senator Steve Newman.

Senator Newman spoke regarding the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Mayor Shelton addressed the following items:

- the desirability of establishing a line of communication with Senator Newman during the General Assembly session;
- the positive impact that the National D-Day Memorial will have as a major tourist attraction in this area;
- the effect of unfunded mandates on the City's ability to fund projects such as an industrial park and a middle school gymnasium and community center.

Mr. Scudder, Director of Planning and Community Development, reviewed items regarding economic development, tourism, and urban partnerships.

Mr. Graham, Chief of Police, reviewed the following issues:

- mandatory arrests in domestic violence cases. The Chief stated that flexibility is needed in some cases and arrests are not always the answer to the problem.
- Administrative revocation. The Chief indicated that juveniles are eliminated from administrative revocation. The city staff will provide Senator Newman with language to include juveniles.

Mayor Shelton presented Senator Newman with the Key to the City.

The City Manager indicated that Council had received revised copies of the proposed Business and Occupation License Tax Ordinance. Typographical errors are corrected in the revised copies.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council waive the reading of the proposed Business and Occupational License Tax Ordinance as it had been properly posted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adopted the revised Business and Occupational License Tax Ordinance, effective January 1, 1996. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted: (*The ordinance will be included in the permanent minute book*)

Mayor Shelton asked members of Council to consider proposed dates and topics for a Council planning meeting.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.