

## 2-13-96 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., February 13, 1996.

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 January 23, 1996, were approved as distributed.

Councilman Rice reported that he attended the Bedford County School Board meeting and suggested that all members of Council attend periodically.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer reviewed proposed plans for Reynold's Park.

Mayor Shelton moved the second item under New Business to the first item under New Business.

Mayor Shelton indicated that Council will hold a planning meeting on February 24, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. in the Liberty Lake Park Community Room. The Mayor stated that members of Council had received a tentative agenda.

Mayor Shelton reported that advertising requirements to consider changing the Ward 1 polling precinct from the Fire House to the new Library have begun in order to meet provisions of the Code of Virginia. Council will need to consider this item at its regular meeting on February 27.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: appointment of Raymond E. Holland and James R. Holdren to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority for four-year terms, said terms to expire October 13, 1999.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Woody Sadler, President of the Virginia Downtown Development Association, presented to Bedford Main Street, Inc., and the Bedford Historical Society an award of excellence for the outstanding walking map of the City.

Mr. Ted Alexander, Director of Virginia Main Street, presented the Outstanding Public Official Award to City Manager Gross for his role in the Bedford Centertown revitalization.

Diana Bare, Vice Chairman of the City School Board, reviewed the following from the School Board:

The Board asked for Council's support to implement the middle school program at Bedford Middle School that would include grades six through eight. The Board also asked that A & E money be used and that Council consider additional classroom space and a gym to help alleviate the overcrowding at Bedford Elementary School.

The Board is working towards including some adult education and training with computers at the Bedford Middle School.

Fran Hart, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries, made a presentation to the Board regarding a Summer Program Partnership proposal.

The Mayor indicated that the middle school situation will be discussed at Council's planning meeting on February 24.

Discussion ensued regarding various topics which included a possible literary loan, the number of out of county students attending Bedford County schools, substitute teacher's policies at the schools, and inviting a member of the City School Board to attend Council's planning meeting on February 24.

Mrs. Ellen Wandrei, Managing Director of the Bedford City/County Museum, reported on the Museum's activities and programs. Mrs. Wandrei stated that the Museum is requesting the same funding as last year, \$12,000.

City Manager Gross stated that the Solid Waste Committee has reviewed the staff recommended schedule for the landfill tipping fees. Mr. Gross stated that at the last meeting, Council learned that the new landfill is receiving more trash than was originally expected, even with the recycling program, and the projected life of the landfill has been shortened. The Solid Waste Committee has suggested that it be involved in the negotiations as the City executes a memorandum of understanding with Thompson + Litton to proceed with the Phase Two Landfill Expansion.

The City Manager reviewed the staff recommendations for landfill tipping fees as follows:

1. 0 to 260 lbs. free for residents (unchanged)
2. Flat fee of \$3.00 from >260 lbs. to 1000 lbs. including brush (presently charge \$2.50 for 260 to 1000 lbs.)
3. Flat fee for commercial of \$3.00 up to 1000 lbs. (Presently charge \$2.50 for 0 to 500 lbs.)
4. \$40.00 per ton (over 1000 lbs.) for all materials including brush.
5. Continue charging \$5.00 per ton for leaf compost.

Councilwoman Grahame stated that the Solid Waste Committee recommends that Council adopt the rate schedule as received by Council in its packet and authorize the staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Thompson + Litton, and the Committee will be meeting with that group and working with them and come back to Council as things develop.

Mayor Shelton asked Councilwoman Grahame if her statement was in the form of a motion. Councilwoman Grahame indicated that it was. The motion was then seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding moving dumpsters from the site on Orange Street because of problems occurring at that site.

The City Manager stated that Council has previously acted affirmatively on the lease revenue bonds in connection with the lease for the skimmer station at Big Island. In order to comply with the applicable statutory requirements, it will be necessary for Council to approve an ordinance directing the City Manager to solicit bids for the granting of this lease. The City Manager indicated that following the passage of this ordinance, the City will invite bids by advertising in the local newspaper once a week for four successive weeks. The bids will then be opened at the Council meeting of March 26, 1996.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Vice Mayor Brookshier, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the proposed ordinance directing the City Manager to solicit bids for lease of equipment used for operation of electric distribution facilities.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance directing the City Manager to solicit bids for the granting of a lease of equipment used for the operation of certain electric distribution facilities at an electrical substation in Bedford County. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
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)*

City Manager Gross stated that the State of Virginia and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have asked that requests for disaster assistance for the two snowstorms of January 6-14 and February 1-4, 1996, be combined. It will therefore be necessary for Council to adopt a resolution appointing the City Manager and Chief of Police as the Governor's authorized representatives and authorizing the City Manager to file the application.

The City Manager reported that the total cost for the January storms was \$73,971 with approximately \$30,000 of that figure being eligible for reimbursement. Of that \$30,000 figure, the City might expect the actual reimbursement figure to be around 96 percent. Mr. Gross stated that there are no eligible costs for the second storm. The clearing cost for the second storm is approximately \$45,000.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that Jack A. Gross, City Manager, or Milton H. Graham, Chief of Police, Governor's Authorized Representative, 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.

**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 hereof.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, 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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. until February 24, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of a long-range planning meeting to be held in the Community Room at Liberty Lake Park.