

### 3-26-96 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:45 p.m., March 26, 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.

The Mayor spoke regarding the youth achievement parade and event held earlier this evening.

Mayor Shelton presented a proclamation declaring March 26 as "Youth Achievement Day" to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John Kent, and the Chairman of the City School Board, Mrs. Molly Thompson.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 12, 1996, were approved as distributed.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council amended the agenda as follows:

Deleted - Presentation - Longwood Industries, Inc. - Renee Fisher, Executive Director

Added - Resolution in Recognition of Liberty High School Cheerleaders and their Sponsor

Vice Mayor Brookshier spoke of his disappointment in learning that the City was denied the enterprise zone designation.

The Vice Mayor reported that he informed Ms. Estelle Robinson of Council's plans for participating in a "Christmas in April" project at her home and spoke of her pleasure upon learning of this.

Vice Mayor Brookshier stated that Ms. Edna Hayden is working on plans for a neighborhood meeting regarding housing issues to be held at Washington Street Baptist Church probably within the next two weeks. Council is invited to attend.

Councilwoman Grahame thanked Bedford Main Street, Inc., the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, and others involved in organizing the parade and ceremony for youth achievement held earlier this evening.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: appointment of Henry H. Carey and H. D. Ballard to serve four year terms on the City Planning Commission, said terms to expire March 31, 2000.

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

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Liberty High School Minutemen football team finished the 1995-96 regular season with a 9-1 record; and

**WHEREAS**, this was the best record for a football team in the history of Liberty High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minutemen football team finished second in the Seminole District and participated in the regional play-offs; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding members of this year's Minutemen team have developed a spirit of team play and the determination that are essential for a winning team; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Coach Mike Scharnus and his staff and Athletic Director Steve Boyer and his staff are providing the leadership, support and training to build a strong football program at Liberty High School;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes the outstanding achievements of the

Liberty High School Minutemen football team and urges all citizens to join in honoring these fine young athletes and their coaches.

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

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

The Mayor presented the resolution to Football Coach Scharnus and his coaching staff, Chris Watts, Stewart Grant, Andrew Kelso, Scott Craig, Ray Brawley, and Ricky Falls; and to members of the football team.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Liberty High School 1995-96 football team, girls basketball team and boys basketball team all had highly successful seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the key elements in providing any team with that extra edge in competition is the loyalty and support of its fans; and

**WHEREAS**, the enthusiasm and energy of the Liberty High School cheerleading squads provided a focus for the fans and encouragement to the teams; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the cheerleading squads and their sponsor have worked together to develop an outstanding program of support for the teams;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes the outstanding contribution made by the Liberty High School Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders in football, girls basketball and boys basketball and urges all citizens to join in honoring them for their efforts.

Councilman Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, 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 presented the resolution to the sponsor of the cheerleaders, Delores Wright. The Mayor introduced the cheerleaders: Charlene Morehead, Angela Hatcher, Lonice Cherebin, Shannon Chadwell, Lisa Carr, Yvette Hurt, Tonya Johnson, Carolyn Parker, and Jennifer Parker.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Cutler began his coaching career at age 15 when he guided a Little League team in Richlands, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he came to Bedford as coach of the baseball team at Bedford High School in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, his record entering this season stands at 403 wins and 198 losses in 35 years of coaching, making him the first coach in Group AA history to reach 400 victories; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Cutler has the distinction of ranking first in victories among active Virginia high school baseball coaches; and

**WHEREAS**, his Liberty High School team won the Group AA state baseball championship in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 1996 Jim Cutler was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, his long-standing winning record, his exemplary coaching skills and the team spirit and drive he has imbued in his players throughout his career have earned for Jim the nickname "Mr. Baseball" in Bedford;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby recognizes the achievements of Jim Cutler and the distinction he has brought to our community and hereby urges the citizens of Bedford to join in congratulating him on his remarkable coaching career.

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

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

The Mayor presented Mr. Cutler with the resolution and a "Key to the City."

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Liberty High School Minutemen Varsity basketball team achieved an undefeated record of 22-0 during regular season play in the 1995-96 season; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding members of this team have developed a strong work ethic and a spirit of team play fostered by the leadership, support and training of Head Coach Mark Hanks and his staff and Athletic Director Steve Boyer and his associates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minutemen were crowned as regular season and tournament champions in the Seminole District and won the Region III tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, the team went on to the Group AA state tournament, defeating Gate City High School in the quarter-final round on Monday, March 11, 1996, Nasemond in the semi-final round on Friday, March 15, and Lakeland in the finals on Saturday, March 16, to become the first Liberty High School basketball team to be crowned state champions; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Liberty High School Minutemen basketball team have brought an immense level of excitement to the community through their playing ability, perseverance and extraordinary talent; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1996 Liberty High School Minutemen team has brought fame and distinction to this community which will be long remembered and celebrated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes the extraordinary talents and achievements of the 1996 state champion Minutemen team and congratulates the members of the team, the coaching staff, the cheerleading squad, and all those associated with these outstanding young athletes.

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

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

Mayor Shelton presented the resolution and "Keys to the City" to Coach Mark Hanks, Coach Andrew Kelso, Coach Scott Craig, and Coach Ray Brawley.

The Mayor and Council then presented "Keys to the City" to the members of the Liberty High School Basketball team: Co-captain Gregg Reynolds, Co-captain J. J. Coles, Co-captain Ryan Stevens, Neil Roop, Kevin Smith, Kelly Garrett, Carlos Day, Raymond Arrington, Brandon Mills, David Long, Jonathan Pankey, Greg Mallory, Rick Wright, Cheyney Preston, Robert Carson, Jonathan Whorley, Michael Camden, and Jason Maddox. "Keys" were also presented to Harley Childress, manager; Tim Saunders, video; and Henna St. Clair, scorekeeper.

The Mayor declared a five minute recess from 8:30 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Shelton presented a plaque to Faye Craghead, Principal of Liberty High School, and Steve Boyer, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, congratulating the Liberty High School Minutemen and the athletic program for a successful 1995-96 season.

Mrs. Craghead expressed thanks to Council for its recognition of the students of Liberty High School.

City Manager Gross stated that during the regularly scheduled meeting of February 13, 1996, Council adopted an ordinance directing the City Manager to solicit bids for the granting of a lease of equipment used for the operation of electric distribution facilities at the Georgia-Pacific plant in Big Island. The City Manager reported that following the passage of that ordinance, an invitation for receipt of bids was advertised once a week for four successive weeks in the *Bedford Bulletin*. The invitation for bids specified that all bids must be presented in writing at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held March 26, 1996.

Mr. Larry Jackson, representing Appalachian Power Company, presented a bid to the Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk opened the bid and read the bid as follows:

March 26, 1996

**BID OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY**  
**FOR PROPOSED LEASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT**

To: The Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia ("City");

Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian") hereby makes this bid for the lease of certain equipment to be acquired by the City, as advertised pursuant to a directive of the Council of the City ("Council") made on the 13th day of February, 1996. A copy of the proposed lease is attached. Appalachian agrees to accept said lease, if approved by the Council and by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and to comply with the terms and provisions thereof as the same has been advertised.

**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY**

By: Barry L. Snodgrass

Central Virginia Region Manager

Mayor Shelton stated that the bid from Appalachian Power Company has been received and there were no other bids. Mayor Shelton then closed the bid process.

The City Manager stated that following the receipt and opening of bids, it would be in order for Council to accept the highest and best bid and to enact an ordinance granting the lease of the equipment. Mr. Gross indicated the ordinance has been posted in accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the ordinance granting lease of equipment used for operation of certain electric distribution facilities comprising portion of electric substation in Bedford County.

On motion by Councilwoman Flood, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance granting the lease of equipment used for the operation of certain electric distribution facilities comprising a portion of electric substation in Bedford County. Roll call vote follows:

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

*(The ordinance will be included in the permanent minute book)*

City Manager Gross stated that Council had received the final version of the Agreement between the City of Lynchburg and localities in the 10th and 24th Judicial Districts regarding the expansion and renovation of the Lynchburg Juvenile Detention Home. Mr. Gross reported that since the previous draft was circulated, four counties have decided not to enter into the agreement at this time. This has added to the County's allocation.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lynchburg has an existing contractual relationship with the other localities in the 10th and 24th Judicial Districts to house juveniles in the Lynchburg Juvenile Detention Home ("Detention Home"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Detention Home no longer can serve the needs of such localities and the City of Lynchburg for secure detention; and

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of a Needs Assessment presented to the Board of Youth and Family Services of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Commonwealth has agreed to fund 50% of the \$5,000,000 construction

cost of expanding and renovating the Detention Home to increase the capacity from 20 beds to 48 beds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lynchburg is willing to finance the remainder of the construction cost and to be responsible for finding alternative secure detention space for all juveniles from the localities when the Detention Home is at capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lynchburg and the other localities in the 10th and 24th Judicial Districts have determined that entering into an Agreement with the City of Lynchburg regarding the use of the Detention Home is in the best interests of the citizens of each of the jurisdictions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD** that the Agreement between the City of Lynchburg and the localities of the 10th and 24th Judicial Districts presented to Council this day is hereby approved, and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of the City. The City appoints Milton H. Graham as its member on the Advisory Board.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, 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 8:45 p.m.