

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., September 10, 1996.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

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 August 27, 1996, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Gross introduced the new Electric Utility Director, Eugene Ratzlaff, to Council. The City Manager briefly reviewed Mr. Ratzlaff's background.

Mr. Ratzlaff spoke to Council regarding the effects on the electrical system from Tropical Storm Fran, which passed through the area on September 5.

Mr. Gross reported that the City sent a line crew to Danville to assist in repairing electrical lines in that area.

The City Manager indicated that the City School Board requested that its quarterly meeting with Council be rescheduled to the first regular Council meeting in October.

The City Manager reported that the building at 614 East Federal Street has been demolished by the owner.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following changes were made to the agenda:

Deleted: - Quarterly Meeting with City School Board

- Appropriation for Emergency Demolition - 614 East Federal Street

Added: - Request to Waive Landfill Tipping Fee for Storm Debris

Chief of Police Graham gave a brief report on damage in the City resulting from Tropical Storm Fran.

A brief discussion ensued.

Councilman Wandrei stated that he received positive comments regarding the Edmund Street neighborhood meeting and that he would like to see Council adopt a similar format to address other problems that may arise.

Mayor Shelton indicated that the Virginia Municipal League Annual Convention will be held in Roanoke

October 20-22 and that the second regular City Council meeting is scheduled for October 22.

It was the consensus of Council that the October 22 regular Council meeting be canceled; that a resolution be prepared for the September 24 meeting which would cancel the October 22 regular meeting; and that a called meeting be held if necessary.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- Request to Block Street for 2nd Annual Bedford Fair - grant permission to block Bedford Avenue from Mountain Avenue to the Primary School from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. September 17 through 20 and from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on September 21.
- Request to Block Streets for Centerfest - grant permission to block the following streets for Centerfest on Saturday, September 28 from 7:00 a.m. Saturday until after the cleanup that night: West Main Street to Ballard Street; South Bridge Street to Washington Street; East Main Street to Court Street; North Bridge Street to the parking lot near Hunan's Restaurant.
- Request to Block Streets from Bikefest '96 - grant permission to block Bedford Avenue from Mountain Avenue to the Primary School from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, for Bikefest '96, which is being sponsored by the City Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries and the Police Department.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford suffered damages during severe weather conditions caused by Tropical Storm Fran beginning on September 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, due to the storm a condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitated the proclamation of the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, as Director of Emergency Services for the City of Bedford, found it necessary to declare a local emergency on September 5, 1996, in order to deal with the situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that an emergency did in fact exist due to Tropical Storm Fran; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council affirms the action of the Mayor in declaring the existence of a local emergency on September 5, 1996.

Vice Mayor Brookshier moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman

Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Mayor Shelton aye

The City Manager reported that the Public Works Department crews have begun collecting fallen branches, leaves, and twigs left from the recent storm on September 5 and 6 and plan to pick up the debris through September 21. Council is being asked to waive the tipping fee at the landfill through September 21 for such storm debris for those citizens who haul their own debris to the landfill.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council waive the landfill tipping fee for storm debris through Saturday, September 21, 1996. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.