

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., March 25, 1997.

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 called Council meeting held on March 10, 1997, were approved as distributed and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 11, 1997, were approved as corrected.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:

Approval of Contract for Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Consent Order Compliance

Executive Session - Land Acquisition for Industrial Park, pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(3)

Councilman Tharp and Mayor Shelton spoke regarding their recent visit to the Omaha Beach area of the Normandy region of France:

- presented gifts from the community of Vierville-sur-Mer (the flag and medallions will be displayed in the Council Chambers and the book *The Enchanting Normandy* will be presented to the Bedford Public Library from the people of Vierville-sur-Mer)
- the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Bedford/Bedford County and the Omaha Beach area
- a formal resolution will be prepared and presented at a future Council meeting stating that the City accepts the process of twinning with the Omaha Beach area for the exchange of cultural information and exchange of visitation between the communities. The community of Vierville-sur-Mer will adopt a similar action as part of the sister city process.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer spoke regarding the success of the annual dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which featured the National D-Day Memorial Foundation.

Mr. O. P. Stancer, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, spoke in favor of the following citizens who have volunteered to serve on the Commission: David A. Keith, Charlene D. McFall, and James A. Reynolds.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of David A. Keith, Charlene D. McFall and James A. Reynolds to serve four-year terms on the City Planning Commission, said terms to expire March 31, 2001.

Authorize the closing of East Main Street from South Street to North Bridge Street from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 26, 1997, for Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Authorize the closing of the following streets from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 14, 1997, (rain date June 28, 1997) for the Sixth Annual Go-Kart Race:

East and West Main Streets from Washington Street to Center Street from West Main Street, through the Farmer's Market parking lot to Washington Street, Washington Street from the Farmers Market parking lot to South Street, South Street from Washington Street to East Main Street. Also West Main Street from Center Street to Ballard Street, a portion of South Bridge Street below Washington Street, a portion of South Street below Washington Street, Washington Street from South Street to Otey Street, North Bridge Street from Main Street to Depot Street, and Market Square.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

City Manager Gross stated that a letter has been received from Carolyn Overstreet, President of Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc., requesting that Council authorize the waiving of building permit fees in connection with the group's scheduled projects within the City, as well as any landfill tipping fees that might be applicable. The City Manager explained the purpose of the group as well as the proposed projects. The staff has recommended the waiving of the fees, which would be approximately \$10.10; however, permits should be required for both zoning and building code purposes. Mr. Gross indicated it should be understood that any removal of asbestos must be done under EPA guidelines.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the building permit fees and landfill fees as requested by Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Liberty High School 1996-97 boys basketball team, after being crowned as regular season and tournament champions in the Seminole District and in Region III, went on to win the Group AA state tournament for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, one of the key elements in providing school athletic teams 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 have 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 and urges all citizens to join in honoring them for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Brookshier moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried 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

Mayor Shelton and Dr. David Smith, Principal of Liberty High School, presented the resolution to Mrs. Delores Wright, cheerleader sponsor.

Clerk of Council Hatcher read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Liberty High School Minutemen Varsity basketball team achieved an exceptional record during regular season play in the 1996-97 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 the Martinsville High School Bulldogs in the quarter-final round on Friday, March 7, 1997, Gate City High School in the semi-final round on Friday, March 14, and Spotswood High School in the finals on Saturday, March 15, to become the second consecutive 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 1997 Liberty High School Minutemen team has again 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 1997 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 Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood.

Mayor Shelton stated that an event will be scheduled in the community to further highlight the achievements of the basketball team. The resolution was presented to Coach Hanks.

The motion to adopt the resolution was then voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mark Hanks came to Liberty High School as boys basketball coach in 1989, and in his first season the Liberty High School Minutemen basketball team compiled a record of 6 wins, 14 losses; and

WHEREAS, under the expert guidance of Coach Hanks and his staff, in successive years the boys basketball teams have made a remarkable turn-around, coming from a 1-19 record in 1990-91, to a 25-0 season in 1995-96, becoming the first Liberty High School basketball team to win the Group AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Minutemen have achieved lasting fame by repeating their success in 1996-97, with a 28-1 record, to become state champions for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and training provided by Coach Hanks and his staff have been instrumental in molding a team which has been Seminole District champions for the past three

years, and Region III and State champions for two consecutive years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes the outstanding achievements of Coach Mark Hanks and congratulates him and his staff for guiding, advising and leading the Liberty High School Minutemen to the pinnacle of success.

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

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton spoke of other successful activities at Liberty High School, including the band and academic oriented clubs and associations. The Mayor stated that a student at Liberty High School, Chip Mason-Hill, is the first Bedford County individual to receive the distinction of being in the United States Senate Youth Program. Mr. Mason-Hill is the starting center on the football team and is in the top five students in his senior class.

City Manager Gross stated that Council has received information from the Director of Public Works regarding the contract negotiations with Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., for engineering services on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and Consent Order compliance. With the guidance of City Council, the staff was able to negotiate the final not-to-exceed engineering fee from \$1,196,194 down to \$747,603, without any reduction in the scope of services.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council approve the engineering services contract with Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., for the design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and Consent Order compliance and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess from 8:20 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council adjourn into executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(3) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, regarding real estate - potential purchase of property for industrial park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:30 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, Director of Planning & Community Development Scudder, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:16 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

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

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.