

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., January 27, 1998.

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 January 13, 1998, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Gross asked Council to reschedule agenda item "Adoption of Revised and Updated Comprehensive Plan" to the February 24 meeting, which will allow the Planning Commission to review some changes to the Plan that are being considered.

The Mayor indicated he would like to leave that item on the agenda, but change it to "Discussion" instead of "Adoption."

Councilman Tharp noted that the leaves were promptly removed from the Wharton House porch roof, but that the sign remains.

The City Manager stated a letter is expected from the Bedford Historical Society concerning the sign.

Ms. Lyn Cunningham and Mr. William Withers, of Craddock Cunningham Architectural Partners, presented the design development drawings for the Bedford Middle School gymnasium. The estimated cost of the project as presented at this meeting was \$1,581,950. Ms. Cunningham indicated that it is planned to bid the lower level as the base bid and the upper level as an alternate bid.

City Manager Gross stated it has been suggested that the gymnasium could be used as a shelter if a disaster occurs, and the cost of a hookup for an emergency generator is being investigated.

Councilman Ballard, Chairman of the Property Committee, reported that it is the consensus of the Property Committee to go with this plan for the gymnasium.

It was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to communicate with Craddock Cunningham Architectural Partners to proceed with this design.

Mr. O. P. Stancer, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, outlined the Goals and Objectives of the Planning Commission for 1998, as follows:

1. Complete the Comprehensive Plan
 2. Rezone the Elks Home property from R-2 to PRD
- Rezone the R-2 properties on the northern end of Independence Blvd. to B-2

Rezone portions of Bedford Avenue so that it conforms to the existing R-1A zoning

Review the current zoning of the D-Day Memorial

3. Explore future planning and traffic patterns in the Burks Hill Road and Crenshaw Street area

4. Conduct a joint meeting with the City of Bedford Board of Zoning Appeals to discuss Bedford's Land Development Regulations

5. Review the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations in its entirety and make recommendations to City Council regarding any changes in particular but not limited to the sign regulations

6. Conduct a joint meeting with the City of Bedford Planning Commission and the Bedford County Planning Commission to discuss joint planning efforts that may affect the industrial development corridors established by the revenue sharing agreement

Mayor Shelton asked if members of Council had any further comments regarding the updated Comprehensive Plan. There were no comments.

City Manager Gross stated in order for the Literary Loan Application to be submitted to the State Board of Education of Virginia for the purpose of borrowing from the Literary Fund \$1,500,000 for the gymnasium at Bedford Middle School, City Council is requested to approve the Loan submission and to give the City of Bedford School Board authority to borrow the set amount for the purpose set forth in the application.

Vice Mayor Brookshier moved that the resolution (regarding the Literary Loan application) be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the Middle School gym project.

City Manager Gross will request the architects to present updated cost figures for furnishing and equipping the new gymnasium.

The motion was then 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 resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD

WHEREAS, the School Board for the City of Bedford, on 23rd day of January, 1998, presented to this Council, an application addressed to the State Board of Education of Virginia for the purpose of borrowing from the Literary Fund \$1,500,000 for the new school building (or for adding to or improving the present school building) at Bedford Middle School, to be paid in 20 annual installments, and the interest thereon at 3 per cent paid annually.

RESOLVED, That the application of the City School Board to the State Board of Education of Virginia for a loan of \$1,500,000 from the Literary Fund is hereby approved, and authority is hereby granted the said City School Board to borrow the said amount for the purpose set out in said application.

The Council of said City will each year during the life of this loan, at the time they fix the regular levies, fix a rate of levy for schools or make a cash appropriation sufficient for operation expenses and to pay this loan in annual installments and the interest thereon, as required by law regulating loans from the Literary Fund.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.