

4-28-98 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., April 28, 1998.

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

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood.

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 April 14, 1998, were approved as distributed.

City Attorney Berry reported that the Supreme Court has designated the three judges to hear the Revenue Sharing Petition of the City and County.

Councilman Ballard reported the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission held its annual Spring Cleanup on April 18.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer thanked the Director of Parks, Recreation, & Cemeteries, and the City staff and employees who participated in the Edmund Street Park project.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried, the following items were added to the agenda:

Consent Agenda - Appointment of a Member to the City Planning Commission

Executive Session - Pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, regarding personnel, for discussion of executive search firms.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Appointment of Mr. Richard M. Thomas, 991 Ashland Avenue, to the City Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2002.

Councilman Wandrei moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted upon and carried.

Ms. Jennifer Turner, member of Girl Scout Troop No. 2086, made a presentation regarding child abuse. Ms. Turner stated that April has been proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month and gave out "blue ribbon" pins to support this cause. On behalf of Troop No. 2086, she thanked Mayor Shelton and City Council for issuing the proclamation about Child Abuse Prevention Month.

On motion Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted a resolution regarding the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Ballard	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	absent
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bedford City Council will participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and accept funds appropriate for the purpose set forth in this Act;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator for Bedford County is hereby authorized to execute the local plan pursuant to a contractual agreement between the localities.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted a resolution declaring May 17-23, 1998, as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Bedford. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	absent
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Councilman Ballard	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK**

**IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD**

**WHEREAS**, Bedford is blessed with a strong manufacturing base; and

**WHEREAS**, these industries provide much needed jobs for the citizens of Bedford; and

**WHEREAS**, these same industries provide local taxes from which the entire local citizenry benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and appreciate these important facts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby salutes our existing industry base, and by virtue of this resolution gives notice to our citizens that Virginia Industries Are Building A Better Commonwealth;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Week of May 17-23, 1998, is hereby designated as

**BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the City of Bedford.

Mr. Tom Hehman, Director of the Bedford Public Library, reported that the apparent low bid for the five County Library projects was submitted by Coleman Adams, considerably under budget. Mr. Hehman reviewed activities and programs at the Library. The Director indicated the Bedford County Board of Supervisors has approved the Library’s budget request to the County. Mr. Hehman asked Council to approve the Library’s budget request to the City dated March 23 in the amount of \$139,781.

City Manager Gross stated that a draft of the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 was being submitted for Council’s review. The City Manager indicated the proposed budget is a "maintenance" budget which provides for the numerous municipal projects which are now underway. Mr. Gross said the budget sustains a fiscal strategy for the major projects proposed for the near future. Mr. Gross stated that a very conservative budget is being recommended.

The City Manager reviewed various highlights of the proposed budget.

Mr. Barry Thompson, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget. Figures in the proposed budget included:

Revenues	\$26,296,086	Expenditures	\$26,317,511
Cash carry over	\$ 1,244,000	Contingency	\$ 1,222,575

It was the consensus of Council to accept the following suggested schedule for the budget:

May 12 - work session (as the final item on the agenda)

May 26 - public hearing

June 9 - adoption of budget

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council adjourn into executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, regarding personnel, for discussion of executive search firms. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, 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	absent
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:32 p.m. after a brief recess.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:08 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.

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

Councilman Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Councilman Ballard	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	absent
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.