

7-1-98 Minutes

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular meeting held on June 23, 1998, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 8:00 a.m., July 1, 1998.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; 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.

Clerk of Council Hatcher opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was to administer the oaths of office to the newly elected members of Council and for the election of a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

Mr. Lois Cowger, of the City Electoral Board, presented the newly elected members of Council with their Certificates of Election.

The Clerk of Council administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of Council: Mr. Brookshier, Mrs. Flood, and Mr. Messier.

The Clerk of Council opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councilman Tharp nominated G. Michael Shelton for the office of Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Brookshier.

The Clerk called for further nominations. There were none.

On motion by Councilman Messier, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, the nominations were closed.

Upon the call for the vote, G. Michael Shelton was elected Mayor.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to G. Michael Shelton as Mayor.

Mayor Shelton opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor.

Councilman Brookshier nominated E. Thomas Messier for the office of Vice Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Wandrei.

As there were no other nominations, Councilman Tharp moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Upon the call for the vote, E. Thomas Messier was elected Vice Mayor.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to E. Thomas Messier as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Shelton thanked members of Council for the opportunity to serve as Mayor one more time.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Brookshier for serving as Vice Mayor for the past few years.

Mayor Shelton stated the appointments to committees, boards, and commissions will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's possible participation in the Virginia Municipal League's "Virginians to Virginians" program. The City Manager reported that Buena Vista has requested to be paired with the City of Bedford.

It was the consensus of Council to participate in the program and for the Mayor to work with the City Manager in matching the City with another locality with closer similarities than Buena Vista.

Councilman Brookshier expressed appreciation to the Mayor for the work he has done for the City.

Councilman Ballard reported that he and Councilman Wandrei met with the Lord Mayor of Coventry during their recent visit to England.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:28 a.m.