

02-09-99 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., February 9, 1999.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier.

Staff present: City Manager Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and let all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the January 26, 1999, regular Council meeting and the minutes of the January 30, 1999, adjourned Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is in the process of gathering estimates for the installation of a stop light at East Main Street and Independence Boulevard. VDOT is also looking at any possible roadway improvements that may be necessary.

The City Manager stated the last item on the agenda, "Deed of Easement - Bedford City/County Museum," has been removed from the agenda.

The Mayor indicated that Councilman Rice has requested to be relieved of service on the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Board due to recent health problems and travel involved with Central Virginia Piedmont Employment Consortium Policy Board. Councilman Ballard has agreed to serve on the CVPDC Board.

Councilman Brookshier asked a question about the fire insurance at the Museum. Councilman Wandrei will check into the amount of fire insurance carried by the Museum.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Request to Block Streets for a Black History Celebration Rally. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Bedford Branch, is requesting that Council authorize blocking the following street for a Black History Celebration Rally on Saturday, February 27, from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m.:

Area in front of the Court House, East Main Street to comprise end of Court House lawn to left and right

On motion by Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Roger Ellmore, Executive Director of Virginia's Explore Park, presented a slide show and explained the progress made at the Park during the last year.

City Manager Meadows stated that the Joint Economic and Growth Sharing Agreement with Bedford County calls for the creation of a Joint Industrial Development Authority. The Authority shall own and operate the industrial park off of Independence Boulevard and is charged with promoting economic and industrial development within the economic development areas designated in the Agreement.

Mayor Shelton indicated that the following individuals have agreed serve on the Authority:

Mr. Macon C. Putney, 1431 Peaks Street, Bedford - for a one-year term, subject to reappointment

Mr. Harris C. Gardner, Jr., 1535 Nichols Road, Bedford - for a two-year term, subject to reappointment

Mr. Joe M. Davidson, Jr., 1515 Woodland Road, Bedford - for a three-year term, subject to reappointment

Mr. John K. Boardman - 617 Westview Avenue, Bedford - for a four-year term

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried after a brief discussion, Council appointed the four individuals to the Joint Industrial Development Authority for the respective terms.

The City Manager reported that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors appointed the following individuals to the Authority: Charlie Oliver, three-year term; Tom Mead, two-year term; and Walt Pankey, one-year term.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.