

## 5-11-99 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., May 11, 1999.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier.

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 led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the April 27, 1999, adjourned and regular Council meetings were approved as distributed.

The City Manager stated the staff is ready to meet with the Property Committee to review the Middle School Site Plan proposals. A meeting will be scheduled.

City Manager Meadows indicated that Local Government Day will not be held this year.

The City Manager stated that a trip to Bedford's sister city, Franklin, Virginia, is tentatively scheduled for July 15 and 16. Members of Council are to notify the City Manager's office if they will be attending.

The City Manager reported that Council is invited to attend the Bedford City and County Annual Dare Day at Liberty Lake Park on May 20.

City Manager Meadows introduced Teresa L. Julian, the City's new Director of Finance & Administration. Ms. Julian will begin work on May 17.

Councilman Ballard asked that the appointment of Greg Warren to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission be added to the Consent Agenda.

It was the consensus of Council to add this appointment to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Rice asked it is possible for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to speed up the process of installing new traffic signals at the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Longwood Avenue.

The Director of Public Works will contact the traffic engineers at VDOT in Salem to determine the status of the project.

Vice Mayor Messier asked about the status of a report from the Safety Committee regarding the deer problem.

Councilwoman Flood, Chairman of the Safety Committee, reported the Safety Committee met earlier in the evening regarding the deer problem. Councilwoman Flood stated there was a lot of discussion as to whether this is a nuisance problem or a safety problem. After looking at several options, the Committee decided it is not enough of a safety problem to put in any control programs at this time. The Committee recommends providing the community with some possible remedies or solutions to the problem. The City Manager will help with communicating these ideas to the community.

There was a brief discussion regarding the directional sign for the Super 8 Motel. The owner of the Motel has been notified of Council's decision and the City has not received a reply.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 1999, and by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main Street for the purpose of considering the following request:

To consider rezoning from Manufacturing District (M-1) to General Business District (B-2), Tax Map #252-A-4 and Tax Map #252-A-4A on Industrial Avenue. The request is being made by Thomas E. Reynolds, Jr., and Jerry E. Brown, J & T Enterprises, 730 Industrial Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523.

Information regarding this rezoning is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to this request will have an opportunity to express their view at this hearing.

By The Authority of the Planning

Commission and City Council of the

City of Bedford

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Tommy Reynolds, 101 Peakland Court, spoke on behalf of J & T Enterprises. Mr. Reynolds explained the request and asked Council to approve the request.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Request by Bedford Main Street, Inc., and the City/County Museum to close East Main Street from Bridge Street to Court Street on May 31, 1999, from approximately 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Appointment of Gregory Warren to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for a term to be exactly set by the City Manager's Office.

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

Mayor Shelton stated the Planning Commission recommends that Council approve the request by J & T Enterprises to rezone from Manufacturing District (M-1) to General Business District (B-2), Tax Map #252-A-4 and Tax Map #252-A-4A on Industrial Avenue.

Councilman Rice moved that the rezoning request be approved. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Messier.

Councilman Wandrei stated that he would abstain from voting as he represented the owners of the property.

The motion was then voted upon and carried, five members voting aye, one member abstaining (Wandrei), and one member absent (Brookshier).

The City Manager stated that Bedford City's FY 99 Supplemental Allocation Request under the Comprehensive Services Act has been approved in the amount of \$160,122. The City's share in matching funds is \$27,061.

Mr. Leighton T. Langford, Jr., Director/Chair of CPMT, reviewed the request and asked for Council's approval of the matching funds. Mr. Langford reviewed long-range goals of the Comprehensive Services Team.

Mr. Langford suggested that the City and County provide funds to employ a Volunteer Services Coordinator in the Social Services Department. Mr. Langford explained the importance of having someone to coordinate activities.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Messier moved that Council appropriate \$27,061.00 from the unappropriated contingency to Account No. 105350.3236. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Ballard	aye
Councilman Brookshier	absent
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

City Manager Meadows stated that Council has been asked to consider adoption of a proclamation indicating Council's support for the America's Promise Program.

Mr. Langford stated the America's Promise Program offers the best strategic issues to offer children and gets the entire community involved.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the proclamation in support of the America's Promise Program.

The proclamation follows as adopted:

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the children and youth of Central Virginia are our greatest resource; and

**WHEREAS**, both the basic and developmental needs of all our children and youth are not being fully addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, these needs must be a priority to our citizens, government, education, for-profit, non-profit organizations and faith communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to care for our children and youth is in a unified, collaborative effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the combination of all our intellectual, financial, and material resources should be leveraged to provide our children and youth the best chance to grow into responsible adults;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the City Council of the City of Bedford, commit ourselves to realizing the goals of Central Virginia Region 2000's Promise that will work to provide each child a healthy start, a caring adult mentor, safe and structure places in which to play and learn, effective education to develop a marketable skill, and the opportunity to give back to his or her community through volunteer service.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess from 8:15 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Council proceeded to hold a work session on the proposed FY 1999-2000 City Budget.

The City Manager reviewed updates on items in the proposed budget.

Mayor Shelton requested that Council be furnished with information regarding the current and proposed plans for Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled.

Members of Council asked questions and discussed various items in the proposed budget.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the Special Appropriation Requests. Council made the following changes:

Bedford Library	make a line item
Life Saving Crew	make a line item
Bedford City/County Museum	make a line item
Central Va. Comm. Service	make a line item
Keep Bedford Beautiful Comm.	make a line item
Sheltered Workshop	delete
Southwest Va. Food Bank	delete

(The other agencies will either remain on the list or Council requested further information before making a final decision.)

The City Manager is to furnish Council with an inventory of all City vehicles and a list of which ones are to be replaced.

It was the consensus of Council for the Property Committee to work with the City Manager in determining what the space needs are for the Municipal Building.

The staff and the Street Committee are to prepare a list of streets to be paved for possible inclusion in the bid process.

It was the consensus of Council to include funds in the amount of \$3,150 in the proposed budget for a Volunteer Services Coordinator in the Social Services Department.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.