

7-13-99 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., July 13, 1999.

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

Members absent: Mayor G. Michael Shelton.

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

Vice Mayor Messier opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Messier declared that the minutes of the June 22, 1999, regular Council meeting and the minutes of the July 6, 1999, adjourned Council meeting were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following items:

- reminded Council to contact his office concerning reservations for the Virginia Municipal League Conference in October
- Bedford County will begin moving its offices to the new Bedford Center for Business on August 13
- had a very successful visit last week from the editor of Virginia Review Magazine. The article on Bedford will be in the September/October issue of the magazine.
- announced he attended a meeting regarding development of passenger rail service in this region
- referred to an article in the Lynchburg newspaper about the Bedford County Board meeting on July 12, 1999, regarding the City/County School agreement and comments made about the contract by one of County School Board members. The City Manager stated a copy of a synopsis of the meeting prepared by Mickey VanDerwerker has been provided to Council for its review. The City Manager stated that he feels Ms. VanDerwerker is looking after all the students in Bedford County, not just City students. Mr. Meadows also stated he believes the contract is serving both the citizens of the City and the County fairly and if the contract is opened up, it may have some impact on both parties.

Councilman Ballard asked the City Manager about submitting quotes for the Virginia Review Magazine. The City Manager stated that a "quote form" will be provided for this purpose.

Councilman Rice asked questions about the status of a soccer field at the old landfill and weeds

on South Street. The City Manager responded.

The City Manager asked Council to defer approval of the agenda item regarding the Joint Dispatch Center Agreement.

The City Attorney stated the Joint Dispatch Center Agreement must be approved by an ordinance that has

been properly posted.

In order for an ordinance to be prepared and properly posted, Council concurred to defer agenda item "Joint Dispatch Center Agreement" until the July 27, 1999, meeting.

The City Attorney reviewed changes to Virginia Freedom of Information Act made during the recent session of the legislature. The changes became effective July 1, 1999.

A brief discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.