

8-10-99 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., August 10, 1999.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; 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: None.

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.

The Clerk of Council brought to Council's attention a correction to the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 1999.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the July 27, 1999, regular Council meeting were approved as corrected.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following items:

The dedication ceremony for the new Bedford Middle School Gymnasium is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Favorable review of the City's web page by *MUNI-NET* magazine

Virginia Review magazine's request for quotes from members of Council for the September/October issue

Withdrawal of a conditional use request by Carilion Bedford Memorial Hospital

Memorandum dated August 9, 1999, from the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries regarding development of soccer fields for use by the YMCA and PASA

Update on Bedford Elementary School playground, playground equipment, and construction of a restroom/concession facility (could be completed as a project by students at the Bedford Science & Technology Center); turf is not in condition for play due to the lack of rain

Guardrail and balcony at the new Bedford Middle School gymnasium - a meeting was held with Craddock & Cunningham regarding options, which were deemed to be too expensive; further options are to be developed

Craddock & Cunningham has submitted a price of \$17,700 for its proposal for the Middle School Site Study and has secured a qualified educational consultant. The City Manager recommended that the firm be awarded the project.

Council is invited to attend a ribbon cutting in celebration of the completion of the expansion of Sam Moore Furniture on August 16 at 1:30 p.m.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the Consent Agenda:

Request by City Treasurer - Disposition of Paid Tax Tickets 1992-94

Request to Block Streets for First Annual Outdoor Show - Bedford Outdoor Sportsman Association, Inc.

The City Manager asked Council to consider holding a Council Planning Retreat sometime in October.

The Director of Public Works and the Water Treatment Superintendent reported on the receding level of water at the City Reservoir due to the drought.

Discussion ensued regarding mandatory water restrictions.

Council will hold a called meeting on August 17 to consider the adoption of a Water Use Regulation Ordinance.

The Mayor directed the City Manager to prepare a press release regarding Council's plans for setting forth mandatory water restrictions.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Request to Block Streets for First Annual Outdoor Show - Bedford Outdoor Sportsman Association, Inc.

Authorize the closing of Gold Road from East Main Street to Orange Street on Saturday, September 25, 1999, for potential overflow parking situations related to the Bedford Outdoor Sportsman event to be held at the National Guard

Armory. The authorization is subject to the following conditions for implementing closure: 1. The road will only be closed as determined by the City of Bedford Police Department upon monitoring of the traffic safety, traffic flow and volume of vehicles located on the Armory site. 2. Vehicles requiring parking at the event will first be parked in all available spots on the Armory property by event personnel on site. 3. Vehicles may park legally on the east and west shoulders of Gold Road so as not to impede normal traffic flow on Gold Road. 4. The Police Chief may authorize on-street parking on East Main Street in the right westbound lane, from Gold Road to the upper entryway into the Armory, as he deems necessary and appropriate. 5. If the City Police Officer on site determines that it is necessary to close Gold Road for overflow parking for the event at the Armory, he shall seek authorization of his superior officer for closure and place the appropriate barricades on both ends of the street to stop normal traffic flow. The Bedford Outdoor Sportsman Association shall designate appropriate individuals from their organization to properly park vehicles on this street to allow for quick reopening of the street as parking dissipates. 6. As parking on Gold Road dissipates, the Police Department shall reopen the street for normal traffic flow. 7. In the event the Police Department determines that no closure of the street is necessary to meet overflow conditions at the Armory, no other individual is authorized to effect any closure of this street to the contrary.

Request by City Treasurer - Disposition of Paid Tax Tickets 1992-94

Approve the request by the City Treasurer to destroy the paid tax tickets for 1992-94 in accordance with the Virginia Public Records Act.

Request to Block Streets for YMCA Annual Peaks of Otter Christmas Classic Foot Race - Bedford Area YMCA

Approve the closing of Ashland Avenue from the Primary School to Lake Drive; Lake Drive to Peaks Street; Mountain Avenue and College Street for the Annual Peaks of Otter Christmas Classic Foot Race from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on December 4, 1999.

Request to Block Streets for Centerfest '99 - Bedford Main Street, Inc.

Grant permission to block West Main Street to Ballard Street; South Bridge Street to Washington Street; East Main Street to Court Street; and North Bridge Street to the parking lot near Hunan's Restaurant for Centerfest '99 on Saturday, September 25, 1999, until after clean up Saturday night.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Mr. Andy Dooley, Recreation Director, Bedford County Parks & Recreation Department, explained the Department's intention to submit a bid to the Dixie Youth Baseball organization to host the 2001 Dixie Youth and/or minor league World Series tournament in Bedford. Mr. Dooley asked for Council to give its support for this event.

Councilman Rice moved that City Council support the Bedford County Parks & Recreation Department's bid to the Dixie Youth Baseball organization to host the 2001 Dixie Youth and/or minor league World Series tournament in Bedford. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.