

2-8-00 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 8, 2000.

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.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the January 25, 2000, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

On behalf of his family, City Manager Meadows thanked members of Council for their support during the past couple of weeks.

The City Manager stated Council had copies of the following items:

Revenue & Expenditure Summaries for November and December, 1999

Copy of a letter from the Mayor and City Manager to Senate Finance Committee and Public Safety Subcommittee Members regarding SB 148 which deals with the repeal of the Local E-911 Tax and the City's opposition to this proposed change

City Manager Meadows reported that the State has begun work on the stop light project at the intersection of Independence Boulevard and East Main Street.

Lt. Sullivan gave a report on solutions for handling the turkey vulture and black buzzard problem within the City.

The Chief of Police, City Manager, and Lt. Sullivan are to proceed and work with the Public Safety Committee if further input is required.

On motion by Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:

Consent Agenda – Appointment of Member – Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission - To fill the Unexpired Term of Youtha Porter

Presentation – Peter Snelling

Councilman Ballard stated that he is opposed to the action taken by Council at the last regular meeting regarding the renaming of the Rt. 460 Bypass because the public was not allowed to provide input.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the removal of the dumpsters on Orange Street.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of Mr. Macon C. Putney to serve a four-year term on the Joint City/County Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire February 1, 2004

Appointment of Ms. Sharon DeLong to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission to fill the unexpired term of Youtha Porter.

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

Mr. Peter Snelling spoke for a group of citizens opposed to the naming of roads after individuals. The group is requesting that the Route 460 Bypass be named after a citizen of the community. Mr. Snelling indicated the group is also requesting that a member of Council make a motion to reconsider and that Council hear statements on this subject from the citizens of this community. A petition expressing opposition to the movement of naming streets and places after non-citizens of Bedford is currently being circulated.

Mr. Clarke Gibson, Director of Public Works, gave an update on water and sewer issues, which included:

Water & Sewer Master Plan

raising the spillway at the Stoney Creek Reservoir

Big Otter Pump Station pump replacement

painting and repairing the water storage tank on Helm Street

annual Water Quality Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant

DEQ Consent Order
inflow and infiltration
Clearview sewer line
Broadway Ave. sewer main

water and sewer rates

Discussion ensued regard the water and sewer issues.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.