

04-11-2000 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., April 11, 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 presented a certificate of retirement and gifts to Billy Graham upon his retirement from the Police Department.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the March 28, 2000, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following:

- Region 2000 dinner meeting will be held April 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Poplar Forest
- letter to Norfolk Southern regarding maintenance of the railroad's right-of-way throughout the City
- The Bedford Main Street Board has decided to keep the Main Street office in its current location as the present time.
- The American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* will be held on May 5 and May 6.
- Council has been furnished copies of the Bedford City/County Museum and the City newsletter

Councilman Ballard reported that the Keep Bedford Beautiful Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Councilman Wandrei suggested that Council consider changing the municipal election from May until November.

Mr. Tom Hehman, Director of the Bedford Public Library, presented the Library's budget request in the amount of \$165,160 for FY 2000-2001. Mr. Hehman described the Library System.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Stan Goldsmith presented the budget request for Region 2000 and explained the programs of Region 2000.

Mr. Joe Wootten, CEO of the Bedford Area Family YMCA, stated the YMCA is requesting level funding in the amount of \$12,000 in the FY 2000-2001 budget. Mr. Wootten reviewed program goals and asked Council to appropriate \$25,000 as a gift for the YMCA capital campaign.

Mr. Henry Hyde, Bedford Lifesaving & First Aid Crew, presented the budget request for the Crew in the amount of \$25,000.

City Manager Meadows reported the Department of Juvenile Justice is requesting adoption of a resolution, which will allow Council to participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and accept funds appropriate for the purpose set forth in this Act. This resolution will authorize the Bedford County Administrator to execute the local plan pursuant to a contractual agreement between the localities.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bedford City Council in conjunction with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors will participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and accept funds appropriate for the purpose set forth in this act until written notice to the contrary is provided to the Department of Juvenile Justice;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator for Bedford County is hereby authorized to execute the local plan pursuant to a contractual agreement between the localities.

The City Manager stated the Police Department has received state and federal funds from asset forfeitures. These funds are required by state and federal laws to be used to enhance the Police Department's abilities to combat drug violations. The City Manager reported these funds have been received and are available for use by the Department in accordance with an agreement that the City has signed. No matching funds are required by the City.

City Manager Meadows stated Council is requested to appropriate \$6,000 from the asset forfeiture funds for the purpose of computer software and hardware that will assist the Police Department, not only in handling drug cases, but also in its day-to-day criminal investigations.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved the appropriation of \$6,000 from the asset forfeiture funds as requested. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Meadows explained that Council entered into a "Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement" on February 9, 1998. In the agreement, the City and County of Bedford agreed to shared equally all local taxes on real estate, personal property, machinery and tools, merchant's capital, sale and use taxes, and all business, professional, and occupational taxation and any other taxes imposed or generated in the Economic Development areas. Revenues associated with this aspect of the agreement were not included in the 1999-2000 budget due to uncertainties as to what the actual collections from the designated area would be. Based on six months' experience, it is now estimated that expected revenues will be approximately \$250,000 annually to the General Fund and \$250,000 to the Water and Sewer Fund.

City Manager Meadows stated that as part of the Growth Sharing Agreement, the City also agreed to provide for extension of water and sewer services into these areas. The costs of extension of services shall include the cost of engineering and feasibility studies. The City has retained the firm of Thompson and Litton to prepare a Master Plan for the City, which will address future water and sewer facility needs to accommodate growth within the City and the growth in the economic development areas. The total cost of this study is \$37,400. The City Manager stated the action requested is that City Council

amend the FY 1999-2000 General Fund budget to reflect \$250,000 in additional revenues and to also increase the contingency line item appropriation by \$250,000 to make it a balanced entry. Mr. Meadows stated that it is further requested that Council amend the FY 1999-2000 Water and Sewer Fund budget to reflect \$250,000 in additional revenues and to increase the capital outlay expenditure appropriation for future capital projects by \$250,000. It is also understood that the Master Plan study will be charged to this account as it is contemplated in the Growth Sharing Agreement.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council amended the FY 1999-2000 General Fund budget to reflect \$250,000 in additional revenues, which increases the Contingency expenditure appropriation by \$250,000.

On motion by Councilman Ballard, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$37,400 for the Thompson and Litton Master Water Study. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.