

05-23-00 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., May 23, 2000.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood.

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 May 9, 2000, 6:30 p.m. meeting and the May 9, 2000, regular Council meeting, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Council was given copies of an article in the *News & Advance* regarding the reorganization of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission into the Region 2000 Planning Commission
- Council was provided with two pieces of information related to tourism in the region and marketing Region 2000 for more business
- A meeting was held with members of the Bedford Industrial Management Council (BIMC) on May 15 to discuss budget questions.
- The City Manager attended the Region 2000 Distinguished Service Awards presentation - Piedmont Label was one of the companies recognized as an award recipient for its contribution to the region.
- Representatives of Bedford's sister city, Franklin, Virginia, may be visiting Bedford this summer. The City Manager suggested August 3 and August 4 as the date for the visit. Mr. Meadows asked members of Council to check their calendars to see if this date is acceptable.
- The City Manager stated that former Mayor Russell J. Otey passed away and his funeral will be on May 24 at Carder Tharp Funeral Home.

A moment of silence was observed in respect for and memory of Mayor Otey.

Council member-elect Tharp suggested that a resolution be prepared honoring Mayor Otey's service to the City.

Mayor Shelton stated a resolution would be prepared for the June 13 regular Council meeting.

Mayor Shelton gathered the evaluation forms for the City Manager and stated he will tabulate the results, if possible, by the June 13 meeting.

Mayor Shelton reminded Council of the called meeting scheduled for June 1, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. for consideration of the adoption of the 2000-01 budget.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of Charlene McFall, Robert E. Miller and Larry Wood to serve three-year terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee, said terms to expire June 30, 2003.

Request to close Venture Boulevard for the Third Annual Car Show, on Saturday, October 7, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Council discussed the issue of selecting the option for the College Street Road Project.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Wandrei moved that Council direct the City Manager to proceed with Option #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried, five members voting aye, one member voting nay (Rice), and one member absent (Flood).

Mr. Gregory H. Hurst, Thompson & Litton, gave an overview of the Master Plan for Water and Sewer System Improvements for the City.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Shelton referred the Master Plan to the Water & Sewer Committee for a more detailed analysis.

Mayor Shelton reviewed the schedule of events for the upcoming visit of French citizens to Bedford. Mayor Shelton thanked Vice Mayor Messier, who serves as Chairman of the Board of the Bedford International Alliance, Inc., Skip Tharp, Charlene McFall, Barbara Ring, Councilman Wandrei and Ellen Wandrei for being involved in this event.

The Mayor reported that the Bedford International Alliance, Inc., is requesting Council to appropriate \$2,000 to support this event. Mayor Shelton reported that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors voted to appropriate \$2,000 towards this activity.

Vice Mayor Messier moved that Council appropriate \$2,000 from the unappropriated contingency to the Bedford International Alliance, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brookshier, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding transportation to the D-Day Memorial site for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.