

04-28-00 Minutes

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular meeting of April 25, 2000, was held at the Reba Farm Inn at 8:30 a.m., April 28, 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 (arrived at 10:20 a.m.); and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order and indicated the purpose of the meeting was for discussion of the proposed FY 2000-01 City budget.

The Mayor stated that Councilwoman Flood was unable to attend the meeting, as her mother was seriously ill.

The following department heads reviewed the budgets for each of their departments and discussed ensued:

Bart Warner, Director of Planning & Community Development

Teresa L. Julian, Director of Finance & Administration

Brenda A. Daniel, Commissioner of the Revenue

Joanne M. Caldwell, Treasurer

The Mayor declared a recess from 10:10 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

City Attorney Berry arrived at the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting continued with the following department heads reviewing their budgets and discussion ensued:

Milton H. Graham, Chief of Police

Fran M. Hart, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

Eugene L. Ratzlaff, Electric Utility Director

Clarke W. Gibson, Director of Public Works reviewed the budget for the Public Works Department

Councilman Brookshier left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess from 11:45 a.m. until 11:50 a.m.

Mr. Gibson continued with an overview of the budgets for Water & Sewer and Solid Waste

The Mayor declared a recess for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding various budget items.

It was the consensus of Council that the charge for tipping fees be \$60.00 per ton in the proposed FY 2000-01 budget.

There was discussion regarding the \$200,000 included in the proposed budget for a community center. Councilman Wandrei suggested other uses for these funds.

The City Manager stated the budget does not include any salary increases for Council, the City Attorney, or the Clerk of Council.

Discussion ensued regarding three alternatives for correcting problems on College Street, which include drainage problems and sidewalk issues. This issue may be considered at the next regular Council meeting after Councilwoman Flood and Councilman Brookshier are briefed on it.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 9, 2000.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.