

## **06-27-00 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., June 27, 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 F. 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 June 13, 2000, regular Council meeting were approved as corrected.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- the City held an auction of City equipment on June 17 and raised \$13,000 – the Director of Finance and Administration will investigate having the auction on-line next year
- article in the *Bedford Bulletin* that highlighted the need for volunteers to serve on City boards and commissions
- Carilion has requested that the first item under new business, "Resolution Authorizing the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke to Hold a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds," be removed from the agenda

Mayor Shelton stated the item would be removed from the agenda as requested by Carilion.

Vice Mayor Messier spoke regarding the following: commended the City employees for producing the internal newsletter for the City; recommended that the Local 240 Steelworkers Union be asked to help in removing the signs concerning the Rubatex strike.

The City Manager and Planning Director will take care of this matter.

Councilman Rice indicated he had received many complaints about the public not being allowed to park at Bedford Elementary School for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display that will be set off from the D-Day Memorial site.

The Staff will investigate this matter.

Mayor Shelton stated that the City has received a copy of the Warren Act Notice that Bunker Hill Foods will lay off 153 employees beginning August 25, with the final layoff to occur on September 22. The Mayor stated this is a significant loss to the entire community.

The Mayor reminded Council of the reorganizational meeting to be held on Saturday, July 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Hall.

The City Manager stated the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors have authorized one extra day off during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday for State employees. Mr. Meadows stated that Council is being asked to consider declaring Monday, July 3, 2000, as a City holiday and authorize the closing of City offices this day. The essential and ongoing functions such as the Police Department, Water Filter Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Hydro Electric Generator Plant will continue operation. In addition, Public Works and the Electric Departments will have designated on-call employees available. Those employees who are designated to work on this holiday will be allowed time off on another day.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council declared Monday, July 3, 2000, as a City holiday with all offices authorized to close except those departments requiring 24-hour continuous operation.

Mayor Shelton presented Jefferson Cups to Councilman Rice and Councilman Ballard as a token of Council's gratitude and deep appreciation for their commitment to the community.

Councilman Rice and Councilman Ballard each made brief statements regarding their service on City Council.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(1) for evaluation of the City Attorney. 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

Tony Sullivan, Police Department, stated that for the past six years he has participated in the City's Tuition Reimbursement Program and just completed his undergraduate work. Mr. Sullivan thanked Council for supporting that policy.

Council convened into closed session at 7:50 p.m. after a five minute recess. Non-council members attending: Council member elect Tom Padgett.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Vice Mayor Messier moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. until July 1, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Hall for the reorganizational meeting.

