

## **Minutes 10-24-2000**

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., October 24, 2000.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman W. D. Tharp; 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 October 10, 2000, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on various activities and information provided to Council.

Mr. Meadows brought to Council's attention a memorandum from the City Attorney about a draft of an ordinance concerning bicycle regulations.

Councilman Brookshier asked about tax relief on recreational vehicles. The City Manager will provide information to Council regarding the new law.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

Closed Meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(7) for Consultation with Legal Counsel Concerning Intergovernmental Agreements

The City Manager gave an update on the Joint Tourism Program with Bedford County. Mr. Meadows stated that Council had copies of a proposed joint tourism agreement. This item will be placed on the agenda of the November 14 Council meeting for consideration.

Mr. Bob Osiniak, Director of Administrative Services for the Blue Ridge Regional Jail, gave a presentation on the Regional Jail Authority. Mr. Osiniak described the Lynchburg facility.

The Chief of Police gave a presentation regarding the Police Department that included information on the Department's mission, goals and objectives, training, accomplishments, and challenges.

Discussion ensued regarding recruiting and retaining police officers.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(7) for Consultation with Legal Counsel Concerning Intergovernmental Agreements. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Padgett	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:43 p.m. Non-council members attending: City Manager Meadows, City Attorney Berry, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:17 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.

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

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Padgett	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye

Councilman Wandrei            aye

Councilman Brookshier       aye

Mayor Shelton                   aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.