

4-24-01 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 24, 2001.

Members present: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Mayor G. Michael Shelton and Councilman Thomas M. Padgett.

Staff present: City Manager F. Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Vice Mayor Messier opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Messier declared that the minutes of the April 10, 2001, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows spoke regarding the following:

- Upcoming events: April 28 - What's Next Day – Liberty High School; May 4 and 5 – annual Relay for Life – Liberty High School; May 4 –Elderfest – Bedford Armory
- The City Manager will be attending the American Public Power Executive Management Institute during the week of May 7
- Human Resources Director candidates have been narrowed down to three individuals – final interviews will be held in the next two weeks
- Nancy Drake has been hired as Director of Tourism
- The work at the Stoney Creek Reservoir is complete. The work at the Town Lake is progressing and Lake Drive may be open by the end of the week.
- Brian Wishneff & Associates are currently exploring three possible alternatives for the old Grammar School building site
- Clean-up week was a success: the City collected 100 tires, 74 tons of bulk refuse materials, 59 tons of brush; also, 15 tons of bulk refuse items and 11 tons of brush was brought to the landfill by City residents
- New trash receptacles have been placed on Longwood Avenue and Oakwood Street
- The City has received formal notice that Com-Net Ericsson has reached a tentative agreement with the City of Lynchburg for a facility there. Discussions are currently being held with an existing industry for a possible new facility in the Bedford Center for Business.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried, Council added the Consent Agenda regarding street closings to the agenda.

The City Manager reviewed the contents of the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

A request by Bedford Main Street, Inc., that Council authorize blocking Center Street at the Farmer's Market from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a concert on May 18, 2001; June 5, 2001; July 3, 2001 and September 28, 2001

A request by Bedford Main Street, Inc., that Council authorize blocking East Main Street from the Bridge Street Intersection to South Street on May 28, 2001, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Celebration.

A request by Bedford Main Street, Inc., that Council block the following streets from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m. on June 23, 2001, for the Tenth Annual GoKart Race:

Washington Street from Crenshaw to Otey Streets; Main Street from Ballard to Court Streets; Bridge Street from Depot to Washington Streets; South Street from Main to Franklin Streets; Center Street, Market Street, the Farmer's Market Parking Lot, and County Administration Building Parking Lot.

A request by Bedford Main Street, Inc., that Council authorize blocking the following streets for Centerfest on Saturday, September 29, 2001, from 7:00 a.m. to Sunday, September 30, 2001, at 1:00 a.m.

North Bridge from Parking Lot at Hunan's to Washington Street, Market Street, Main Street from Ballard Street to Otey Street, Center Street, Court Street, and South Street from Main to Washington Streets.

A request by Bedford Main Street, Inc. that Council authorize the closing of the following streets for the 2001 Bedford area Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 8, 2001 (rain date Saturday, December 15th)

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: College Street, Ashland Avenue from curve of Recreation Field to Elks Home Driveway, Bedford

Avenue Extension from 4th to Avenel at Curve of Recreation Field, and Mountain Avenue

From approximately 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Peaks Street from College Street to North Bridge Street, North Bridge Street to East Main Street, East Main Street from Bridge Street to South Street, South Street from East Main to Washington Street, Washington Street from South Street to Center Street, Center Street, West Main from Center to 4th Street, and 4th Street.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

The City Manager reported that Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc., is requesting that Council authorize the waiving of building permit fees in connection with the group's scheduled projects

within the City, as well as any landfill tipping fees that might be applicable. The projects will include repairs on five houses. The estimated cost for the permit fees and landfill tipping fees would amount to approximately \$118.00.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried, Council waived the building permit fees and landfill tipping fees for projects to be undertaken by Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc., with the City.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Brookshier, voted upon and carried, Council waived the reading of a proposed resolution declaring the month of May as Older Americans' Month and supporting the Elderfest celebration.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution declaring the month of May as Older Americans' Month and supporting the Elderfest celebration. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH
AND ELDERFEST CELEBRATION

WHEREAS the month of May in the year 2001 has been designated and approved by the Bedford City Council to be recognized as Older Americans' Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Bedford recognizes the importance of Older Americans' Month with the Elderfest celebration; and

WHEREAS the Bedford County Department of Parks and Recreation will proudly host the Elderfest celebration in honor of our senior citizens and in recognition of Older Americans' Month; and

WHEREAS on May 4, 2001, the Elderfest celebration will be held to honor the senior citizens of Bedford City and County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bedford hereby affirms that the month of May 2001 be recognized as Older Americans' Month, and that the City supports the Elderfest celebration to be held to honor and celebrate our senior citizens with this special event.

Vice Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. until April 30, 2001, at 5:30 p.m.