

## **6-26-01 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., June 26, 2001.

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 June 12, 2001, adjourned Council meeting and the minutes of the June 12, 2001, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows spoke regarding several items: gun shot through electric transformer in Bell Town; employee appreciation breakfast at the D-Day Memorial; payment of personal property taxes by Rubatex; the 2001 Virginia Transportation Program meeting scheduled for July 11 at the Salem Civic Center; five defibrillation units were purchased in the current budget.

A representative of the Bedford Life Saving Crew gave a demonstration of the operation of a defibrillation unit.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City Council of the City of Bedford will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on June 26, 2001, in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, for the purpose of receiving the views of citizens on the appointment of members to the City School Board.

Any citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the City School Board should notify the office of the City Manager, P. O. Box 807, Bedford, VA 24523, phone 587-6001, no later than June 7, 2001.

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

The Mayor reported that the following individuals have requested to be considered for appointment to the City School Board: Mr. Elbert C. De Korte, Ms. Debra Bond, and Mr. Paul Sherman.

As there were no comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Appointment of Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker as the City representative on  
the County School Board for a term to expire June 30, 2005

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Ms. Marie Gardner, Bedford Representative for America's Promise, explained the "Lunch Buddy" Program. The program is a school-based mentoring program pairing an adult in the community with a child at risk of not meeting his/her full potential. Meetings between the "Lunch Buddy" and student take place twice a month during the child's lunch period. The program is set up at Bedford Primary School and Bedford Elementary School. Ms. Gardner asked for the support of Council and City employees in participating in this program.

City Manager Meadows stated that Barbara Parker, Human Resources Director, is already familiar with this program and has indicated that she would spearhead the City's efforts in finding volunteers. The City Manager stated the City would wholeheartedly endorse this program and encourage the employees to support the program.

The Mayor stated that Ms. Gardner's presentation was accepted and the City employees will have an opportunity to become involved in the program.

Mr. Greg Hurst, Thompson & Litton, gave an update on the 460 East Water and Sewer project. Mr. Hurst reviewed possible funding for the project. He explained that with the VRA Pool Funding Loan Program, there are two application dates for funding per year.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the first VRA application date in 2002.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. until July 10, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. to interview for City School positions.