

07-24-2001 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., July 24, 2001.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Staff present: City Manager F. Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, 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 July 10, 2001, adjourned and regular Council meetings were approved as distributed.

The City Manager spoke regarding the following: the American Legion Five Mile "Fun Run" scheduled for September 1; the 2001 Dixie Minor World Series begins on August 13; calls are being received regarding the new water and sewer rates and explanations are being given for the increases; the son of Nanci Drake, Tourism Director, appeared to have died in an accident on July 13; an Electric Department truck caught fire earlier in the day because of a hydraulic malfunction. The City Manager will be out of town at a seminar on July 27 and will be on vacation the following week.

Mayor Shelton stated that the agenda item "Purchase of Property – Cofer/Bedford Ford" had been removed from the agenda.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Barbara H. Ring

For Her Contribution to the City of Bedford

WHEREAS, Barbara H. Ring has ably served her community as the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has recently been recognized and honored by her peers as the 2001 Virginia Chamber Executive of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she spearheaded the "Business is Cookin' in Bedford" catering operation, involving over 300 Bedford volunteers, which was one of the top logistical challenges in the June 6, 2001, opening of the National D-Day Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has been involved as a community leader in activities such as President of the Bedford Rotary Club, the Bedford County Vocational Advisory Board, Regional Renaissance, the Workforce Investment Board for Area VII and the Bedford International Alliance Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Barbara instigated and developed the highly successful "Leadership Bedford" Program, which trains young professionals, and which has recently been expanded to include area high school students, to become productive, well-informed leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has also served her profession as the President of the Virginia Association of Chamber Executives, and as a founding member of the 14 chamber coalition - the Central Virginia Council of Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has been a key player and continues to diligently promote tourism and the hospitality industry throughout the Bedford area, currently in her capacity on the Advisory Board of Tourism and Executive Committees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford recognizes and applauds Barbara H. Ring's tireless efforts for our Chamber and community, and congratulates her on her recognition as Virginia Chamber Executive of the Year.

On motion by Councilwoman Flood, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the resolution of commendation for Barbara Ring. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Vice Mayor Messier aye

Councilman Padgett aye

Councilman Tharp absent

Councilman Wandrei aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton presented Ms. Ring with a framed copy of the resolution.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into closed session pursuant to the Code of

Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(3) acquisition of property. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood aye

Vice Mayor Messier aye

Councilman Padgett aye

Councilman Tharp absent

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Brookshier aye

Mayor Shelton aye

It was the consensus of Council to include discussion of legal matters in the Closed Session.

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:42 p.m. Non-Council members attending: City Manager Meadows, City Attorney Berry, Director of Planning and Community Development Warner, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:35 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.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Brookshier, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.