

## **11-2-2001 Minutes**

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the October 23, 2001, meeting was held at Mountain Lake, Virginia, on November 2, 2001, at 2:40 p.m.

Members present: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier (arrived at 3:00 p.m.); 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.

City Manager Meadows listed the following items to be discussed at the retreat: economic development, utilities, workforce development, public safety, cultural and recreation.

The City Manager reviewed a list of accomplishments during 1999-2001.

Mr. Meadows reviewed a list of objectives for the following departments in FY 2001-02:

Finance & Administration

Human Resources

Planning & Community Development

Tourism

Police

Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

Councilman Brookshier arrived at 3:00 p.m.

The City Manager continued to review the list of objectives:

Public Services

Electric

Members of Council suggested the following subjects for discussion at the retreat:

- Economic incentive program for industry/deal with Sam Moore issue
- Electric deregulation - competitiveness
- Old grammar school building issues/all City properties/possible combined facility for public safety
- Water moratorium for County customers
- Strategy for long-range water/sewer
- Issues regarding relationship with D-Day
- Permanent tourism facility

The City Manager added the following items to the list for discussion:

- Request from YMCA – building project
- Legislative agenda – adopt?
- Board & Commissions

Discussion ensued regarding an economic incentive program for industry.

The City Manager reviewed a program for economic development grant funds for business and industry in the City. Mr. Meadows stated that the City could not administer the program, as it would have to be administered by the Industrial Development Authority.

The City Council instructed the City Manager to solicit opinions from economic development officials in the region to determine if the City's program would be competitive, and to review the program with the Finance Committee once it was ready to be recommended to the City Industrial Development Authority for consideration.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Brookshier, 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)(7), legal issues. Roll call vote follows:

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



The City Attorney and Planning Director will draft a zoning ordinance amendment that gives the City control over manufacturing uses that may have negative environmental characteristics. The City Attorney asked Councilman Wandrei to also help prepare the amendment. The Planning Commission will review the proposed amendment before it is presented to Council.

Other items briefly discussed: natural gas, telecommunications, All-America City Award , Fall Clean-up Week.

Vice Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on November 3, 2001.