

Minutes 03-12-2002

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., March 12, 2002.

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

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 February 26, 2002, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Bedford Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner – April 5
- Request for nominations for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards – deadline for nominations Friday, March 22.
- Chamber of Commerce has hired a new executive director, Leeann Carr.
- The presentation of the proposed FY 2002-03 City budget will be held on April 23 – a work session on the budget could be held on April 26 or May 10.
- The Annual What's Next Day is scheduled for April 27
- Council has been given copies of the Joint Bedford City/County Industrial Development Authority Mission Statement and Goals.
- Barr Labs in Forest announced a major expansion
- A copy of the 2001 FY Report for the Commonwealth of Virginia is available in the City Manager's office for review.
- House Bill 378 passed – would allow any municipality to shift to November elections in either odd or even numbered years; a bill that will allow Virginia residents to elect to voluntarily contribute a portion of their state tax refund to the National D-Day Memorial.
- Visitors Center continues to do very well, averaging 20 – 30 people per day.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Appointment of Ms. Lonne R. Bailey to the City Planning Commission, said term to expire March 31, 2006.

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

Mayor Shelton stated that on January 8, 2002, the Council adopted a resolution establishing a relationship with the USS Normandy. Because of the ship being named the USS Normandy, there is a direct connection between the National D-Day Memorial and the events of June 6, 1944. The Bedford International Alliance was directed to perform the work involved in forging this relationship.

The City Manager introduced representatives from the USS Normandy: Executive Officer Lou Gregus and Chaplain Lt. Ben Sandford with the USS Normandy.

Executive Officer Gregus, on behalf of Captain Terry Blake, Commanding Officer of the USS Normandy, expressed thanks for the opportunity to address Council. Executive Officer Gregus reported that the USS Normandy was commissioned in 1988 as the 13th Aegis cruiser of the Ticonderoga Class. The ship's primary role as a guided missile cruiser is to provide defense against air targets to an aircraft carrier.

Upon hearing of the D-Day Memorial Dedication, Executive Officer Gregus became interested in the opportunity to forge a partnership of mutual support between the City, the Memorial and the ship. It is important for the sailors to have a link to the history of the ship and the military and show support to the Memorial and the community. Executive Officer Gregus stated that sailor volunteer programs, such as grounds maintenance for the D-Day Memorial could be developed.

The Executive Officer invited members of Council to visit Norfolk and tour the USS Normandy on June 18 or 19 to provide a link to the current military forces and build a partnership of friendship. On June 23, Normandy is scheduled to go overseas to take part in Operation Enduring Freedom with the George Washington battle group.

The City Manager will bring this forward to the Bedford International Alliance.

Executive Officer Gregus and Chaplain Lt. Sandford presented to the City a plaque of the ship's seal and a photograph of the ship.

Mayor Shelton presented a video set of the National D-Day Memorial dedication ceremonies held on June 6, 2001, to the Executive Officer.

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2002-03 budget requests for their organization:

- Mr. Augustine Fagan, Executive Director, Central Virginia Community Services - \$21,125
- Mr. Daniel Farris, Executive Director, Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging - \$10,600
- Ms. Fran Inge, Executive Director, CASA of Central Virginia - \$6,922

- Mr. John Eggleston, Chairman of the What's Next Organization - \$5,000
- Mr. Barry Lyons, Region 2000 Small Business Development Center - \$2,500

A representative from the Lynchburg Central for Independent Living will make a budget request presentation at the next Council meeting.

Representatives were not in attendance from the Roanoke River Basin Association.

The City Manager stated that the City's FY02 Supplemental Allocation Request under the Comprehensive Services Act has been approved in the amount of \$466,669.00. The City's share in matching funds is \$119,000.00 in addition to the \$103,600.00 previously appropriated. This brings the annual allocation to \$222,600.00 for FY02.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$119,000.00 from the unappropriated contingency to Account No. 105350.3236. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.