

Minutes 6-25-02

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 25, 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 June 11, 2002, adjourned Council meeting and the minutes of the June 11, 2002, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Trip to the All-America City Award in Kansas City, Missouri – the City did not receive an award – however, the City received good media coverage because of this event
- Work has begun on the Rt. 460 East Water & Sewer Line Extension Project; the East Main Street widening project is underway; work continues on the Inflow & Infiltration Project, and on the pump station replacement project
- Bart Warner is serving as interim Director of the Parks & Recreation – goal for having a new director is September
- Gene Ratzlaff, Electric Utility Director, is recovering very well at home from surgery
- July 24 – the "State of the City and of the County" address will be held at the Bedford Museum
- Will be attending the Virginia Local Government Manager's Conference – July 26-28

Councilman Brookshier asked about the level of the water in the City's reservoir.

The City Manager reported the water is three inches below the spillway, which is normal for this time of year. The City has begun to pump water from the Big Otter River.

Councilman Tharp mentioned that there are tree limbs dangling and shrubs grown out over the sidewalk of the "walking loop." Mr. Meadows stated he will pass this information on to the public services department.

Vice Mayor Messier thanked Councilman Brookshier for his service to the City.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:

Appropriation of Funds – Shared Services with Bedford County

Resolution of Commendation and Honor – Larry D. Brookshier

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 25, 2002, 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, 2002.

Mayor Shelton opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

The Mayor stated that the following individuals were seeking appointment to the City School Board: Mr. Elbert C. DeKorte; Mr. William H. Ross; Ms. Debora R. Spinner; and Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker.

As there were comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Request from Bedford Main Street, Inc., for Council to authorize blocking Center Street at the Farmer's Market from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2002, for the "LibertyFest" concert.

Appointment of Ms. Cindy Gunnoe to a four-year term on the Central Virginia Community College Board, said term to expire June 30, 2006.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

Mr. John Owen, former member of City Council, thanked Councilman Brookshier for his work and contributions to the City.

Mr. Owen gave a presentation regarding the Bedford Area Educational Foundation. He indicated that the mission of the Foundation is to provide support for the highest quality public education for students in the County and City of Bedford. Mr. Owen asked for Council's endorsement of the Foundation.

The Mayor indicated this request would be brought forward for consideration by Council at a future meeting.

City Manager Meadows stated the City and Bedford County are parties to an agreement whereby the City pays the County for a portion of certain shared services expenses. The City has received a tentative settlement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, which will result in several shared services areas being over budget.

The City Manager reviewed the line items that will need an additional appropriation of funds in order to prevent the accounts from being substantially over budget:

103120.3221	Share of County Sheriff's Department	
\$34,896.00		
	(based on % of population)	
105350.3216	Share of County Group Homes	22,938.00
	(based on number of children in homes)	
105350.3233	Share of County Social Services	103,383.00
	(based on number of City cases)	
105350.3236	Share of County CSA	<u>31,955.93</u>
	(based on number of City cases)	
	Total Appropriation	\$193,172.93

Councilman Tharp moved that Council appropriate \$193,172.93 from the general fund contingency to reimburse Bedford County for the increased share of the listed shared services. Councilman Brookshier seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding receiving information on the shared services expenses from the County on a quarterly basis.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Shelton read aloud the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND HONOR
FOR THE SERVICE OF LARRY D. BROOKSHIER
ON BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Larry D. Brookshier has served with distinction on Bedford City Council from July 1986 through June 2002, and served as Vice Mayor from July 1994 through June 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on City Council, Mr. Brookshier was appointed to several standing and special committees of Council as well as many regional boards and commissions serving Bedford and the Central Virginia area, including the City Planning Commission, the Middle School Facilities Utilization Review Committee, the Blue Ridge

Emergency Medical Services Council, and always gave generously of his time, energy and experience to fulfill his commitment to these positions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brookshier is dedicated to his family, his community, and particularly the Bedford Lifesaving Crew; and

WHEREAS, the members of Bedford City Council, past and present, who have served with Mr. Brookshier wish to state and reflect their deep respect and their pleasure at having had an opportunity to serve and work with Mr. Brookshier; and

WHEREAS, the members of City Council and the City staff wish to honor Larry D. Brookshier and express their gratitude for his many years of selfless devotion to the City of Bedford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia adopts this Resolution in honor of **LARRY D. BROOKSHIER** this 25th day of June 2002. Likewise, the Council calls upon all citizens of the City of Bedford to honor and thank Mr. Brookshier for his service as an elected official over the past sixteen years.

Councilman Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wandrei and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Shelton presented gifts to Councilman Brookshier.

Councilman Brookshier expressed his thanks for the gifts and spoke of his years of service on City Council.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. until July 1, 2002, at 8:00 a.m. for the reorganization meeting.