

08-13-2002 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., August 13, 2002.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; 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 July 23, 2002, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Items at Council's desk: "The Visitors Viewpoint" from the Bedford Area Visitors Center; an up-to-date calendar of events for various activities in the community; an email received from Scott Smith, Bedford Main Street, Inc., reporting that over \$3,300 was raised for the National D-Day Memorial at the Bedford Blues & BBQ held on August 10.
- Dates of Interest: 2002 Jefferson's Assembly, Friday, September 13, at Poplar Forest; Town of Brookneal Bicentennial, Saturday, October 19.
- A vacancy exists on the City School Board as Board Member Peggy Sharpe-Thompson has moved into Bedford County. A public hearing will be scheduled before a new representative is appointed.
- The Bedford Center for Business property has been transferred to the Joint Industrial Development Authority (IDA).
- The City IDA will be meeting at Sam Moore Furniture on August 16 to recognize the granting of the City IDA's first economic incentive grant.
- Thirty-one applications have been received for the Director of Parks and Recreation position – interviews will begin next week.
- Reservoir report: 10 inches below the spillway as of this morning; are supplementing the reservoir with approximately 250,000 gallons per day from the wells; are not using any river water.
- Encouraged Council to take a look at the City's web site, as significant changes to the web site have been made.
- Public Safety Committee meeting of Council is scheduled for August 15 at 5:30 p.m. primarily to discuss deer management concerns in the City.

- The D-Day Memorial will be open until 10:00 p.m. on Friday August 30.

Lee Ann Carr, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Jim Messier, representing the All America City Task Force presented a check to the City in the amount of \$10,992 for funds that were raised to support the All America City delegation to Kansas City. Members of the Chamber worked together to raise these funds in two weeks. Ms. Carr indicated the business and industry leaders of the community deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts to provide tangible, financial support in the race for the All America City designation.

Mayor Shelton thanked members of the Chamber of Commerce for their support.

City Manager Meadows stated the City is engaged in a competitive bidding process for property and liability insurance for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The successful bidder was the Virginia Municipal Self-Insurance Association. The City has entered into a contract for a period of one year for coverage beginning July 1, 2002. One of the requirements to join the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool is adoption of a resolution allowing the City to become a member of the Pool.

Councilman Padgett moved that the resolution authorizing membership in the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool be adopted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Messier.

Discussion ensued, with members of Council requesting further information.

Councilman Wandrei moved that this item be tabled until the next meeting in order for further information to be presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The City Manager will provide further information on the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool.

Mayor Shelton closed the meeting at 7:47 p.m.