

## 08-27-02 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 27, 2002.

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

Members absent: Councilman Thomas M. Padgett and Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.

Staff present: City Manager F. Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Deputy Clerk of the Council Debra Anderson.

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 August 13, 2002, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Retired City employee, Harry Carter, will be celebrating his 102 birthday - Council members were asked to sign a birthday card for Mr. Carter
- The reservoir is 21 inches below the spillway – three years ago at this point the reservoir was 54 inches below the spillway
- Addressed concerns about citizens not receiving the deer surveys which were included in some of the utility bills
- Events planned for September 11: 9:00 a.m. Ceremony of Remembrance at the Visitors Center and the dedication of a new flagpole donated by Woodmen of the World; 12:00 at the Bedford County Courthouse; 7:30 p.m. regional event in Lynchburg

The first item under New Business "Presentation – Concerned Parents regarding City Parks & Recreation Programs" was removed from the agenda as the City Manager's Office had been notified that no one would be present to speak on this matter.

City Manager Meadows indicated that the agenda item regarding a resolution authorizing membership in the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool was tabled at the August 13 Council meeting due to a request for more information. The City Manager stated the Finance Committee met on this item to review additional information and concurred in supporting the resolution.

Vice Mayor Messier moved that Council adopt the resolution authorizing membership in the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman

Flood. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LIABILITY POOL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford wishes to join with other political subdivisions to establish the Virginia Municipal Self-Insurance Association ("Association") to create pools to jointly and cooperatively self-insure and to pool the separate risks and liabilities of the individual members pursuant to the terms of Title 15.2, Sections 2700-2709 of the Code of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, through such Association, the City of Bedford wishes to join with other political subdivisions to create the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool ("Pool") whereby members can jointly pool funds to provide the necessary anticipated financing for commercial general liability, automobile liability, and automobile physical damage; and

**WHEREAS**, such Pool is licensed by the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford has been provided with the following documents which provide a prototype of the responsibilities of the members of the Pool and the amount and terms of the coverage to be provided.

1. Membership Agreement (07/01/02) including the following exhibits:
  - a. Exhibit 1 - sample declaration pages and coverage forms (07/01/02).
  - b. Exhibit 2- Virginia Municipal Self-Insurance Association Constitution and By-Laws (07/01/95).
  
2. Such membership is contingent upon:
  - a. Final approval of the Member Agreement and of the membership of the City of Bedford by the Association's Members' Supervisory Board, or its designee.
  - b. Payment of \$127,018 or the first year contribution as well as an additional \$100.00 membership fee to the Pool pursuant to the quotation submitted or such final amount as mutually agreed upon by the member and the Association or their respective designees.
  
3. It is recognized that members of the Pool may be required to pay additional assessments to the Pool and that in the event the Pool is in a deficit position which is not corrected, a member will be liable for any and all unpaid claims against such member.
  
4. Craig Meadows, City Manager, is authorized to do all things necessary to enable the City of Bedford to become a member of the Association and the Pool including but not limited to execution of the Member agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Bedford that on August 13, 2002, the City of Bedford certifies its intention to become a member of the Pool beginning July 1, 2002, for the current Pool year and for two additional consecutive Pool years thereafter.

Mr. Bill Gillespie, Region 2000 Regional Commission, spoke regarding regional health insurance and evaluating available options in controlling rising health care cost of the

member localities. The cost to the City for completing an RFP for insurance providers for the Region 2000 group is \$1,500.

The City Manager indicated there are funds in the budget that can be appropriated for this item.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried, Council approved funds for completing an RFP for insurance providers for the Region 2000 group.

Debbie Roberts, Deputy Treasurer, presented the following report on uncollected taxes:

**REAL ESTATE TAX STATUS AS OF AUGUST 16, 2002:**

<b>TAX YEAR</b>	<b>LEVY</b>	<b>UNCOLLECTED</b>	<b>COLLECTED</b>
1999-00	\$2,067,132.93	\$ 9,362.61	99.55%
2000-01	\$2,086,934.46	\$ 6,888.04	99.67%
2001-02	\$2,117,599.21	\$20,453.31	99.03%

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX STATUS AS OF AUGUST 16, 2002**

1999	\$1,239,361.23	\$ 5,693.94	99.59%
2000	\$1,167,131.92	\$195,087.65	
		LESS RUBATEX	99.54%
2001	\$1,083,741.90	\$ 7,078.45	99.35%

The City Manager stated that the City has received a copy of the Central Virginia Community Services FY2003 Performance Contract. The staff has reviewed this contract and agrees that it supports the mission of CVCS in providing mental health, retardation, substance abuse, and prevention services within the City.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried, Council approved the Central Virginia Community Services FY2003 Performance Contract.

Mayor Shelton closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.