

Minutes 01-28-2003

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., January 28, 2003.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None.

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 and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk of Council Hatcher administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council member Jeffrey B. Hubbard.

The Clerk of Council opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councilman Tharp nominated E. Thomas Messier for the office of Mayor. Councilwoman Flood seconded the nomination.

The Clerk called for further nominations. There were none.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, the nominations were closed.

Upon the call for the vote, E. Thomas Messier was elected Mayor.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to E. Thomas Messier as Mayor.

Mayor Messier opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor.

Councilwoman Flood nominated Councilman Tharp for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilman Stanley seconded the nomination.

The Mayor called for further nominations.

Councilman Padgett nominated Councilman Wandrei for the office of Vice Mayor. There was no second to the nomination.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, the nominations were closed.

Upon the call for the vote, W. D. "Skip" Tharp was elected Vice Mayor.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to W. D. "Skip" Tharp as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Messier declared that the minutes of a called Council meeting held on January 13, 2003, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on January 14, 2003, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- The staff is exploring participation by the City in a Regional Health Care Coalition and regional health care plan. An update on this matter will be presented at a future meeting.
- The Blue Ridge Power Agency has taken bids on a power supply contract and has received twenty-three bids from eighteen different suppliers.
- The Electric Utility Director and the City Manager will be touring some of American Electric Power's facilities on January 31.
- The City has received a number of compliments regarding the 2003 calendars that were distributed to City residents.

The Mayor distributed a revised list of City Council appointments to committees, boards and commissions effective January 28, 2003. The list follows:

**2002-2004 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO  
COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28, 2003**

City Planning Commission – Jeff Hubbard

Council Representative to City School Board – Tom Padgett

Transportation Safety Commission – Skip Tharp

Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission – C. G. Stanley

LynCAG Board of Directors - Mary Flood

Region 2000 Regional Commission – Tom Messier

Regional 2000 Workforce Investment Council – Tom Messier

Bedford Main Street, Inc., Board of Directors - Bob Wandrei

Joint City/County Tourism Committee – Bob Wandrei

**Standing Committees** -

Electric - Mary Flood, Chair; Jeff Hubbard  
Finance – Jeff Hubbard, Chair; Bob Wandrei  
Property – Tom Padgett, Chair; Mary Flood  
Public Safety – C. G. Stanley, Chair; Skip Tharp  
Streets – Skip Tharp, Chair; Tom Padgett  
Water & Sewer –Bob Wandrei, Chair; C. G. Stanley

**Special Committees** –

City/County Relations –Tom Messier, Chair; Skip Tharp  
Solid Waste –Bob Wandrei, Chair; Mary Flood  
Industrial Liaison – Skip Tharp, Chair; Tom Messier

Note: The Mayor is a member of all Standing and Special Committees of City Council.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following Notice of Public Hearing:

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main Street for the purpose of:

- ◆ Providing the opportunity for residents of the City of Bedford to provide input and comments on the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Information regarding the Comprehensive Plan is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the revision of the Comprehensive Plan will have an opportunity to express his or her views at this hearing.

By the Authority of the City Council  
of the City of Bedford

Mayor Messier opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Bart Warner, Director of Planning & Community Development, gave a power point presentation on the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Sandra Boyes, 1574 Newton Circle, spoke regarding the City having a plan for protecting old trees.

As there were no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Appointment of Ms. Kate V. Forsyth to the Bedford Library Board, said term to expire June 30, 2003.

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

The City Manager asked that the following change in wording being made in the proposed resolution for adoption of the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan: eliminate the word "attached" in the last paragraph of the resolution.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD  
ADOPTING THE CITY OF BEDFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford, Virginia (the "City") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia exercising public and essential governmental functions pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia requires that local governments adopt and update every five years a comprehensive plan in order to best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford Planning Commission, with the assistance of the City Planning and Community Development Department, has prepared a redraft of the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan, held public hearings on said plan, and recommended the adoption of the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bedford has likewise conducted a public hearing and reviewed the Comprehensive Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia that the CITY OF BEDFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN dated January 2,2003 be adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution adopting the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan as read. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Hubbard	aye
Councilman Padgett	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Vice Mayor Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Messier	aye

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.