

Minutes 03-11-2003

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., March 11, 2003.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood and Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp.

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

Mayor Messier opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Messier declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on February 25, 2003, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Request to add to agenda: Resolution for appropriation of funds and acceptance of deed for the Welcome Center Property
- Planning retreat for the Joint Industrial Development Authority – March 15
- Department Head's team building seminar – March 14
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – March 20
- VDOT Preallocation Hearing – March 25 – the City Manager and Director of Planning will be in attendance
- Bedford Community Health Foundation Annual Meeting – March 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bedford Country Club
- Visit to Bedford's sister city, Franklin, Virginia – June 12 – 13

It was the consensus of Council to approve the following individuals for appointment as the City's representatives to the Bedford County 250th Anniversary Committee: Ellen Wandrei, Elizabeth Berry-Moseley, and Nanci Drake.

City Manager Meadows reported that the City and County staffs met recently with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Central Virginia Community College to discuss the potential establishment of a satellite learning center in Bedford.

Mayor Messier asked members of Council to complete the evaluation forms for the City Manager and City Attorney and return the forms to him at the first meeting in April.

Councilman Stanley, Public Safety Committee, reported on the meeting held earlier in the evening. Items discussed: an update by Chief Graham on the deer situation. Hunting

will be curtailed after March 31 for four to six weeks to allow fawns to be weaned from the mothers; received a report regarding combining the animal shelter facility with Bedford County; received information from the City Manager about the Public Safety Building.

Councilman Stanley attended the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission (KBBC) on March 6. The KBBC has a big calendar of events scheduled for this year. The KBBC is in need of volunteers and citizens who would like to volunteer should contact Ann Wood.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried, the following item was added to the agenda: Resolution – Purchase of Key Property.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Liberty High School, over the years, has experienced many outstanding achievements in academics, athletics and marching band competitions and each time these successes have been achieved, significant attention has been brought to Liberty High School and the greater Bedford community of which it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty High School Varsity Football Team, over the past three years, has progressively built a program of success by amassing a total of 30 wins in three years, two Seminole District Championships, two Region III Championships and two years of State Final Four playoff competitions; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of the students in competition and that of their coaching staffs is without question and is of the strongest caliber, as proven by the 2002 Liberty High School Varsity Football Team; and

WHEREAS, the greater Bedford community has strongly supported the 2002 Liberty High School football team with strong contingents of fans attending every game to cheer on the Minutemen; and

WHEREAS, in the 2002 regular season, Liberty attained a record of six wins and four losses; yet, in post-season play, the team excelled in every facet of the game and convincingly won four straight football games over very excellent competition by employing an effective and crushing offensive running game and a tenacious and aggressive defense; and

WHEREAS, in the 2002 post-season championship playoff games, Liberty peaked and played the best football in the State by defeating Nelson County, 51-19; Gretna, 41-34 to win the 2002 Region III championship; and, defeated Region IV champion Grundy, 37-8 in the State Championship semifinals; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2002, the Minutemen resoundingly defeated New Kent High School, 41-6, to become the **Group AA, Division III State Football Champions**, and in doing so, achieved the third consecutive year of 10 wins on the football field; and

WHEREAS, in this championship victory, the team's offense set a new Virginia High School League state record by rushing for 529 yards in a single playoff game; and

WHEREAS, this football team has excited Bedford and brought further notoriety to the community and has been an effective representative of Bedford through its players, coaches, cheerleaders, students, administrators and fans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby congratulates and commends the **2002 Liberty High School Group AA State Championship Football Team**, and honors the team's players and coaches, the cheerleading squad, the marching band, the faculty, staff, administrators, students, and the loyal LHS fans as they all share in the achievement of and the rewards from this State Championship. The City Council recognizes the strong work ethic, commitment and perseverance of the young men bringing home this championship and encourages all future student activities to follow this example of success.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, the resolution was adopted. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Mayor present a "Key to the City" to the LHS football coach, Chris Watts.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Council by motion passed at its meeting on February 11, 2003, authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Elizabeth D. Key for the purchase of 1.057 acres on Burks Hill Road by the City of Bedford and Bedford County for a purchase price of \$225,000, of which \$112,500 is to be paid by the City of Bedford; and

WHEREAS, a closing date for the sale has been scheduled for March 28, 2003, and the City Manager has requested that the City Council appropriate funds from the unappropriated contingency to pay the City's share of the purchase price and to authorize the City Manager to accept a deed to the property on behalf of the City pursuant to the provisions of § 15.2-1803;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Council appropriates \$112,500 from the unappropriated contingency to Account Number 108161.3462 to pay for the City's one half share of the purchase price of the 1.057 acres, the purchase of which was approved by the City Council at its meeting on February 11, 2003; and
2. The City Manager is authorized on behalf of the City to accept a deed from Elizabeth D. Key conveying the 1.057 acres to the City of Bedford and to Bedford County and to execute a formal acceptance to be recorded with said deed, provided that the deed shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding purchase of the Key property. Roll call vote follows:

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

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2003-04 budget requests for their organization:

- Central Virginia Community Services, Augustine Feagan, Executive Director - \$15,860
- Central Virginia Agency on Aging – Dan Farris, Executive Director - \$9,000
- CASA of Central Virginia – Fran Inge, Executive Director - \$5,642
- What’s Next Organization – John Eggleston, Founder - \$3,000
- Region 2000 Small Business Development Center, Barry Lyons, Director - \$2,500
- Blue Ridge Legal Services – John Whitfield, Executive Director - \$1,160
- The ARC of Central Virginia – J. Timothy Shepherd, Executive Director - \$1,160
- Bedford City/County Museum – Ellen Wandrei, Managing Director - \$27,500

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. until March 25, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. to interview candidates for the City School Board.