

Minutes 04-08-2003

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., April 8, 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.

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 an adjourned Council meeting and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 25, 2003, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Region 2000 Regional Commission spring dinner meeting – April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brookneal Community Center
- Council budget retreat – after discussion of a tentative date, the City Manager was directed to make a suggestion for an alternate date
- a fire training session was held on Longwood Avenue recently
- attended a telecommunications conference in Williamsburg regarding cable television – the cable franchise with Charter Communications expires in June 2005
- The American flags are being displayed in the Centertown area in honor of those serving in the war in Iraq and their families.

Mayor Messier welcomed back Vice Mayor Tharp.

The Mayor congratulated Councilman Hubbard on the birth of his second son.

Mayor Messier complimented the City Manager for becoming a “Credential Manager” through the ICMA.

Councilman Hubbard reported on the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. Items discussed: 1. adding a new billing cycle for approximately 1,800 utility customers – a letter will be mailed to those customers explaining the new billing cycle. 2. Proposal from Bedford Main Street Association about changing the way the executive

director fits into their organization – the Association has proposed that the City employ the executive director. That recommendation was approved and will be included in the budget process. 3. The Committee reviewed an analysis of various funding approaches to the City’s capital projects prepared by Davenport & Co.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of the following individuals to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for three year terms expiring June 30, 2006: Jane Amnett, Thelma Hawkins, Dave Ballard, and Meg Ballard.

Appointment of Gene Mulholland to the City Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term, said term expiring June 30, 2004.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
CLARA SIZEMORE LAMBETH
FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF BEDFORD**

WHEREAS, Clara Sizemore Lambeth has been a leading force in historic preservation in the City of Bedford for several decades; and

WHEREAS, Clara Lambeth helped found and guide the Bedford Historical Society since its inception, and now serves as Executive Secretary and Co-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Clara Lambeth was instrumental in establishing the Bedford Historic District for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as establishing the Bedford Main Street program based on the National Main Street program prescribed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Clara Lambeth has lead or been closely associated with major efforts to preserve endangered historic properties within the City of Bedford, including the Bedford Historic Meeting House, the 1834 Cottage on Main Street, the Charles and Louise Wharton House, the Old Citizens Bank Building, Avenel Manor House, Bedford Avenue residences and others; and

WHEREAS, Clara Lambeth has insured the continuation of her historic preservation efforts by educating the community with particular attention to school children on the value and need to preserve our heritage; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish all of this, Clara Lambeth has given tirelessly of her time, energy and knowledge in the interests of historic preservation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford gratefully acknowledges and sincerely thanks Clara Sizemore Lambeth for her tremendous and persistent efforts on behalf of historic preservation for the betterment of our Bedford community.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, the resolution was adopted. 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

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that Council waive the reading of the proposed ordinance regarding public urination as the ordinance had been properly posted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The City Attorney indicated that the ordinance would be included in Section 14-61 of the City Code.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, the ordinance regarding public urination was adopted. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 03-03

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:**

Section 1. A new section shall be added to the City Code as follows:

Section 14-16 Public Urination and Defecation

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly, voluntarily and intentionally to urinate or defecate in public, in a public place, or in any place open to public view, except in a bathroom, restroom or other facility specifically designed for such purpose.
- (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption, except the provision authorizing a criminal penalty shall not be effective until after the Ordinance has been published or posted pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the City Charter.

The Electric Utility Director and the Director of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the benefits of establishing an automated meter reading program for City utilities.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.