

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., May 27, 2003.

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

Members absent: 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 an adjourned Council meeting held on May 13, 2003 and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on May 13, 2003 were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- There was an advertising oversight and the public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on June 10, 2003.
- asked that agenda item "Oath of Office – New Police Officer" be deferred to the June 10, 2003, regular meeting
- MEPAV Conference was held May 21-23 – the Electric Utility Director and City Manager attended the conference
- Visit to the City of Franklin (Bedford's Sister City) – June 12-13
- June 10 Council meeting – a presentation will be made on the status of the Region 2000 Health Insurance Consortium
- The City's software project is underway.
- The City has been notified that it has once again received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officer's Association.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- reappointment of Ms. Charlene McFall and Mr. Larry Wood and appointment of Mr. Raymond Arrington to serve three-year terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee, said terms to expire June 30, 2006

Councilman Padgett moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried, five members voting aye, one member abstaining (Hubbard) because of a profession relationship with one of the candidates, and one member absent (Tharp).

The City Manager reported that Rolling Thunder, Inc., Virginia Chapter 3 and others are sponsoring an event in the City of Bedford on June 14, 2003, with proceeds from the event to be donated to the National D-Day Foundation and the Salem Veterans Administration Hospital. The Rolling Thunder's mission is to educate the public and publicize the POW/MIA issue. Rolling Thunder, Inc., is requesting the City to declare June 14, 2003, as "POW/MIA Awareness Day" in the City of Bedford.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried, Council dispensed with the reading of the proposed Resolution designating June 14, 2003, as "POW/MIA Awareness Day."

Councilman Wandrei moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

Resolution

POW/MIA Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Inc.'s mission is to publicize the POW/MIA issue and to educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after each past war; and

WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder, Inc., VA Chapter 3 and others are sponsoring an event in the City of Bedford, which culminates at the National D-Day Memorial on June 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder bikers and supporters from throughout the United States are expected to converge on the City of Bedford and the National D-Day Memorial; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the event will be donated to the National D-Day Foundation and the Salem Veterans Administration Hospital; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford declares June 14, 2003, as

POW/MIA AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Bedford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the POW/MIA flags will be flown at the City Municipal Building on June 14, 2003, in recognition of POW/MIA Awareness Day in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Messier declared a five-minute recess from 7:40 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Council continued the budget work session by discussing funding requests from outside agencies.

It was the consensus of Council to make the following changes in the proposed budget:

- The Arc of Central Virginia – removed from the budget
- Bedford American Red Cross –funds were included in the proposed budget in the amount of \$17,500
- Bedford Habitat for Humanity – On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, this item was deferred for discussion until the June 10, 2003, regular Council meeting.
- Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. – removed from the budget
- CASA of Central Virginia –funds were included in the proposed budget in the amount of \$5,000
- Central Virginia Community Services – funds were included in the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,000
- Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living – funds were included in the proposed budget in the amount of at \$1,000
- Region 2000 Small Business Development Center – removed from the budget
- What's Next Organization – On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried, four members voting aye, two members voting nay (Hubbard, Wandrei) and one member absent, funds were included in the proposed budget for What's Next Organization in the amount of \$2,500.

City Manager Meadows indicated that the Public Hearing on the proposed 2003-04 budget will be held at June 10 Council meeting. A budget work session will also be included on the June 10 agenda as the last item.

Discussion ensued regarding the date that the budget can be adopted. Councilman Padgett will not be in attendance at the June 24 meeting. It was determined that the June 10 meeting could be adjourned to another day for adoption of the budget.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.