

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the June 10, 2003, regular meeting was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., June 18, 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 (arrived at 5:37 p.m.); and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None

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

Mayor Messier opened the meeting.

It was determined that the minutes of the Council meeting of June 10, 2003, should be approved at the next regular Council meeting.

The City Manager brought the following items to the attention of City Council:

- Budget synopsis
- Requested a change in the agenda: the Ordinance Appropriating Funds – Fiscal Year 2003-2004 has been revised and broken out into three separate ordinances. After consultation with the Commonwealth Attorney due to a question being raised on the potential of conflicts of interest with two members of Council in regards to certain items in the budget, the ordinance has been broken out into separate ordinances.
- A visitor from California, Mr. Ken Delfino, brought Council a bottle of wine that is bottled in the Normandy region of France and commemorates the D-Day invasion.
- Reported on the trip by the staff and Mayor to Bedford's sister city, Franklin, Virginia.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried, the following items were added to the agenda:

- Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the Bedford City/County Museum
- Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for Share of County Public Schools

On motion by Councilman Hubbard, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council reappointed Mr. Steve Rush and appointed

Mr. Frank Mills to the City School Board for terms expiring June 30, 2006. Roll call vote follows:

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

Councilman Stanley moved that Council adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion.

Councilman Wandrei stated that he would abstain from voting on the budget, as his wife is an employee of the Bedford City/County Museum.

Councilman Padgett stated that he would abstain from voting on the budget, as his wife is the Director of Finance of the Bedford County Schools.

Councilman Tharp arrived at the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

The motion to adopt the budget was then voted upon and carried, two members abstaining (Padgett and Wandrei).

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the City of Bedford are appropriated and set aside to the General Fund (except for appropriations for the Bedford City/County Museum and the Share of County Public Schools, which shall be considered separately), to the Solid Waste Fund, to the Water and Sewer Fund, to the Electric Fund, to the Capital Projects Fund, and to the E911 Fund as shown in said budget, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and E911 Fund in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance as read. 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 Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the Bedford City/County Museum in the General Fund as shown in said budget are hereby appropriated, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

Councilwoman Flood moved that the ordinance appropriating funds in the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the Bedford City/County Museum in the General Fund be adopted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for Share of County Public Schools in the General Fund as shown in said budget are hereby appropriated, and that the City

Manager is authorized to expend the funds in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that the ordinance appropriating funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for Share of County Public Schools in the General Fund be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

(Mr. Padgett stated the following reason for abstaining: due to his wife being employed as Director of Finance for the Bedford County Public Schools and disqualified himself from any discussion and from voting on the granting of funds to the Bedford County School Board)

Mayor Messier	aye
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On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as the ordinance had been properly posted in accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004,

a tax rate of \$0.80 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in the City, the respective levy hereby ordered being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations within the limitations specified by Section 58.1-2606 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the ordinance establishing the personal property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as the ordinance had been properly posted in accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance establishing the personal property tax rate for calendar year 2003. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, for the calendar year 2003, a tax rate of \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, including property separately classified in Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, unless exempted from taxation or subject to a different rate under this ordinance. All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in subdivisions 1 through 16 of Section 58.1-3503 is taxed at a levy of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation. Household goods and personal effects as classified in Section 58.1-3504 and horses, mules and other kindred animals, hogs, poultry, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, grain and tobacco as such items are classified in Section 58.1-3505 are exempted in

whole from tangible personal property taxation. The following items are taxed at a rate of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation: (a) cattle, sheep and goats, and farm machinery and farm implements as separately classified in Section 58.1-3505; and (b) machinery and tools as separately classified in Section 58.1-3507; and (c) motor carriers as separately classified in Section 58.1.3506.

The City Manager reported that it did not appear that any significant items of business would need to be considered at the regular meeting scheduled for June 24, 2003, and stated that Council was being asked to consider the adoption of a resolution canceling the June 24 meeting.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

WHEREAS, the City Code requires in Section 2-3 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

WHEREAS, it does not appear necessary to hold the regular meeting on June 24, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regularly scheduled meeting of June 24, 2003, be canceled;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor may call a special meeting if circumstances so require.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution canceling the June 24, 2003, regular meeting. 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 5:47 p.m.