

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., July 22, 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 a regular Council meeting held on July 8, 2003, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Public Safety Building Committee meeting was held on July 21 – the process is moving along with a good cooperative spirit among the members of the Committee.
- Burks Hill Road neighborhood plan map can be accessed on the City's home page on the Internet.
- Dates to remember: August 9 – Main Street's Blues & Barbecue event; August 24-26 – accreditation process in the Police Department; September 20 – City employee picnic at Liberty Lake Park

Director of Public Works Gibson reported that the City has received an award from the Virginia Department of Health for water treatment operations for the fluoridation program.

Mr. Gibson gave an update on the Westview Avenue sewer line replacement project. Street rehabilitation will begin on July 23.

Councilman Padgett, Chairman of the Property Committee, reported on a meeting of the Committee held earlier in the evening. The Committee discussed the following items:

- installation of an elevator at Bedford Middle School – will move ahead with the project
- handicapped accessibility for the library community room – the Committee will study this item
- potential use of old grammar school building for community college – the Committee will further discuss and study this item

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Appointment of Ms. Patricia Hunziker and Ms. Amber Hunziker to serve on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2005.

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

The City Manager reported that he currently serves as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator and the Director of Public Safety & Administration serves as the Deputy Coordinator. Mr. Meadows stated that since assignment of the responsibilities, paperwork, and training have been delegated to Chief Graham, Council was requested to appoint the Director of Public Safety as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, with the City Manager serving as the Deputy Coordinator.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council appointed the Director of Public Safety & Administration as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, and the City Manager as the Deputy Coordinator.

City Manager Meadows stated that the City has received notification that it is eligible for grant funds totaling \$24,086 from the Office of Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program Grant. This grant is designed to allow local governments in Virginia to purchase equipment allowing them to enhance their ability to respond to terrorist acts. The City Staff has proposed using these funds for physical security enhancements and communications.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council approved the resolution designating the City Manager as the City's agent for the 2003 Domestic Preparedness Grant. 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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**Designation of Applicants Agent**

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA THAT** F. Craig Meadows, City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of City of Bedford, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, this application and to file it in the appropriate State Office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the OJP, National Domestic Preparedness Office Grant Program(s), administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

That, City of Bedford, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the Commonwealth and to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for all matters pertaining to such Federal financial assistance any and all information pertaining to these Grants as may be requested.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council appropriated funds in the amount of \$24,086 to be used for physical security enhancements and communications. 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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.