

Minutes 12-09-2003

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., December 9, 2003.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp (arrived at 7:36 p.m.); and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilman Thomas M. Padgett

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 called Council meetings held on November 13, 2003, and November 14, 2003, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on November 25, 2003, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following:

- Gave members of Council copies of a report on the 4.5 magnitude earthquake that occurred earlier in the day.
- Grading is underway at the “Right Now” site in the Bedford Center for Business and the work should be completed in the next 30 to 60 days, weather permitting.
- Construction of the Bedford Welcome Center on Burks Hill Road is proceeding.
- Effective January 1, 2004, a “No Smoking” policy will be implemented in all City facilities and vehicles.

The City Manager reminded Council of the following upcoming events: “State of the Commonwealth” address - December 11 at the Bedford Country Club; City employee Holiday Dinner and service presentations – December 11 at Bedford Elementary School; Elks Home Lighting Ceremony – December 12; annual Christmas Parade – December 13.

City Manager Meadows stated that the Statements of Economic Interest are due in his office by December 15.

Mayor Messier stated that Council had received an invitation from Bedford Habitat for Humanity to attend the dedication of house No. 8 on December 20 at 10:00 a.m. at 315 West Franklin Street.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: reappointment of Robert F. Clark to the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, said term to expire September 30, 2006.

Councilman Wandrei moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried.

Vice Mayor Tharp arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Ms. Linda Bailey and Mr. Tommy Wooldridge with Relay for Life spoke regarding the American Cancer Society's event, which will be held at Jefferson Forest High School on June 11 and 12, 2004.

Ms. Sheelin Prinzinger, Executive Director of the Bedford Community Health Foundation, gave an update on the Bedford Ride program. There was an article in "AARP Connections" regarding the Bedford Ride program.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

***RESOLUTION OF HONOR
TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
BEDFORD COMMUNITY BY
W. SHERRILL COLEMAN***

WHEREAS, W. Sherrill Coleman was a distinguished native of Bedford, educator, athlete and sports enthusiast, administrator, civic leader and entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman was born in Bedford County and graduated from Bedford High School with honors as class salutatorian; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman distinguished himself as an athlete and leader in football, baseball and basketball during his time at Bedford High School, in basketball and baseball at Lynchburg College and subsequently as a semi-professional baseball player for the Skyline League, Piedmont League and the Lynchburg Cardinals; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman earned his masters in education from the University of Virginia, taught for seventeen years at Bedford High School, and served as an administrator in the Bedford County School System for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman also served as Athletic Director and Head Coach for regional championship football, district championship track and winning basketball teams at Bedford High School; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman, after retiring from the schools, owned and operated the Little Otter Bookstore in Centertown Bedford and wrote a history of Bedford Otter football; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill Coleman has served as an excellent example to Bedford's youth and touched the lives of many citizens of Bedford through his efforts in education, athletics and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, the members of Bedford City Council wish to state and reflect their deep respect and their pleasure at having had an opportunity to know W. Sherrill Coleman;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts this Resolution in honor of W. Sherrill Coleman on December 9, 2003. Likewise, the Council calls upon all citizens of the City of Bedford to honor Sherrill Coleman and his family for their tremendous contribution to life in the City of Bedford.

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Messier presented the resolution to Mrs. Sherrill Coleman and family members.

Vice Mayor Tharp briefly spoke of his memories of Mr. Coleman.

City Manager Meadows stated the City Police Department has received \$8,000 in Highway Safety funds from the Department of Motor Vehicles. These funds can only be used to pay overtime for selective enforcement measures such as sobriety checkpoints and speed enforcement. The funds will pay for overtime for enforcement and preventive measures in problem areas. The major offenses targeted are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, seat belt violations, speeding and aggressive driving.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the receipt of \$8,000 in funds and the appropriation of those funds from the Division of Motor Vehicles to the Police Department for selective enforcement activities. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.