

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular Council meeting of May 11, 2004, was held in the Community Room of the Bedford Public Library at 8:30 a.m., May 17, 2004.

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.

The purpose of the meeting was for discussion of the proposed FY 2004-05 City budget.

The following department heads reviewed the budgets for each of their departments and discussed ensued:

Milton H. Graham, Chief of Police

The staff is to research information regarding establishing a fee for false alarms.

Gene Ratzlaff, Electric Utility Director

Clarke W. Gibson, Director of Public Works

Mayor Messier declared a break from 10:25 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

The meeting continued with the following department heads reviewing their budgets and discussion ensued:

Brenda A. Daniel, Commissioner of the Revenue

Joanne M. Caldwell, Treasurer

Barbara Parker, Director of Human Resources

The Finance Committee is to review the recommendation of the staff to stay with the current auditors, Brown, Edwards for the next audit.

Rosie Jordan – Director of Finance

James Ervin – Information Technology

Zeph Cunningham – Acting Fire Chief

Bart Warner, Director of Planning & Community Development

Nanci Drake, Director of Tourism

Randy Nixon, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

Discussion of the proposed budget continued.

The Mayor declared a recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for outside agencies.

Councilwoman Flood moved that Council reduce funding in the proposed budget for the Red Cross and YMCA Building Fund by \$10,000 each and allocate \$20,000 to the D-Day Memorial. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp

Councilman Wandrei made a substitute motion that Council totally eliminate the funding for the Red Cross and YMCA from the budget.

The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

After further discussion, Councilwoman Flood withdrew her motion, which was agreed upon by Vice Mayor Tharp, who seconded the motion.

It was the consensus of Council to include funding in the proposed budget for Outside Agencies as follows:

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>proposed funding</u> |
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| • The ARC of Central Virginia | 0 |
| • Bedford American Red Cross | 15,000 |
| • Bedford Area Family YMCA-Bldg | 0 |
| • Bedford Chamber of Commerce | \$ 5,000 |
| • Bedford City/County Museum | 27,500 |
| • Bedford's Promise (America's Promise) | 0 |
| • Bedford Ride Program | 0 |
| • Bedford Habitat for Humanity | 3,000 |
| • Bedford Life Saving & First Aid Crew | 20,000 |
| • Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. | 0 |
| • CASA of Central Virginia | 0 |
| • Central VA Agency on Aging | 9,000 |
| • Central VA Community Services | 10,000 |
| • Lynchburg Area Center For Independent Living | 0 |

- Transdominion Express 0
- Wharton Gardens 7,500
- What's Next Organization 0

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that \$20,000 be included in the proposed budget for the D-Day Memorial. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion.

Councilman Wandrei made an substitute motion that the \$20,000 for the D-Day Memorial be applied to debt reduction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council reduced the funding requests from outside Agencies in the proposed budget from \$195,507 to \$117,000, which included an additional entry of the \$20,000 contribution to D-Day to be used exclusively for debt reduction.

Discussion ensued regarding various items which included: establishing a policy for determining funding for outside agencies; education revenues and expenditures; eliminating the election of the City Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue.

The City Manager reviewed a proposed schedule for the budget: May 25, Public Hearing and work session; June 8, work session; June 15, adoption of the budget.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.