

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., April 27, 2004.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard (arrived at 7:40 p.m.); 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 April 13, 2004, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reminded Council of the following dates:

- May 6 and 7 – the City will be co-sponsoring Elderfest with the County Parks & Recreation Department – to be held at the Bedford Moose Lodge
- May 17 - Council budget retreat – to be held at the Library Community Room
- May 22 – annual City Employee picnic – at Liberty Lake Park – 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- two of the three vacancies in the Police Department have been filled
- Officials from the City of Salem visited the Police Department recently regarding the deer eradication program.
- City decals are due May 1

Students on the Liberty High School Odyssey of the Mind Team spoke before Council and reported that the Team attended the Virginia finals. The Team has been invited to attend the World OM Finals at the University of Maryland at a cost of \$3,000. The Team members asked Council for monetary support.

Councilman Hubbard arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Messier asked the Team to keep in touch with the City Manager regarding its fund-raising efforts.

Mayor Messier asked about the “Spring Cleanup” as it is the first year for only one cleanup.

The Public Works Director reported that the cleanup seemed to be heavier than normal and took longer than usual to complete.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- Appointment of Chief Milton H. Graham to the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term to expire August 31, 2007
- Appointment of Dr. Louise Robertson to a three-year term on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission, said term to expire June 30, 2007

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Mr. Jim Helms, Telecom Management Group, presented an update on the City’s telecommunications infrastructure and reviewed the results of an in-depth analysis of the City’s communication system. Mr. Helms reviewed a possible timetable for new voice/data systems and network.

The City Manager reported that May 8-16, 2004, has been designated as National Tourism Week. Mr. Meadows stated that Council is requested to adopt a Proclamation recognizing the substantial contribution made by travel and tourism to the personal growth, health, and education of the citizens of the City of Bedford.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed Proclamation:

### **National Tourism Week 2004**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford recognizes the economic impact of travel and tourism, Virginia’s third largest industry; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the substantial contribution made by travel and tourism to the personal growth, health and education of the citizens of the City of Bedford, and to the intercultural appreciation of the geography, history and people of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Bedford’s tourism-related industry, businesses, amenities and associations, which have contributed so much to the development of this burgeoning industry; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and tourism provide significant local revenues from which our entire citizenry benefit;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes our existing travel and tourism related businesses, attractions and our tourism development effort and by virtue of this proclamation call upon our citizens to recognize and participate in National Tourism Week by enjoying Virginia's many scenic, historic, recreational, and leisure attractions, activities and events.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the week of May 8 through May 16, 2004, is designated as

**TOURISM APPRECIATION WEEK**

In the City of Bedford.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Proclamation regarding Tourism Appreciation Week. 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

City Manager Meadows reported that the week of May 16-22, 2004, has been designated as Business Appreciation Week in Virginia, in recognition of the many benefits to Virginia communities derived from their industries. In appreciation of the City's local industries, Council is being requested to adopt a Resolution declaring Business Appreciation Week in the City.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**Resolution  
Business Appreciation Week 2004**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford is proud to have a thriving base of business and industry to support the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Bedford; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide local revenues from which the entire local citizenry benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses also make significant contributions in our communities to promote educational opportunities for our children and promote a variety of activities which increase the quality of life of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and appreciates these businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes our existing businesses, and by virtue of this resolution gives notice to our citizens that the businesses of the City of Bedford are exemplifying this year's theme of "Together We Make A Difference."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the week of May 16-22, 2004, be designated as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Bedford.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted. 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

City Manager Meadows presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The City Manager reviewed highlights of the proposed budget.

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of personnel matters. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:14 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.