

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 26, 2005.

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 April 12, 2005, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Upcoming events: April 29 - Tour of Shenandoah bike race – the segment from the Homestead to Bedford will conclude around 2:00 p.m. – Bedford Main Street sponsored concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.; May 2 – City Council budget retreat at the Bedford Area Welcome Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.; May 5-6 – Elderfest at the Bedford Moose Lodge; May 31 – last public meeting on the Independence Boulevard/East Main Street Master Plan, 7:30 p.m.
- The clean-up week was very successful. The Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission clean-up day held on April 23 had over 100 participants.
- The City Manager has been asked to serve on the Virginia Municipal League's 2005 Legislative Committee.
- The paving contract has been awarded to Marvin Templeton and the work should begin in June.
- The City Insurance Committee has been reviewing health insurance carriers. The Committee recommended changing health insurance carriers to Piedmont Community Health Plan (PCHP). Mr. Meadows stated the change to PCHP will be effective July 1, 2005.

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening in closed session to discuss legal matters with counsel.

Councilman Hubbard, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and approved a request from Cintas to defer its utility billing for three months and lump sum bill them in July for those three months.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- Appointment of Mr. Samuel Hughes to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (Southeast RCAP).

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

It was the consensus of Council to dispense with the reading of a proposed resolution regarding Business Appreciation Week 2005.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution designating the week of May 15-21, 2005, as Business Appreciation Week. Roll call vote follows:

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| 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:

Resolution
Business Appreciation Week 2005

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 "Planting Opportunity - Harvesting Success."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the week of May 15-21, 2005, be designated as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Bedford.

City Manager Meadows presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The City Manager reviewed highlights of the proposed budget.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. until May 2, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bedford Area Welcome Center for a budget planning retreat.