

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., August 9, 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 July 26, 2005, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following:

- The play “Bedford Goes to War” will be presented at the Bedford Middle School Auditorium on August 12, 13, and 14.
- Hollywood in the Hills movie event will be held on August 20 at Bedford Elementary School
- The Community Development Block Grant streetscape project is moving ahead – a public hearing will be scheduled probably in September.

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening with Mr. Keith Burnette, who is proposing the development of a subdivision on Link Road, which would consist of 13 lots. The development would require a sewer pump station. Mr. Burnette is requesting that the City split the cost of the pump station.

Councilman Wandrei stated it is the recommendation of the Water & Sewer Committee that the cost be split between the developer and the City with the condition that the developer bear all costs and he would be reimbursed his one-half of the costs as the City receives connection fees.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council accepted the recommendation of the Water & Sewer Committee that the cost of the sewer pump station be split between Mr. Keith Burnette, developer, and the City, with the condition that the developer bear all costs and Mr. Burnette would be reimbursed his one-half of the cost as the City receives connection fees.

Mr. E. W. Tibbs, new Administrator of Bedford Memorial Hospital, gave Council an update on the hospital’s operations and the status of Physicians Associates.

City Manager Meadows reported that when each Community Services Board (CSB) was created in the later 1960's, one of the participating governing bodies of each Board was designated as the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding for distribution to the Community Services Board. The City of Lynchburg was designated as the fiscal agent for the local CSB in 1970. Mr. Meadows explained the General Assembly now allows CSB's to receive this funding directly. By authorizing the Central Virginia Community Services Board to receive these funds, it will eliminate accounting work for the City of Lynchburg and will affect the other five localities only by where their contributions will be sent in the future.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council authorized the City Manager to sign the document which allows the Central Virginia Community Services Board to receive state and federal funding directly from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse.

Mr. Randy Vaughn, Wiley & Wilson, reviewed the bids received for the renovation of the Adams Street warehouse facility for the relocation of the City's Electric Department. Mr. Vaughn reported that Coleman Adams submitted the low bid for the project in the amount of \$1,315,000 and Coleman Adams also submitted the low alternate bid for the roof in the amount of \$144,000.

City Manager Meadows stated the funds for the project are included in the budget and the staff recommends proceeding with the project.

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that Council accept the low bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote as 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 City Manager introduced Robert Harris, new Assistant Director of the Electric Department.

Vice Mayor Tharp moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of personnel matters. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Hubbard | aye |
| Councilman Padgett | aye |

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| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Vice Mayor Tharp   | aye |
| Councilman Wandrei | aye |
| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Mayor Messier      | aye |

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:57 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Meadows, City Attorney Berry, and Public Works Director Gibson.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:20 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 Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Meadows read aloud his letter of resignation, effective September 9, 2005. Mr. Meadows stated he had accepted an offer extended by the City of Monroe, North Carolina, to become their next City Manager. Mr. Meadows expressed his gratitude to members of Council for their support and leadership.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council accepted the City Manager's resignation with regret.

The Mayor expressed Council's thanks to Mr. Meadows for his seven years of service to the City.

Mayor Messier announced the appointment of Vice Mayor Tharp, Councilman Wandrei, and himself to a Search Committee for a replacement for Mr. Meadows.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.