

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., January 24, 2006.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; and Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None

Staff present: Interim City Manager Jack A. Gross; 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 January 10, 2006, were approved as distributed.

Interim City Manager Gross reported that according to the DEQ website, Region 2000 was one of the five planning grants that were awarded for the Source Water Planning Grant Program. Region 2000 submitted a \$50,000 grant application on behalf of its eleven members. Mr. Gross stated this is the first phase of the major DEQ initiative for source water planning in the area.

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, stated the committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the agenda item regarding approval of use of joint revenue sharing funds for extension of sewer and water utilities for 909 and 911 projects.

Mayor Messier stated the next item on the agenda was a public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Elizabeth Berry-Moseley stated the public hearing was being held to discuss the community needs for business revitalization and housing and she explained the CDBG funding.

The Notice of Public Hearing follows:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Bedford will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 215 East Main Street, to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for projects in our community.

Information on the amount of funding available, the requirements on benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, eligible activities, and plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Bedford City's past use of CDBG funds. All interested citizens are urged to attend. For additional information, contact the Department of Planning and Community Development at (540) 587-6021.

Complaints and grievances can be submitted in writing to The City of Bedford at P O Box 807, Bedford VA 24523 or email ecodev@bedfordva.gov or (540) 587-6021.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

Mayor Messier opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Gross stated that the term of Mr. Joe M. Davidson, Jr., on the Joint City/County Industrial Development Authority expires February 1, 2006, and Mr. Davidson has expressed a willingness to serve another four-year term if reappointed by Council.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appointed Mr. Joe M. Davidson, Jr., to the Joint City/County Industrial Development Authority for a four-year term to expire February 1, 2010. 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

Mr. Gross stated that Council has approved the construction of a new Solid Waste Transfer Station & Compost Facility as part of the budget process for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. The City has gone out to bid for the construction of this facility. Mr. Gross reported that engineering costs plus the lowest bid received for construction were in excess of the budget. After lengthy negotiations between the Director of Public Works, the Engineer, and the contractor, the City was able to negotiate the contract price down by 18% or \$192,636.

Mr. Gross stated the revised contract amount leaves the City with a shortfall of \$59,200 over the \$1 million that was budgeted, which needs to be covered by transfers from other accounts. Mr. Gross stated that in order to complete the funding needed for the project, City staff is requesting to make the following transfers:

• Recycling Containers (17964240 582113)	\$ 3,100
• Rubber Tire Loader (17964240 582600)	16,000
• Public Dumpsters (17964230 551480)	5,000
• Recycling Equip Maintenance & Repair (17964270 533102)	14,800
• Blacktop (10044120 560178)	15,000
• Dump Truck (10044120 581600)	<u>5,300</u>
 Total Transfer	 \$59,200

The total transfer amount of \$59,200 will be transferred to the Transfer Station account (17964240 582909).

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager, on behalf of Council, to sign the contract with Coleman Adams for the construction of the Transfer Station for the stated price of \$873,969, and also approve the transfer of \$59,200 to be transferred to the Transfer Station account (17964240 582909). 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

Mr. Gross stated that Bedford County and VDOT propose to construct route 909 and route 911 in Bedford County and these routes are located in the Bedford City/Bedford County 460 East Joint Economic Revenue Sharing Area adjacent to the new Applebees Restaurant. Both projects are VDOT/Bedford County revenue sharing projects. The cost of these projects is divided 50/50 between the State and the County.

Mr. Gross reported that the water and sewer utilities are also eligible for VDOT revenue sharing funds. The City's 50% share of the cost for the water and sewer utility construction along 909 is \$37,000 and the City's 50% share of the water and sewer utility construction along 911 is estimated at \$35,000. Mr. Gross stated that benefits of the 909 utility project include attracting new City water and sewer customers along 909 as the parcels develop commercially. Benefits of the utility construction along 911 is the needed replacement of the existing waterline that serves existing customers in a mobile home park and the potential to attract new City water and sewer customers as the parcels develop commercially. Mr. Gross stated it is proposed that these projects be funded by

the revenue sharing money for the JEDA agreement with Bedford County. As of January 20, 2006, \$598,259.81 revenue sharing money is available.

Clarke Gibson, Director of Public Works, reviewed a map of the location of the proposed City water and sewer utilities.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the transfer of funds from the Joint Economic Development money. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mr. Gross stated that due to lack of business for Council's consideration, Council is requested to adopt a resolution canceling the first Council meeting in February.

Mayor Messier waived the reading of the proposed resolution.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the resolution canceling the first Council meeting in February. 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

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

WHEREAS, the City Code requires in Section 2-3 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

WHEREAS, the first regular Council meeting in February is scheduled for February 14, 2006, which there appears to be no business for City Council's consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council meeting scheduled for February 14, 2006, be and the same hereby are canceled.

Mayor Messier announced that in accordance with Section 2.2-3712(b) of the Code of Virginia, City Council would be interviewing candidates for the position of City Manager in a closed meeting. The Mayor stated that Council did not know specifically where or at what time interviews would be held, however, the interviews would be held within the next fifteen days.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.