

A called meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m., February 21, 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 Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp

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.

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the City Manager Search Committee, reported that Council previously appointed Mayor Messier, Vice Mayor Tharp and himself to be members of a search committee for the employment of a new City Manager to replace Craig Meadows. Councilman Wandrei stated that applications were submitted by a total of seventy-three candidates from twenty-three states. The committee and members of Council personally interviewed the five top candidates.

Councilman Wandrei stated that Council directed the Search Committee to negotiate a contract with Charles Kolakowski, presently the City Administrator of Bridgeton, New Jersey. Mr. Kolakowski is a 1981 graduate of the College of William and Mary and has had considerable experience in managing communities with electric distribution systems. It is anticipated that he will bring a creative approach in working with all segments of the community.

Councilman Wandrei stated that he requested the Interim City Manager to prepare a resolution to appoint Mr. Charles Kolakowski as City Manager and the Search Committee recommends that the Mayor execute this contract. Mr. Kolakowski will be available to assume the position of City Manager March 27, 2006.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF
BEDFORD AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolved by the Council of the City of Bedford:

Section 1. The City Council hereby appoints Charles Kolakowski as City Manager of the City of Bedford for an indefinite period beginning March 27, 2006 to hold office thereafter at the pleasure of the Council.

Section 2. The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized on behalf of the City Council to execute the Employment Agreement dated February 14, 2006, which has been negotiated between the City Council and Charles Kolakowski.

Councilman Wandrei moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

Mayor Messier stated that the next item on the agenda was a closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A(30) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion of the terms and scope of proposed contracts for the wholesale purchase of electric power when discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City Council.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A(30) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion of the terms and scope of proposed contracts for the wholesale purchase of electric power when discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City Council. Roll call vote follows:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Councilman Hubbard did not attend the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:50 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 Wandrei, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried, Council approved the City of Bedford becoming a member of American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE A POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT PROVIDING
FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHOLESALE ELECTRIC POWER
FOR TERMS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006**

WHEREAS, the City's existing contract for purchase of wholesale electric power expires on June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City pursuant to a Request for Proposals issued in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Power Authority is negotiating with a number of power suppliers for a new wholesale contract; and

WHEREAS, the fluctuating value of the electric market may require the City to enter into new agreements quickly in order to lock into favorable rates and terms; and

WHEREAS, the City Code requires that the City Manager or Mayor be authorized by an affirmative vote of the City Council to enter into contracts for sums that are not provided for in the Financial Budget of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or the Mayor (either one of whom may act), after conferring with the Electric Committee of the City Council, to enter into new power supply agreements with AMP Ohio at such time and on such terms as the City Manager or Mayor deems advantageous and in the best interest of The City.

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

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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.