

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., September 12, 2006.

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 Charles P. Kolakowski; 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 August 22, 2006, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The City Council Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, September 28 at 8:00 a.m. at the Bedford Welcome Center.
- Mr. Frank Kowalewski, Elk's Home resident, will be celebrating his 108th birthday on September 15. Everyone is invited to the party at 2:00 p.m. The City Manager asked that City Council consider issuing a proclamation recognizing Mr. Kowalewski. Mayor Messier stated he would definitely present Mr. Kowalewski with a proclamation.

Randy Nixon, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries, reported on a possible pilot program for the use of credit cards for some of the programs for recreation and for the cemeteries. Mr. Nixon stated his department has received numerous requests to accept credit cards for activities, programs, and services. Mr. Nixon stated that staff, at the request of constituents and at the recommendation of the Cemetery Advisory Board, budgeted \$2,500 in the FY 2006-07 budget to implement a pilot program in the Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries department to accept credit cards. After advertising, accepting bids, reviewing, interviewing, and negotiating, Wachovia Bank was the vendor selected to administer this program. Mr. Nixon stated the program is slated to begin November 1, 2006. After three months, the pilot program will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness.

The City Manager stated that staff will keep Council informed regarding the status of the pilot program.

Vice Mayor Tharp stated he felt it would be appropriate to invite Mr. James Vest to attend the Council retreat and the Mayor extended the invitation to Mr. Vest, who stated he would be able to attend the afternoon session.

Councilman Stanley, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening regarding the problems with Gold Road, which has collapsed due to the failure of a metal pipe. Mr. Stanley stated that the Public Works Director reviewed cost estimates and outlined options. The Committee concluded that it would be best to have the staff continue to look at options and talk to property owners, and get back with the Committee at a later time.

Mayor Messier waived the reading of the proposed resolution regarding the United Way of Central Virginia's 85th anniversary.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding the United Way of Central Virginia's 85th anniversary. 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

The Resolution follows as adopted:

Resolution

WHEREAS, the United Way of Central Virginia was founded in 1921 as the Lynchburg Community Chest and will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Central Virginia strives to improve the lives of citizens in the Bedford community by enhancing the caring power and empowering people to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Central Virginia serves as the premier non-profit organization assessing critical human needs, raising money and allocating funds to help address those human needs; and

WHEREAS, last year more than 100,000 Central Virginians, including a number of City of Bedford residents, received critically needed human services from the thirty-one agencies funded by United Way of Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Central Virginia is kicking off its 2006/2007 Annual Campaign today, September 12th.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford gratefully acknowledges and sincerely thanks the United Way of Central Virginia for contributing to the betterment of our Bedford community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council declares September 12, 2006, as “United Way of Central Virginia Day” and encourages all citizens of Bedford to recognize the beneficial role of United Way in our community.

Councilman Wandrei 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 briefings by staff members pertaining to litigation with Michael Schrock and providing of legal advice pertaining to utility services in Bedford County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote as follows:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:40 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, Assistant City Manager Warner, Public Works Director Gibson, and Mr. Vest.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:35 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 Stanley, 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	aye
Vice Mayor Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Hubbard	aye
Mayor Messier	aye

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.