

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., October 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.; 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 an adjourned Council meeting held on September 28, 2006, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on October 10, 2006, were approved as distributed.

Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker, the City representative on the County School Board, gave a report regarding the following: teacher turnover rates, AP and SAT scores; dropout rates; graduation rates; and college plans. Ms. VanDerwerker also reported that the Bedford County School Board directed the School Superintendent to contact Bobby Pollard regarding his suggestion of redistricting Otter River into the Liberty High School zone to explain why this would be a poor choice. Ms. VanDerwerker stated that a dress code for personnel is currently being considered.

The City Manager spoke regarding the following:

- Spooktacular will be held on October 28 at Bedford Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and the final "Hollywood in the Hills" of the season will be the film "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
- The last "Tasty Tuesday" will be on October 31.
- The Visitor's Center will be ending summer hours on October 29 and will be closing at 5:00 p.m.
- Annual leaf collection will start on October 30.

Vice Mayor Tharp stated that as tribute to Lt. Booth, who was killed in Iraq, people in the community are invited to line the route from Bedford Baptist Church to Longwood Cemetery at approximately 11:30 a.m. on October 26.

The City Manager stated the City has received a Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Grant for \$7,000. The grant must be used for overtime expenses related to selective traffic enforcement and is usually expended in conjunction with regional safety campaigns. Mr. Kolakowski reported there is an in-kind match of 20% and as in the past, vehicle, supervisor, and equipment expenses can be applied toward the in-kind match.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appropriated the DMV Safety Grant funds in the amount of \$7,000 for traffic enforcement. 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 City Manager stated the City has received a Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Grant for \$10,000. The grant will be used for equipment purchases for the Regional Crash Team and training for the Team Members. Mr. Kolakowski reported there is an in-kind match of 20% and as in the past, vehicle, supervisor, and equipment expenses from the member jurisdictions can be applied toward the in-kind match.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appropriated DMV Safety Grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 for the Regional Crash Team. 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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.