

An adjourned meeting from the November 14, 2006, regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held at the Bedford Welcome Center on November 20, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was a joint meeting with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors regarding tourism.

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

City Council members absent: Councilman Thomas M. Padgett

City staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mr. Gary Lowry, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, opened the Board meeting.

Mayor Messier opened the City Council meeting.

Dr. Peter Verhoven, Associate Professor of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, and President of the Southwestern Service Area of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society, gave a presentation regarding tourism from a state perspective. Dr. Verhoven reviewed his "Immutable Rules of Tourism," which included items such as: planning, partnerships, signage, providing ample parking, etc.

Ms. Kathleen Guzzi, County Administrator, reviewed a report on tourism in the Bedford area, which was prepared by Nanci Drake, Director of Tourism. Ms. Drake was ill and unable to attend the meeting. The report highlighted upcoming events in 2007 such as: the hosting of the Virginia Tourism Summit, the hosting of the Outdoor Writers Association of America Tours, and the Bassmasters Elite Tournament.

Mayor Messier thanked Ms. Guzzi for the presentation.

Chairman Lowry and Board member Cheek each thanked Council members for their support during their recent illnesses.

Board member Wheeler stated he feels there is a need to address more parking in the downtown historic district and the need for a parking garage.

Board member Arrington expressed appreciation for the support of Board member Cheek and thanked Council for attending the joint meeting.

Board member Pollard stated he feels there are no problems with the City and County working together.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.