

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., February 13, 2007.

Members present: Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; and Councilman James A. Vest.

Members absent: Mayor W. D. Tharp and Councilwoman Mary L. Flood

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

Vice Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on January 23, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski spoke regarding the following:

- Asked members of Council to bring their laptop computers to the next Council meeting or return them to his office for software updates and to check batteries because of a recall.
- Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Annual Dinner and Awards Reception will be held on March 29 – members of Council are to notify his office if they would like to attend
- The trash transfer station and the compost operation began operating on February 9 – the State permits have been received and the operations have commenced smoothly so far.
- Applications have been received for the position of Tourism Director – the County Administrator and City Manager are in the process of reviewing the applications.

Vice Mayor Wandrei announced that the local Sam Moore plant has been sold to Hooker Furniture.

The Vice Mayor stated that Andy Dooley has been recently appointed to fill Bobby Pollard's seat on the Bedford County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dooley is a former City employee. The Vice Mayor stated it would be advisable for Council to send Mr. Dooley a letter congratulating him on his appointment to the Board.

Councilman Vest stated he attended the Bedford Extension Leadership Council Local Government Annual Report and Appreciation Dinner on February 12. Mr. Vest stated the dinner was held in the County Administration Training Room and it was very informative and enjoyable. Mr. Vest reported that a packet of information will be sent to members of Council.

The City Manager stated that one of the items on the Consent Agenda was the appointment of a member to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2010. The City Manager stated that Mrs. Luanne Kolakowski has expressed an interest in serving on the KBBC.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appointed Mrs. Luanne Kolakowski to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for term expiring June 30, 2010. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Kolakowski stated that the second item on the Consent Agenda is a request to block the following streets for “The Battle of Liberty” on Sunday, April 29, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

A military parade starting at Bedford Avenue from the intersection of 4th Street to North Bridge, the entire length of Depot Street, 4th Street from the railroad crossing to the intersection with Main Street, North Bridge Street from the southern corner of Bedford Avenue south to the intersection of S. Bridge Street and Washington Street to West Main Street from the corner of 4th Street to Bridge Street, and East Main Street to Court Street near the Museum.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried, Council approved the request to block streets.

The City Manager reported that the City is a “fit station” for child safety seats. The supplies for the “fit station” were purchased with funds from a \$1,000 grant from State Farm Insurance. The City has also applied for a \$1,000 mini grant from the Virginia Department of Health that is available to permanent “fit station” sites for supplies and equipment. A Proclamation has been prepared declaring February 11 through 17, 2007, as Child Passenger Safety Week.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child passenger safety seats, when properly installed in the back seat of a vehicle and used, are known to save children’s lives and reduce serious injury; and

WHEREAS, all children under twelve years of age should ride properly restrained in the back seat and any child under 4'9" and 8 years old should be restrained in an appropriate child restraint; and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth of Virginia during 2005, twenty-four children under the age fourteen, were killed in motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, studies show that eighty-five percent of all child passenger safety seats are installed incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, to protect the children of the City of Bedford, twenty employees of the Bedford Police Department have been trained in proper child passenger safety seat installation through a National Highway Transportation Safety Administration approved course; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Police Department has been designated as a "Permanent Fit Station" by the Virginia Department of Health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Bedford Council recognizes the importance of child passenger safety in the continued well-being of our community and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Bedford shall join in the observance of February 11 through 17, 2007 as

National Child Passenger Safety Week

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the Proclamation as read.

The City Manager stated that the City of Bedford entered into a pole attachment agreement with Cable Equities of Virginia on December 11, 1985. This agreement was transferred to the various companies that have owned the City of Bedford cable system and was allowed to auto renew in one year increments. City Manager Kolakowski stated in mid 2006 City staff advised Cebridge Acquisition, L.L.C. dba SuddenLink Communications that the 1985 agreement would not be renewed and a new agreement would need to be developed. The City and SuddenLink developed a new pole attachment agreement that accurately valued the attachment rights being leased and increased the revenue from the City's utility pole inventory by over 400%.

Councilman Padgett moved that the Pole Attachment Licensing Agreement between Bedford, Virginia and Cebridge Acquisition, LLC, dba SuddenLink Communications be adopted. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Wandrei stated that this agreement substantially increases the revenue the City is receiving.

The City Manager stated the agreement spells out far more clearly the requirements of the cable company and the City in operations, maintenance, and in payment and puts a three-year deadline at which point the agreement can be renegotiated.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Kolakowski stated that Council is being asked to consider repealing sections of the City Code creating a Department of Human Resources. The request is being made by the City Manager's Office. Mr. Kolakowski said the purpose of repealing these City Code sections would be to consolidate these positions, one into the Finance Office and the other into the Department of Administration in order to get a little better control over the operations and a little more oversight from the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the proposed ordinance repealing sections of the City Code creating a Department of Human Resources. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 07-1

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2-90(a)(9)
AND 2-100 OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:**

Sections 2-90(a)(9) and 2-100 of the City of Bedford Code are officially repealed.

This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

Vice Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.