

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 27, 2007.

Members present: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; 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

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 February 13, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski stated that his office will be contacting members of Council to schedule committee meetings and possible preliminary budget meetings before the annual budget retreat.

Mr. Fred W. Hutchins, Regional Representative with Senator Jim Webb's office, offered assistance with any federal government concerns. Mr. Hutchins stated that Senator Webb wants to help local officials promote further economic development and to utilize all the cultural, historical, and natural resources of Southwest Virginia.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and heard a good presentation regarding a proposal to allow Appomattox and Amherst County to join the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority. The Committee also reviewed the City budget through the first seven months.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Bill Gillespie, representing Appomattox and Amherst County, would present a proposal for these two communities to join the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority. Mr. Kolakowski reported that if Council approves the request, the existing service agreement between the City and the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority would have to be revised. The City Manager stated Council is requested to approve the membership of Appomattox and Amherst County in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority and approve the modifications to the existing jail authority service agreement.

Mr. Gillespie explained the situation whereby Appomattox and Amherst County are requesting to join the Authority.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the membership of Appomattox and Amherst County in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority and approved the modifications to the existing jail authority service agreement. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood

aye

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

The City Manager reported that the City has been awarded a transportation enhancement grant for the purposes of implementing a Centertown Streetscape Improvement Plan. The grant involves matching federal funds, and the amount necessary for the match has been appropriately budgeted. Mr. Kolakowski said in order to accept the grant, a Standard Project Administration Agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation must be executed. The City Manager said City Council is requested to adopt a proposed resolution accepting the transportation enhancement grant and authorizing him to sign the associated Standard Project Administration Agreement.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the proposed resolution accepting a Transportation Enhancement Grant. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD
ACCEPTING A TRANSPORTATION
ENHANCEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation has allocated funds to the City of Bedford to address the historic Centertown/National D-day connection; and

WHEREAS, these streetscape improvements will create a gateway corridor along Crenshaw Street and construction of a pedestrian plaza in Centertown through wayfinding signage, sidewalks, streetlights, and undergrounding utilities; and

WHEREAS, City Council has budgeted funds in an amount equal to a local match of twenty (20) percent for the current phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to enter into the Standard Project Administration Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bedford that the City Manager is authorized to sign the aforementioned agreement on behalf of the City of Bedford.

The City Manager stated the City has received two donations from Pepsi Cola and Bedford Youth Sports Boosters for a total of \$6,250.83. These donations are to be used towards the replacement of the scoreboard on field #2 at Liberty Lake Park. This project would be a new project that was not originally funded in the current budget. Mr. Kolakowski reported that the estimated cost of replacing the scoreboard is approximately \$7,700 and the additional funds needed to complete the project will be found from current budget lines items.

City Manager Kolakowski stated Council is requested to approve the project for the replacement of the scoreboard at Liberty Lake Park and appropriate \$6,250.83 to revenue account 100072 418903 and expenditure account 10077111 581137.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$6,250.83 to revenue account 100072 418903 and expenditure account 10077111 581137 for the replacement of the scoreboard at Liberty Lake Park. Roll call vote follows:

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

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