

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., March 13, 2007.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp, Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard, Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei, and Councilman James A. Vest.

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood, Councilman Thomas M. Padgett, and Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.

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

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

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on February 27, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported there was an electrical blackout in the City earlier in the day due to a transformer meltdown at the Moseley Substation with the American Electric Power connection. Power was restored to the City in approximately thirty-five minutes.

Councilman Hubbard, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and decided to issue an RFP regarding the removal of the old shed on the City lot on Plunkett Street.

Mayor Tharp stated that agenda item "Presentation – Lynchburg Center for Independent Living" has been removed from the agenda.

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2007-08 budget requests for their organizations:

- Bedford Christian Free Clinic, H. A. McGraw, Board of Directors – reported that the Free Clinic has separated from Bedford Christian Ministries and asked that the electric rate for the Clinic be reduced from a commercial rate to a church rate – budget request made: \$5,000 for the Free Clinic and \$5,000 for the Bedford Christian Ministries
- Bedford Community Orchestra, Scott Walter, Board of Directors - \$12,000
- Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, Dan Farris, Executive Director, \$9,000
- Central Virginia Community Services, Wayne Trent, \$10,967

Agenda item " Presentation – CASA of Central Virginia" was not considered, as a representative of CASA did not attend the meeting to make the presentation.

The City Manager reported that the City is applying for a Virginia Community Development Block Grant to help fund improvements between the National D-Day Memorial, Bedford Welcome Center, and Centertown. The grant would be combined with the Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the City of Bedford last year, as well as any funds resulting from this year's Transportation Enhancement Grant application. City Manager Kolakowski stated that Council is requested to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete, sign, and submit an application for a Virginia Community Development Block Grant to undertake this business revitalization project. The City Manager said a 20% match from the City is included in the grant application and that is included in this year's budget.

On motion by Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the proposed resolution supporting the City's application for Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

### **Resolution Supporting City's Application for Virginia Community Development Block Grant Funds**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford wishes to apply for Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this Business District Revitalization project will be called the National D-Day/Centertown Gateway Project; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bedford is requesting \$700,000 of VCDBG funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of local, state, or federal funds that are part of the total project is expected to be \$1.5-million; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford acknowledges the requirement that VCDBG slum and blight removal activities occur in accordance with Title 36, Article 7 of the Code of Virginia and that the locality will, if

necessary during implementation, develop a Redevelopment or Conservation Plan and contract with a Virginia Redevelopment and Housing Authority to implement the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizen participation requirements have been met by holding a series of public hearings, advertising both as appropriate and with at least one other form of public notice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Bedford authorizes the City Manager to complete, sign and submit all appropriate information necessary to apply for VCDBG funding.

Mr. McGraw, Bedford Free Clinic Board of Directors, stated the Board is also requesting \$5,000 from the Bedford County Board of Supervisors. Mr. McGraw invited members of Council to the Bedford Free Clinic dedication on April 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.