

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., August 28, 2007.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard

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 August 14, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski stated that school is back in session and encouraged everyone to drive safely.

Mickey VanDerwerker, City representative on the County School Board, reviewed activities of the County School Board. Ms. VanDerwerker gave members of Council a list of the County School Board's CIP list, which has not been funded.

Councilman Stanley reported that Staunton River High School and Jefferson Forest High School are getting brand new 1,600 seat gymnasiums and that Liberty High School is only scheduled to get an auxiliary gym in 2012 and 2013. Councilman Stanley said that he expressed his concerns over this at the August City School Board meeting. Councilman Stanley stated that Liberty only has a small 820 seat gym.

The City Manager reported there was a kickoff meeting last week with the engineers who are doing the work on the 460 West water and sewer line. The survey work has started and a list of the affected property owners is being prepared.

Councilman Vest asked about the water level at the City reservoir.

The City Manager reported that the water level is twenty-two inches below the spillway and is holding steady. The water level is being monitored on a daily basis.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following: Public Works truck purchase; year end unaudited financial statement and the July 2007 report; and purchase of used equipment.

The Mayor stated that the following item will be added to the agenda: "Purchase of Used Equipment – Solid Waste Hauling Operation."

Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing concerning the sale and conveyance of certain property at 7:45 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice follows:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City Council of Bedford, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523 will hold a public hearing pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 concerning the sale and conveyance of certain property to Patti Siehien for a price of \$150,000. The real estate to be conveyed consists of approximately 0.465 acres located at 207 East Depot Street in the City of Bedford and identified as tax parcel 194-A-79.

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Ms. Patty Siehien gave a brief overview of her plans for the building: artist spaces, art gallery, small restaurant to start with hopefully a larger one later.

As there were no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

The City Manager stated the Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: reappointment of Dr. Louise Robertson and Mrs. Ann Wood to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for terms to expire June 30, 2010.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Kolakowski reported that for many years, the property owned by the City at 207 East Depot Street served as the headquarters for the City Electric Department. Another property on Monroe Street was recently acquired and occupied for use by the City, including the relocation of the Electric Department operations. Consequently, the Depot Street property was declared surplus. The City Manager stated that a Request for Proposals was advertised and appropriately circulated soliciting proposals for the lease or purchase of the Depot Street property. One bid for purchase of the building in the amount of \$150,000 was received from Patti Siehien on May 18, 2007. The Property

Committee met with Ms. Siehien on July 24, 2007 to review her proposal. As a result of this meeting, the Property Committee directed staff to prepare a real estate purchase contract between the City and Ms. Siehien to be considered by the City Council as a whole.

On motion by Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the real estate purchase contract between the City of Bedford and Patti Siehien related to the property at 207 East Depot Street. Roll call vote follows:

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

The City Manager stated that the staff proposes to purchase the following used equipment for the solid waste hauling operation that will begin in January 2008. Council has approved \$100,000 in the FY 07-08 budget for this project.

- 2001 Kenworth Road Tractor, Purchase Price: \$40,000, NADA Book value: \$45,000, Vendor: Truck Enterprise, Inc.
- 1994 45 ft. J&J aluminum trailer with Keith walking floor, Purchase Price: \$30,000, Manufacturer's estimate of trailer's value: \$33,000 - \$35,000, Vendor: Merrifield Garden Center, Fairfield, VA
- 1993 45 ft. J & J aluminum trailer with Keith walking floor, Purchase Price: \$30,000, Manufacturer's estimate of trailer's value: \$33,000 - \$35,000, Vendor: Merrifield Garden Center, Fairfield, VA

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the purchase of the 2001 Kenworth road tractor, the 1993 J&J aluminum trailer, and the 1994 J&J aluminum trailer. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Tharp closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.