

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., December 11, 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 November 27, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Dennis Wood, Wastewater Treatment Manager, had a mild heart attack earlier in the day.
- A report on the water level at the reservoir should be forthcoming within a week.
- This meeting will be adjourned until December 19 at 5:00 p.m. The City Manager stated that in an effort to stabilize electricity prices in the future, the City of Bedford wishes to team with Amp-Ohio and 78 other member cities to purchase 368 MW of capacity from a 1600 MW electric generating station, referred to as the Prairie State Energy Campus. The generating station will be located near Lively Grove, Illinois, and will consist of two 800 MW, coal fired, steam generators. City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed power sales contract. Under the 50-year Contract, the City will purchase wholesale electric power and energy in the approximate amount of 7.9 Megawatts per hour, as may be adjusted upward or downward, which will be delivered to the retail customers of the City's electric distribution system.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the committee met earlier in the evening for further discussion of the FY2007 audit report prepared by Brown Edwards and Company.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: reappointment of Mr. Macon C. Putney to serve a four-year term on the Joint City/County Economic Development Authority, said term to expire February 1, 2012.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, 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

Mayor Tharp presented A. C. Fuller with a gift and plaque upon his retirement from the Parks & Recreation Department after 13 years of service.

The Mayor presented Robert Keltz with a gift and plaque upon his retirement from the School Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department after 5 years of service.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. until December 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Hall.