

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., January 8, 2008.

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

Members absent: None

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 December 11, 2007, and an adjourned Council meeting held on December 19, 2007, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Artesian Café is now open for lunch in the old electric department building on Depot Street – also open is a dog grooming business and a small boutique

Mickey VanDerwerker, City representative to the Bedford County School Board, reviewed with Council a report regarding activities of the Bedford County School Board that included such items as: the Board met to set five year goals, the school system is being considering for an extensive Advanced Placement grant, the budget adoption schedule.

Councilman Vest asked about field trips from the Primary School to the Middle School being denied because of the cost of gasoline.

Ms. VanDerwerker will check into this matter.

Mayor Tharp asked for Ms. VanDerwerker's opinion as an educator on the potential transfer of the sixth grade from Bedford Science & Technology Center (BSTC) to Bedford Elementary School.

Ms. VanDerwerker stated she felt that moving the second grade back to Bedford Primary would be a good idea. She said that the sixth graders at the other middle schools in the County are getting opportunities that the sixth graders at BSTC are not, such as: a daily band class and more sustained activities. Ms. VanDerwerker stated the problem with the location of the sixth grade needs to be solved.

The City Manager continued with his report:

- The Municipal Building will be shut down for a period of time on January 12 to transition to the new emergency generator.
- The new ladder truck for the Fire Department has arrived and is being prepped – the old ladder truck will be sold.
- Dog Tags are for sale and must be purchased by January 31.

The City Manager stated there was one addition to the agenda: Resolution – Funding from the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program for Design and Construction of I & I Projects.

The City Manager stated the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program (SRWEP) is for design and construction of I & I Projects on sanitary sewer systems. The staff is requesting to make an application for \$1,000,000 from this fund for the rehabilitation of portions of the City’s sanitary sewer system. Mr. Kolakowski reported that a number of years ago, a study was done on the sanitary sewer system identifying significant inflow and infiltration and the City is under a consent order to continue spending City funds for the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system in order to reduce the inflow and infiltration. The City Manager said that there are no matching funds required for this grant. As the initial studies have already been completed, the vast majority of these funds, if received by the City, would be used for actual construction costs.

Mayor Tharp stated that under the consent order the City is spending approximately \$100,000 per year and asked if the City would still be required to spend that money.

The City Manager reported it is undetermined if the City would have to continue to spend that \$100,000 per year if awarded the grant.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the proposed resolution authorizing to seek \$1,000,000 funding from the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program for the design and construction of the following project: City of Bedford Wastewater System Improvements Project. 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	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

Resolution
Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford (the City) has a Department of Environmental Quality approved Preliminary Engineering Report that outlines a list of recommended wastewater collection system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program has funding available to assist with the design and construction of recommended improvements that are outlined in the above mentioned Preliminary Engineering Report.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby approves applying for funding from the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program for the design and construction of the following project:

City of Bedford Wastewater System Improvements Project
(\$1,000,000)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford authorizes the City Manager immediately begin to process funding applications for these projects and be authorized to sign all documents to request and accept such funding contingent upon review and concurrence by the City Attorney.

The City Manager reported that as of January 2 the Stoney Creek Reservoir was full and overflowing. Mr. Kolakowski stated that the recent rains and the efforts by people to conserve water have paid off and recommended that a motion be made to remove the water restrictions.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council removed the water restrictions from the City water users.

City Manager Kolakowski stated the City Code calls for City Council to approve the election of the Fire Chief. The City Manager stated that recently the Bedford Fire Department elected Brad Creasy as the Fire Chief for the year 2008.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council approved the election of Brad Creasy as Fire Chief for the Bedford Fire Department.

Chief Creasy spoke to Council and reviewed his background and experience as a fireman.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.