

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 22, 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 January 8, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Chief of Police Day introduced Ashley Foster who was involved in an automobile accident on Route 460. It is believed that Mrs. Foster would have sustained more serious injuries and possibly been ejected from her vehicle if she had not been wearing a seat belt.

Mr. Steve Goodwin, Highway Safety Office, presented the "Saved by the Belt" award to Ms. Foster.

Mayor Tharp presented a "Certificate of Retirement" and gifts to Mike Linton upon his retirement from the Police Department after 24 years of service.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening regarding stability of electric rates.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Reappointment of Frances D. Coles and Gene Mulholland to serve four-year terms on the City Planning Commission, said terms expiring March 31, 2012.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the Consent Agenda. 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

Councilman Hubbard moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with staff and legal counsel concerning potential litigation. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:40 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, Assistant City Manager Warner, and Chief of Police Day.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:20 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. 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	aye

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.