

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., June 10, 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 May 27, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Councilwoman Flood, Chairman of the Electric Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss current issues with the electric service.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Committee met on June 10 and the Committee's report will be presented during the budget consideration.

Councilman Padgett, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and went into closed session to discuss publicly held property.

Mayor Tharp stated that the Property Committee would resume its closed session following "New Business."

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council added the following item to the agenda:

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), discussion of personnel matters, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing regarding the Region 2000 Services Authority at 7:32 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, to receive citizen comments regarding a Resolution

before the Bedford City Council allowing Appomattox County to become a member of the Region 2000 Services Authority, which has been established among the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford and the Counties of Nelson and Campbell to provide regional solid waste services to the localities, and to approve the First Amendment to the Region 2000 Services Authority Member Use Agreement. This hearing is held pursuant to Sections 15.2-5102 et seq of the Code of Virginia. A copy of the Resolution and the First Amendment to the Region 2000 Services Authority Member Use Agreement may be obtained in the office of the City Manager.

Teresa Hatcher
Clerk of the Council
City of Bedford, Virginia

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Reappointment of Mr. William H. "Bill" Ross, Ms. Phyllis J. Parker, and Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker to fill the vacancies on the City School Board, said terms to expire June 30, 2011.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, 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 Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the following report from the Committee:

The Finance Committee met on June 5, 2008 to review the budget in view of matters brought up at the public hearing at the Council meeting of May 27, 2008. The Committee had directed the City Manager and Finance Director to suggest adjustments to the advertised budget in order to eliminate a proposed increase in the real estate tax rate of \$.03 per \$100 per assessed value and to eliminate a proposed increase in the refuse collection fee of \$1.00 per month. Mr. Vest indicated that a sheet was attached to the report that was presented by the City Manager showing the proposed adjustments to the general, solid waste, water and sewer, and electric fund budgets for fiscal year 2008-2009. These adjustments include major reductions in expenditures including eliminating grounds

maintenance contracts of \$43,705, eliminating funding for temporary employees for cemeteries in the amount of \$26,400, and reducing funding for outside agencies in the amount of \$55,000

The Committee recommends that the outside agency funding reduction be accomplished by reducing by fifty percent (50%) funding as advertised for outside agencies with the exception of Hospice House and the Bedford City/County Museum for which funding will remain as set forth in the budget as originally advertised.

Councilman Vest then read aloud a proposed resolution recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts as the budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 the budget as advertised and as presented at the City Council meeting held May 27, 2008, with the adjustments to the general fund, solid waste, water and sewer and electric fund budgets as set forth on the attached sheet listing specific changes, the reduction in funding for outside agencies to be made by decreasing by fifty percent (50%) the funding for outside agencies with the exception of Hospice House and the Bedford City/County Museum for which funding will remain as set forth in the budget as originally advertised.

The listing mentioned in the proposed resolution of specific changes to the general fund, solid waste, water and sewer and electric fund budgets follows:

BUDGET CHANGES FOR FY 2009 - GENERAL

Amount	Reason
(6,000.00)	Decrease in personal property tax due to reassessment by Sam Moore Furniture
3,425.00	Decrease in funding for Bedford Public Library
(1,771.00)	Changes in funding for COR & Treasurer
(10,000.00)	Additional funding requested for audit of revenue sharing figures with Bedford County
(400.00)	Additional funding for required training for Electoral Board
(1,000.00)	Additional funding for required training for Registrar
6,121.00	Additional revenue for 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
(6,121.00)	Additional expenditure for 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
(500.00)	Additional funding for cost of independent audit
(119,200.00)	Eliminate \$0.03 tax increase
(2,313.00)	Additional funding for Constitutional offices for 7/1/08 pay increase
600.00	Decrease in debt service costs

43,705.00	Eliminate grounds maintenance contracts
10,000.00	Decrease funding for Enterprise Zone Maintenance
26,400.00	Eliminate funding for Cemeteries -Temp Help
2,000.00	Eliminate funding for Planning -Professional Services
55,000.00	Decrease needed in funding for outside agencies

 (54.00) Total changes to general fund -increase/(decrease) to contingency

BUDGET CHANGES FOR FY 2009• SOLID WASTE

144,150.00	Decrease in funding for debt service
<u>(32,359.00)</u>	Eliminate \$1 increase in refuse collection rate

111,791.00 Total changes to solid waste fund budget -increase contingency

BUDGET CHANGES FOR FY 2009• WATER & SEWER

(10,500.00)	Increase in funding for debt service
5,250.00	Increase revenue from sale of water
<u>5,250.00</u>	Increase revenue from sewer treatment charges

 - Total changes to water & sewer budget

Councilman Vest moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley.

Vice Mayor Wandrei moved to amend the changes as suggested, as follows:

- Outside agencies – completely eliminate the contribution to the Red Cross Safe Haven Program and to Habitat for Humanity

The motion was seconded by Councilman Hubbard.

The Vice Mayor stated that the City has seen an increase of \$522,000 to the budget just in three items: increase imposed by the County with regards to schools, social services, and the Sheriff’s Department. Vice Mayor Wandrei stated that one of his great concerns is the reduction of essential services. The Vice Mayor explained his reasons for his motion to eliminate funding to Safe Haven and Habitat. Vice Mayor Wandrei suggested that Council should prioritize the funding for outside agencies rather than cut across the board.

Councilwoman Flood stated she could not support singling out specific organizations and cutting their funding by 100% unless there is an unbiased justification to do so.

Councilwoman Flood stated that she felt the message this will send to Habitat will be that Council does not care about affordable housing. Councilwoman Flood stated that Safe Haven is providing an opportunity to cultivate a segment of the community and in doing so will help the participants to become better productive citizens and in the long run will be a significant help to City as perhaps they will not go through the criminal justice system.

Councilman Hubbard stated his concern has always been the best use of the taxpayer's money and the widest amount of people to benefit from that. Councilman Hubbard stated another concern was the cutting of funds to the Life Saving Crew.

Councilman Stanley stated he felt the key is to be fair – that he could not support slashing 100% funding to any organization without some type of notification or some legitimate reason up front. Councilman Stanley suggested that Council should decide on the funding of the outside organizations during the budget deliberations, prior to the vote on adoption of the budget.

Councilman Vest suggested that Council decide in July about funding to outside organizations in order to let them know what to expect.

Councilman Padgett stated that Council should let the outside organizations know in advance. Councilman Padgett stated the City is saving money by helping keep kids off the street and he feels that Habitat for Humanity does a lot for the community.

Vice Mayor Wandrei's motion to amend the changes to the budget was then voted upon and did not pass. Roll call vote follows:

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

Rosie Jordan, Director of Finance, reviewed the list of changes to the proposed budget.

Councilman Vest's motion to adopt the proposed resolution was then voted upon by a roll call vote and carried unanimously as follows:

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

Councilman Vest thanked the staff for the difficult job it had to do in preparing the budget. Councilman Vest spoke regarding the increases faced by the public.

City Manager Kolakowski stated Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council annually levy a tax on all real estate located within the City. City Council had received a proposed ordinance that establishes a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 of \$0.84 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The ordinance has been posted in accordance with § 2-54 of the City Code.

The City Manager stated that City Council was requested to adopt the ordinance after amending it to read \$0.81 which will reflect the budget that was adopted, instead of the \$0.84 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2008-09 at \$0.81 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-12

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON REAL ESTATE AND CERTAIN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE THEREON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, a tax rate of \$0.81 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in the City, the respective levy hereby ordered being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations within the limitations specified by Section 58.1-2606 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified.

The City Manager stated Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council shall annually levy a tax on tangible personal property located within the City. The proposed ordinance establishes a tax rate for calendar year 2007 of \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, with the exception of household goods and personal effects as classified in §58.1-3504 and horses, mules and other kindred animals, hogs, poultry, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, grain and tobacco; cattle, sheep and goats, farm machinery and farm implements as such items are classified in Section 58.1-3505. All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in subdivisions 1 through 16 of §58.1-3503 is taxed at a levy of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation. The ordinance also establishes a tax rate of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed valuation on machinery and tools as classified in §58.1-3507, and motor carriers as separately classified in §58.1.3506. The ordinance has been posted in accordance with §2-54 of the City Code.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance establishing the personal property tax rate for Calendar Year 2008. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-13

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES THEREON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, for the calendar year 2008, a tax rate of \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, including property separately classified in Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, unless exempted from taxation or subject to a different rate under this ordinance. All tangible personal property

employed in a trade or business other than that described in subdivisions 1 through 18 of Section 58.1-3503 is taxed at a levy of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation. Household goods and personal effects as classified in Section 58.1-3504 and horses, mules and other kindred animals, hogs, poultry, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, grain and tobacco; cattle, sheep and goats, farm machinery and farm implements as such items are classified in Section 58.1-3505 are exempted in whole from tangible personal property taxation. The following items are taxed at a rate of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation: (a) machinery and tools as separately classified in Section 58.1-3507; and (b) motor carriers as separately classified in Section 58.1.3506.

City Manager Kolakowski reported that the Virginia General Assembly in 1998 passed the Personal Property Tax Relief Act with the philosophy that relief would be gradually implemented to eliminate personal property tax on personal use motor vehicles. By 2004, the Virginia General Assembly had revised its philosophy and capped the contribution from the Commonwealth to localities for reimbursement for personal property taxes. The City Manager said that as a result, the City Council, on November 22, 2005, in accordance with state statutes, adopted an ordinance which provided that the funds to be reimbursed to the City of Bedford by the Commonwealth would be allocated in such a manner as to eliminate personal property taxation on each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less and that the Council would set, annually by resolution, a percentage of relief in respect to assessed values of more than \$1,000 as applied to the first \$20,000 in value of each such qualifying vehicle so as to exhaust fully the PPTRA relief funds provided to the City by the Commonwealth.

The City Manager reported the Commissioner of Revenue and the Finance Director have been advised that the State has allocated \$280,647.01 toward personal property tax relief in the City of Bedford for fiscal year 2008-2009. As the 2007-08 relief rate was set at 63% creating a surplus of approximately \$8,448.30, it is recommended, based upon projected personal property tax valuations that the reimbursement relief rate be set at 64%. City Manager Kolakowski stated the net effect of the resolution is to provide that the state relief funds will be allocated in such a way that for fiscal year 2008-2009, (a) personal property taxation upon qualifying vehicles with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less will be eliminated; (b) in respect to that portion of assessed value over \$1,000 and no more than \$20,000, 64% of the applicable tax will be relieved, and (c) the applicable tax rate shall apply to all assessed values over \$20,000 and to all non-qualifying vehicles.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution setting percentage tax relief to exhaust PPTRA Relief Funds. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye

Councilman Hubbard	aye
Councilman Padgett	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PERCENTAGE TAX RELIEF RATE PURSUANT TO THE VIRGINIA PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly in 1998 passed the Personal Property Relief Act based upon a philosophy that in passing the Act the personal property tax on personal motor vehicles would be eliminated; and

WEHREAS, in 2001, the Virginia General Assembly set the reimbursement rate to localities for personal property taxes for personal vehicles at seventy percent (70%) of the personal property tax amount; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Virginia General Assembly enacted statutes which drastically changed the philosophy of the Act and capped the contribution of the Commonwealth to localities for reimbursement for personal property taxes; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2005 the City Council of the City of Bedford passed an ordinance (Ordinance No. 05-24) which provided, among other things, that the allocation of personal property tax relief be allocated in such a manner as to eliminate personal property taxation on each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less and that with respect to qualifying vehicles with assessed values of more than \$1,000 the City Council, by resolution, would set annually a percentage to be applied to the first \$20,000 in value of each such qualifying vehicle that based upon estimates of assessments would use up all remaining available state personal property tax relief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 58.1-3524(C) (2) and Section 58.1-3912(E) of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly (2004 Special Session 1) and as set forth in item 503.E (Personal Property Tax Relief Program) of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly any qualifying vehicle having a

situs within the City commencing January 1, 2008, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 64% tax relief;

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 64% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and

- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor home, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

Section 2. Any amount of Personal Property Tax Relief Act relief not used within and the City's fiscal year shall be carried forward and used to increase the funds available for personal property tax relief in the following fiscal year.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

The City Manager reported that the Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council shall, on a regular basis, make an appropriation of funds for expenditure by the City. Mr. Kolakowski stated the proposed ordinance directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 be appropriated and set aside to the appropriate funds, and authorizes the City Manager to expend the funds in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations. The ordinance denoting the original appropriations has been posted in accordance with §2-54 of the City Code. The City Manager said that Council is requested to adopt the ordinance appropriating funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and authorize the City Manager to expend the funds in accordance with said budget.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance appropriating funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and authorized the City Manager to expend the funds in accordance with said budget. 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 ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE NO 08-14

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the City of Bedford are appropriated and set aside to the General Fund, to the Solid Waste Fund, to the Water and Sewer Fund, and to the Electric Fund, as shown in said budget, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and Electric Fund, in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

City Manager Kolakowski stated the Counties of Campbell and Nelson and the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford established the Region 2000 Services Authority by adopting Articles of Incorporation which were approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission effective December 28, 2007. Appomattox County has indicated its desire to become a member of the Authority and to participate in the regional solid waste effort. The City Manager said that the governing bodies of the other Member Jurisdictions are willing to allow Appomattox to become a member of the Authority. Appomattox has paid the Authority \$27,000 and shall make an additional payment of \$95,607 to the Authority prior to August 1, 2008, to reimburse the Authority its proportional share of the engineering, legal and other costs associated with the initial creation of the Authority. The City Manager stated that Council is requested to adopt the resolution approving the First Amendment to the Region 2000 Service Authority Member Use Agreement.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution approving the first amendment to the Region 2000 Service Authority Member Use Agreement. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Counties of Campbell and Nelson and the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford established the Region 2000 Services Authority (the "Authority") by adopting Articles of Incorporation which were approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission effective December 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Appomattox County has indicated its desire to become a member of the Authority and to participate in the regional solid waste effort; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the other Member Jurisdictions are willing to allow Appomattox to become a member of the Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Authority and the Boards of Supervisors of Appomattox, Campbell and Nelson Counties and the City Councils of Lynchburg and Bedford, pursuant to Section 15.2-5112 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and following duly advertised public hearings, that Appomattox County shall become a member of the Authority, effective upon issuance of a certificate approving such expansion of the Authority by the State Corporation Commission. Appomattox has paid the Authority \$27,000.00, and shall make an additional payment of \$95,607.00 to the Authority prior to August 1, 2008 to reimburse the Authority its proportional share of the engineering, legal and other costs associated with the initial creation of the Authority.

The Board of the expanded Authority shall consist of the following five members, who shall serve for an initial term of 3 years expiring June 30, 2008. Subsequent terms shall be for three years.

Appomattox County

Member - Aileen T. Ferguson
P.O. Box 863, Appomattox, VA 24522
Alternate – John K. Spencer

Campbell County

Member – R. David Laurell
P.O. 100, Rustburg, VA 24588
Alternate – Clifton M. Tweedy

Nelson County

Member - Stephen A. Carter
P.O. Box 336, Lovingson, VA 22949
Alternate – Susan E. McSwain

City of Lynchburg

Member – L. Kimball Payne, III
900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504
Alternate – David A. Owen

City of Bedford

Member - Charles P. Kolakowski
P.O. Box 807, Bedford, VA 24523
Alternate – Barrett F. Warner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Authority and the Boards of Supervisors of Appomattox, Bedford and Nelson Counties and the City Councils of Lynchburg and Bedford that the First Amendment to the Region 2000 Services Authority Member Use Agreement is hereby approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisor and/or Mayor of each governing body is authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of each locality.

Mayor Tharp declared a recess in order for the Property Committee to resume its closed session.

Mayor Tharp declared City Council back in session at 8:07 p.m.

Councilman Padgett moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), discussion of personnel matters, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:30 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 Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Tharp brought to Council's attention that Police Officers Dan Worline and Neil Baltzelle responded to a call at an apartment complex regarding a child in distress. The Chief of Police stated this was a two-year old with respiratory distress in severe danger – the officers cleared the child's airway, cooled the child with cold compresses and the child was transported to the hospital and there is no question that these officers saved the child's life.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.