

October 28, 2008

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., October 28, 2008.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood and Councilman Thomas M. Padgett

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 October 14, 2008, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Spooktacular is being held at the Farmer's Market on Friday, October 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- November 28 – tree lighting in the Centertown Plaza
- Christmas parade has been rescheduled to 11:00 a.m.
- The Electric Department has completed the installation of a 138 KV switch at one of the substations – hopefully this will decrease the problems the City has experienced due to disruptions from outside the City's system.
- Asked Council members to respond to the invitation to a special private screening of the movie "Bedford: The Town They Left Behind," which is being held on November 11 at the Liberty High School Auditorium.

Councilman Vest spoke regarding scheduling conflicts by civic groups and the need for a central "Calendar of Events."

The City Manager stated he has had discussions regarding scheduling conflicts with the staff and with a number of the organizations to determine the best way to coordinate events. The City Manager stated he will meet with the staff and invite the Bedford Welcome Center Director to participate.

Councilman Vest pointed out that item 6 in the Central Virginia/Region 2000 Greenways Alliance Purpose/Goals will require some type of funding.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Electric Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening in closed session.

Councilman Hubbard, Chairman of the Property Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening in closed session.

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The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Appointment of Chief James Day to the Central Virginia/Region 2000 Greenways Alliance for a two-year term ending October 31, 2010.

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

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

Mr. Sergei Troubetzkoy, Welcome Center Director, reviewed highlights of the Bedford Tourism Report for 2008-09. Mr. Troubetzkoy reported that the Welcome Center has a wonderful "Calendar of Events" on its website, which is updated regularly. The Director reported that from 2003 – 2007 there has been a steady rise in revenues from tourism.

The City Manager stated the first regular Council meeting in November is scheduled for November 11, which is a City Holiday and involves several scheduling conflicts. Council is requested to adopt a Resolution rescheduling the November 11 Council meeting to November 12. Since December 23 is during the Christmas holidays, Council is requested to cancel the second Council meeting in December.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted a the resolution regarding rescheduling a Council meeting in November and canceling a meeting in December. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

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WHEREAS, the City Code requires in Section 2-27 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

WHEREAS, the first regular Council meeting in November is scheduled for November 11, 2008, which is a City Holiday and several scheduling conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the second regular Council meeting in December is scheduled for December 23, 2008, which is during the Christmas holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council meeting scheduled for November 11, 2008 is rescheduled for November 12, 2008, and the City Council meeting scheduled for December 23, 2008, is hereby canceled.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.