

November 25, 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., November 25, 2008

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

Members absent: Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard 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 November 12, 2008, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The College Street property where the house was demolished by the City is going to be advertised for tax sale – the sale has been scheduled for December 29; legal notices were sent out to 23 other land and homeowners that tax sale activities will begin on those also.
- The Christmas tree lighting will take place on Friday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. in Centertown Park. A notice is being sent out in the utility bills listing Bedford stores.

Vice Mayor Wandrei asked about a problem area remaining after the repaving of Bedford Avenue.

The City Manager stated that the contractor has been notified and will correct the problem.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the committee met earlier in the evening with Mr. Billy Robinson of Brown Edwards and Company regarding the FY 2008 Audit Report.

Mr. Billy Robinson, Brown Edwards and Company, stated his company is required to present the FY 2008 Audit Report in a public meeting and Council is required to accept the report. Mr. Robinson stated the report was unqualified.

Mayor Tharp stated that Council appreciates that Brown Edwards and Company got the report in a cycle early with the help of the city staff. Mr. Robinson stated the city staff did a tremendous job to make sure Council received the audit in a timely fashion.

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City Manager Kolakowski reported that the City of Bedford Police Department has received a grant from the Bedford Community Health Foundation in the amount of \$5,475.00. The grant is to be used for the purchase of five (5) new Automated External Defibrillators to be placed in various locations throughout the City for use during medical emergencies involving subjects who are in cardiac arrest. The grant is a 100 percent grant with no funds required from the City of Bedford. The City Manager stated that Council is requested to appropriate \$5,475.00 to Expenditure Account 10033110 582100.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$5,475.00 to Expenditure Account 10033110 582100. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.