

January 13, 2009

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 13, 2009.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; 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 9, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Mr. Don Allen and Mr. Steve Goodwin, representing the Virginia Highway Safety Office, presented the "Saved by the Belt" award to Rachael Correll, who was involved in an automobile accident in July 2008 and was spared serious injury because she was wearing her seatbelt.

Mr. Allen announced that the Bedford Police Department won 3rd place in the Law Enforcement Challenge with an exemplary Highway Safety Program.

Mr. Allen reported on June 11 during the annual conference of Transportation & Safety, the Bedford Police Department won the Governor's Highway Safety Award for outstanding work in highway safety in Virginia.

Chief of Police Day reported that accidents were reduced from 302 in 2007 to 202 in 2008, which is a 33 percent decrease. The Chief stated that some of the reduction in accidents is attributed to funds received from the DMV that paid for overtime to add more patrols.

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

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to give input to the staff regarding the 2009-10 budget.

Bart Warner, Assistant City Manager, stated the public hearing was for consideration of a request to rezone property fronting on Independence Boulevard near its intersection with Dawn Drive as identified as tax map #177-A-4. The property is owned by Frank Chervan. The request is being made by the Planning and Community Department of the City of Bedford.

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The Public Hearing Notice follows:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2009 and by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 East Main Street for the purpose of:

- To consider rezoning tax map #177-A-4 from M-1, Manufacturing to B-2, General Business District. The request is being made by the Planning and Community Development Department of the City of Bedford.

Information regarding this request is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to the request will have an opportunity to express his/her views at this hearing.

By the Authority of the Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Bedford

Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

The City Manager stated that Frank Chervan is the owner of property on Independence Boulevard identified as tax parcel 177-A-4. The property is located at the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Dawn Drive. As part of the company's economic restructuring, its representatives have communicated an interest in rezoning the property to B-2, General Business. Mr. Kolakowski reported that the Planning Commission met on January 8, 2009, and recommended approval of the proposed rezoning. The City Manager stated that Council was requested to adopt the proposed ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance. Roll call vote follows:

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

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The Ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 09-01

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING MAPS FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD BY REZONING FROM M-1 TO B-2 A PARCEL ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Bedford held a public hearing on January 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing after notice was given in the *Bedford Bulletin* once a week for two successive weeks as required by Virginia Code 15.2-2204;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the City of Bedford is amended by rezoning from Manufacturing (M-1) to General Business (B-2) the following tax parcel:

177-A-4.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

The City Manager stated the City of Bedford Fire Department has received a grant from the Virginia Department of Health – Division of Injury and Violence Prevention in the amount of \$8,740.94. The grant is to be used for the development of a program to distribute smoke detectors for houses in the department’s first due response area. It is a 100 percent grant that requires no matching funds. City Manager Kolakowski stated that Council was requested to appropriate \$8,740.94 to Expenditure Account 10033210 557242 and Revenue Account 100033 424401.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$8,740.94 to Expenditure Account 10033210 557242 and Revenue Account 100033 424401 as requested. Roll call vote follows:

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

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Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.