

April 28, 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., April 28, 2009.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard (arrived at 8:00 p.m.); Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; 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 April 14, 2009, were approved as distributed

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Weatherization Program – information will be included with the utility bills – as part of The American Recovery Act and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funding was increased and the eligibility levels were raised to allow more people to participate
- the KBBC Spring Cleanup was held on April 18 – almost 50 people participated, including the Vice Mayor
- welcomed a group of high school students attending the meeting who are taking college classes at Central Virginia Community College – the students are taking a political science course and attendance at the Council meeting was part of their assignment
- The swine flu situation is being monitored by Emergency Management staff locally and throughout the Commonwealth.

The Chief of Police gave out information regarding the swine flu.

Mayor Tharp stated that summer attire will be appropriate at Council meetings through Labor Day.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee met earlier in the evening and had a quick preview of the proposed budget. The Committee discussed the extension of the Stoney Creek Reservoir financing program.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- reappointment of Bruce Johannessen and Jamie English to the City Planning Commission for terms expiring March 31, 2013
- reappointment of Ms. Penny Carter to the Regional Library Board, said term to expire June 30, 2013

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On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Kolakowski presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Mr. Kolakowski said the City is experiencing a severe impact due to the world wide economic recession. The City Manager reviewed highlights of the proposed budget: in order to provide the funding necessary for the various operations of the City, the proposed 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget includes an increase in the City's personal property tax rate in order to receive a flat level of funding; it calls for no increase in the electric rate, in the water and sewer rate, and in the real estate tax rate.

City Manager Kolakowski encouraged members of Council to let the staff and him know their comments and suggestions as they review the proposed budget. The City Manager reported that a budget work session will be held on May 12 and the public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The City Manager stated the week of May 10 - 16, 2009, has been designated as Business Appreciation Week in Virginia, in recognition of the many benefits to Virginia communities derived from their industries. Mr. Kolakowski said that in appreciation of our local industries, Council is being requested to adopt a Resolution declaring Business Appreciation Week in the City.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the Resolution regarding Business Appreciation Week 2009. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Resolution follows as adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK 2009**

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**WHEREAS**, Governor Timothy M. Kaine has recognized May 10-16, 2009 as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and called this observance to the attention of all citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford encourages all of its businesses and supports entrepreneurship to create a vibrant, sustaining small business community; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Bedford benefit from the positive business climate, economic growth, and job opportunities that are the contributions of businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford has joined the Commonwealth in creating long-term economic revitalization by embracing diversity in its business community, fully integrating technology into business practices, and preserving the economic well-being and safety for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses in the City of Bedford play a significant role in moving Bedford forward by positively impacting our healthy economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Business Appreciation Week increases public awareness of the valuable contributions that businesses make in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Bedford does hereby recognize May 10-16, 2009 as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **City of Bedford**, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Mayor Tharp recognized the City staff for putting forth efforts in the cemetery in preparation for the funeral of Ray Nance, last of the Bedford Boys.

Councilman Vest 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 pending litigation. Councilman Rush seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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Council adjourned into closed session at 7:52 p.m. Non-council members attending: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, Assistant City Manager Warner.

Councilman Hubbard arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:05 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 Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Hubbard	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. until May 12, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session.