

May 26, 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., May 26, 2009.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; 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 an adjourned meeting held on May 12, 2009, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2009, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Invitations were distributed from Senator Mark Warner to members of Council to attend the screening of the new documentary film *Bedford: The Town They Left Behind*, at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center's Congressional Auditorium on June 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tharp stated that the first public hearing was for appointment of members to the City School Board. The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

The Notice of Public Hearing follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City Council of the City of Bedford will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 26, 2009, in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, for the purpose of receiving the views of citizens on the appointment of members to the City School Board.

Any citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the City School Board should notify the office of the City Manager, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, VA 24523, no later than May 20, 2009.

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

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Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing regarding the proposed budget at 7:33 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice follows:

Notice
Synopsis of Budget for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
City of Bedford, Virginia

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council May 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Hall of the City Municipal Building in relation to the budget for the City of Bedford for fiscal year 2009-10, at which time any citizen of the City shall have the right to attend and state his or her views. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection during normal office hours in the office of the City Manager and the office of the Clerk of Council.

The following individuals spoke:

- Jim Messier, downtown business owner and City resident, spoke against the elimination of the two Bedford City Police Officers from their positions as School Resource Officers (SROs) at Bedford Elementary and Bedford Middle School. Mr. Messier reviewed the benefits of having school resource officers.
- Mary Jo Boone, 1402 Jefferson Terrace, CEO of the Bedford YMCA, spoke in support of keeping the school resource officers and explained the benefits of “Cop Camp” and the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program.

Mayor Tharp stated that City Council understands the difference SROs make and that review of the proposed budget is continuing.

As there were no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing on the proposed budget at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing on the proposed tax increases at 7:49 p.m.

The Notice of Public Hearing follows:

**CITY OF BEDFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED TAX INCREASES**

A public hearing will be conducted by the City Council in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, to receive comments on proposed ordinances establishing tax rates for the Tax Year 2009.

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These tax rates are to support and fund the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Current FY</u> 2008-2009	<u>Proposed FY</u> 2009-2010
Personal Property	\$2.17	\$2.43
Business Personal Property	\$1.50	\$1.50
Machinery & Tools	\$1.30	\$1.30
Public Service Corporations	\$0.81	\$0.86
Mobile Homes	\$0.81	\$0.86
Real Estate	\$0.81	\$0.86
Cigarettes & Tobacco	\$0.20	\$0.30

A full copy of the proposed ordinances is available for public review in the City Manager's Office, Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, during normal business hours.

By Order of the Bedford City Council
Teresa W. Hatcher

As there were no comments, Mayor Tharp closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. until June 3, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session.