

November 24, 2009

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., November 24, 2009.

Members present: 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: Mayor W. D. Tharp

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski, City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Vice Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on November 10, 2009, were approved as distributed.

Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker, School Board representative, gave a presentation to Council regarding the Bedford County School Board's activities, which included: 2008-09 SAT Score Summary; facility planning; AP results.

Councilman Vest thanked Ms. VanDerwerker for her service on the School Board.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Holiday Season events: Hanging of the Greens at the Bedford Meeting House, tree lighting in Centertown, the Christmas Parade, Christmas lights at the Elk's Home - a complete listing of all activities can be found at Bedford.com

Vice Mayor Wandrei stated that the following item was added to the agenda as the second item under "New Business:"

- Application for Federal Funding – Improvements to the Snowden Hydroelectric Facility

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Reappointment of G. E. Murray, Jr. to a four-year term on the City Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire November 30, 2013

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

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Hubbard	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Mayor Tharp	absent

Mr. Billy Robinson, Brown Edwards and Company, stated his company is required to present the FY 2009 Audit Report in a public meeting and Council is required to accept the report. Mr. Robinson stated the report was unqualified.

It was determined that consideration of the acceptance of the FY 2009 Audit Report will be placed on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

City Manager Kolakowski reported the City of Bedford Hydroelectric Plant at Snowden may be eligible for Federal funding for improvements to enhance electric production. City staff has worked with Congressman Tom Perriello's office to identify various opportunities to seek this funding. Federal funding involving the Army Corps of Engineers may be available to facilitate these improvements. A letter of support is required for this application. Mr. Kolakowski stated that Council was requested to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for an application for Federal funding for improvements to the Snowden Hydroelectric facility.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for an application for Federal funding for improvements to the Snowden Hydroelectric facility. 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	absent

Councilman Stanley 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 legal counsel pertaining to potential litigation and regarding tax sales. Councilwoman Flood 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	aye
Mayor Tharp	absent

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:20 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, Assistant City Manager Warner, and City Treasurer Debbie Roberts.

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Council reconvened into open session at 7:40 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 Hubbard, 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	absent

Vice Mayor Wandrei stated there was one other item to consider: Report by J. Thompson Shrader regarding tax sales.

The City Attorney suggested that Council approve Mr. Shrader's recommendation to approve the tax sales.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the tax sales that were conducted on November 17, 2009. Roll call vote follows:

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

Vice Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.