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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., December 8, 2009.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard (arrived at 7:02 p.m.); Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

Members absent: Councilman Steve C. Rush

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 Council meeting held on November 24, 2009, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on November 24, 2009, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The holiday season has kicked off within the City – the parade was rained out; however, there was a very successful tree lighting; the stores and restaurants were busy; and carriages were circling the streets.
- Earlier in the afternoon there was a very nice presentation of the Legion of Honor by the French Ambassador to 1st Lt. William Overstreet, Jr., from the 357th Fighter Group, who was a real hero in World War II. The presentation was held at the National D-Day Memorial.

Councilman Hubbard arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Councilman Vest reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the revenue projections. Councilman Vest stated the revenues appear to be improving a little since the October statement and another Finance Committee will be held in January.

Mr. Bill Barbour, Vice President of Operations with JetBroadband, gave a presentation to City Council regarding the cable television rate adjustments. Mr. Barbour spoke regarding the difficult economy, increased internet speeds, and additional costs.

Per Councilman Vest's request, the City Attorney will check to see if there are any provisions for the City to have control of rate increases by the cable television company.

Councilman Vest stated that JetBroadband has no competition.

Mr. Barbour disagreed saying JetBroadband has competition with the Dish Network and DirecTV as these companies do not hold a franchise, are unregulated, and are free to

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charge whatever they want, and as such, JetBroadband sees them as a very strong competitor in its market.

Mr. Barbour stated there is a tremendous amount of maintenance in the system including gasoline and trucks.

The City Manager asked Mr. Barbour to furnish information on the number of customers using the cable internet.

Mr. Barbour stated the company is looking at various initiatives to expand access to high speed data.

City Manager Kolakowski stated the City budgeted for the Water Reclamation Grant revenue in the Water & Sewer Fund. This revenue needs to be transferred to the Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund in order to offset the project expenses. This grant is for a total of \$193,562. The City Manager requested Council to transfer \$193,562 from account 180038 424305 in the Water & Sewer Fund to account 580038 424305 in the Water & Sewer Capital Project Fund.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council transferred \$193,562 from account 180038 424305 in the Water & Sewer Fund to account 580038 424305 in the Water & Sewer Capital Project Fund. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Kolakowski reported the City of Bedford has been awarded a grant from the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund that was made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) in the amount of \$193,561.50. This grant will be used to install a non-potable waterline extension on Orange Street. This grant was included in the budget for fiscal year 2010 for \$166,000, but the expenditure was not included in the budget. City Council is requested to appropriate the following additional amounts in the budget for fiscal year 2010 to accomplish this project:

180038 424305	\$27,562
180037 416805	\$12,000
180037 416806	\$10,000
180036 418401	\$75,000
58974430 582936	\$153,562

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On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council appropriated the following additional amounts in the budget for fiscal year 2010 to install a non-potable waterline extension on Orange Street:

180038 424305	\$27,562
180037 416805	\$12,000
180037 416806	\$10,000
180036 418401	\$75,000
58974430 582936	\$153,562

Roll call vote follows:

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

The City Manager reported the City has received notification that a Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Grant has been awarded to the City in the amount of \$334,320. This grant will be used in support of the City's wastewater collection system for an inflow and infiltration project. Mr. Kolakowski said this grant and project were not included in the budget for fiscal year 2010. Council was requested to appropriate \$334,320 to revenue account 580036424306 and \$334,320 to expenditure account 58974460581967, which are located in the Water & Sewer Capital Project Fund.

On motion by Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$334,320 to revenue account 580036424306 and \$334,320 to expenditure account 58974460581967, which are located in the Water & Sewer Capital Project Fund for an inflow and infiltration project. Roll call vote follows:

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

City Manager Kolakowski reported Bedford Main Street, Inc. is requesting funding for 2010. During the City Council meeting of April 14, 2009, Council appropriated \$12,500 to Bedford Main Street for a six month operating period. During that time Council would evaluate the program's operation and future plans and decide on additional funding. City Council was requested to provide funding in the amount of \$12,500 to Bedford Main Street, Inc. for the last six months of FY2010.

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Councilman Stanley moved that City Council provide funding in the amount of \$12,500 to Bedford Main Street, Inc. for the last six months of FY2010. The motion was seconded by Councilman Flood.

Mayor Tharp stated that Main Street has done a wonderful job in the reorganization, there are lots of positive things going on downtown, complimented Main Street on what they are doing and stated he will support their funding.

The roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.