

September 14, 2010

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the August 24, 2010, regular meeting was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m., September 14, 2010.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; 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 stated the purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for the vacancy on City Council that exists because of the resignation of Jeffrey B. Hubbard.

Mayor Tharp outlined the procedure for the meeting: the names of the five candidates will be withdrawn from an envelope by the Clerk and read aloud; the candidates will be interviewed in the order the names are withdrawn; the other four candidates will excuse themselves from the room.

The Clerk of Council removed the names from the sealed envelope and read them aloud in the following order: Robert Carson, Robert C. Ross, Vincent Bear, Stacey Hailey, and G. E. Murray, Jr.

Members of Council interviewed the candidates with each member asking questions that included:

the reason the candidate was interested in serving on Council; the three most important issues facing the City; how to deal with the loss of stores; how to deal with the loss of industries, the lower state and federal aid, declining revenue, and the fact that the cost to provide services to residents has not gone down; the strengths that set them apart from the other candidates; should Council be more involved in community affairs; how to better serve the youth; rate the City in terms of providing services; rank the quality of education from 1 – 10.

Each candidate responded to the questions posed by City Council members.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.