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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., April 26, 2011.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Guy E. Murray, Jr.; 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 that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said at the earlier meeting.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 12, 2011 were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Earlier in the evening the staff and Council continued with the budget process; there will be another meeting on May 10; the public hearing on the budget will be held on May 24.
- The area has experienced some nasty weather over the past couple of weeks – the worse being around the Tidewater area and Pulaski County – gave credit to the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their efforts during the storms to keep the roads clear and clean up the debris – there were not many electric outages during the severe weather.

Mayor Tharp reported that there was a film crew in Bedford recently filming a zombie movie “Plan 9 from Outer Space.” The producer and crew were extremely complimentary of Bedford and the producer said he moved most of the filming to Bedford from Roanoke as Bedford was so hospitable.

The Mayor reported there is a huge tree with a lot of dead limbs on the Bedford Middle School Property at the corner of Peaks Street and Longwood Avenue. The City Manager said he will have checked it out and taken care of.

Mayor Tharp said a work session on the budget was held earlier in the evening and will continue on May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

The Clerk of Council said that the Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

The term of five members of the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission expire on June 30, 2011. Eddie Harmony, Jim Revell, Jennie Foreman, Pat Hunziker and Amber Hunziker have indicated their willingness to serve another term if reappointed by Council. Also, Debbie Patterson and Bryan Patterson have requested to be appointed to the Commission. The

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vacancies have been advertised in the local newspaper, and no other citizens have volunteered to serve.

Council was requested to reappoint Eddie Harmony, Jim Revell, Jennie Foreman, Pat Hunziker and Amber Hunziker to serve on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission, said terms to expire June 30, 2014, and appoint Debbie Patterson and Bryan Patterson to serve on the Commission, said terms to expire June 30, 2013.

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

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, Governor Robert F. McDonnell has recognized May 2 - 6, 2011 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

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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 2 - 6, 2011 as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **City of Bedford**, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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

Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Mayor Tharp recognized Debbie Patterson and Bryan Patterson, who were in the audience, for volunteering to serve on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission.

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 and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation. Councilman Murray 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 Murray	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:15 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, and Assistant City Manager Warner.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:28 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

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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 Rush, seconded by Councilman Murray, 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 Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.