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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., February 14, 2012.

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 led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on January 24, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation for the recognition for his years of service
- Bedford Domestic Violence Services Agency – the City was among other agencies which have donated cell phone to the Agency for use in emergencies for its clients – the Agency expressed appreciation for the donations.

Mickey VanDerwerker, City representative to the Bedford County School Board, gave a report to Council regarding the activities of the School Board: the Board is working on the proposed 2012-2013 school budget, school enrollment; VRS; bill to allow home schooled students to take part in extracurricular activities; school zones; and other matters.

Mayor Tharp asked Ms. VanDerwerker to bring to Council's attention any new information she has as soon as possible.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the committee met and reviewed the December financials, which are on target for this time of year.

Councilman Stanley, Chairman of the Electric Committee, reported the committee met and discussed the production of the Snowden Dam in Big Island and ways to improve that. The staff is going to make recommendations to improve production.

Vice Mayor Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said the committee met and discussed: a request by the Bedford County PSA and a recommended change in the policy of allowing county citizens who have water and sewer easements going through their property to hook up.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Murray, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved the Consent Agenda thereby

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reappointing Frances Coles and Jason Horne to serve four-year terms on the City Planning Commission, said terms to expire March 31, 2016. 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 City Manager reported that Amherst County, Bedford County, the City of Bedford and the City of Lynchburg have been operating a regional emergency communication system under the auspices of the Central Virginia Radio Communications Board (“CVRCB”) under an Intergovernmental Agreement since 1996. Bonds were issued in 1996 through the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Amherst to pay for the original regional radio system. Mr. Kolakowski said the original bonds have been paid, and the original radio equipment has reached its useful life, resulting in the need for the localities to determine the best way to continue the operation of the regional radio communication system and to finance the purchase of new radio equipment.

City Manager Kolakowski stated that the localities have determined that the best way to accomplish these goals is to dissolve the CVCB and replace it with a new Region 2000 Radio Communications Board (the “Board”), consisting of the chief public safety communications officer of each locality, which Board would be a committee of Virginia’s Region 2000 Local Government Council (the “Council”) and would manage and operate the regional radio system, with the bonds for the purchase of the new equipment to be issued by the Council, pursuant to an agreement among the parties, which has been presented to the Council. The City Manager said Council was requested to adopt the resolution approving the Region 2000 Emergency Communications Regional Cooperative Agreement, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Councilman Murray moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei.

Councilman Vest asked how much this will cost the City.

The City Manager said the estimated cost at this point is \$52,000 to \$58,000 depending on the manner upon which it is financed and the ultimate final plan for the equipment that is adopted by the Local Government Council. This is still being discussed and negotiated with the company that was the successful bidder on the project. Mr. Kolakowski said negotiations are being held to get the price down while still making it an effective system.

Upon a question by Councilman Vest, the City Manager reported that the \$52,000 to \$58,000 is the cost for the debt service.

Councilman Vest asked what the operating cost will be.

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Chief of Police Day said that in the past the operating cost has been approximately \$100,000 per year and the formula has changed. Chief Day said the new formula is based on number of radios and usage of the system. The Chief explained the City's percentage will be 5.1%. He said that if the City's reversion to a town occurs, this will become a Bedford County obligation.

City Attorney Berry said the Reversion Agreement deals with that and stated the County will take over the City's portion of the expense except for electric.

Vice Mayor Wandrei asked what section of the agreement deals with this matter.

The City Attorney said it is in Section 6.5 of the Reversion Agreement.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by a roll call vote:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION  
OF REGION 2000 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGIONAL  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** Amherst County, Bedford County, the City of Bedford and the City of Lynchburg have been operating a regional emergency communication system under the auspices of the Central Virginia Radio Communications Board ("CVRCB") under an Intergovernmental Agreement since 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** bonds were issued in 1996 through the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Amherst to pay for the original regional radio system; and

**WHEREAS,** the original bonds have been paid, and the original radio equipment has reached its useful life, resulting in the need for the localities to determine the best way to continue the operation of the regional radio communication system and to finance the purchase of new radio equipment; and

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**WHEREAS**, the localities have determined that the best way to accomplish these goals is to dissolve the CVCB and replace it with a new Region 2000 Radio Communications Board (the “Board”), consisting of the chief public safety communications officer of each locality, which Board would be a committee of Virginia’s Region 2000 Local Government Council (the “Council”) and would manage and operate the regional radio system, with the bonds for the purchase of the new equipment to be issued by the Council, pursuant to an agreement among the parties, which has been presented to the Council;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bedford that the City Council hereby approves the Region 2000 Emergency Communications Regional Cooperative Agreement, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.