

March 13, 2012

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., March 13, 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.; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

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 February 28, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The Voluntary Settlement Agreement between the City of Bedford and Bedford County was filed with the Commission on Local Government earlier in the day. The Commission will meet on March 19 and at that time establish the schedule for the hearings, their tour, and their fact finding information in the City, tentatively scheduled for May 14 and 15. He expressed appreciation to the City staff for all their efforts, particularly City Attorney Berry, Assistant City Manager Warner, and Finance Director Jordan. There is a copy available for the public to review in the City Manager's office and a copy will be posted online.
- Some of the contractors are taking advantage of the early spring and the sidewalk rehabilitation project has begun; sidewalks throughout the City will be repaired where needed – this will be an ongoing project for the remainder of the fiscal year. Sanitary sewer work is being done in the Edmund Street and Federal Street areas with the Southern Rivers Grant.

The City Manager said that Councilman Vest has requested that Council not take action on the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan, as he has a number of questions about it. Mr. Kolakowski said that staff will be available to answer any questions.

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2012-13 budget requests for their organizations:

- Susan Martin, President/CEO, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
- Doug Cooper, Director, Bedford Museum and Genealogical Library
- Robin Reed, President, National D-Day Memorial Foundation

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Mayor Tharp stated the following item was removed from the agenda and will be included on the agenda of the next meeting: Ordinance – Amendment of Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.