

March 27, 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 27, 2012.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; 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: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood

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 welcomed two members of Boy Scouts Troup 183.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 13, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- April 14 is electronics and paint recycling day at the Farmer's Market – details about the recycling will be sent out in the utility bills – paper shredding will be limited to five boxes per person

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the committee met earlier in the evening and got the news about Senate Bill 497 which requires again, an unfunded mandate from the City. Mr. Vest reported that last year the City's unfunded mandates were in excess of \$60,000. This bill could require an unfunded mandate of \$27,000 or more. The Director of Finance is to get some more information. The Committee asked the City Manager to write a letter to the Governor.

Councilman Rush, member of the Property Committee, stated the committee met in closed session dealing with property issues.

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

- Shannon Zimmerman, Interim Administrator – Bedford Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc.
- Kathy McGary, President of the Board, and Sue Montgomery, new Executive Director – Bedford Main Street
- Deborah Silverman, Executive Director – Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging
- Nancy Cottingham, CEO, and Andre McDaniel, CFO - Central Virginia Community Services
- Fred Duis, Vice President – The Wharton Memorial Foundation, and Sarah Bratton, Director - Bower Center of the Arts

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Mayor Tharp stated that Ira Doom, Administrator of Bedford Ride, was not able to attend the meeting due to a knee injury. The Mayor said that Council had received information from Bedford Ride regarding its budget request and that Vice Mayor Wandrei would report on additional information he had obtained about Bedford Ride.

Vice Mayor Wandrei said that Central Virginia Commission on Aging administers Bedford Ride. The Vice Mayor gave supplemental figures for Bedford Ride that were not in the packet: first full year of operation (2002) they gave 1,195 rides; in 2011 they gave 5,573 rides; first year mileage was about 43,000; 2011 mileage 195,944; volunteer hours increased from approximately 7,000 to 14,000.

Councilman Stanley moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a) (1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Murray seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:46 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 8:08 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 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 Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Murray, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye

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Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	absent
Mayor Tharp	aye

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.