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An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the April 24, 2012, meeting was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., May 8, 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.

The purpose of the meeting was for a work session on the budget for FY 2012-13.

The following department heads reviewed and explained items their department's proposed budgets and answered various questions from members of Council:

- Fire Chief Brad Creasy – spoke about roof replacement, washer
- Chief of Police Day - spoke about urban archery, two replacement vehicles

Councilman Vest asked if Council will get a list of all the vehicles that the City is operating.

The City Manager said Council will get a list of the vehicles.

Councilman Rush asked if Council will receive a Vehicle Use Policy and the City Manager said it would be provided at the next meeting.

- Corey Crompton, Network and Systems Administrator – spoke about consolidating the leasing of large multifunction printers under the IT Department, training expenses, and updating software
- Bart Warner, Assistant City Manager, spoke about athletic services; the cost of having 4th of July fireworks and reported the City has a pledge from someone to pay \$3,000 of the cost. He also spoke about the Wharton Gardens, tourism, and enhancement grants.

City Manager Kolakowski spoke about the extension of Old Turnpike Road which is a revenue sharing project on Route 460 West in conjunction with the proposed development in the area. The rezoning for the Harmony development in conjunction with the Army Reserve Center was approved on May 7 by the County.

The City Manager gave Council members a schedule of meetings for the budget.

- Commissioner of Revenue Valerie Wilson stated that revenue is basically level and spoke about businesses in the City. She said that personal property revenue is holding its own.

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- City Treasurer Debbie Roberts spoke about cigarette stamps. Ms. Roberts says that on July 1, 2013, all businesses that sell cigarettes must have cigarette stamps placed on their cigarettes. She said there is only one source that supplies the stamps to all fifty states. Ms. Roberts stated it takes about 2-3 months to receive the stamps after they are ordered.
- Randi Herrick, City Registrar, stated that her department's budget does not include funds for a possible election in the spring of 2013. The cost for an election in May 2013 would be \$4,000. The City Manager said these funds can be included in the proposed budget.
- Jeff Weddle, Director of Public Services, reviewed the Engineering, Highways, Streets & Bridges, Water & Sewer, and Solid Waste budgets. Mr. Weddle said he has tried to reduce expenditures.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.