

August 28, 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., August 28, 2012.

Members present: 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: Mayor W. D. Tharp

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Staff absent: City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV

Vice Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on August 14, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- requested that the Property Committee meet prior to the next Council meeting to discuss a number of issues; and said there will probably be an Electric Committee before the next Council meeting
- recognized Sue Montgomery to discuss Bedford Main Street and Centerfest

Ms. Montgomery thanked City Council for its support of the Main Street Program. She said the car Cruzin held in May was very successful and there have been many requests to have another one. The Main Street Board has decided to have another Cruzin in October.

Ms. Montgomery introduced committee members who spoke about a new event being held on September 28, 2012, "The Flavor of Centertown." Committee members Rosalyn Reynolds, Bonnie Ellison, and Hazel Vance explained that the event will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in an area adjoining the Bedford County Court House; that there will be entertainment and sampling of food from Centertown Restaurants.

The Vice Mayor said he felt it is a very worthy project and commended them for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Wandrei read a note received in the Mayor's Office from Rev. Henry A. Henderson expressing his thanks for the gift and the award presented at his anniversary celebration.

The City Manager reported that Bedford Main Street, Inc. is requesting that Council authorize blocking the following streets for "Centerfest" 2012 on Saturday, September 29th:

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- East Main Street from Otey Street to Bridge Street
- West Main Street from Bridge Street to Ballard Street
- South Street from Main Street to Washington Street
- Court Street from Main to Plunkett Street
- South Bridge Street from Main to Washington
- North Bridge Street from Main to the City lot south of Railroad Bridge
- West Depot Street from North Bridge Street to Ballard Street, Market Square (all)
- East Depot Street to Court Street

Mr. Kolakowski said the request is to close the above streets on Saturday, September 29th from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Bedford Main Street, Inc. has current liability insurance and will provide the City with a copy of the policy. Bedford Main Street will notify affected businesses, as well as the Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The City Manager said that Council was requested to grant permission to block the above streets for “Centerfest” 2012 on September 29, 2012.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Murray, voted upon by roll call vote, Council granted permission to block the previously named streets for “Centerfest” 2012 on September 29, 2012.

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	absent

City Treasurer Debbie Roberts presented the following report on uncollected taxes:

REAL ESTATE TAX STATUS AS OF AUGUST 14, 2012

TAX YEAR	ASSESSMENT	UNCOLLECTED	COLLECTED
2007-2008	\$3,232,761.76	\$86.67	99.99%
2008-2009	\$3,290,147.02	\$12,381.09	99.62%
2009-2010	\$3,537,167.64	\$35,570.61	98.99%
2010-2011	\$3,675,433.18	\$18,989.30	99.48%
2011-2012	\$3,705,108.57	\$85,082.60	97.70%

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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX STATUS AS OF AUGUST 14, 2012

2007	\$978,709.41	\$1,863.02	99.81%
2008	\$1,104,911.01	\$7,496.20	99.32%
2009	\$1,186,639.03	\$7,022.65	99.41%
2010	\$1,165,714.60	\$8,127.88	99.30%
2011	\$1,165,167.73	\$12,642.10	98.91%

State Relief Annual Reimbursement is \$280,647.01

Ms. Roberts explained the work that goes into collecting the taxes and said she is proud of her staff.

Vice Mayor Wandrei said that Council appreciates the fine job that the Treasurer's Office does.

The Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.