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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., January 13, 2015.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Tim Black; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; Councilman Beckham A. Stanley; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

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

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of the following Council meetings were approved as distributed: December 3, 2014, adjourned meeting from the November 25, 2014, regular meeting; December 9, 2014, regular meeting; December 18, 2014, adjourned meeting from the December 9, 2014, regular meeting; and January 5, 2014, called meeting.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- At a previous meeting a revision to the standing committees was discussed to reflect operational realities within the Public Services Department and also within the needs for the Town. The change would consolidate the Solid Waste Committee with the Streets Committee – operationally handled by the same department head. A Community Development Committee would then be created, which would allow for more discussion of different proposals and different issues involving community and economic development within the Town and give a little more priority and involvement in that particular issue by Council.

It was the consensus of Council to have a proposed ordinance prepared for the next Council meeting to change the standing committees.

- Bedford Main Street will be reconstituting itself. The Board is looking to bring in new members and reinvigorate its operations. They will be going through the process of reconstituting the Board in order to get a Board that can be effective. Mr. Kolakowski said he would report back to Council on the results.

Councilman Black thanked D. W. Lawhorne, Public Works Director, Corey Crompton, and Chief of Police Foreman for meeting with him in December. He also thanked Town Manager Kolakowski and Assistant Town Manager Warner for meeting with him.

Councilman Hailey said he attended the Bedford County Board of Supervisors meeting held on January 14 and reported that Tammy Parker was elected Chairperson, and Steve Wilkerson was elected Vice Chairperson.

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Councilman Vest welcomed Mr. Black and Mr. Stanley to the Council, and congratulated Mr. Black who received the most votes.

Councilman Vest requested that Mr. Kolakowski and the Mayor ask the School Superintendent to come and give a report on the school system.

Councilman Vest asked that an item be added to the agenda – Discussion on a Public Comment Period for Council meetings.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the list of appointments for the standing committees, boards, and commissions. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The list of committees, boards, and commissions follows:

**TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015**

Town Planning Commission – Steve Rush
Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission – Beck Stanley
LynCAG Board of Directors – Bob Carson
Region 2000 Regional Commission – Stacey Hailey
Region 2000 Workforce Investment Council – Stacey Hailey
Bedford Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors – Tim Black
Joint Town/County Tourism Committee – Jim Vest

STANDING COMMITTEES

Electric – Tim Black, Chair; Jim Vest
Finance – Jim Vest, Chair; Steve Rush
Property – Beck Stanley, Chair; Stacey Hailey
Public Safety – Stacey Hailey, Chair; Bob Carson
Streets – Bob Carson, Chair; Beck Stanley

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Development – Steve Rush, Chair; Tim Black
Town/County – Steve Rush, Chair; Stacey Hailey

NOTE: The Mayor is a member of all Standing and Special Committees of Town Council.

APPOINTMENT BY INDIVIDUAL

Tim Black	Electric Committee, Chair Development Bedford Main Street, Inc.
Bob Carson	Streets Committee, Chair Public Safety LynCAG Board of Directors
Stacey Hailey	Public Safety Committee, Chair Property Committee Town/County Region 2000 Regional Commission Region 2000 Workforce Investment Council
Steve Rush	Development, Chair Town/County, Chair Finance Committee Town Planning Commission
Beck Stanley	Property Committee, Chair Streets Committee Town Representative to KBBC
Jim Vest	Finance Committee, Chair Electric Committee Joint Town/County Tourism Committee

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Town Attorney Berry reviewed the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Berry explained open meeting requirements, access to records, closed sessions, public records, emailing.

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Councilman Vest moved that a public comment period of 15 minutes be added to each regular Council meeting; that each speaker have three minutes to state what they want; that each speaker state their name and address, and at his discretion, the Mayor may allow more time for comments. Mr. Vest asked that this be put in the Administration Section of the agenda prior to Revisions to Agenda.

Mayor Wandrei asked the City Attorney if the motion is adopted would it fall under Section 2-35 of the Town Code, which deals with order of business, and asked if that section of the Code would have to be amended.

Town Attorney Berry said he thought it would be appropriate to amend the Code and that would require the proposed ordinance to be posted.

Mr. Berry will have the ordinance ready for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Hailey moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for consultation with legal counsel concerning possible litigation. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Councilman Hailey moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(29) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for discussion of the award of a public contract and the terms or scope of the contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:46 p.m. The following non-council members attended: Town Manager Kolakowski, Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV, Assistant Town Manager, Barrett Warner, Police Chief Todd Foreman, and Public Works Director D. W. Lawhorne.

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Council reconvened into open session at 8:02 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town 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 Rush seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.