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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., July 28, 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 an adjourned Council meeting held June 17, 2015, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2015, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The first Council work session was fruitful – send any comments or suggestions to the Town Manager’s Office.
- A notice from the Virginia Municipal League (VML) was received requesting a Christmas ornament for inclusion on a tree at the Governor’s Mansion. He asked Sara Braaten from the Bower Center to suggest local artists to bring forth an appropriate ornament to submit for inclusion on the tree.
- Introduced John Wagner, the new Electric Utility Director

Ms. Jessica Cox, Chief Magistrate for the 24th Judicial District, spoke about keeping the office in Bedford.

Councilman Black said he attended graduation at “Cop Camp” and congratulated the Chief of Police and the staff for all of the work they did.

Councilman Black stated he visited the Fire Department and saw the new rescue truck that the Department has taken possession of.

The Mayor added the following item to the agenda: Closed Session

The Town Manager reported that Town of Bedford has received the DCJS Byrne Justice Assistance Grant-2015 for \$3,208.00 for Traditional Police Equipment. The Grant monies will be used to purchase new ASP Batons and Flashlights for officers to use in the line of duty. This is a reimbursement grant and there is a cash match of \$356, which will come from the Police Department’s line item budget for uniforms and equipment.

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Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the acceptance of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant that has been awarded to the Town of Bedford Police Department and to appropriate \$3,208.00 to revenue account 100033.433136 and \$3,208.00 to expenditure account 10033110.557234. The required matching funds in the amount of \$356.00 will come from Uniforms - 10033110.560110.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved the acceptance of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. 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

Town Manager Kolakowski said this summer, Bedford Main Street will be applying for a Downtown Investment Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). These grants help local Main Street organizations accelerate economic revitalization by allowing them to implement innovative strategies, plans, and programs that boost and accelerate private investment within their communities. Town Council was requested to approve the resolution endorsing the Downtown Investment Grant and commits to provide up to \$12,500.00 as part of a required matching portion if the application is successful.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried unanimously 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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION
BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL
TO ENDORSE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT
GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, be it hereby resolved by the Bedford Town Council that it supports the application for a Downtown Investment grant application.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Bedford commits to provide up to \$12,500.00 as part of a required matching portion if the application is successful.

Councilman Hailey moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Councilman Black 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 7:12 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:26 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 7:27 p.m.