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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., October 27, 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.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, voted upon and carried unanimously, the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on October 13, 2015, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The electronics/paper shredding/paint Cleanup Day was very successful.

Mr. Derrick Mays, Department of Criminal Justice Services, said he is the Program Manager for Law Enforcement for the State of Virginia. Mr. Mays explained the accreditation process. Mr. Mays presented the "Accreditation Certificate" to Chief Foreman on behalf of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Bedford Police Department met the requirements set forth by the Commission and is certified as an accredited agency for a period of four years.

Chief Foreman stated that he had a good team working on the accreditation.

Mayor Wandrei stated that Council was appreciative of the good work done by the Police Department.

Chastaneyka Wilcox, Bedford Main Street, reported on Centerfest and spoke about upcoming events: the annual Christmas Parade, tree lighting, Santa Land, and a Spring Gala.

Jim Messier, Bedford Main Street, introduced the new Main Street Executive Director, Sarah Smith.

Ms. Smith stated she was excited to be joining the Board.

Councilman Vest said that he would not be attending the November 10 Council meeting.

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The Mayor said the E-Waste event was extremely successful. He said the KBBC Cleanup was also successful.

Mayor Wandrei said a number of French visitors from Normandy recently visited Bedford and were most pleased with the French flags that were put up.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the audit.

Councilman Black, Chairman of the Electric Committee, reported that the Committee met on October 16 and discussed the following items: update on the solar project; debt refinancing; hydro plant and its operations; long term outlook on the hydro plant; the Centerville project; finding a new electric engineer; and the Apprentice Lineman Program - one person is involved in that at the present.

Mayor Wandrei added the following item to the agenda: Request - Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Julie Moore, Brown Edwards and Company, presented the FY 2014 Audit Report. Ms. Moore said the objectives are to express an opinion on the statement, to report on compliance and on internal control. Ms. Moore said the results were: a clean opinion on the financial statement and on internal control. She said that the long-term debt was reduced by \$1.6 million this past year.

The Town Manager reported that the Courts are collecting a \$5.00 Court cost fee to solely fund software, hardware and associated equipment for the purchase and maintenance of the electronic summons system. He said the proposed ordinance has been written so the Clerk of the Court will disperse the funds to the Treasurer of the Town for this purpose. Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the ordinance and its implementation.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey.

Councilman Vest asked that Chief Foreman explain the reason for the additional court cost.

Chief Foreman said the court has already started collecting the five dollar fee and Bedford County has already implemented the ordinance collecting the money for each summons. E-Summons is a system in which instead of writing the summons on paper, it is entered into the computer system, prints out a small receipt, and then the information is entered directly into the Town's system and into the court system. The Chief said this fee will provide the funding for the Town to purchase the software, maintenance, and equipment to do this. The Chief explained the benefits of using this system.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by a roll call vote as follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-23

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL COURT COST OF \$5.00 FOR EACH CRIMINAL OR TRAFFIC CASE IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED UNDER A STATUTE OR ORDINANCE FOR A VIOLATION WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN THE TOWN, THE ADDITIONAL COURT COST TO BE REMITTED TO THE TOWN TREASURER FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Town of Bedford is hereby amended to provide a new § 38-10 as follows:

Sec. 38-10 Additional court costs in criminal and traffic cases for electronic summons system.

(a) In each criminal or traffic case in the District or Circuit Courts of Bedford County in which the defendant is charged with a violation of any criminal or traffic statute or ordinance which arose within the Town, there is hereby imposed for a violation in addition to any other fees or costs the sum of \$5.00 as part of the court costs. In accordance with Virginia Code § 17.1-279.1, the Clerk of Court in which the action is filed shall collect the assessment and remit it to the Town Treasurer, subject to disbursements by the Town Council in accordance with said statute.

(b) Any disbursement shall be made to the Town Police Department solely for purposes prescribed by Virginia Code § 17.1-279.1.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Council.

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Councilman Carson moved that the resolution waiving the cost of the extension of underground electric service for a house constructed by Habitat for Humanity at 505 Lee Street be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black.

Upon a question by Councilman Black, Mr. Kolakowski said the Town has waived different requests, such as disposal fees and water and sewer connection fees, but this request is the first.

A brief discussion ensued.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COST OF EXTENSION
OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICE
FOR A HOUSE CONSTRUCTED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
AT 505 LEE STREET**

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has constructed a new home at 505 Lee Street within the Town of Bedford; and

WHEREAS, by a letter dated October 16, 2015 Habitat for Humanity has requested a waiver of the fee of four hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$471) associated with installing a 200 amp underground service drop from the utility pole to the meter base of approximately 100 feet in length,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:

That the fee of four hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$471) associated with the installation of underground electric service at 505 Lee Street is hereby waived.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.