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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., June 14, 2016.

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 a regular Council meeting held on May 10, 2016; the minutes of a Council work session held on May 24, 2016; and the minutes of a regular meeting held on May 24, 2016, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- thanked the Garden Club of Bedford for maintaining the flower bed in front of the Municipal Building
- thanked the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission members for doing another mini-cleanup this month at Edmund Street Park - the KBBC has been doing this on a regular basis since the spring
- encouraged everyone to stop at the Farmer's Market on Fridays for "Food Truck Fridays"

Councilman Vest said he was disappointed in the turn-out at a meeting held on June 9 to get input from the business and retail people about the vision for Bedford. He said the people that have the most to gain did not give any input at that meeting.

Councilman Vest stated that members of Council had received copies of an outline of the comments made by Mr. Boxley, Blue Ridge Economic Coalition, at last night's Bedford County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Councilman Vest said the Town Manager sent Council an email about a presentation given by Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance that was very informative and he thought the economic development people would be interested in that. The Councilman said that a request was made to get copies of those comments.

Councilman Carson thanked Public Works Director Lawhorne for the work that has been done at the Edmund Street Park. He said the NAACP Bedford Chapter had a Gospel Fest last Saturday and thanked the Town Manager and members of Council for attending and supporting this event.

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Councilman Black said he asked the Town Manager to get the minutes from the Bedford County Economic Development Authority and send them out last month. Councilman Black asked if Council members would like to receive these minutes each month. It was the consensus of Council to get the minutes each month.

Mayor Wandrei added the following item to the agenda: Donation of Marble Bench - Bedford Middle School.

Mr. Kolakowski said there are presently two vacancies on the Industrial Development Authority. John Bond and Richard Thomas have expressed an interest to serve on the Authority if appointed by Council. The vacancies have been advertised in the local newspaper, and no other citizens have volunteered to serve. The Town Manager said Council was requested to appoint John Bond and Richard Thomas to the Industrial Development Authority, said terms to expire November 30, 2016.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council appointed John Bond and Richard Thomas to the Industrial Development Authority, said terms to expire November 30, 2016. Roll call 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 reported there are presently vacancies on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission. Ms. Teresa Hailey has expressed an interest to serve on the Commission if appointed by Council. The vacancies have been advertised in the local newspaper, and no other citizens have volunteered to serve. He said that Council was requested to appoint Teresa Hailey to serve on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission, said term to expire June 30, 2018.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appointed Teresa Hailey to serve on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission, said term to expire June 30, 2018. Roll call vote follows:

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

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Town Manager Kolakowski said that Mr. Jim Messier has expressed a willingness to serve on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, if appointed by Council. The vacancy has been advertised in the local newspaper, and no other citizens have volunteered to serve. The Town Manager stated that Council was requested to appoint Mr. Jim Messier to serve on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, said term to expire October 13, 2016.

On motion by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Jim Messier was appointed to serve on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, said term to expire October 13, 2016. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Wandrei said that Mr. Larry Brookshire has expressed a desire to donate a marble bench in memory of his late wife Sandra who was a teacher for many years. The Mayor said the Middle School Principal, Rhetta Watkins, is requesting that they be allowed to place it adjacent to the walkway approaching the school. They would also probably plant a few roses or other plants. He said they acknowledge that the bench may need to be moved when the school closes and the Town opens up a new Middle School or an alternate use is found.

Councilman Vest moved that Council accept this donation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.