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A work session of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., June 28, 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.

Christie Crouch, IT Department, gave a presentation regarding the possible use of tablets or laptops by Council for agenda documents, budgets, and other information. Ms. Crouch said the cost of the tablets she would recommend is \$332 each. The cost of the laptops would be \$950 each. She explained the features of a tablet versus a laptop. Ms. Crouch said she has reached out to the vendor to get a couple of demo tablets to try - she has several laptops in stock in the loaner library for Council to try.

Mayor Wandrei asked Ms. Crouch to let Council know when the loaner tablets are received and then meet with Council members to explain how to operate the tablets and the laptops. Mayor Wandrei said this matter would then be brought up at another meeting.

Ms. Crouch said the Town's website is currently being refreshed and will be more user friendly. She briefly explained what was being done to update the website. Ms. Crouch explained the current backup procedures for the Town's computer system and how the future backup procedures will be done.

Discussion ensued regarding items in the Performance Agreement (Bedford Economic Development Authority) and Bedford Brewing, LLC. Upon a question by Councilman Vest, Mr. Kolakowski said there are no fees for electric utility connections. Mayor Wandrei said that in Section 1.2 there is a reference to "Landlord." He recommended that the word "Landlord" be changed to the Bedford Economic Development Authority. The Town Manager said he would make that recommendation to them.

Chief of Police Foreman spoke about the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T), which is a method of de-escalation for dealing with people with mental illness and helping to get them to a hospital without having a physical altercation. He said that three officers have gone to training through the Virginia Municipal League (VML) for de-escalation. The Chief said VML has agreed to bring the class on de-escalation and a class on use of force and tasers to Bedford.

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A brief discussion ensued regarding unfunded mandates by the State, the Virginia Municipal League lobbying against the mandates, and the use of private firms for lobbying.

The Chief reported that Cop Camp will be held July 11 through July 15. He said there will be 160 children attending and there is a waiting list. Chief Foreman stated the facilities that will be used this year are the Middle School and the Bedford Science & Technology Center.

Chief Foreman spoke about the following: National Night Out - August 2 at Centertown Plaza; Open Data Initiative; crime prevention, Community Meetings held on the first Thursday of each month; and business watch.

Councilman Stanley asked the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution honoring Mike Miller's son Michael for his timely efforts that led to the rescue of a child at Smith Mountain Lake.

Mayor Wandrei reported that he met with Elmer Hodge, Bedford Regional Water Authority. Mr. Hodge invited members of Council, either as a group or individually, to tour the water treatment plant. The Mayor said that the Town Manager could coordinate for any Council members who would like to go.

John Wagner, Electric Director, said that the PCA is going up slightly for July. He said there was a peak alert on Monday due to heat in the northeast section of the country. Mr. Wagner said that during the peak alert, the Orange Street diesel operated and the Snowden Hydro Plant operated and put about 4.1 megawatts out onto the system. He said more peak alerts are expected as the heat of the summer approaches.

Mr. Wagner spoke about the recent storm that caused issues in the Big Island area. He commended the employees who worked through the heavy rain and lightning. The storm caused a high water condition on the river so the Hydro Plant had some minor flooding. He said the crew worked over the weekend to remove the flooded components, which were basically pumps, and had them reconditioned so they would be ready for the peak alert on Monday.

The Electric Director reported on the status of the speed increaser at the Snowden Hydro Plant: in working with the insurance company, the claims adjuster, and their expert, the speed increaser has to go back to Philadelphia Gear Works to be disassembled so they can determine the extent of the damage, which is how the insurance policy reads. He said the Town's preference was to get a new speed increaser constructed. Mr. Wagner said that if the insurance company insists that the unit has to go back, he thinks the Town is going to be committed, at that point, to a rebuilding rather than the purchase of a new unit. He said that in the meantime, the Town is going to order a new gear set and a new set of bearings which will be common to either the rebuild or a new unit.

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Mr. Wagner stated that with the high water level at the plant there is a lot of debris in the James River and earlier today the units were off-line as they were jammed with debris. The units were taken down to run the trash rake and clean all of the filters.

The Electric Director explained an AMP update regarding a broken turbine blade at the Freemont Energy Campus, which is part of the reason for the PCA going up.

Mayor Wandrei said that the consensus of Council regarding the speed increaser was that Council would prefer to have a new unit rather than having a rebuilt unit. He asked if Philadelphia Gear Works determines that the old unit cannot be repaired, will they reimburse the Town the cost of repair which could be used toward the purchase of a new unit.

Mr. Wagner said that the strategy if the unit is sent back is the Town will get a new set of gears and the only thing that the Town would keep would be the casing. He said at that point, it would essentially perform as a new piece of equipment because everything inside the casing would be replaced, including all of the gears, all of the bearings, and all of the moving parts.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(5) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion concerning a prospective industry where no previous announcement has been made. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 5:38 p.m. The following non-council members attended: Town Manager Kolakowski, Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; Finance Director Sonia Jammes; Chief of Police Todd Foreman; Electric Director John Wagner; and Clerk of the Council Hatcher

Council reconvened into open session at 6:40 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

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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:

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

Vice Mayor Rush moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Hailey 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 6:42 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:55 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

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Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.