



**Town Council  
Called Council Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2021**

The Town Council of Bedford, Virginia, held a called meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building at 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia.

**Town Council members present:**

Councilman Tim Black, Councilman Stacey Hailey, Councilman Bruce Hartwick, Councilman Bruce Johannessen, Councilman Steve Rush, Councilman Darren Shoen, and Councilman C. G. Stanley

**Town Council members absent:**

None.

**Town Staff present:**

Town Manager Bart Warner; Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV; Chief of Police Todd Foreman; Clerk of Council Debra B. Anderson; and Recording Secretary Julia Peters

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Clerk of Council Anderson opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk of Council Anderson stated that the meeting was called as an organizational meeting for the Town Council. She asked the newly elected members of the Council to come forward to receive their Certificates of Election.

The Clerk of Council administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council members who repeated the Oath of Office and signed their individual certificates:

Mr. Tim Black  
Mr. Stacey Hailey  
Mr. Bruce Hartwick  
Mr. Bruce Johannessen

Clerk of Council Anderson opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Mr. Hailey nominated Councilman Tim Black for the office of Mayor for the years of 2021 and 2022. Mr. Shoen seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Mr. Rush moved, seconded by Mr. Hartwick, to close the nominations and declare Councilman Black as Mayor of the Town of Bedford.

Voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Hartwick	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Councilman Shoen	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Rush	aye

Clerk of Council Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Tim Black as Mayor.

Mayor Black opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor.

Mr. Hailey nominated Councilman Steve Rush for the office of Vice Mayor of the Town of Bedford for the years 2021 and 2022. Mr. Hartwick seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Mr. Stanley moved, seconded by Mr. Shoen, to close the nominations and declare Councilman Rush as Vice Mayor of the Town of Bedford.

Voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Shoen	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Mayor Black	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Hartwick	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Councilman Rush	aye

Mayor Black asked the Council members to notify him by the end of the week on which committees each member would like to serve. He also reminded the Councilmen about the economic disclosure form that was included in the agenda packets. It would need to be completed and returned to Clerk of Council Anderson by the end of the month. He also noted that those Council members needing a photo for the website were scheduled at Watts Creative Studios on Grove Street on Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Councilman Hailey said that in the last budget session, the subject of employee bonuses was to be revisited in January and he would like to see that discussion happen. Mayor Black acknowledged this and said the second regularly scheduled meeting in January could be the time to discuss it, giving Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes some time to compile some data.

Councilman Hailey also noted that the Council has elected the Mayor every two years as written in the code of the charter but he would like to discuss a change to this policy and allow the people of the Town of Bedford to elect the Mayor. He would like to see the issue addressed before the next election and invited Town Manager Warner to submit any required paperwork to Richmond to revise the charter. Mayor Black said the subject could be put on an agenda for discussion sometime down the road but it is probably the first time some members have heard about it and they would need some time to mull it over before discussing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Black said he would see everyone next Tuesday night for the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting and adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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Tim Black, Mayor

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Debra Anderson, Clerk of the Council