



**Town Council
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022**

The Town Council of Bedford, Virginia, held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building at 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia.

Town Council members present:

Mayor Tim Black, Vice Mayor C. G. Stanley, Councilman Bob Carson, Councilman Stacey Hailey, Councilman Bruce Hartwick, Councilman Bruce Johannessen, Councilman Darren Shoen

Town Staff present:

Town Manager Bart Warner, Town Attorney Michael Lockaby, Clerk of Council Debra B. Anderson, and Recording Secretary Julia Peters

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and led all those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Black declared that the minutes of the Adjourned Meeting for the Budget Work Session of February 26, 2022, and the regularly scheduled Council meeting of March 8, 2022, were approved as presented.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Warner reported:

- The annual Spring Cleaning Week will be held April 4, 2022 through April 8, 2022. April has been designated as Clean-up Month, so any parties interested in sprucing up the Town can contact the Public Works department. They have prepared kits ready for distribution.

- On Monday, May 28, 2022, traffic in the 100 block of North Bridge Street will be impacted beginning at 9:00 a.m. to all for the installation of new HVAC equipment on top of the building at 102 North Bridge Street. The work is expected to take two hours.
- Congratulations to the new Finance Director, Anne Cantrell, and her family on the birth of her daughter, Clara, born Tuesday, March 15, 2022.
- Condolences to Mayor Black and his family on the passing of his mother, Carol Black. She was an extraordinary lady and a good friend to all, and she will be missed.

Mayor Black called members of the Bedford Woman’s Club forward and presented them with a copy of the following Proclamation. He read the Proclamation aloud for all attendees to hear.

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club was founded on March 2, 1972, by 23 local women signing a Charter to establish a volunteer organization to serve the residents of the Bedford, Virginia, area. The club evolved from the GFWC Bedford Junior Woman’s Club which itself began in 1951 - living a volunteer spirit, transforming lives each day, not simply with monetary donations, but with hands-on tangible projects that provide immediate impact. They also support many non-profit organizations in the areas of the Arts, Conservation, Education, Domestic Violence, Historic Preservation, Animal Welfare, Food Security, Health and Wellness; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club recognizes the need for the Arts in any community and the Club has supported the Little Town Players by monetary donations and volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club has adopted two overlooks along the Blue Ridge Parkway and maintains them on a continuous basis. Additionally, members recycle within their communities, are stewards of the land, plant wildlife habitats and cultivate native plants; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club members past and present are the authors of the “Critters in the Kitchen” series of cookbooks. The proceeds have been donated to the Children’s Room at the Bedford Public Library as well as other educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club recognizes National Child Abuse Awareness Month and did initiate and continues to support the Pinwheels for Awareness Campaign throughout the Town and County; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club recognizes that domestic violence can occur in any community. It has helped subsidized the Bedford Domestic Violence program both financially and through many hours of volunteering; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club recognizes the international importance of the National D-Day Memorial. It has supported the Memorial both financially and by volunteer service for many years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club began holding their annual Craft Show in the early 1970’s. Being the largest fundraiser of

the year, proceeds are shared with many organizations that also live the volunteer spirit as we do on a Local, National, and International level; and

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT DAY

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I, Tim Black, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Bedford, do hereby proclaim March 2nd each year as **LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT DAY** and call upon all citizens of the community to observe, reflect and commemorate the unselfishness of its citizens at that time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Bedford to be affixed this 22nd. day of March 2022.

Tim Black, Mayor

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Hartwick gave condolences to Mayor Black on losing his mother, Carol. She was an inspiration to all and well respected. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Black.

Councilman Johannessen added that Carol was a wonderful lady and will be missed by everyone.

He had attended a Central Virginia Planning District Commission meeting on March 17, 2022. A new Executive Director has been appointed effective June 1, 2022, to replace Gary Christie who is retiring. His name is Alex Brevenon and he is coming from Petersburg, VA, where he was Executive Director there.

Councilman Stanley extended condolences to Mayor Black and his family. Carol was a great community leader and he had known her for decades. Her legacy will live on.

Councilman Hailey also extended condolences and said Mrs. Black will be missed by the community. She was a great lady.

Councilman Shoen echoed the same and he knew Mrs. Black pretty well.

He is a member of the Bedford Planning Commission and wondered if the Council needed him to give an update of their meetings. Mayor Black said all Council members received the Planning Commission meeting minutes which keeps them abreast of the activities. Mr. Shoen said there

was a 3-3 tie on a vote recently regarding a spot zone where Harris Printing is located. Harris Printing has been in business for 50 years but it is not zoned Commercial, but R1E. The buyer wants to make a duplex which is not allowed. Although there are other duplexes there, to get it done, that one little lot of ¼ acre would have to be rezoned. Or a text change is needed to the actual zoning regulations to allow duplexes in that R1E. There will be changes made in the next 18 months which will allow the duplexes anyway. He abstained from the vote because he was not aware until that night that one of the real estate agents was Ronnie Gross, who had been an agent of Mr. Shoen's on the sale of some property and he was not sure if it was a conflict. He had learned from Mr. Lockaby that it was ok for him to vote so he was not sure if the tie vote would come before the Council. Mr. Lockaby said the Planning Commission has 60 days to make a recommendation or the item will move forward to the Council with a very soft recommendation of approval. Although it was not formally tabled but because it had a tie vote, the Planning Commission could bring it back and readdress it. Mr. Shoen said some things have been done but he was not sure if they had been grandfathered in. With such a mishmash of zoning issues, it is why the zoning regulations are being revised.

Air BNB's are also an ongoing concern in the Town and also need to be addressed. They are not supposed to be in R1 zones and the issue must be faced in the future.

Councilman Carson said both Mr. and Mrs. Black will be missed. They left a legacy, not just a family legacy, but a community one as well.

Mayor Black thanked all the Council members for their kind words. His parents loved serving the community and so did he.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Reappointment of Members – Local Board of Building Code Appeals (LBBCA)

Two member's terms on the LBBCA expire on April 30, 2022. Both current members have agreed to continue to serve on the LBBCA for an additional two-year term.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Council is requested to reappoint LBBCA members as follows:

- James Rose – two-year term to expire on April 30, 2024
- Jody Mayhew – two-year term to expire on April 30, 2024

Mr. Hailey moved, seconded by Mr. Stanley to reappoint the two above-listed LBBCA members.

Mayor Black said that Jody Mayhew was a Class A contractor in Town and James Rose was in building maintenance at the Bedford Hospital.

Voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote.

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

The motion carried with seven members voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

7:23 p.m.

Tim Black, Mayor

Debra Anderson, Clerk of the Council