



**Town Council
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022**

The Town Council of Bedford, Virginia, held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 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, Electric Department Director John Wagner, 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 budget work session and the regularly scheduled Council meeting of March 22, 2022, were approved as presented.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Bart Warner reported:

- Public Works crews are still working to pick up items related to Spring Clean-up Week. Last year, 87 tons of refuse was collected and so far this year, 101 tons has been collected.
- Citizens are asked to be mindful of the Spring Clean-up dates that are announced in advance so repeat visits to areas can be avoided. Item pick-up is still ongoing because

people say they are not aware of the dates when they see the crews and then put their items out for pick-up, causing Public Works to make second trips.

- The Electric Department will be rolling out an outage management system in May. It is designed to improve the sharing of information and increase communication with customers on the rare occasions of power outages. It should take some pressure off the phone system and dispatch.
- Mr. Ronnie Lewis will be sworn-in as Bedford's new Police Chief on Monday, May 16, 2022. The ceremony will take place in Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. and he will commence his duties immediately thereafter.
- There will be a planned power outage north of Town this Saturday morning for approximately two hours.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Hartwick welcomed Ronnie Lewis on-board. He is quite impressed with him and although no one can completely take Todd Foreman's place, Mr. Lewis will do a good job and the Town will be in excellent hands.

Councilman Stanley said Ronnie Lewis is a good hire and people that know him have said he will do well.

Councilman Shoen concurred and was glad they were able to hire a local person.

Councilman Carson said he was looking forward to meeting Mr. Lewis. He thanked Mr. Lawhorne and his team for responding to his safety situation and he appreciated their help.

Mayor Black welcomed Ronnie Lewis to Bedford as the new Police Chief and looked forward to working with him. He has heard nothing but good things about him and he is excited to have him on the Town's team. Also, he was able to attend the 90th birthday celebration of a retired Town policeman Bill Ishley on Saturday and gave a shout-out to him.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Hailey said the Christmas Lights Committee met a couple weeks ago and discussed what items have deteriorated and will need replacing. A suggestion was made at the meeting to add some Christmas banners intertwined with the lights for the future Christmas light displays. There will be another meeting this week to further discuss the matter.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Black read Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for the acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position for property on Monroe Street and Fuqua Mill Road.

Mr. Hailey moved, seconded by Mr. Hartwick, to enter into closed session.

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.

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Warner, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Lockaby remained present for the first item of the closed session.

Mr. Wagner departed the closed session at 7:23 p.m. while Council members, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Lockaby continued the closed session for the second item of discussion.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m.

The Recording Secretary 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 public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Johannessen, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. The roll call vote follows.

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

The motion carried with seven members voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Black adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Tim Black, Mayor

Debra Anderson, Clerk of the Council