



**Town Council
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022**

The Town Council of Bedford, Virginia, held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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, Police Chief Ronnie Lewis, Finance Director Anne Cantrell, 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/work session on May 17, 2022 and the regularly scheduled Council meeting of May 24, 2022, were approved as presented.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Bart Warner reported:

- Official Town ID badges have been issued. The need for them became obvious about a month ago when the Town experienced the chemical spill issue and was managing the emergency operation. It was decided to include all Town personnel. Each Council member received an ID badge with a lanyard and a clip for use in an official capacity.
- Condolences were extended to Mary Zirkle, Director of Planning and Community Development, on the passing of her father. Services will be held on June 24th in Vinton at

the Methodist Congregation and he asked meeting attendees to remember Ms. Zirkle and her family at their difficult time.

- Town offices will be closed Monday, June 20, 2022, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Teresa Hailey, 107 East Main Street, Bedford, VA

Mrs. Hailey invited Council members to her business grand opening at Studio 15 Salon on June 30th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. She and her husband have been working hard on a renovation project for the past four months. Her business has grown greatly in the last few years and her current space is 588 square feet while her new space will be 3,000 square feet. She thanked Council members for their time and she looked forward to seeing them at her salon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Carson wished everyone a happy Father's Day and he hoped they all enjoyed the day.

Councilman Shoen noted the death of Judge James Farmer on Sunday. He was a longtime General District Court judge in Bedford and he wanted to make Council members aware of his passing.

Councilman Hartwick said the D-Day celebration on June 6 was a nice event. Many people came out including Congressman Griffith. He liked the new ID badges and congratulated Mrs. Hailey on her salon's new location and wished her luck.

Mayor Black congratulated Mrs. Hailey and hoped to attend her Grand Opening. It was a busy weekend for the D-Day Memorial, and he attended the Bedford Boys' Tribute Center's wreath laying ceremony as well, which was a very nice event.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Shoen said the Finance Committee met earlier that evening and it was a good summary meeting with the new Finance Director Anne Cantrell. She provided committee members with a good review of the Town's situation, which was very educational and helpful. He was able to ask many questions and obtain good information from Mrs. Cantrell.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Black noted that a closed session would be added to the night's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Belltown Road Water Line ARPA Project

At its regular meeting on November 23, 2021, Council approved a resolution allocating a portion of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for constructing a water line along a certain portion of Belltown Road. The work is to be performed by the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) under a Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

BRWA has submitted cost estimates and 60% design plans for this project and requesting approval to proceed. The deadline for this activity is December 31, 2022. BRWA reports that they are ahead of schedule.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Town Council is requested to grant approval to BRWA to proceed with construction of a water line along a certain portion of Belltown Road as identified in the Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

Mr. Hailey moved, seconded by Mr. Hartwick, to grant approval to BRWA to proceed with construction of a water line along a certain portion of Belltown Road as identified in the Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

It was noted that as the work is completed, the receipts are submitted and paid. It could be identified as a reimbursable grant but if it goes over costs, BRWA will be responsible for the overrun.

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
Mr. Stanley	aye
Mayor Black	aye

The motion carried with seven members voting aye.

Town and Country Sewer Line ARPA Project

At its regular meeting on November 23, 2021, Council approved a resolution allocating a portion of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for sewer line repair and replacement in the Town and Country subdivision to be performed by the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA). The town also entered into a Grant Subrecipient Agreement with BRWA for the proposed work.

BRWA has submitted cost estimates and 60% design plans for this project and requesting approval to proceed. The deadline for this activity is December 31, 2022. BRWA reports that they are ahead of schedule.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Town Council is requested to grant approval to BRWA to proceed with the sewer line repair and replacement activity within the Town and Country subdivision area identified in the Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

Mr. Johannessen moved, seconded by Mr. Hartwick to grant approval to BRWA to proceed with the sewer line repair and replacement activity within the Town and Country subdivision area identified in the Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

Voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote.

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.

Mayor Black read Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Hailey moved, seconded by Mr. Stanley to enter into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote.

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

The motion carried with seven members voting aye.

Mr. Warner and Mr. Lockaby remained present for the closed session.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:40 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.

Mr. Hartwick moved, seconded by Mr. Carson, to adopt the resolution.

Voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote.

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

The motion carried with seven members voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

7:41 p.m.

Tim Black, Mayor

Debra Anderson, Clerk of the Council