The Bedford Town Council of the Town of Bedford held a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Municipal Building Council Hall.

**Town Council members present:**
Mayor Steve Rush, Vice Mayor Tim Black, Councilman Stacey Hailey, Councilman Bryan Schley, Councilman Darren Shoen and Councilman Robert Wandrei

**Town Council members absent:**
Councilman Bruce Johannessen

**Town Staff present:**
Town Manager Bart Warner, Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes, Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV, Director of Public Works D. W. Lawhorne and Mary Boone Recording Secretary

**Town Staff absent:**
None.

Mayor Rush opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Rush declared that the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on May 28, 2019, were approved as distributed.

**REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER:**

Town Manager Bart Warner reported:

- I was pleased we were able to welcome so many visitors to Town on and around June 6th. I thought the entire community put forth a really great showing. We got some really good publicity and I want to particularly thank my colleagues with the Town for their efforts, hard work and their role in making it a very successful event and a week’s worth of events.
▪ Our local high school softball team captured the State Championship in softball. They have a request for street closure for a parade to celebrate that achievement on August 9th, allowing for summer travel of the team members as well as kick off for the school year. That request is before you and I would ask that you consider that tonight.

▪ Our police department has been selected to participate in an exchange program with their cohorts in Cary, North Carolina. The department basically will be learning more about a program focusing on citizen engagement that Cary has going on. They will be coming here and learning what we do as well.

▪ Repair and improvements on Poplar Park will commence sometime within the next month. We finally have the necessary approvals to divert the creek and put the pipe in from the Army Corps of Engineers and we will move forward.

▪ Update on the Bedford Middle School. The utilities have been transferred to the Lessee. There is activity ongoing, we have seen some surveyor’s onsite. We are anxiously awaiting information from Waukeshaw so we can complete the other items related to the performance agreement.

▪ The Town offices will be closed on Thursday July 4th and Friday July 5th of next week in observance of the State holiday scheduled.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL:

Lindsay Webb      1109 Coles Creek Rd.      Rocky Mount, Virginia

Hi, my name is Lindsay Webb and my address is 1109 Coles Creek Rd. Rocky Mount, Virginia. I am here to speak on behalf of the conditional use permit that is before you this evening. I am the property owner of the property and you may hear from the applicant later this evening. I just wanted to reiterate my support for the application. I provided a proper authorization letter for the packet for the conditional use permit. I just wanted to offer my support for that and my husband is here as well. We think it is a great use and a way to support economic development in a transitional area on a major corridor in Bedford.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Rush – I will report that I was in France during D-Day and it was a marvellous event. I missed all of the great events here. About 20 – 25 of those folks from France are going to be here next October.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Electric Committee – Councilman Schley
We had electric committee yesterday and we reviewed the summary on Capital Improvement Projects which seem to be moving along swimmingly. We also discussed some future items that hopefully will impact our rates in a good way in the future. We will continue that work.

Finance Committee – Vice Mayor Black

The Finance Committee met as well. We went over the reports through the end of May. We were a little behind but Sonia has assured us we are catching up on the revenue side. We are hoping to show a small surplus by the end of the fiscal year.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Add closed sessions to discuss a contract and personnel matters. The street closure will be moved to new business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Town Manager Bart Warner read aloud the following Public Hearing Notice:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 East Main Street for the purpose of:

Section 702 Off-street parking, driveways, and entrances.

702.03. Parking requirements: Limited Business District B-1, Limited Professional District LP, and Central Neighborhood Workplace CNW.

In cases in which either existing lot or building sizes prohibit feasible satisfaction of the requirements related to minimum off-street parking, driveways, and/or entrances within the Limited Business District (B-1), Limited Professional District (LP), and the Central Neighborhood Workplace District (CNW) the Zoning Administrator may adjust or waive the parking requirements for either new or established permitted uses based on the following considerations:

a. The proximity of public parking (either on- or off-street) that could practically accommodate the use, building, and/or lot in question may be considered to satisfy the Town’s interests as represented by this section.
b. Within the LP district the development requirements for parking may be waived only if access to a minimum of two permanent off-street parking spaces can be demonstrated.

c. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a written statement documenting the reasons for any adjustment or waiver issued in conjunction with this section. For all activities requiring a zoning permit, the written statement shall be attached to said permit.

Information is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to the request will have an opportunity to express his/her views at this hearing.

Mayor Rush opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

There being no one come forward, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 East Main Street for the purpose of:

- Consideration of a request for a conditional use permit for a home occupation for a cosmetic tattooing studio located at 898 Burks Hill Road, Bedford, VA (Tax Parcel 252 3 A1 T). The requester is Sun Dog Studios, 898 Burks Hill Road, Bedford, VA 24523.

Information regarding this request is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to the request will have an opportunity to express his/her views at this hearing.

Mayor Rush opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Jennifer Gilley  898 Burks Hill Road  Bedford, Virginia 24523

I would like to thank you for having me here tonight. My name is Jennifer Gilley and my address is 898 Burks Hill Road Bedford, Virginia. My fiance’ and I just moved to the area and he is going to be a Lynchburg Police Officer, he just got sworn in on Friday. I am looking to open my business and start my family here in Bedford. I grew up my summers around here. Surgical cosmetic tattooing, if it was not for the surgical tattooing I would not have to stand in front of you today, but, because it is below the collar bone the Health Department requires me to meet the
tattoo studio standards and because of the zoning laws I have to came in front of you today to get approval. If it was just cosmetic above the collar bone I could open up a salon or esthetician studio. I am looking to over something in the area that is hard to find. There are a few artists in Lynchburg that do the same thing and one other in Roanoke. I feel this is something that could be really positive for the community. We are very community driven in my family. If you have any questions about what I do I am happy to answer them. It is going to be something small, I will work with one or two clients per day. It is going to be private, appointment only. There is not going to be foot traffic. I will be working with the local cancer societies and just try to be a positive member of the community.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

(One Year Lease to the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.)

Notice is hereby given that Town Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, located at 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, on June 25, 2019, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 concerning a one year lease to the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., of the building and lot at 305 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed Lease is on file and available for inspection in the office of the Town Manager at 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia. Any person interested in the Lease may appear at the public hearing and present his or her views.

Mr. Warner stated we have a lease that expires this month, however, the Town continues to work with the Chamber to allow them to continue what they are doing and we anticipate they will be coming forward with a different and exciting proposal in the coming months. Essentially this is not going be an action item tonight based on that information.

Mayor Rush opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

There being no one come forward, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gateway Signage
Looking at an area located on private property before Shiloh Church Road and will need an easement from the landowner. The landowner has granted permission and has not requested any monies. It is the consensus of Council to proceed.
NEW BUSINESS:

Street Closing Request from Liberty High School

Lori Mattson (athletic director at Liberty High School) has requested a closure of streets for a parade to recognize our state champion Liberty High School softball team. The parade would begin at 5:30 PM on Friday, August 9th and proceed along the following route:

Staging will take place on College Street, with the first entry at the corner of College and Peaks, stretching down to Bedford Primary School. The parade will then commence to the right on to Peaks Street, right on to North Bridge Street, and left on to East Main Street with the route ending at the Town Municipal Building.

The date also coincides with an observance of the Second Friday event for that month. The organizers of Second Friday have been contacted and indicated their support for the parade as proposed.

It was also discussed that Terry Austin wants to attend, Senator Newman wants to attend. We had talked that maybe that is when we read our proclamation. I think there will be a little bit of a program. It is also the night of the 2nd Friday program and when they come out we encourage them to stick around. E-mails have been sent to all the 2nd Friday participants. We will reach out to the County.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved to close the above streets for the parade route. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Black        aye
Councilman Hailey        aye
Councilman Johannessen   absent
Councilman Schley        aye
Councilman Shoem         aye
Councilman Wandrei       aye
Mayor Rush              aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye, one member absent.

Ordinance - Amendment of Section 702.03 of the Land Development Regulations – Off-street Parking Requirements

PRESENTATION:
In recognition of the unique building and site planning situation that exists in historic Centertown, the Zoning Ordinance has a provision that allows the Zoning Administrator to waive the typical off-street parking requirements that would be applicable. The current language is very broad in terms of the Administrator’s discretion – although the current application is very narrow in terms of the specific districts involved. Staff has drafted a proposed amendment that is designed to make the potential for waivers more broadly applicable in the Centertown area while also requiring a greater degree of documentation related to such requests.

At its regular meeting on May 2, 2019, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing related to the proposed amendment. No one spoke at the public hearing. After discussion of the matter at its June 6, 2019, a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment was passed unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission that Town Council adopt the following ordinance that would amend Section 702.03 of the Land Development Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding parking downtown you are not eligible to get that parking on the street, is that correct? If you have off street parking.

Mr. Warner responded well you could be depending on the intensity of your use. One thing in issuing written findings is that we want to keep track of the number of spaces that we apply this waiver to so we don’t run out of spaces.

On a motion by Councilman Shoen, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved to adopt the ordinance that would amend Section 702.03 of the Land Development Regulations. Roll call vote follows:

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The motion carries with six members voting aye, one member absent.

The ordinance is as follows:
Ordinance No. 7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 702.03 OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD,
VIRGINIA:

Section 1. Section 702 of the Land Development Regulations of the Town of Bedford,
Virginia, is amended and re-enacted as follows:

Section 702 Off-street parking, driveways, and entrances.

702.03. Parking requirements: Limited Business District B-1, Limited
Professional District LP, and Central Neighborhood Workplace CNW.

In cases in which either existing lot or building sizes prohibit feasible
satisfaction of the requirements related to minimum off-street parking,
driveways, and/or entrances within the Limited Business District (B-1), Limited
Professional District (LP), and the Central Neighborhood Workplace District
(CNW) the Zoning Administrator may adjust or waive the parking requirements
for either new or established permitted uses based on the following
considerations:

a. The proximity of public parking (either on- or off-street) that could
practically accommodate the use, building, and/or lot in question may
be considered to satisfy the Town’s interests as represented by this
section.

b. Within the LP district the development requirements for parking may be
waived only if access to a minimum of two permanent off-street
parking spaces can be demonstrated.

c. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a written statement documenting the
reasons for any adjustment or waiver issued in conjunction with this
section. For all activities requiring a zoning permit, the written
statement shall be attached to said permit.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

Ordinance – Conditional Use Permit – Cosmetic Tattooing Studio (Home Occupation)
PRESENTATION:

Jennifer Gilley, who lives at 898 Burks Hill Road (Tax Parcel 252 3 A T) has requested a conditional use permit to operate a cosmetic tattooing studio within her home. Although the general regulations for tattoo parlors apply to her business, she actually offers a specialized set of services that are medically developed and targeted for specific customers (such as those who have undergone chemotherapy and/or reconstructive surgery, for example).

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at its meeting on June 6, 2019. In addition to Ms. Gilley, Mrs. Lindsey Blankenship Webb spoke in favor of the request.

After thorough discussion of the matter, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit with specific limitation on the activities allowed in conjunction with it by a unanimous vote.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Town Council is requested to adopt the ordinance approving the conditional use permit for a cosmetic tattooing studio in conjunction with a home occupation at 898 Burks Hill Road.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Shoen, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved to adopt the following ordinance approving the conditional use permit for a cosmetic tattooing studio in conjunction with a home occupation at 898 Burks Hill Road. Roll call vote follows:

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The motion carries with six members voting aye, one member absent

The ordinance is as follows:

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COSMETIC TATTOOING STUDIO IN CONJUNCTION WITH A HOME OCCUPATION
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Town of Bedford held a public hearing on June 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held a public hearing after notice was given in the Bedford Bulletin once a week for two successive weeks as required by Virginia Code 15.2-2204;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA that a conditional use permit is granted to Jennifer Gilley for the property located at 898 Burks Hill Road (identified as tax parcel 252 3 A T) to allow a cosmetic tattooing studio in conjunction with a home occupation with the condition that the activity associated with the use shall be limited to the following:

1. Eyeliner enhancements (full and partial);
2. Natural brow stroke enhancements;
3. Full lip tinting and lip lining;
4. Micro needling/skin needling (to soften wrinkles and remove brown spots);
5. Tattoo covering;
6. Scar reduction and camouflaging;
7. Areola tattooing; and
8. Scalp stippling.

This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Discussion ensued as follows:

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6-E-1: Conduct assessment of the condition of all currently vacant buildings to identify potential code issues and need for abatement. Time line of 1-3 years.
We have a building official that can do that directly.

6-E-2: Reassess zoning for Westgate Shopping Center to support possible identification as an employment center. Time line 2-3 years.
Nothing formal has been done there, but, it is on the work plan. We have reached out to the owner, the Covington Group out of Richmond, Peebles is one of their good anchor tenants and they recently signed a 20 year lease.

6-E-3: Establish a goal of attracting 50 new businesses of 20 employees each and begin to track and report progress toward reaching it.
We are on track We only have 4 vacant buildings downtown. Are there any tools needed by Council to make this happen?
6-E-4: Identify period up until July 1, 2023 as a targeted growth phase for the community and extend sunset clauses related to incentives to that date.
This is done.

6-E-5: Collect data from existing large employers related to their suppliers and allied businesses to develop a list of targets for economic development.
Ongoing task.

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6-LU-1: Formally change the name of the Land Development Regulations to “Zoning Ordinance.”
We have not taken that action yet but it won’t be hard to do.

6-LU-2: Establish and implement “Employment Center” as a use permitted by in all non-residential zoning classifications. The definition of this use should be make specific reference to safety and environmental compliance (such as activities regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, for example) as well as requirements for wage levels (such as providing a minimum number of jobs at 175% of the established federal minimum wage).
The way our zoning works currently is that it segregates things by use and attempts to identify every possible use we can think of. A perfect example is something we haven’t really anticipated is the cosmetic tattoo business that is regulated as a tattoo parlor but it is really not a tattoo parlor. Whenever a business comes in that is looking for a site in a non-residential area we are going to bend over backwards to accommodate them. The criteria we use is how many people are you going to employee and what is the wage. We do that now but instead of having to talk to businesses and make them go through a re-zoning process we are looking to add that as a use in every non-residential category. Our community values business.

6-LU-3: Evaluate R-1 district provisions to assess their ability to protect and preserve the character of single family residential development. Compile and publish results.
We are in the middle of that process now.

6-LU-4: Undertake development of a small area plan focusing on the South Bridge Street corridor from the intersection with Main Street southward to the Bedford Science and Technology Center.
School to School

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6-T-1: Formally adopt a plan to provide access to passenger rail transportation as an appendix to this Comprehensive Plan. The plan developed by the Bedford/Franklin Regional Rail Initiative is recommended as a baseline document for this task.
We are awaiting State participation.
6-T-2:
Initiate discussion with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to develop a plan and program for a passenger rail stop that could serve as an alternate to the current model for operation of passenger rail stations as well as a potential pilot project. This has been discussed.

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6-T3: Assess Town’s ability to allocate resources on an annual basis to develop a fund for construction and maintenance of sidewalks on every public street. Compile and publish results. We are doing this.

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4. Former City Services Assumed by County
This needs to be updated.

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6-CD-1: Create a form or system to track and report data related to the number of individuals who live in Town and work here, who live in Town but work elsewhere, and who live elsewhere but work in Town.
Working on it.

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6-CD-2: Create a fund to pay the registration fees for Town students who sit for the National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam.
Budget request will be submitted next year for that.

6-CD-3: Create a form or system to collect data from employers regarding their workforce training and/or staffing needs.
Ms. Zirkle is working on that. Work force development.

6-CD-4: Create a fund to pay at least a portion of the registration fees for citizens who participate in programs administered by the Bedford County Recreation Department.
Next year’s budget proposal.

6-CD-5: Create a form or system to track and report the place of origin for tourists and other visitors to Town.
I think we will confer with the tourism office.

6-CD-6: Facilitate discussion between participants in the Artisan Trail, institutions of higher learning dedicated to art and design, and representatives from the development community in order to identify possible areas for collaboration and synergy. 1-3 years.
That is underway and the School to School process captured quite a bit of that.

Building Official
We have done that.
Amend the R-1 district provision to eliminate prohibition of residential uses on Main Street level of Centertown.
We had that discussion at the Planning Commission level and we are not going to pursue that.

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6-CF-4: Initiate discussion with Bedford County Public Schools about the possibility of acquiring the recreational facilities located on Bedford Avenue and/or incorporating them into the Town’s system of public parks.
The County is taking care of that.

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6-C-1: Explore opportunities for improvements to the Highway 460 corridor in a manner similar to the work along the Lynchburg Expressway. Document and publish findings.
Gateway Signage is part of that.

6-C-2: Develop an improvement project for the area of Longwood Avenue between its intersection with Oak Street and Oakwood Street that would replace the existing wide asphalt area with a landscaped median. Document and publish findings.
Just need to get that started, get a design that works with the correct trees that work with the power lines.

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15-CD-7: Create database designed to capture information about why people live in Bedford (with a beginning focus on the origins of newcomers and the reasons why natives stay).
We are working on this.

15-CD-8: Initiate development of a data system (such as a computer application) that will evolve into an informational system that is readily accessible, valuable, and constantly alive.
We have a relatively new website, we have a mobile app, we have Facebook. We talked about publishing a monthly report of staff’s activities. In this day and age with so many different ways to communicate I’m a little frustrated that we have so many we are not reaching. We can’t capture all the ways people want to receive information.

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15-CF-6: Construct a three story parking deck on the Town-owned property at Market Square. This structure should be designed to include an exterior building façade that matches current Centertown architecture, an open top (creating a fourth level of parking), and a physical connection to provide joint access to the upper floors of the buildings adjacent lots.
Just let me know when you want to put it in the budget proposal. It will be expensive. We need to get serious about parking.

Develop and implement a separate administrative department focused on maintaining, improving and promoting all Town owned Park facilities.
D. W. Lawhorne does a great job and works very hard to do it. We are doing great stuff at Liberty Lake Park. Where do we go next? We have a lot of parks here and anything we can do to keep bringing them back to life. That is basically an operational thing. When we feel like we need more help personnel wise, we will bring that to your attention.

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15-C-5: Develop and implement a plan for a greenway along Little Otter River connecting Highway 43 and Route 122. This would serve a practical purpose as a bicycle and pedestrian connection between these two thoroughfares as well as providing a passive recreational facility in the northern portion of Town.

Bike plan. We want to pursue one grant.

Mayor Rush read Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (29) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract and terms or scope of the contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Schley, the motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Schley aye
Councilman Shoen aye
Councilman Wandrei aye
Vice Mayor Black aye
Councilman Hailey aye
Councilman Johanessen absent
Mayor Rush aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Non-Council members present: Town Manager Bart Warner, Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes, Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV, Director of Public Works D. W. Lawhorne and Mary Boone Recording Secretary

Council reconvened into open session at 8:04 p.m.

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

On a motion by Councilman Schley, seconded by Councilman Hailey, the motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Shoen aye
The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

On a motion by Councilman Schley, seconded by Vice Mayor Black, Council approved to adopt a contract proposed by William W. Berry, IV, Esq. Roll call vote follows:

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Mayor Rush  
aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Black to allow the Chamber to extend their lease on a month to month basis until further discussion, seconded by Councilman Hailey Council. Roll call vote follows:

- Councilman Hailey  
aye
- Councilman Johannessen  
absent
- Councilman Schley  
aye
- Councilman Shoem  
aye
- Councilman Wandrei  
aye
- Vice Mayor Black  
aye
- Mayor Rush  
aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

Mayor Rush read Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel concerning litigation.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Schley, the motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

- Councilman Johannessen  
absent
- Councilman Schley  
aye
- Councilman Shoem  
aye
- Councilman Wandrei  
aye
- Vice Mayor Black  
aye
- Councilman Hailey  
aye
- Mayor Rush  
aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

Non-Council members present: Town Manager Bart Warner, Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes, Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV, Director of Public Works D. W. Lawhorne and Mary Boone Recording Secretary

Council reconvened into open session at 8:27 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 Shoen, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Schley   aye
Councilman Shoen    aye
Councilman Wandrei  aye
Vice Mayor Black    aye
Councilman Hailey   aye
Councilman Johannessen absent
Mayor Rush          aye

The motion carries with six members voting aye and one member absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Rush adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.