



Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019

The Bedford Town Council of the Town of Bedford held a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, July 9, 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 Bruce Johannessen, Councilman Bryan Schley, Councilman Darren Shoen and Councilman Robert Wandrei

Town Council members absent:

None

Town Staff present:

Town Manager Bart Warner, Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes, Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV 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 June 25, 2019, were approved as distributed.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER:

Town Manager Bart Warner reported:

- National Night Out event sponsored by our Police Department is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

- The fiscal year 2019-2020 budget has been published. My thanks and compliments to Ms. Jammes for producing a very informative and user friendly document.
- Thunderstorm season is upon us and we have had some electric outages recently due to lightning strikes. This is an ongoing concern given the time of year we are in, but, just wanted to advise you and the public that we pledge to minimize those negative impacts and restore power on the rare occasion that it does go out as soon as possible.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Hailey – The Town did a great job with the fireworks.

Vice Mayor Black – Same comment as Councilman Hailey. I received numerous compliments on the fireworks.

Councilman Schley – Before the Works was a great event.

Mayor Rush – I went to a meeting today with Mary with tourism and D Day. We are going to have the softball parade for the State Champions on August 9th, we have approved the road closures. They will be here by 6:00 p.m. roughly. The same day at about 3:00 p.m. we are going to hopefully dedicated the plaque at the cemetery for the Bedford Boys that should be up by then according to Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Cheek. After we do our presentations they are introducing a trolley that will be coming around every quarter.

My comments are the same regarding the 4th of July events.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Reappointment of Member – Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board

The term of Chief Todd Foreman on the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board expires on August 31, 2019. Chief Foreman has expressed a willingness to serve another term on the Board, which will be a three-year term, if reappointed by Council.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Council is requested to reappoint Chief Todd Foreman to the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term, said term to expire August 31, 2022.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Shoen, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved to reappoint Chief Todd Foreman to the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term, said term to expire August 31, 2022. Roll call vote follows:

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

The motion carries with all members voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Rush presented Reverend Henry A. Henderson and his wife, Helen Henderson with the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, Reverend Henry A. Henderson has, through his ministry and community activities, served the Bedford area as a leader and dedicated citizen for over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henderson and his wife, Helen, began their Christian ministry in Bedford, Virginia fifty years ago at Washington Street Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henderson has served the entire Bedford community in numerous capacities, including initiating a weekly radio ministry on WBLT, leading efforts to create the Shepherd's Table Ministry, serving as a member of the Prison Ministry Team counseling youth and adults in detention facilities, serving as a member and leader of the Bedford Branch NAACP, serving as Vice-President of the Bedford City and County Voters' League, and as a member of the Bedford Christian Ministries efforts to serve the needy in our community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henderson has brought his leadership and management skills to his church organization by serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Baptist State Convention, an instructor of the Sunday School Union of Lynchburg and area churches, as Field Director of the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Virginia, a teacher in the Peaks of Otter Sunday School Convention, a moderator of the Peaks of Otter Baptist Association, and as a member of the Board of Managers of the Virginia University of Lynchburg,; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henderson has led Washington Street Baptist Church during his ministry that has witnessed new construction of additional classrooms and a new fellowship hall, remodeling of the sanctuary, a church parking area that is handicapped accessible and additional buildings through his ministry the congregation of Washington Street Baptist Church has provided excellent leadership in a variety of ways to the Bedford community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE C. RUSH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Bedford, Virginia do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 13, 2019, as a day for the citizens of the greater Bedford community to honor Reverend and Mrs. Henry A. Henderson as dedicated spiritual, church and community leaders and to honor the fifty years of service that this fine man and woman have given to benefit Bedford, Virginia.

Town of Bedford Equal Opportunity Employer Statement

PRESENTATION:

The Town's written position on Equal Opportunity needs to be updated on a regular basis. When approved by Town Council, the signed written statement is posted on the Town's Legal Posting Board in the Municipal Building.

Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the updated Equal Opportunity Statement.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Town Council is requested to approve the written statement as the Town's position on Equal Opportunity.

On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Schely, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the written statement as the Town's position on Equal Opportunity. Roll call vote follows:

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

The motion carries with all members voting aye.

The Town of Bedford Equal Opportunity Employer Statement:

The Town of Bedford is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and hereby affirms that it is the policy of the Town to maintain and promote equal opportunity and diversity for all employees, applicants for employment and contractors in accordance with the relevant federal and State Laws.

The Town will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, ancestry, or citizenship status.

In support of a diverse workforce, decisions as to hiring, promotion and other aspects of the employment relationship will be based solely upon job related qualifications.

The Town will not tolerate any kind of harassment of employees or retaliation against an employee who brings a complaint forward. Allegations of harassment will be taken seriously, promptly investigated, and appropriate action taken depending on the severity of the situation.

Mayor Rush announced that training for the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act is October 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Municipal Building Council Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Rush adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.