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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., March 27, 2018.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Vice Mayor Tim Black; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Bruce M. Johannessen; Councilman Steve C. Rush; and Councilman Bryan Schley

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Barrett Warner; Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

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

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes the February 27, 2018, adjourned meeting; the minutes of the March 13, 2018, adjourned meeting; and the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 13, 2018, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Warner asked that an item be added to the Consent Agenda for a street closing as follows: to close Bedford Avenue Extension from just below the driveway into the Health Department to the top of the hill just before Bedford Primary School on April 7 and 8 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a girls ball tournament. The request was made by Andy Dooley.

Mayor Wandrei added the item to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Warner reported that Senator Mark Warner is hosting a community event on March 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Welcome Center.

Department Head Reports:

D. W. Lawhorne, Director of Public Services, reported on the following: the Farmer's Market Committee met earlier in the day in preparation for the market's upcoming season, which will begin on Tuesday, May 1; the Saturday market will open on May 5. Mr. Lawhorne stated improvements have been made to the market in preparation for this year's season: installed some electrical outlets for the food trucks to use instead of generators; changed some signage and installed a new handicap ramp. He said the KBBC will be having a community cleanup on April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Sonia Jammes, Assistant Town Manager, stated Council should have received the financials for the month of February. She said the Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the following: financials; fiscal transparency and potentially starting to post those financials on a monthly basis on the Town's website.

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Chief of Police Todd Foreman spoke about the following: there will be a foot race on April 14 around the loop and the roads will be closed around the loop that morning: Lt. Walker is going to be conducting two bike schools for the officers in Bedford and for officers from other jurisdictions, one in April and one in June; the Community Day will be held on May 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Edmund Street Park.

Electric Director John Wagner reported on the following: there are no peak alerts; the Centerville structure rebuilding is underway, some switching will be done that will change the way the electric system is taking electricity delivery from AEP and AMP – it will take about six weeks for that to be completed; the department is working on the Route 43 line relocation; and everything has been received for the electric vehicle charging station.

Mayor Wandrei announced that Clerk of Council Hatcher has announced her retirement as of May 31, 2018. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Hatcher for her service and said he appreciated everything she has done.

The Mayor asked Town Manager Warner to put an ad in the newspaper advertising for the position of Clerk of Council.

Councilman Schley, Main Street Design Committee, said the construction of the D-Day Walking Tour Station at the intersection of Crenshaw Street and West Main Street has started and that project should be wrapping in about three weeks. Mr. Schley said the committee is also working with D-Day on the possibility of a statue in downtown Bedford.

Councilman Carson said there will be an anti-bullying rally at the BSTC gym on April 7 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. He invited members of Council to attend.

Councilman Johannessen, Region 2000 representative, said there was a meeting last week and the following items were discussed: the Region 2000 Council agreed to provide money for a study of sidewalks and bike lanes in the Town of Bedford; there is a study going on as to whether or not Region 2000 should change its name; a study is being done on what Region 2000 does and whether or not it is operating in an efficient and orderly manner.

Mayor Wandrei reported that there is going to be a dedication of the new Army Reserve Center in April.

Councilman Johannessen, Chairman of the Property Committee, reported the Property Committee met and discussed Town properties and what to do with those properties.

Vice Mayor Black, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the committee met on March 26. Mr. Black said the financial reports are looking good.

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Councilman Schley, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said the committee met and discussed the bunk-in program and the benefits of it; the committee decided to have quarterly meetings with Public Safety in order to stay in contact with the Police and Fire Departments on any needs they may have in the future.

Councilman Schley, Chairman of the Electric Committee, said the committee met and discussed the Renewable Energy Credit Program and some of the other programs coming out of there.

Clerk of Council Hatcher read aloud the following Public Hearing Notice:

**NOTICE
SYNOPSIS OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2018 TO June 30, 2019
TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Council Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hall of the Town Municipal Building in relation to the budget for the Town of Bedford for Fiscal Year 2018-19, at which time any citizen of the Town shall have the right to attend and state his or her views. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection during normal office hours in the office of the Town Manager and the office of the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Wandrei opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 at 7:17 p.m.

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

The Clerk of Hatcher read aloud the following Notice of Public Hearing:

Town of Bedford
Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Fee Increase

A public hearing will be conducted by the Town Council in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Town Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, and beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, to receive comments on proposed ordinances increasing certain fees for the Tax Year 2019. These fees are to support and fund the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The proposed increased fees are set forth below:

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	<u>Current FY</u>	<u>Proposed FY</u>
	2017-2018	2018-2019
Town Residential	\$18.00	\$20.00
	<u>Current FY</u>	<u>Proposed FY</u>
	2017-2018	2018-2019
Town Residential (2 Carts)	\$21.00	\$23.00
County Residential	\$20.47	\$22.47
County Residential (2 Carts)	\$23.47	\$25.47
Commercial (RC03)	\$31.11	\$33.11
Commercial (RC03-2)	\$59.21	\$61.21
Commercial (RC04)	\$218.48	\$220.48
Commercial (RC05)	\$68.58	\$70.58
Commercial (RC06)	\$77.95	\$79.95
Commercial (RC07)	\$949.22	\$951.22
Commercial (RC08)	\$864.91	\$866.91
Commercial (RC09)	\$424.59	\$426.59
Commercial (RC10)	\$224.44	\$226.44

There are no proposed increases in the following tax rates:

Real Estate	\$0.32 per \$100 assessed valuation
Mobile Homes	\$0.32 per \$100 assessed valuation
Public Service Corporations	\$0.32 per \$100 assessed valuation
General Tangible Personal Property	\$1.06 > \$20,000 assessed valuation \$0.00 < \$20,000 assessed valuation
Business Tangible Personal Property	\$.000001
Machinery & Tools	\$.000001
Motor Carriers	\$.000001
One Vehicle Owned by Disabled Veteran	\$.000001
Motor Vehicles (more than 30 seating)	\$.000001
Meals Tax	5.5%
Lodging (Transient Occupancy) Tax	5.0%

A full copy of the proposed ordinances is available for public review in the Office of the Town Manager, Town Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia.

By Order of the Bedford Town Council
Teresa W. Hatcher, Clerk

Mayor Wandrei opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

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Mr. Bruce Hartwick, 418 West Franklin Street, spoke against raising fees and taxes.

Mayor Wandrei closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- Request by Bedford Main Street, Inc. to close the following streets on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

East Main Street from Court Street to Bridge Street
West Main Street from Bridge Street to just after the Presbyterian Church
South Street from Main Street to Washington Street
Court Street from Main to Plunkett Street
South Bridge Street from Main to Washington
North Bridge Street from Main to the Town lot south of Railroad Bridge
East Depot Street to Court Street

- Request by Andy Dooley to close Bedford Avenue Extension from just below the driveway into the Health Department to the top of the hill just before Bedford Primary School on April 7 and 8 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a girls ball tournament.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.