

March 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:10 p.m., March 28, 2017.

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town 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.

Town Manager Kolakowski recognized Jessica Hott, civics and economics teacher at Bedford Middle School.

Ms. Hott stated that Mayor Wandrei and Assistant Town Manager Warner spoke at the Middle School. Ms. Hott said that as a civics teacher she has stressed the importance of being an active participant and informed citizen of Bedford County. Ms. Hott said she invited the students to attend the meeting to see what a Council meeting is all about.

The Mayor presented the students and Ms. Hott with “Keys to the Town” lapel pins and invited the students back to attend a meeting.

The Town Manager reported on the following:

- Nineteen students at Bedford Science and Technology Center (BSTC) qualified for state level Skills USA Competition: Teachers for Tomorrow student Emma Hayes won two first place honors in state level competition; nine students were inducted into the National Honor Society representing programs in automotive technology, cosmetology, nurse’s aides, LPN, and early childhood education. A Virginia Health Occupation Students of America HOSTA, Olivia Stutz, was elected Virginia’s HOSTA Secretary and will serve in this officer role at the state level.
- The Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce will be having its Spring Job Fair on May 17 at the Central Virginia Community College Bedford campus.
- The Governor signed legislation on regulations for Airbnb facilities in Virginia, basically allowing towns to pass certain regulations on Airbnb facilities – discussions should be held on how to handle that situation.

On motion by Councilman Hailey and seconded by Councilman Schley the minutes of the February 14, 2017, regular Council meeting were approved as submitted.

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On motion by Councilman Hailey and seconded by Councilman Johannessen the minutes of the February 21, 2017, adjourned meeting were approved as submitted.

On motion by Councilman Hailey and seconded by Councilman Johannessen the minutes of the February 28, 2017, work session were approved as corrected and submitted.

On motion by Councilman Hailey and seconded by Councilman Johannessen the minutes of the February 28, 2017, regular meeting were approved as submitted.

Councilman Black, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on March 27 and discussed electric bond refinancing.

Mayor Wandrei opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2017 at 7:23 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.

**NOTICE  
SYNOPSIS OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2017 TO June 30, 2018  
TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Council Tuesday, March 28th 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 2017-18, 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.

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported that the Boys With A Dream Board of Directors is requesting permission to hold the first “Boys With A Dream Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk” on Saturday, April 29, 2017, and to block the following streets from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

The course will start at the Bedford Middle School, exit onto Peaks Street, turn right on Whitfield Drive and left onto Oakwood Street. The 5K will continue down Oakwood Street for .28K more and turn around. Once the runners are heading back toward town on Oakwood Street, they will turn right onto Longwood Avenue and continue toward Bedford Middle School entering at the upper Longwood Avenue entrance.

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The Town Manager said they would like to request that the right lane of traffic be closed off with cones beginning at Longwood Baptist Church, and continuing to Elm Street on Longwood Avenue. Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the closing of the above streets for the first “Boys With A Dream Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk” from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on April 29, 2017.

On motion by Councilman Schley, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the request of the Boys With A Dream Board of Directors to close streets on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the first “Boys With A Dream Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk” from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on April 29, 2017. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Town Manager said that USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia is hosting a tournament for girls ages 8 – 12 on May 29 and 30, 2017, and is requesting that Council authorize the closing of the following streets:

Block off Bedford Avenue Extension from in front of the Health Department to the Primary School beginning at 7:00 a.m. and closing at 1:00 p.m. each day.

Mr. Kolakowski stated that they expect around 20 teams to participate and will also be using Liberty Lake Park and the Moose fields. They will notify the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department of the street closings. Suitable public service announcements regarding these closings will be placed on the radio and in the newspaper. The residents of the affected streets will also be notified and will have ingress and egress to their homes. Council was requested to close the above streets for a USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia Tournament on May 29 and 30, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. and closing at 1:00 p.m. each day.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Schley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the request to close the above streets for a USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia Tournament on May 29 and 30, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. and closing at 1:00 p.m. each day. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Schley	aye

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Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Bill Moseley, Manager of Properties Group of Bedford said the group owns and renovates a number of buildings which are in Centertown Bedford. He asked Council to be the group's advocate in a matter concerning a sewer backup at 110 North Bridge Street. Mr. Moseley explained the situation as it unfolded, spoke about the people he had talked with, and asked for Council's help in resolving the problem.

Mayor Wandrei directed the Town Manager to try again to give Mr. Moseley and the other people relief.

Town Manager Kolakowski stated that Town Council currently meets in workshop sessions on the evenings of the second regularly scheduled Council meetings. Council is requested to begin holding additional workshop sessions on the evenings of the first regularly scheduled Council meeting starting April 11, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and continue through December 12, 2017. Council was requested to adopt the Resolution holding additional Town Council Workshop Sessions through December 12, 2017.

Councilman Hailey moved that Council adopt the resolution holding additional Town Council Workshop Sessions through December 12, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schley.

Mr. Kolakowski explained the rationale for adding these additional work sessions. He said it would be an opportunity to have additional reports and information given to Council when they are together.

The roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION  
BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
TO HOLD ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, Bedford Town Council currently meets in workshop sessions on the evenings of the second regularly scheduled Town Council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, be it hereby resolved that the Bedford Town Council will begin holding additional workshop sessions on the evenings of the first regularly scheduled Town Council meeting starting April 11, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and continue through December 12, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, these sessions will be held prior to the regular Council meeting and no formal action will occur. These sessions are for informational and discussion purposes on topics of general interest to the Council.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted a Memorandum of Understanding.....

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

The Memorandum of Understanding follows:

Mayor Wandrei said it is the time of year to do the evaluation of the Town Manager and he appointed Councilman Rush and Vice Mayor Black to that committee.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.