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A work session of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., April 11, 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; Assistant Town Manager Bart Warner; Finance Director Sonia Jammes; Public Works Director D. W. Lawhorne; Electric Director John Wagner; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting.

The Mayor stated that the Finance Director provided members of Council with a list of the budget revisions dated March 23, 2017.

Councilman Rush said that Council had appropriated \$30,000 to Main Street and an additional \$2,500 for the Concert Series. He informed Council that the Concert Series has been cancelled so that \$2,500 needs to be removed from the budget.

Councilman Rush moved that the \$2,500 for the Concert Series be removed from the budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Black.

It was determined that the motion removing the \$2,500 for the Concert Series should be made at the adoption of the budget, as amended.

The Finance Director said the \$300 for each of the two part-time employees in the Fire Department is included in the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the Maintenance Supervisor position at the Snowden Hydro Plant. The Town Manager stated that the \$200,000 needs to be budgeted in order to operate during the fiscal year. Mr. Kolakowski said that as the budget reads now, that position is authorized in the budget. He explained that if Council did not want to authorize the position at this point, an amendment to the budget should be made that the position not be authorized but the money should remain in the budget so that later on, if Council wants to authorize that position, it is a matter of authorizing the position, not a matter of amending the budget.

Mayor Wandrei said this matter will be taken up when Council adopts the budget.

The Mayor said that the matter of the fire truck will be brought up for discussion when Council adopts the budget. Ms. Jammes said the fire truck is not included in the proposed budget.

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Councilman Rush moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Vice Mayor Black seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 5:40 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:07 p.m.

The Clerk of Council 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 motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Rush voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Department Reports:

Police Lt. Shannon Walker spoke about gang activity in Bedford.

Public Works Director Lawhorne reported that during Spring Cleanup a total of 101 tons of trash were picked up, which was an increase of 44 tons from last year's cleanup. The Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission Cleanup was held on April 8 and seventy-one

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people participated – thirty-eight bags of trash were picked up. Mr. Lawhorne answered questions from Council regarding the landfill closure.

Finance Director Jammes explained a letter received from the Department of Taxation regarding the Motor Vehicle Rental Tax negative balance notification. Discussion ensued about how to handle the matter. Ms. Jammes spoke about the Town's credit rating.

Assistant Town Manager Warner reported that the working draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been delivered to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be having a work session on the draft at its May meeting, with an anticipated public hearing date of the June cycle. Mr. Warner said he emailed to Council a copy of the draft RFP for the Pay and Compensation Study.

Electric Director Wagner spoke about the following: he is in the process of recalculating the Power Cost Adjustment; there were no peak alerts this week; the Snowden Hydro Plant is offline for the preparation of installing the speed increaser; the new unit is essentially complete; the plant will be offline for a minimum of 30 days. Mr. Wagner also spoke about the following: Hydro Plant projects; peaking capacity; SCADA system.

Wayne Hale, Engineering, spoke about drainage projects; paving; sidewalk projects; Burks Hill Road project.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.