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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., May 8, 2018.

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

Members absent: Councilman Steve C. Rush and Councilman Bryan Schley

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 of a regular Council meeting held on April 24, 2018, were approved as distributed.

Department Head Reports:

Director of Public Services D. W. Lawhorne spoke about the following: during Spring Cleanup Week 107 tons of trash was picked up; brush pickup continues to be up from the effects of the storm, with another month of over 100 tons; the bids for the timbering went out this week and are due back June 1.

Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes reported on the following: she met with the Virginia Municipal League (VML) representative for the Town last week and there is going to be a slight increase in insurance costs. Ms. Jammes said she is waiting for a final cost figure from VML. Ms. Jammes stated she would like to have the VML representative make a short presentation to Council on what the Town can do as far as lowering costs. She said the budget will be exceeded as insurance costs have already been adopted for FY 19.

Chief of Police Todd Foreman spoke about the following: Community Day will be held on May 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Edmund Street Park; a representative from the Law Enforcement Liaison is instructing the police officers on safety.

Electric Director John Wagner reported on the following: the Centerville structure project is moving along quite well and should be completed on time and in budget; the electric vehicle charging station is installed and has been used – the usage has been minimal; the roof project RFP went out some time ago and responses are due this week.

The Mayor added a Closed Session to the agenda at the conclusion of New Business.

Town Manager Warner explained that The Boys With A Dream Board of Directors are requesting permission to hold the second annual “Boys With A Dream” Heart

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Association 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 29, 2018, 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. They are requesting 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. Warner stated that the Town will incur about \$1,000 in overtime costs.

On motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the request to block streets. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Town Manager said the Town has solicited sealed proposals from qualified firms for the planning, design, and construction of gateways and signage systems. The signage would be designed to project a consistent image for the Town; “mark” the major entrances to the Town; improve navigation; guide visitors; and be sustainable as well as flexible. Mr. Warner reported that the Property Committee met on April 24, reviewed the three responses, and narrowed those down to two. Council was asked to consider selecting one of those two to commence with contract negotiations.

Councilman Hailey moved that Council accept Hill Studios proposal for the gateway signs. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Black.

Discussion ensued regarding the following: the cost of the project; the purpose of the signs; the source of funding; and the need to identify the identity of the Town.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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The Town Manager explained that the proposed ordinance dealing with traffic laws allows the Town to adopt the Town Code with Town enforcement officers and thereby retain the revenue collected therefrom. Mr. Warner asked that Council adopt the ordinance readopting and reenacting code provisions dealing with traffic laws.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance readopting and reenacting code provisions dealing with traffic laws. Roll call vote follows:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

ORDINANCE NO 18-6

**AN ORDINANCE TO READOPT AND REENACT
SECTION 34-2 OF THE TOWN CODE INCORPORATING
BY REFERENCE CURRENT PROVISIONS OF THE CODE
OF VIRGINIA DEALING WITH TRAFFIC LAWS
AND MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION**

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

Section 1. Sec. 34-2 of the Town Code is hereby readopted and re-enacted as follows:

Pursuant to the authority of Section 46.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia, the provisions and requirements of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia contained in Title 46.2 in Article 9 (Sec. 16.1-278 et seq) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, and in Article 2 (Sec. 18.2-266 et seq) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, of the Code of Virginia, except those provisions and requirements the violation of which constitute a felony, and except those provisions and requirements which by their very nature can have no application to or within the Town, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made applicable within the Town. References to "Highways of the State" contained in such provisions and requirements hereby adopted, shall be deemed to refer to streets, highways and other public ways within the Town. Such provisions and requirements are hereby adopted, *mutatis mutandis*, and made a part of this Chapter as fully as those set forth at length herein, and it shall be unlawful for any person, within the Town, to

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violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of Title 46.2 or of Article 9 of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1 or of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, which are adopted by this Section; provided, that in no event shall the penalty imposed for the violation of any provision or requirement hereby adopted exceed the penalty imposed for a similar offense under such titles of the Code of Virginia.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2018, upon publication one time, immediately following its passage, in some newspaper published in the Town or upon posting at three or more public places in the Town for one week, as required by Section 19 of the Town Charter.

Town Manager Warner said the month of May has been designated as Business Appreciation Month in Virginia in recognition of the many benefits to communities derived from their businesses and industries. Mr. Warner said that in appreciation of our local commercial folks, Council is being requested to adopt a resolution declaring Business Appreciation month in the Town.

On motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution declaring Business Appreciation month in the Town. Roll call vote follows:

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

The Town Manager said that after many years of distinguished service, Teresa Hatcher has given notice of her plans to retire as Clerk of Council effective May 31, 2018. He stated that Debra Anderson, who has been serving as Deputy Clerk for over 20 years, has expressed her willingness to succeed Ms. Hatcher by assuming the role of Clerk in addition to her duties as Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, effective June 1, 2018.

On motion by Councilman Johannessen, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Debra Anderson was appointed as Clerk of Council effective June 1, 2018. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Rush	absent
Councilman Schley	absent
Vice Mayor Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye

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Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Vice Mayor Black moved that Council adjourn into 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 the 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. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:28 p.m. The following non-council members attended: Town Manager Warner; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:41 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 Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.