



**TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2018**

The Bedford Town Council held a regular meeting in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 7:00 pm., with Mayor Robert T. Wandrei presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Council Members present:**

Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; Vice Mayor Tim Black; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacy L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; and Councilman Bryan Schley.

**Council Members absent:**

Councilman Bruce M. Johannessen.

**Town Staff present:**

Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes; Town Attorney William W. Berry, IV; Director of Public Services D.W. Lawhorne; Chief of Police Todd Foreman; Electric Director John Wager; and Marg Cameron Recording Secretary.

**Town Staff absent:**

Town Manager Bart Warner

**Others present:**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Wandrei asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Carson, with all members present voting aye, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Mayor Wandrei asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 31, 2018 Called Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Rush, with all members present voting aye, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Report of Town Manager**

Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes reported:

- There will be a kick-off meeting for the Gateway Signage Project on Friday, June 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building conference room. If you are unable to attend and wish to submit comments, please contact Ms. Jammes via e-mail.

- The Town sent out a notification to the residents of the Governors Hill development that there are processes in place to help with the challenges that they were facing due to the recent heavy rains. She offered Council members a copy of that notification to assist them in providing answers to any questions they might receive.
- Paving operations are occurring in the Town from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am through June 18, 2018. There is a post on the Town website listing the streets affected.
- FY 2019 Budget Books were included in last week's packets. Please contact Ms. Jammes with any questions.
- The Town received confirmation that it has been awarded the FY 2017 GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Auditors onsite for the Pre-Audit are pleased with the work we have provided them. As a result, the 2018 Fiscal Year Audit should progress quickly.
- May 2018 Financial Reports will be included in this week's packets as Ms. Jammes will be out of the office Monday through Wednesday of next week.

## **Department Head Reports**

### **Public Services**

Director of Public Services D.W. Lawhorne reported:

- We have received a lot of compliments on the plaques, platform and how good the D-Day banners look in conjunction with the flags and hanging baskets put up on the street lamps this week. He personally thanked Councilman Schley, Chairman of the Banner Design Committee, for his hard work.
- The old middle school was supposed to start moving this week, but had a setback due to some delays at the new school. We were scheduled to get in there and start assessing left over furniture and such for an auction, but now this has been pushed back several weeks.

Chairman Schley asked if this setback will delay the new middle school opening. Mr. Lawhorne stated that they did not consult him about any changes to the opening. However, as the first move will not take place for a couple of weeks, the second move could conceivably be pushed back to the end of July. He added, we are working diligently to get the security system, internet, phones and everything switched over to us. We have already taken over maintenance for now, so it just pushed everything else back.

In response to Vice Mayor Black's inquiry regarding the landfill closure, Mr. Lawhorne stated that approval for the modified cap has been received and all closure documents have been submitted to DEQ. As soon as we hear back from them, and the new closure agreement is completed, we will be putting it out to bid, probably late July or August, with actual construction in October.

## **Police**

Chief of Police Todd Foreman reported:

- Cop Camp will be held at the old middle school, July 9 through July 14. We expect approximately 180 children, more than we have ever had in the past.
- We closed the road for the two D-Day plaque dedications and all went well. It was a nice event.

Mr. Carson asked if the moving going on at the old middle school would interfere with Cop Camp. Mr. Lawhorne stated that the children are basically using the gym, cafeteria and field. There might be moving trucks so we will coordinate our movements for safety reasons. Chief Foreman stated that the children's safety is their most important objective. They will be closely supervised so that they do not get in the way of the movers.

## **Finance**

Assistant Town Manager Sonia Jammes's report was included under Report of Town Manager.

## **Electric**

Electric Director John Wager reported:

- We are preparing for our peak summer season, that usually occurs in July, making sure that all equipment is functioning properly.
- The Centerville Project is wrapping up this week. The structure is up and everything has been moved. We are going to reenergize the transformer this week and bring the substation back on line next week.

## **Appearances before Council**

None.

## **Citizen Comments**

None.

## **Council Comments**

Vice Mayor Black commented that he would like to congratulate and recognize the Liberty High School girls' softball team on their successful and historic season. He stated that the girls' hard work, dedication and commitment resulted in a regular season Seminole District Championship, a first ever region championship and the team's first ever appearance in the state tournament. He noted that Head Coach Thompson and some of the players are Town residents and he suggested composing a Resolution to recognize the team and their accomplishments and presenting it to them at the next Council meeting. Hearing no objections, Mayor Wandrei directed that a Resolution be prepared.

Councilman Schley thanked Public Works, the Police Department, and all the others who helped, for their hard work in the unveiling of the first two historical markers of the "Bedford Remembers" campaign.

Councilman Carson thanked Ms. Jammes, and her department, for their excellent work in

administering the Town's finances.

Mayor Wandrei commented that there has been a lot of discussion about the old middle school auditorium and how everyone wants to save it. He suggested that Council appoint a committee to consider the best way to manage the auditorium and recommended that they contact Rocky Mount and look into how they operate the Harvester. He stated that if anyone has any comments, it can be taken up at another meeting, but he wanted Council to give it some consideration.

**Report of Council Committees**

**Electric**

None.

**Finance**

None.

**Property**

Vice Mayor Black reported that the Property Committee met this evening to review three timbering contract bids for land above the Stoney Creek Reservoir. He stated that the Property Committee recommended that Council accept the \$187,886.80 bid, minus a 9% fee, from Northwest Hardwoods. The Town will net out approximately \$175,000.00 from that contract.

Vice Mayor Black reported that the Property Committee recommended that 60 acres of land on the north side of Route 130, across from the Snowden Hydroelectric plant, be advertised for sale.

**Public Safety**

None.

**Streets**

None.

**Revisions to the Agenda**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA (roll call)**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Timbering Vendor Selection**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Rush, voted upon by those present and carried by a roll call vote, Council accepted the \$187,886.80 bid, minus a 9% fee, from

Northwest Hardwoods to selectively cut trees on property near the Stoney Creek Reservoir in accordance with Virginia forestry regulations. Roll call vote follows:

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|------------------------|--------|
| Vice Mayor Black       | aye    |
| Councilman Carson      | aye    |
| Councilman Haley       | aye    |
| Councilman Johannessen | absent |
| Councilman Rush        | aye    |
| Councilman Schley      | aye    |
| Mayor Wandrei          | aye    |

**Advertise Property for Sale**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Black, seconded by Councilman Rush, voted upon by those present and carried by a roll call vote, Council authorized the Property Committee to advertise for the sale of 60 acres of land on the north side of Route 130, across from the Snowden Hydroelectric plant, with the provision that the Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all offers. Roll call vote follows:

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|------------------------|--------|
| Councilman Carson      | aye    |
| Councilman Haley       | aye    |
| Councilman Johannessen | absent |
| Councilman Rush        | aye    |
| Councilman Schley      | aye    |
| Vice Mayor Black       | aye    |
| Mayor Wandrei          | aye    |

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.