

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:45 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 12th day of August 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Brown	Council Members
Jeff Cason	
Ray Champney	
Lori Nail	
Roy Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Cathy Cunningham	City Attorney
Bill Cooper	Deputy Director of Information Services
David Flory	Police Chief
James Hughes	Director of Parks and Recreation
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Tom Ross	Administrative Services Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:45 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed approving the following items by consent: 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Regular session began at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION (Reverend Cameron Williams, Mid-Cities Community Church)

Reverend Cameron Williams of Mid-Cities Community Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. **The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under persons to be heard:**
 - a) **Congressman Kenny Marchant, 9901 East Valley Ranch Parkway, Irving – Congressman Marchant requested to speak to the Council to honor two military veterans from Bedford.**

Congressman Kenny Marchant, 9901 East Valley Ranch Parkway – Congressman Marchant spoke to the Council and recognized two military veterans from Bedford that served in the military but never received their medals. Congressman Marchant wanted to recognize these men for their service to our Country. Mr. Benjamin Willis, U.S. Navy, for 18 years of service, where he enlisted in 1955 and received recognition with the Navy Good Conduct Metal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronzed Hour Glass and the Navy Aircrew Badge. Mr. Marchant also recognized Hozea Chambers, USAF/Texas Air National Guard for 5 years of service and was a B-52 Flight Simulator Technician and received the National Defense Service Medal.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **July 22, 2008 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Consider a proposed tax rate and set public hearings on the proposed tax rate.**

Tom Ross, Director of Administrative Services, presented the proposed tax rate and requested that the Council set the public hearing on the proposed tax rate.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Turner consider a maximum tax rate of \$.45 per \$100 valuation and schedule a public hearing on the tax rate on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall and a second hearing on the tax rate on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00

p.m. at Bedford City Hall.

Motion approved 6-1-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Cason voted in opposition of the motion.

4. **Call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2008/2009 budget to be held on August 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

This item was approved by consent.

5. **Receive the certified anticipated collection rate from the Tarrant County Tax Assessor Collector for the City of Bedford.**

This item was approved by consent.

6. **Receive the 2008 Ad Valorem Tax Roll from the Tarrant Appraisal District.**

This item was approved by consent.

7. **Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a forensic video analysis and editing system for the Police Department in the amount of \$43,322.00 to be purchased through Ocean Systems.**

David Flory, Police Chief, presented a resolution to Council for forensic video analysis and editing system for the Police Department in the amount of \$45,822.00 to be purchased through Ocean System and generally fielded questions.

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Brown to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of a forensic video analysis and editing system for the Police Department in the amount of \$45,822.00, to be purchased through Ocean Systems.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

8. **A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract change order # 1 in the amount of \$29,860.25 with McMahon Contracting, L.P. for the Forest Ridge Drive/Bedford Road intersection improvements.**

This item was approved by consent.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

9. **a) Mayor Story**
 - **Announcement of upcoming broadcast of Mayor's interview.**
 - **Report on the Mayor's Council meeting of August 4.**

Mayor Story reported that there would be an upcoming broadcast of an interview that he conducted for Trinity Broadcasting for a public service broadcast. It will air on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 10:30 am and Friday, August 22, 2008 at noon on channel 58. The Tarrant County Mayor's Council meeting focused their discussion topics on the upcoming TML conference, layoffs of workers in the public and private sector, grants program that TXU sponsors for insulation and roof vents for low income housing and passing a resolution that would keep funds from being diverted away from transportation (however,

this is not something currently being acted upon). The next Mayor's Council meeting is October 6, 2008 and any Council member and/or the City Manager is welcome to attend.

b) Ray Champney

- **Report on attendance at the Greater Fort Worth Builders Association Municipal Night Dinner and Awards**
- **Report on Teen Court meeting**
- **Report on Budget Review and Planning**

Ray Champney attended a dinner hosted by the greater Fort Worth Builders Association and there were a number of other attendees which recognized cities that were cooperative with the builders association and helping them achieve their goals. The growing population in the area and a need for mass transit was a major topic of discussion. He also attended the Teen Court meeting last Thursday and it was suggested that there is a need for locations for teens to conduct their service projects in order for them to garner service hours for Teen Court. Mr. Champney reported that the budget review and planning session was done extremely well, staff did a great job, everything was to the point and all in all the City is heading in the right direction.

c) Chris Brown

- **Report on TML Newly Elected City Official Orientation**
- **Report on Northeast Leadership Forum**

Chris Brown attended the Newly Elected Officials Conference in Austin and he learned a great deal about being a Newly Elected Official and responsibilities and tasks that go along with his new role. He attended the Northeast Leadership Forum this morning and heard a presentation on Sustained Economic Development, which ties in nicely to what the City of Bedford is attempting to accomplish at this time.

10. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

(Any item on this posted agenda may be discussed in executive session provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.)

There was no Executive Session tonight; therefore, no action was necessary as a result.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke during tonight's open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary