

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:00 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 11th day of November 2008 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.

Councilman Roy Turner was absent at tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
James Hughes	Director of Parks and Recreation
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Bill Shelton	Superintendent of Public Works
Bill Syblon	Development Director

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:02 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: Item(s) 2a, 2b and 2c, 4, and 5. Following the work session, Council elected to place items 6 and 7 on the consent agenda as well.

- **An annual update on energy savings and cost avoidance for the City of Bedford.**

Russell Hines, Building Official and Chad Nobles, Account Executive, Siemens Building Technologies Inc. presented information to the Council regarding the annual update on energy savings and cost avoidance for the City of Bedford and generally fielded questions.

- **Discussion and presentation about the City of Bedford's second festival.**

James Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented information to the City regarding a

proposed second festival to be named Bedford Blues and Barbeque. He reviewed the concept, budget and activities proposed for the event and generally fielded questions from the Council.

Council directed staff to move forward with bringing back a proposed budget for the festival indicating they thought the festival was a good idea and should be pursued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- a) **Section 551.087, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to the Super 8/121 Addition Block 1 Lot 1R.**
- b) **Section 551.087, and Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to properties located north of Highway 183, south of Bedford Road, east of Highway 121, and west of Reliance Parkway.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to the Super 8/121 Addition Block 1 Lot 1R, and Section 551.087 and Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to properties located north of Highway 183, south of Bedford Road, east of Highway 121, and west of Reliance Parkway at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 7:01 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

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 (Pastor Bayard Pratt, Martin Methodist Church)

Pastor Bayard Pratt of Martin Methodist Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Champney to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 2a, 2b and 2c, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. **Representative Todd Smith, 1608 Airport Freeway #100 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding general greetings in advance of the legislative session.**

Representative Todd Smith, 1608 Airport Freeway, #100 – Representative Smith informed the Council that he was always available to them and wanted to congratulate them on the great work they do. He indicated that if he can ever be of assistance, particularly considering that they are about to enter into congressional session, he is always available.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **October 21, 2008 regular meeting**
 - b) **October 23, 2008 work session**
 - c) **November 3, 2008 special session**

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Public hearing and consider and act upon an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-181, request of John Lutz for New Life Bible Church) to rezone a portion of property known as Lot 3, Block 1, Parkwood Village Addition, Suite 115 from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Church. The property is generally located north of Harwood Road and west of Brown Trail.**

Bill Syblon, Development Director, presented the proposed zoning ordinance to Council and generally fielded questions.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

No one elected to speak during tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Champney to approve an ordinance (Zoning Case Z-181, request of John Lutz for New Life Bible Church) to rezone a portion of property known as Lot 3, Block 17, Parkwood Village Addition, Suite 115 from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Church.

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

4. **Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement front end loader in the amount of \$119,500.00 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved by consent.

5. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for city-wide mowing services.**

This item was approved by consent.

6. Consider a resolution to adopt an Economic Development Policy and Program.

This item was approved by consent.

7. Consider a resolution stating the intent of the City of Bedford to become eligible to participate in tax abatement agreements pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002, and relating to the giving of notice of intention to create a reinvestment zone to finance improvements within the reinvestment zone; authorizing and directing other actions preliminary to the creation of the proposed reinvestment zone; and containing findings relating to the foregoing subject.

This item was approved by consent.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

8. a) Mayor Jim Story
• **Report on TML convention**

Mayor Story stated that he attended the TML convention in San Antonio in October and it was very good. Five Council members attended and represented the City very well. He felt as though he brought back some very beneficial information and ideas.

9. Follow-up on issues raised at previous council meetings under persons to be heard.
• **Discuss and take actions regarding a refund to Charley Miller of \$12,374.36 held in escrow by the City of Bedford.**

City Manager Beverly Queen indicated that staff had reviewed this issue and does not feel as though there is a compelling reason not to provide Mr. Miller his escrow money.

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Savage to refund Mr. Charley Miller's escrow money in the amount of \$12,374.36.

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

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

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

OPEN FORUM

Jackie Parnell, 1231 Latigo Lane, Flower Mound, Texas – Mrs. Parnell indicated that she lives in Flower Mound but owns a home in Bedford and recently moved from Bedford to Flower Mound. She spoke regarding the daytime curfew and indicated that she can see both sides of the argument and does agree with curving truancy issues; however, she does have some concerns about kids who are homeschooled. She feels it is a parent/teacher/child issue and not a community issue at large.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary