

**Council Minutes October 11, 2011**

**STATE OF TEXAS §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD §**

**The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 6:15 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 11th day of October, 2011 with the following members present:**

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	
Jim Griffin	
Roy Savage	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith	City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Roger Gibson	Police Chief
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Bill Syblon	Development Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Story called the Work Session to order at 6:15 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

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

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Mayor Story adjourned the Work Session at 6:18 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.**

The Regular Session began at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION (Pastor Cory Kuhn, Mid-Cities Bible Church)**

Pastor Cory Kuhn of Mid-Cities Bible Church gave tonight's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 4, 5, 6, and 7.

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

**COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

**1. Recognition of Melissa Briggs, Code Enforcement Officer, for a Bedford Employee Commitment Award (BECA).**

Code Enforcement Officer Melissa Briggs was recognized with the Bedford Employee Commitment Award for coming to the aid of an elderly woman whose car had broken down in a shopping center parking lot.

**2. Proclamation recognizing October 22 - 30, 2011, as National Red Ribbon Week.**

Mayor Story read a proclamation recognizing October 22-30, 2011 as National Red Ribbon Week. Technical Sergeant Randy Gardner was on hand to accept the proclamation.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**3. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:**

**a) Deborah Chaney, 3053 Richwood Circle, Bedford 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding Stage One Watering Restrictions and accompanying signage.**

Deborah Chaney, 3053 Richwood Circle, spoke to Council regarding the Stage One Watering Restrictions. She is taking a gardening class and was told by a Tarrant County AgriLife Extension agent that it would take 18 inches of rain just to rehydrate the soil. The region is also under the shadow of La Nina, which means warmer temperatures and less rain over the next few months. She stated that the region will likely be on the short side of rain up through 2020 and that there is more that everybody could do to decrease unnecessary watering. Speaking of droughts in the 1950's and 1980's, she stated that the population, and therefore the water needs and usage, have increased since those times. The simple message is that in serious drought conditions, Texas does not, and will not, have enough water to meet the needs of its people, businesses or agriculture. She stated the main focus should be planting what can grow in this region with little water and cited the landscaping around the new Library as an example. She requested that Council consider making the Tarrant Regional Water District Stage One Water Restrictions a fact of life in the City and to talk to Councils in neighboring cities to join in that effort. Whether Council agrees with that idea or not, she also requested that the Council install permanent water restriction signs such as those in Hurst and Colleyville. The temporary ones currently in use in the City are not attractive, blow and bend in the wind, and contain too much information that cannot be read from a moving vehicle.

**b) Ed Henderson, 2513 Meadow View, Bedford 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding a clarification of Open Records Request.**

Ed Henderson, 2513 Meadow View, stated that it has been reported by some City employees and others within in the community that the Police Department has placed him on a predatory list. Through open records requests and discussions with several officers within the Police Department, he has been

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assured that he is not on any kind of predatory list. He has certifications from the cities of Bedford, Hurst, Euless, and Fort Worth and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that there are no records of criminal complaints or arrests against him. It still concerns him that employees are pushing this agenda and he feels that the reason they are doing this is that they have concluded he is gay. Mr. Henderson stated that he is not gay and is not pushing a gay agenda. He feels that the employees must think that since he is gay, he is a threat to their kids and a predator and therefore a criminal. He believes this observation could be from his disability, a rare form of macular degeneration which has left him with restricted vision and makes it difficult for him to do things in a normal way. This is no excuse, however, for hate speech from City employees and others within the community.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
  - a) September 24, 2011 work session
  - b) September 27, 2011 regular meeting

This item was approved by consent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClendon Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$217,613.95, for the Gold Hawk Lane Paving & Water Improvements.

This item was approved by consent.

6. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a six-year lease agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the procurement of an upgrade to the current New World Systems software in the amount of \$366,150.

This item was approved by consent.

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to change a Council meeting date in November from November 22, 2011 to November 15, 2011 and schedule the December meetings as December 6, 2011 and December 13, 2011.

This item was approved by consent.

8. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:
  - ✓ Animal Control Board- Councilman Griffin

No report was given.

- ✓ Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin

No report was given.

- ✓ Beautification Commission- Councilman Turner

No report was given.

- ✓ Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher

Councilman Fisher gave kudos to the Commission for the attendance and response to the Business and Merchant Network Meeting held on Tuesday, October 4. Up to 61 people attended, 48 of who were business owners or leaders. He gave thanks to the staff of the Library for scrambling at the last minute when the Fire Pit Grill was unable to host the event. He also gave special thanks to the City Manager's

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Office and Bill Syblon and the Development Department for their help with the event. Finally, he thanked Fire Pit Grill for catering the event at no cost to the City or the attendees.

✓ **Cultural Commission- Councilman Champney**

No report was given.

✓ **Library Board- Councilman Brown**

No report was given.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board- Councilman Savage**

No report was given.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

### 9. Council member reports

Councilman Fisher thanked Dominik Pierce and Mirenda McQuagge-Walden in Communications for their work on the City's new website.

Councilman Griffin reminded everybody about the CPR Fall Blitz with 6Stones on Friday and Saturday. Eight homes within the City will be worked on during the event.

### 10. City Manager report

No report was given.

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

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, City Secretary