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- ◆ Business recognition
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Plant sponsorship/landscaping
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ Tree walk
- ◆ Workday schedule
- ◆ City-wide vision.

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Work Session 6:30 p.m. (Open to the Public)

- ◆ Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration (staff update)

- ◆ Potential dates to conduct Board and Commission interviews (discussion)

Regular Session 7 p.m. (Open to the Public)

- ◆ Proclamation: National Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Persons to be heard:
 - Holley Hendrickson regarding Friends of the Bedford Public Library Celebration scheduled for Saturday Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m.
 - Joyce Johnson regarding urban drilling
 - Thomas Sullivan regarding adopting CAP (Criminal Alien Program) for the City
- ◆ Second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2871 (Zoning Case Z-166, request of Darlene Thomas for Cats Unlimited) to rezone a portion of Lot A, Block J, #C, Shady Oaks East Addition from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Kennel. The property is generally located east of Brown Trail and south of Harwood Road.
- ◆ Resolutions to be considered:
 - Appointing 15 members to the City's Charter Review Committee and selecting a Chairperson of the Committee
 - Authorizing the City Manager to update an existing Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and to amend the

same agreement for placement of red light photo enforcement cameras on State right-of-ways

- ◆ Open Forum

Note: The public is invited to address the Council on any topic at this time. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues raised may be referred to City staff for research and possible future action.

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As part of last week's Board meeting, North Texas Regional Library System Assistant Director Carolyn Davidson provided an overview of Library 2.0, describing it as a spin-off of Web 2.0 (the interactive, participative web which allows people to create, contribute and build online communities). Michael Casey, who originated the term on his Librarycrunch blog, has identified four core values of Library 2.0:

- ◆ It is user-centered.
- ◆ It provides a multimedia experience.
- ◆ It is socially rich.
- ◆ It is communicating innovation.

Ms. Davidson explained various applications of Library 2.0 in public libraries, such as blogs, wikis, social networking, mashups, folksonomies and tagging, and podcasting and vodcasting.

The Board and library staff discussed ways that Library 2.0 is being used at BPL currently and uses that might be added.

Library Manager Maria Redburn presented the Lone Star Library Grant Action Plan for 2008, explaining that it focuses on marketing, program and service enhancements and travel and training. All legally established public libraries in Texas that meet the Minimum Standards for Accreditation of Public Libraries in the State Library System as set forth in the Library Systems Act are eligible to receive some level of funding under the Lone Star Libraries program. Because three-quarters of the total appropriation is allocated as a match on local expenditures, there is a direct relationship between the amount the City approves for the library budget and the dollar amount of the Lone Star Library Grant. BPL's participation in the TexShare Card program prompts an increase in that total. Among the services the library will be able to add through funding from the grant are a public fax machine, to be available at the Information Desk, and two card swipes for the Computer Reservation and Print Release Station, which will offer those who use the services an alternative to keying in their 14-digit barcodes manually. The Action Plan was approved unanimously.

Board members reviewed the library's current fee schedule, comparing it with fees charged by similar libraries and discussing possible alternatives before voting to approve all current fees except the processing fee. Library staff will re-evaluate the cost of processing materials and bring their findings to the Board for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Redburn announced that the City and HEB ISD closed on the purchase of the former Food Lion building Monday Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. BPL is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms to provide architectural design services for the new library. The Request for Qualifications is posted at http://www.bedfordlibrary.org/assets/PDFs/RFQ_ArcDesServ.pdf on the library's website. There will be a mandatory meeting for interested architects Nov. 5, and bids will close at 2 p.m. Nov. 14.

In her report, the Library Manager said that at least 100 people and 12 different organizations participated in the library's first-ever Low Vision Fair. She said that the recently added Spanish Language class is attracting so many people that Wednesday night classes will be added in January. Expressing gratitude to the Friends of the BPL, Ms. Redburn explained that the new flat-screen monitor above the check-out desk was made available to the library at a greatly reduced rate because it has no sound. The monitor was wanted for promoting library services visually only, so the acquisition made sense. The Friends provided part of the funding for the purchase, making the cost to the City a minimal one. Ms. Redburn reminded everyone that the Friends are marking the beginning of a new chapter for the library with a Celebration Sunday Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m.

On other issues, the Board unanimously agreed to follow the City's Rules of Procedure rather than Roberts Rules of Order from this point forward and, also, voted to cancel the November meeting this year.