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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This issue is devoted to an overview of the highlights of last Tuesday's City Council meeting. A more in-depth article about each item marked \*\* will appear in a future issue of The Bedford Citizen.

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## OCT. 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Councilman Cason was absent from the meeting.

## UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

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James Hughes said that the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration will be Saturday Dec. 1, 3-8 p.m. at the Old Bedford School. There will be singing, stories, refreshments and a visit from Ol' Saint Nick.

## DATES FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

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The council decided to conduct Board and Commission interviews on Wednesday Dec. 12. Only new applicants and anyone currently serving on a Board or Commission who wish to renew their appointments but have over four absences in the past year will be required to be interviewed.

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## NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

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Mayor Story read a proclamation in observance of National Red Ribbon Week.

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- ◆ Holley Hendrickson invited everyone to attend the Friends of the Bedford Public Library Celebration this coming Sunday Oct. 28, from 2-4 p.m. at the library.
- ◆ Joyce Johnson discussed urban drilling.
- ◆ Thomas Sullivan was on the agenda but had to cancel.

## ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

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- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Resolution 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

## **CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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The Council appointed 15 people to the Charter Review Committee. Each Councilperson appointed two people, and the mayor appointed three. The 15-member committee will consist of Joe Turner, Terry Backs (Savage appointees), Henry "Hank" Swanson, Hank Henning (Nail appointees), Dorothy McWhorter, Dr. Jeffery Corbet (Orean appointees), Jim Griffin, Tom Bresnehan, (Turner appointees), Ralph Good, Bianca Zias (Whistler appointees), David Franklin, Helen Stags (Cason appointees), Mary Peters, Bob Cochrane and Chris Brown (Story appointees). Dr. Corbet was nominated to serve as chairman. The Committee will work during the next few months to review the City Charter.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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No one spoke during this segment of the meeting.

## **FEATURES**

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program, the tree walk, building a greenhouse, and the upcoming Beautification Commission Award.

Review of promotional materials was the primary focus of the BBC's meeting last week. The sample recycle brochure was accepted unanimously. To promote the household waste program, a doorknob hanger rather than a brochure will be produced at this time. A final version of that product and a revised version of the tree walk brochure, both incorporating suggested changes, will be reviewed at next month's meeting. Chair Deborah Chaney mentioned the possibility of acquiring outside assistance with printing or printing costs.

Commission members will be assisting with traffic control related to the City's paper shredding event Saturday Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-noon. It is expected that materials will be shredded in the presence of the person who brings them.

Commissioners voted unanimously to have a bid package put together for the building of a greenhouse. James Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation and Special Events, said that bids probably would be due in January.

Ms. Chaney announced that the Beautification Commission Award for the Fort Worth Community Credit Union will be presented at that building Saturday Nov. 3, 9 a.m. It was noted that the Bedford building is headquarters for that business.

The Commission's next Workday will be Saturday Oct. 20, and the one after that will

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be Saturday Nov. 17. The group works at the Boys Ranch Park on those days.

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### HALLOWEEN FEST 2007

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*Prior to retiring in April, 2007, Stu Updike completed 27 years as a regional airline pilot. He has lived in Bedford since 1993.*

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