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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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## NOV. 13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Councilwoman Nail was unable to attend this meeting.

### SUPER FREEPORT EXEMPTION

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Discussion of the new "Super Freeport Exemption" enabled by House Bill 621 passed by the 80th Texas Legislature. Mayor Story reported that the Council discussed this issue and decided not to take action at this time because they felt this would be more appropriately used as an economic development tool.

### ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

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The following items were approved by consent:

- ◆ A resolution awarding a bid to DCC authorizing the installation of a new pump filter and chlorination system for Central Pool in the amount of \$39,049.09.
- ◆ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HGAC, specifically Philpott Motors, for the purchase of one 2008 Ford Explorer XLT for the Fire Marshal in the amount of \$22,903.76.
- ◆ A resolution accepting a sanitary sewer easement on Lot 3, Block C, Jefferson Glen Addition to the City

of Bedford, Texas.

- ◆ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tarrant County, and to recommend to the county to accept the bid and award a contract to Ken-Do Contracting LP for the construction of sidewalks in the 800-900 Blocks of Charleston Drive and 900-1000 Blocks of Savannah Way.
- ◆ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract change order with Four B Paving, Inc. for the 2007 Street Crack Sealing Program in the amount of \$111,208.26 for a total project cost of \$799,908.26.
- ◆ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Up Close Inspections for third party multi-family inspections in the amount of \$17,500.00.

### COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS\*\*

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Mayor Story issued a proclamation recognizing Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners.

### WATERMILL EXPRESS

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A public hearing was held and the Council voted 6 – 0 to approve the first reading of a proposed ordinance (Zoning Case Z-167, request of Brad Cobb for Watermill Express) to rezone a portion of Lot B1,

*In-depth coverage of each item marked \*\* will appear in a future issue of The Bedford Citizen.*

Block 11, Bellvue Addition #3, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/ Specific Use Permit/Unattended Commercial Kiosk.

### **GAS DRILLING ORDINANCE**

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The first and final reading of an ordinance adopting a new chapter *Gas Drilling and Production* to be added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bedford was tabled due to a request by one of the energy companies. That request included three pages of additional information. A public hearing will be held at the next Council meeting in order to give the energy company and the public a chance to be heard.

Councilman Orean asked for time to comment on some additional concerns. He said he would like to see the process for issuing a permit for drilling a gas well include a requirement for the applicant to indicate the path the pipeline will take from the well to the Bedford City limits. Mayor Story and Councilman Turner agreed.

Councilman Orean expressed concern over how much time is permitted for road repairs to be completed. The City Manager pointed out that Road Repair Agreement Page 2, Article 1, Section 4 stipulates a 30 day time limit. This satisfied Mr. Orean's concern.

Councilman Whistler commented that he wanted to see the ordinance clarified to make clear that "dwelling" means "human dwelling."

Councilman Whistler moved that the item be tabled until the next meeting and be subject to a public hearing. Approved unanimously.

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The Council voted unanimously to cast 13 of its 26 votes for Mr. John Clanton and the other 13 for Mr. John Eubanks.

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**Joy Johnson** pointed out that the two week time frame for proposed gas drilling public hearing is extremely short in view of its proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday. She also asked that the Mayor present at that public hearing the cost analysis that she has requested.