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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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The above quote is from a Nov.28 article in the Fort Worth Weekly which can be viewed at:

<http://www.fweekly.com/content.asp?article=6498>

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The special session will be held in the Conference Room at City Hall. This meeting will be open to the public.

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The following items were approved by consent:

- ◆ Second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2872 (Zoning Case Z-167, request of Brad Cobb for Watermill Express) to rezone a portion of Lot B1, Block 11, Bellvue Addition #3, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/ Specific Use Permit/Unattended Commercial Kiosk.
- ◆ Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Mini Vector from E.H. Wachs Company in the amount of \$19,600.00.
- ◆ Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement sewer inspection camera in the amount of \$28,317.00 through the State of Texas BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

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Diane Hildreth and Tim Powell of Allied Waste Services - Requested to speak to

Council to request permission for the City staff to go into exclusive negotiations to discuss the solid waste and recycling contract.

Mr. Powell opened by saying that they have been servicing Bedford since 1993 as Laidlaw Services. The current agreement expires in March 2009 and the last rate increase was in March 2004. He said that instead of requesting a price increase, Allied has decided to request contract renewal.

Council gave permission for staff to work with Allied to develop a proposal for Council's consideration. In order to take advantage of this offer, the Council must act by February 08.

Karen Killian - Requested to speak to the Council to present *Festive Trick-or-Treat* donations to Chief Flory and Chief Tindell.

Ms. Killian thanked her neighbors for their help, Dr. Cook and Dr. Krass for allowing the use of their parking lots, the volunteer reserve police officers who assisted and she praised the Lord for his help. She then presented checks for \$1,110 each to Chief Tindell and Chief Flory. The money, she said, would go toward their banquets.

Joyce Johnson - Requested to speak to the Council on the loss of financial stability and possible homelessness due to excavation of ground under their home in urban drilling; and to request to defer public hearing to a time when a month's notice can be given not during a major holiday.

Ms. Johnson was not available to speak at this time.

GAS DRILLING ORDINANCE**

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Public hearing and 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, Texas.

After the public hearing, the Council voted to table approval of this ordinance until another town hall meeting which the Council plans to occur in early January.

SANITARY SEWER OUTFLOW OUTREACH INITIATIVE (SSO) REPORT

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The Council received a staff report on progress in complying with state requirements for sanitary sewer management. Once an agreement with the state has been reached, staff will bring it back to the Council for approval.

BUILDING OCCUPIED BY ARTSNET

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The Council received a report regarding the lease arrangements for the building they lease from the City. Mr. Whistler observed that the City has been charging ARTSNET only \$10 per year on the lease and spending about \$60,000 and giving ARTSNET another \$20,000 which is a larger share than our sister cities. Ms. Queen reported that ARTSNET understands that and is negotiating with the City for a more equitable agreement.