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This issue is brief today due to the fact that some of our staff is out of town on prior commitments. We should be back to normal on Friday.

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CITY COUNCIL'S VISION, MISSION & CRITICAL FOCUS AREAS AS OF FEB. 2006

By dona weisman

During the Feb. 11, 2006, City Council Strategic Planning Session, Mayor Story and Council Members Chambers, Griffin, Nail, Orean, Savage and Whistler developed what they considered to be the city's vision, mission and top three critical focus areas.

The session was facilitated by Joe Gonzalez, President of the Management Connection, Inc., who explained that the Council's responsibility is to uphold the vision, and the staff's responsibility is to follow the mission statement. During the meeting the Council also reached a consensus regarding the city's top three critical focus area.

The vision, mission and critical focus areas have remained unchanged since that date.

Council Vision:

To be a quality residential community balanced with an environment for planned economic vitality.

Council Mission Statement:

- ◆ Be responsive to the needs of the community
- ◆ Demonstrate excellent customer service
- ◆ Foster economic growth
- ◆ Provide a safe community

- ◆ Provide a family environment
- ◆ Protect the vitality of neighborhoods
- ◆ Encourage citizen involvement
- ◆ Provide appropriate service levels in an efficient manner

Top Three Critical Focus Areas:

- ◆ Employee Retention
- ◆ Economic Growth
- ◆ Maintenance of Primary Infrastructure

WIFI MESH FOR BEDFORD

By Stu Updike

During the Jun. 12 City Council meeting, Councilman Whistler opened this topic with his thought that a WiFi mesh might be an aid to economic development. Councilman Orean opined that the City's decision should be driven by the City's need and that he did not feel that the City had such a need. He said the most likely use for it would be the wireless reading of water meters, but that this would involve significant expense. He said he would support the network if there were a way it could produce revenue. Staff reported that it would cost \$3 - 5 million dollars to install the WiFi network and the meter reading equipment. Staff also pointed out that such a system would enable more frequent meter readings, detection of leaks on the home owner's property and in the water mains. When asked if the system could be used by the PD, Chief Flory responded that it would not be as good as the system they presently use. In the end, it was decided not to pursue WiFi at this time.



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Old Bedford School

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- ◆ Writers must be at least 18 years old.
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Submission qualifications

- ◆ 2,000 - 6,000 words
- ◆ Submit a title page and a paper-clipped copy of story in a large flat envelope.
- ◆ Title page *only* should include name, mailing address, telephone number and email address. Numbers will be assigned to each submission for judging purposes.
- ◆ 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch all-around margins, single-sided, numbered pages
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- ◆ All stories will be reviewed with plagiarism software.
- ◆ Submit the story in person to the Bedford Public Library (1805 L. Don Dodson Dr.)
- ◆ No mail-in or electronic submissions
- ◆ For more information contact Library Manager Maria Redburn at 817/952-2332 or mredburn@ci.bedford.tx.us.

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The Bedford Citizen is currently a volunteer effort which we expect to be circulated from friend to friend via email in its PDF format. If you find it helpful and informative, please feel free to pass it along to others.

During this introductory period, the subscriptions are free. This will allow us to gauge the demand and work out the bugs. Eventually, we plan to charge a fee for subscriptions. This will allow us to avoid the conflicts of interest that can arise from accepting paid advertising.

Initially, we plan to publish an issue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, subject to volunteer availability and the amount of news to report.

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The Bedford Citizen welcomes free of charge:

- ◆ News articles from any volunteer writers, provided we judge the articles are relevant to our readers and the facts can be substantiated

- ◆ Position papers from political incumbents and candidates provided these position papers clearly state that person's position and they do not attack any other party

Our policies are as follows:

- ◆ Paid advertising is not accepted.
- ◆ Except when identified as editorials, letters to the editor or opinion pieces, stories will contain only facts that can be verified. Writers should expect to be asked to provide documentation before articles are published.
- ◆ All submitted articles must deal with issues relevant to Bedford's residents and not exceed two pages, as published in this format.
- ◆ Only one letter to the editor or opinion piece will be accepted from a single household during any 30-day period.
- ◆ Public service announcements will be included as space allows.
- ◆ The staff of the Bedford Citizen will be the final judge.
- ◆ Submissions must be received at least 72 hours prior to publication.
- ◆ Submissions should be sent to Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net and must include the author's name, address, email address and phone number.