

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL  
September 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton H. Dry II, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

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Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Bramlett, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 5 regular session, September 11 adjourned session, and the September 5 closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

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Agenda adjustments to be considered at the end of new business items.

1. Consider declaring approximately 45,000 lbs. of metals as surplus/scrap metal and to dispose of the material by the sealed bid process.
2. To acknowledge Public Power Week on October 1-7, 2017
3. To approve Planning Board dinner meetings for October 18, 2017 and April 18, 2018.
4. To approve a change order for the Leachate Force Main project at the Landfill in the amount of 3,205 for an air release valve.
5. To consider a golf cart ordinance and set public hearing date.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry , and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the agenda adjustments.

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Ms. Tracy Davis, Outreach Committee Director for the Esther House, came before Council to request a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

(Proclamation)

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The Mayor and City Council received a copy of the April Monthly Departmental Reports and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilmember Hughes asked about the moisture testing in the EE Waddell Community Center gym. The Mayor stated that staff are repairing and painting and they are waiting on the completion of the moisture testing before coming before City Council for the approval to install the new flooring.

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The Mayor and City Council received an update on the Landfill Employee Building concerning cable wiring. At the regular Council Meeting on 09/05/17, Council had asked for a follow up regarding Change Order #5, to provide and install cable trays and related infrastructure compatible for IT Systems. IS Director Owen Squires noted that he has assisted in this matter and no change order will be necessary.

The Mayor and City Council thanked Mr. Squires for his attention on this matter.

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The Mayor and City Council considered an agreement with EDIFICE, INC. for CM at Risk Services for the Police Headquarters Construction and Renovation Project.

Mr. John Crawford with Creech and Associates, LLC and Mr. Mark Carlisto with Edifice, Inc. came before Council to present the agreement. It was noted that the City developed an RFQ to solicit proposals for [CM@Risk](#) services. EDIFICE, Inc. was recommended by Creech Architecture, as they have worked together on past projects. They have also performed these services on many governmental projects throughout the region. Council reviewed the agreement and the City Manager has a full copy of the proposal.

Mayor Michael, Police Chief Bowen, and the City Manager recommended proceeding with EDIFICE, Inc. for [CM@Risk](#) Services.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an agreement with EDIFICE, Inc. for CM@Risk services for the Police Headquarters Construction and Renovation Project.

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The Mayor and City Council considered calling for a public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application, CUP17-005. It was noted that Conditional Use Permit #17-001 is nearing its 6 month expiration date. When City Council initially granted the CUP, a condition was that the permit be reviewed in 6-months. Conditional Use Permit #17-005 application seeks a continuation of the use specified in CUP #17-001 - Unlimited electronic, mechanical, manual and skill games, excluding, however billiard tables. The location is 2000 US Hwy 52, #2 and is in the same shopping center as Food Lion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council set a public hearing for Monday, October 2 at 7 pm to consider continuation of the use specified in Conditional Use Permit #17-001 - Unlimited electronic, mechanical, manual and skill games, excluding, however billiard tables.

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The Mayor and City Council considered calling for a public hearing for proposed Map Amendment 17-004 for the rezoning of 711 Aquadale Road from LID/Light Industrial District to R-10/Single-Family Residential District tax record #12209.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council set a public hearing for Monday, October 2 at 7 pm to consider a Map Amendment 17-004 for the rezoning of 711 Aquadale Road from LID/Light Industrial District to R-10/Single-Family Residential District tax record #12209.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council excused Councilmember Aldridge on the following vote due to his being a Stanly County United Way board member.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed an announcement of 2017-2018 United Way Campaign and a request for days off for fair share givers. Lindsay Carter, City

Campaign Coordinator and Anita Almond with the Police Department are requesting the approval of days off be provided to Fair Share Givers. This is what has been approved by the City Council in recent years. It was noted that over the years, this has been a very effective incentive and has helped make the City's campaign one of the top employee campaigns in Stanly County

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, unanimously carried, the City Council approved days off be provided to Fair Share Givers in the United Way Campaign with the City for FY 2017-18 .

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Councilmember Aldridge came back into the meeting at this time.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following resolution:

(Resolution 17-26. To approve the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the safety manual by American Public Power for use in the Public Utilities Department.)

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following resolution:

(Resolution 17-27. To donate one surplus kiln to the Stanly County School System.)

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The Mayor and City Council reviewed information concerning Security Awareness Training. IS Director Owen Squires provided information for Council introducing a training campaign for all City staff regarding general security awareness. The campaign includes cyber-security as a focus but does apply to most areas of our daily operations. Approximately \$7,200 for three years training and support for all City staff that use or are involved with equipment or applications that could affect daily operations.

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The Mayor and City Council reviewed information concerning preparations for the 2017-18 Residential Loose Leaf Collection season. City staff recently met with Waste Management to prepare for the upcoming loose leaf collection season. Council reviewed a memorandum from Public Works Director Nina Underwood that provides more detail about the meeting and preparations for the 17/18 loose leaf collection season.

The City Manager stated that Waste Management will have three automated trucks for collection and ensure needed parts for repairs are available to avoid disruptions to service if breakdowns occur. The loose leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 16 and the leaf zone pickup map and calendar will be in the Stanly News and Press in the October 8 and 15 Sunday editions. Also, the City's October utility bill stuffer instructs residents on where this information can be found and the proper disposal method/placement of their loose leaves.

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The Mayor and City Council considered the following agenda adjustments:

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the surplus of 45,000 lbs. of scrap metal to be considered by sealed bid.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved celebrating Public Power Week on October 1-7, 2017.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved holding the Planning and Zoning Dinner Meetings with City Council on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Rosebriar at 6:30 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a change order of the Leachate Force Main Project at the City Landfill for an air release valve in the amount of \$3.205.

The Mayor and City Council continued discussion concerning the drafting of a golf cart ordinance for the City of Albemarle.

Councilmember Hall stated that she has received pro and con statements from residents since this was published in the Stanly News and Press.

Councilmember Dry stated that most people he has talked with are against it. We need to listen to what each of them are saying.

Councilmember Bramlett stated that he still does not support having golf carts in the City.

Councilmember Whitley still supports having or not having a golf cart ordinance with at least being 16 yrs. Old, having a license, and in 35 mph zones only.

Councilmember Townsend stated that he received texts and phone calls and reviewed comments on social media of pros and cons from residents.

Councilmember Hughes stated that she had received a call in favor of the golf carts and that she is good either way.

Councilmember Aldridge stated he is glad we are getting reactions on this issue. Most seem to be against golf carts but some are for them. He said either way is okay for him.

Mayor Michael asked Police Chief Bowen to continue research on permit fees from other cities that were reviewed. Chief Bowen will give a presentation on October 2. We will place a fee in the ordinance draft by City Attorney David Beaver at that time based on results.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a public hearing for Monday, October 2 at 7 pm and that the City Attorney delay drafting a golf cart ordinance until public input is received.

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Councilmember Townsend asked if the policies and procedures are different on commercial property versus residential and exactly where do apartment complexes fall.

Planning and Development Services Director Kevin Robinson came forward and stated that each dwelling unit is its own case. Councilmember Townsend asked that issues at the Heathfield Apartments on Arey Avenue be looked into. Mr.

Robinson stated that these issues are being reviewed and the City is in progress of solving these complaints.

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Councilmember Hughes stated that she would like to see an update of where Piedmont Natural Gas Company is in the process of updating their gas lines within the City. The City Manager stated that he will get an update from the gas company and let Council know.

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Councilmember Hall thanked the Police Chief and his staff on the event on Saturday, September 16 for Comm-UNITY Night Out.

Councilmember Hall thanked Planning and Development Services Director Kevin Robinson concerning dilapidated structures. She had previously asked that his department look into some abandoned structures on 740 the week before.

Councilmember Hall stated that the write up in the Stanly News and Press concerning grant writing should be clarified as Federal Government.

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Councilmember Dry thanked the City for having the recycling and electronic event for residents on Saturday, September 16 from 8-12 noon. He said he would like to see one every six months or every quarter offered by the City.

Councilmember Dry thanked Fire Chief Oke, Battalion Chief Kenny Kendall and the entire Albemarle Fire Department for a job well done concerning the fire at Albemarle Glass Company recently.

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Councilmember Whitley stated that he attended the RPO meeting last Thursday evening and they voted on a priority list of projects to recommend to the State. They will submit only 18 projects of which 12 will be chosen. He also said that the Henson Street extension was recommended as one of these by the TAC. It was chosen as one of the 18 projects to be submitted. He stated that if Council is interested, he has a list of the chosen projects.

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Councilmember Bramlett stated it will be tough to recruit quality businesses to our new business industrial park with our schools as they are currently.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, October 2, 2017 for a regular session meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers at 7 pm.