

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
January 19, 2015

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

The Mayor presented a resolution to Dr. Bill Hatley's family honoring his Life and Service.

(Resolution 15-35)

The Mayor presented a resolution to Carl M. "Buck" Hill honoring his Life and Service. The Mayor thanked Mr. Hill for all he has done for the community.

(Resolution 16-03)

NC Representative Justin Burr stated that he is here to represent Governor McCrory and to award Mr. Hill with the highest honor bestowed by the State office on civilians for the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

The Mayor presented a retirement certificate to Harry (Tony) Upchurch as Fire Battalion Chief with 34 years and 10 months of service with the City of Albemarle.

Mayor Michael stated that Council will take a 5 minutes recess to allow Council to speak with Dr. Bill Hatley's family, Mr. Carl Hill and family, and Mr. Tony Upchurch and family.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the January 4 regular session and January 12 adjourned session as amended.

Mr. Jeff Edwards, District Manager with Waste Management introduced the new Albemarle route manager, Jeff Ames and provided an update on leaf collection and other Waste Management services. Mr. Edwards stated that there had been a few issues during several rain events but everything is back on track now.

Mayor Michael stated that he thinks everything went very well this year. The Mayor had some issues concerning pick up with the boom truck, but these have been resolved.

Mr. Edwards answered any questions that Council had.

Stanly County Sheriff George Burriss came before Council as an unannounced delegate to say hello and to thank the City for all their services and especially taking care of and maintaining Liberty Gardens downtown.

Sheriff Burriss stated that he visits all the municipalities in Stanly County each year and if he or one of his deputies can do anything, just let him know. He also stated what a great job Albemarle Interim Police Chief Danny Bowen is doing.

Mayor Michael thanked Sheriff Burriss for coming.

The Mayor stated that Council had a copy of the monthly departmental reports in their agenda packets and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilmember Hughes asked Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe a question concerning the appraisal on the railroad property for the greenway. Mr. Thorpe stated that he is currently working through an appraiser and the appraiser is speaking with the railroad representatives. Mr. Thorpe said he is waiting to here back from the appraiser.

The Mayor and City Council considered re-bids for the HVAC Project in Amhurst Gardens. Public Housing Director Cedric Baldwin noted that four competitive re-bids were received and that total base bids are more than current funds budgeted for the project. Council was presented with two options to consider which Mr. Stogner with Stogner Architecture explained as below stated:

Option A, award the apparent low Total Base Bid being received from Moser Mechanical, Inc. and grant approval to use program reserves to cover cost; or

Option B, deduct 26 apartments from the contract and use the alternate equipment and award to the apparent low bid received from HEMCO Mechanical, Inc. Current funds are adequate to cover option B.

Mr. Stogner with Stoger Architecture, Public Housing Director Cedric Baldwin, and Finance Director Colleen Conroy answered any questions that Council had.

Upon questioning, Mr. Baldwin stated that the HVAC project is for all Amhurst Garden apartments and if Council chooses Option A, Public Housing can use reserves for the extra \$160,000 it will take to complete all remaining units in Amhurst Gardens. He stated there is \$900,000 in reserves.

Councilmember Hall moved to accept Option B which deducts 26 apartments from the contract and uses the alternate equipment, using low bidder Hemco in the amount of \$560,760. Councilmember Dry seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilmembers Aldridge, Bramlett, Dry, Hall, Hughes, and Townsend. Voting against the motion was Councilmember Whitley. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

(Bid tabulation, Using Option B)

The Mayor and City Council considered an appointment to the ADDC Board with a recommendation from Interim ADDC Director, Dana McDow requesting the appointment of Tyra Storm as a new member to the ADDC Board. The City Clerk will be notified of term dates upon appointment by City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Bramlett, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the recommendation of the ADDC Board to appoint Tyra Storm to its board.

The Mayor and City Council considered declaring substation transformers, switchgear, miscellaneous equipment and metals as surplus for Love Street & Brooks Street Substations. It was noted that one of the transformers has initially tested as containing PCBs above the regulatory threshold that will require special handling and disposal.

The Electric Division has completed the next phase of the 4 kV system conversions and has decommissioned the Love Street and Brooks Street substations. The existing electrical components in the substations are well beyond the end of their service life. The consulting engineer (Southeastern Consulting Engineers) has recommended that the transformers and certain associated components be sold to a qualified transformer firm as scrap and the remainder of the components be sold for general scrap metal.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council declared as surplus the transformers, switchgear, and other associated electrical components and miscellaneous metals from the decommissioning of the Love Street and Brooks Street substations and authorized the City Manager and the Public Utilities Director Mike Leonas to offer the surplus for sale and/or disposal.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the following Ordinance was duly adopted:

(Ordinance 16-03 - To establish a two-hour parking restriction on South First Street between West South Street and West Main Street on both sides of the street.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the following Ordinance was duly adopted:

(Ordinance 16-04 - To appropriate loan proceeds for Fire Dept. Radios)

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet which will be held at 5:30 on February 25 at Stanly Regional Medical Center, special Events and Education Center. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

The Mayor and Council all confirmed their attendance.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the joint meeting with the ADDC Board of Directors and NC Main Street Program Director, Liz Parham at 7:00 p.m. on January 21 in the Raymond I. Allen Room at City Hall.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved requesting the NCDOT name for US Hwy 52 from the southern City limits of Albemarle, north, to the Cabarrus County line "Pfeiffer Parkway".

(Resolution 16-04. To name US Hwy 52 from the southern City limits of Albemarle, north to the Cabarrus County line “Pfeiffer Parkway”.

Councilmember Townsend thanked City Council for their support and attendance at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Saturday, January 16.

Councilmember Hughes stated that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast was well put together with great speakers. She also thanked Councilmember Townsend for all of his hard work for this event and stated that she wished more seats had been filled.

Councilmember Aldridge echoed Councilmember Hughes sentiments concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast.

Councilmember Whitley mentioned the February 11th event at the Central United Methodist Church for the 175th anniversary of Stanly County and Councilmember Bramlett portraying John Stanly. He stated that the next 175th anniversary event is at Central United Methodist Church on February 29 at 6:30 pm. and will be host by Albemarle.

Councilmember Whitley echoed Councilmember Hughes sentiments concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast.

Councilmember Bramlett apologized for not being able to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on Saturday due to a previous engagement.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, January 21

at 7 pm for a joint meeting with the ADDC Board of Directors and Liz Parham with the NC Main Street Program at City Hall in the Raymond I. Allen Room.