

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

August 3, 2015

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, August 3, 2015 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 Troy E. Alexander, Bill Aldridge, Benton H. Dry, II, Martha Sue Hall, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend, and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

Mayor Michael gave the invocation.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the July 20 regular minutes as submitted.

The Mayor and City Council held a public hearing to consider a petition for the assessed paving of Parker Street. No one from the public spoke for or against this hearing.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a petition for the assessed paving of Parker Street.

(Resolution 15-23. To pave Parker Street from Salisbury Avenue to Lefler Street.)

Mr. Bryson Osborne came before City Council to request a street closure request for Friday, August 28 for the Dancing with the Stars Fundraiser Sponsored by the Butterfly House. The request is to close McGill between 6th and

7th, and to close 7th between Azalea Street and McGill Street from 5:00 pm to 11:00. Music will stop playing at 9:30 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a street closure request for Friday, August 28 for the Dancing with the Stars Fundraiser Sponsored by the Butterfly House, closing McGill Street between 6th and 7th Street and to close 7th Street between Azalea Street and McGill Street from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm with music stopping at 9:30 pm.

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

The Mayor and City Council considered a resolution for funding the US Hwy 52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation. The bids for the US Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant have been let. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to enter into an agreement with NCDENR Water Quality Division for funds from the State Revolving Funds loan.

Due to the bids that were received for this project, the City will be requesting the ability to seek additional funds. The request for additional funds is \$2,144,800 (the City was previously approved for State loan funds of \$8,900,000). We are requesting the NC Local Government Commission to approve the additional amount we intend to borrow and the State to increase the SRF loan amount.

Mr. Adam Kiker, LKC Engineering discussed the bids and the need for the revision. He said the original estimate was developed approximately one year ago. Since that time, the construction industry has picked up considerably and construction services are in much greater demand. This has lead to the increase in the actual bid price versus the estimated price. He did indicate the low bidder is a very well qualified contractor who has undertaken several projects for the City in the past. Mr. Kiker said the construction phase is estimated to last approximately 16-months.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved additional funds in the amount of \$2,144,800 and a resolution for funding the US

Hwy 52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation of bids for the US Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant and approved the resolution which authorizes the Finance Director to enter into an agreement with NCDENR Water Quality Division for funds from the State Revolving Funds loan.

(Resolution 15-22. Agreement with NCDENR for water quality division for state revolving fund loan)

The Mayor and City Council considered bids for construction contracts for the US52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project for Contract 1 and Contract 2 for the construction of the US52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. Council to consider award of Contract 1 to Dellinger, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$8,892,962.00 and award of Contract 2 to Utility Service Co., Inc. for a total contract amount of \$255,300.00. The award of Contract 1 and Contract 2 shall be contingent upon submission of and approval of the request to the NCDENR SRF Loan Program and the NCLGC for an increase in the loan amount to reflect the construction cost as a result of the bidding process.

The 2015 bids for construction were received and publicly opened and read aloud for the US52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. The project consists of two (2) contracts which contract 1 encompasses rehabilitation of the plant treatment systems, building systems (structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing), and contract 2 the interior and exterior envelopes of the building and the painting of the elevated storage tank at the plant.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved award of Contract 1 to the lowest bidder, Dellinger, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$8,892,962.00 and award of Contract 2 to lowest bidder, Utility Service Co., Inc. for a total contract amount of \$255,300.00. for construction of the US52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and shall be contingent upon submission of and approval of the request to the NCDENR SRF Loan Program and the NCLGC for an increase in the loan amount to reflect the construction cost as a result of the bidding process.

(Bid 2015-08 – Rehabilitation of US Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant and Tank Painting.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a revised application agreement with NCDENR for a State Revolving Loan.

The Mayor and City Council received an update on customer feedback surveys implemented as part of the Business Development Task Force, which recommended the City implement a customer feedback survey for the development process. The City Manager noted that the surveys are sent to everyone who receives a coordination form from the City. The survey is post-card sized and was developed with the assistance of Centralina Councils of Government. The survey cards are sent with return postage paid and delivered back directly to the City Manager's Office. Council received a summary of the responses and all the comments received since they were put into use in the fall.

The City Manager thanked Assistant City Manager Christina Alphin for compiling the results. He also commended the Planning and Community Development staff for their diligent and courteous work as being the lead department in facilitating projects throughout the City and he thanked all City staff who played a role in the development process to help make the experience of our customers a positive one.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the City of Albemarle National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4. The Albemarle Police Department invites everyone to join us for National Night Out, from (6:00-9:00 pm) on Tuesday, August 4th 2015. National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. This will be the third year that the Albemarle Police Department has hosted National Night Out. The event will take place at the Roosevelt Ingram Memorial Park, located at 400 Hwy 24-27 Bypass East.

The Mayor and City Council were informed that the City will have an employment information table at the National Night Out Event. Human Resources Director Robert Whitley and Assistant City Manager Christina Alphin are working together to establish a jobs information table at the National Night Out event at Ingram Park on Tuesday, August 4. The table will be staffed and information will be provided to the public and questions answered regarding employment with the City to increase exposure and the awareness of employment

opportunities and provide a starting point for interested applicants to learn about employment with the City.

The Mayor and City Council were informed that the City of Albemarle is a Pacesetter this year, which is designed to get the County-wide United Way Campaign off to good start. The City Council has already agreed to provide a day of vacation for each employee who participates as a fair-share giver.

The Mayor and City Council were informed that the branding presentation will be held in the Raymond Allen Community Room on August 19, at 5:30 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the Stanly County Commissioners to see the final product on the Branding Initiative from North Star Destination Strategies.

The City Manager gave a follow up on the issue of a truck with demolition materials that was sitting at the house on NC Hwy 73 where the owner had torn down the house. He said that the truck with the debris has been removed.

Economic Development Director Mark Donham came before Council concerning the approval of a resolution of support and involvement in the NCSU Institute for Emerging Issues, Innovate-NC Program, The Cross-City Learning Collaborative. He stated that smaller municipalities are less likely to develop an innovative ecosystem. The value of the support that will be provided by the Innovate-NC Program is estimated to be \$250,000 over a two-year period. The initiative group of Stanly County consists of Stanly Community College, City of Albemarle, City of Locust, and Stanly County Government to be supported by a county-wide group of 25 to 30 community leaders known as the Local Innovation Council.

This is a request for the City of Albemarle to be a co-applicant with the City of Locust working with the Local Initiative Council to participate in the Innovate-NC, Cross-City Learning Collaborative and to pay \$3,750 as part of a \$15,000 fee shared with Stanly County and Locust if our application is selected.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the City of Albemarle to be a co-applicant with the City of Locust working with the Local Initiative Council to participate in the Innovate-NC, Cross-City Learning Collaborative and to pay \$3, 750 as part of a \$15,000 fee shared with Stanly County and Locust if our application is selected.

(Resolution 15-24. To support involvement in NCSU's Institute for Emerging Issues, Innovate-NC Program and the Cross-City Learning).

Councilmember Dry commended the Public Works Department for the quick response to an issue on Cameron Drive.

Councilmember Dry asked staff about an issue on Henning Drive.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.