

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
October 5, 2015

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, October 5, 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 Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved September 21 regular session minutes as submitted.

Mr. Durham Lewis, CPA, Lewis and Lewis, CPA came before City Council to present the FY 14/15 Albemarle ABC System Audit. Mr. Lewis stated that the City received an unqualified opinion which is the highest opinion given with no irregularities at all.

Mr. Lewis pointed out pages for Council to review concerning the balance sheet, statement of revenue, expense and salary, statement of cash flows as of 6/30/2015, notes to the financial statements, distribution of income, law enforcement and alcohol education expenses, excise tax collected in the amount of \$8,937 for year ending 6/30/2015, working capital, schedule of store expenses, schedule of administrative expenses, schedule of warehouse expenses, schedule of revenues and expenditures – budget and actual as of 6.30.2015.

Mr. Lewis answered any questions that Council had.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council accepted the Albemarle ABC Board FY 14/15 Albemarle ABC System Audit.

Ms. Jaqueline Harris, 134 N Fourth Street, was scheduled to come before City Council to request a Children at Play Sign to be placed on North Fourth Street between East Main Street at Five Points and East North Street. Ms. Harris did not attend the meeting and this item will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Ms. Kelley Bigger, Stanly County YMCA was scheduled to come before Council to request a street closing for the Smith Splash on October 17, 2015 from 11am until 5 pm.

The YMCA will not be having the car event and will therefore not need to close a street during the Smith Splash as previously planned.

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 acceptance of the abstract of votes for the September 15, 2015 Municipal Primary Elections from the Stanly County Board of Elections for City Council. Council will need to accept this so it can be entered into the Council meeting minutes.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the Abstract of Votes for the September 15, 2015 Municipal Primary Elections from the Stanly County Board of Elections for City Council.

(Abstract of Votes September 15 primary election)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an amendment to the School Zone Traffic Schedule.

(Ordinance 15-28. To amend the School Zone Traffic Schedule.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved to amend the Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant Budget.

(Ordinance 15-29. To amend the Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant Project Budget.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a budget ordinance for the Third Year Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Grant.

(Ordinance 15-30. Budget Ordinance for third year Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Grant.)

The Mayor and City Council considered setting a public hearing for a text amendment to add uses to the Institutional and Office District (I-O). On September 22, 2015, the Planning Board recommended approval of a text amendment.

The text amendment proposes the following changes:

Delete § 92.085C (B) (5) – Nursing and nursing homes

Add § 92.085C (B) (5) – Nursing homes

Add § 92.085C (B) (9) – Assisted living facilities including apartments

Add § 92.085C (B) (10) – Independent living facilities

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved setting a public hearing for Monday, November 2 at 7 pm to consider a text amendment to allowable uses in the Institutional and Office (I-O) District.

The Mayor and City Council considered setting a public hearing to consider a map amendment to change the zoning of a 4.1 acre lot on the east side of Leonard Avenue south of Inger Street (Tax Record 6281) from R-8 Two-Family Residential to I-O Institution and Office District. On September 22, 2015, the Planning Board recommended this approval of a rezoning request of Rana, LLC.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved setting a public hearing for Monday, November 2 at 7 pm to consider a map amendment to change the zoning of a 4.1 acre lot on the east side of Leonard Avenue south of Inger Street (Tax Record 6281) from R-8 Two-Family Residential to I-O Institution and Office District.

The Mayor and City Council considered the US Hwy 52 South Business Sidewalk construction bid. The lowest responsive bidder came in at \$255,454.42 from Little Mountain Builders, Inc., leaving a difference of \$16,466.22 over the current project budget (including the \$11,500.00 contingency).

It was noted that in order to meet the project budget, Council should consider the following options:

- 1) Reduce Scope of Construction.
- 2) Additional Powell Bill Reserve Appropriations.
- 3) Reallocation of FY 15-16 Powell Bill Projects: reallocate funds from currently budgeted Powell Bill project (i.e., street resurfacing).

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, and unanimously carried, approved the bid tabulation and the following resolution awarding to the lowest bidder in the amount of \$255,454.42 from Little Mountain Builders, Inc. Was duly adopted:

(Bid Tabulation)

(Resolution 15-28. To award a contract for the US Hwy 52 South sidewalk improvements, NCDOT TIP Project #EB-5525 to Little Mountain Builders, Inc.)

Councilmember Hall moved that Council approve a transfer of Powell Bill funds in the amount of \$16,500 to the project budget. Councilmember Dry seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Councilmember Hall agreed to amend her original motion and to transfer up to \$25,000 to the project budget. Councilmember Dry agreed to amend his original second to the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilmember Alexander, Aldridge, Dry, Hall, Hughes, Townsend, and Whitley. No one voted against the motion and the motion carried.

The Mayor and City Council considered a partnership between Albemarle Parks and Recreation, Locust Parks and Recreation, and Oakboro Parks and Recreation to conduct Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. All expenses will be covered by sponsorships and ticket sales. No City budget funds will be used (other than staff time).

Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe came before Council and stated in November 2014, the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce announced that it would be discontinuing its role as the primary sponsor of the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame Committee Chair, Mike Harwood and he have discussed having the three Stanly County Parks and Recreation agencies partner to assure that the annual Hall of Fame Banquet will continue.

Event Planning to include selection of inductees, event speaker, invitations to former inductee's and family members, coordination with event site, preparation, seating, general coordination, ticket sales, solicitation and collection of sponsorships, etc.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a partnership between Albemarle Parks and Recreation, Locust Parks and Recreation, and Oakboro Parks and Recreation to conduct Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed Planning Board dinner meeting dates for FY 2015-16 of Wednesday, October 21, 2015 and Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

The Mayor and City Council received information of the Valve Turning Ceremony for the CKA Project which is set for Thursday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. This was the first choice of City Council. The location of the ceremony is the Mount Pleasant Pump Station located at 25 N. Main St., Mount Pleasant, NC 28124. The City of Concord is handling the ceremony arrangements.

Mayor Michael stated that there also will be a public comment workshop for the Commercial Maintenance Code on October 22 at 7 pm in the Raymond I. Allen Room at City Hall.

The Mayor and City Council received information of the Walk for Greenways on November 7. Madison Moose, a senior at Albemarle High School, has proposed to conduct a fundraising walk utilizing the Snyder Greenway as her Senior Graduation Project. Participation will be by donation, with all proceeds going to the Snyder Greenway Fund.

Parks and Recreation Director, Toby Thorpe, will assist as her mentor for the project. No street closures or parade permits should be needed for this event. The route will start and end at Montgomery Park, and will travel north along the paved greenway path to Salisbury Avenue, east to the Snyder Greenway Trailhead, north along the newest portion of the Greenway, then south back to Franklin Street, east to Depot Street, south to West Main Street, west to Little Long Creek, and back to Montgomery Park via the greenway.

The City Manager stated that he received documentation from the National League of Cities concerning our voting delegate and alternate for the November 7 business meeting at the Congress of Cities in Nashville, TN.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, and unanimously carried, the City Council appointed Councilmember Hughes as voting delegate and Councilmember Hall as alternate for the November 7 business meeting at the Congress of Cities in Nashville, TN.

Councilmember Hughes encouraged everyone to complete the survey concerning the downtown streetscape.

Councilmember Hughes thanked all City employees for their dedication in handling issues this past weekend during the storm.

Councilmember Dry commented on the fluoride leak at the US Hwy 52 Water Plant. Councilmember Dry thanked Fire Chief Oke and his staff for their response and to Stanly County EMA Director Brian Simpson and the regional HAZMAT representatives for their assistance with the clean up. He asked that a letter of thanks be send to the HAZMAT representatives for all their help.

Councilmember Whitley said that riding by this morning and seeing the tree fall on the Central Elementary School sign was saddening.

Councilmember Hall stated that our employees are our greatest asset. She thanked Assistant Public Utilities Director Judy Redwine for all her hard work for Public Power week events this week.

There will be events at City Hall on Tuesday, October 6 from 8:30-12:00 pm in the lobby, A Day of Caring on Wednesday, October 7 with a list of residents in nine homes given by Aleshia Holland, Nutrition Program Supervisor. Ms. Hall stated that we will be taking energy-kits containing light bulbs, shower heads, filter whistler, insulation caulking, etc., and on Thursday, October 8 there will be a key accounts breakfast held in the Raymond I. Allen room in City Hall.

Mayor Michael stated that today a reception celebrating 50 years of service was held in the Raymond I. Allen room from 4-6:30 pm for Iris Coggins.

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