

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 2014

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, February 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present to-wit: Troy E. Alexander, Benton Dry II, Martha Sue Hall, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend, and Christopher Whitley. Absent, Bill Aldridge.

Youth In Government Day participants from Albemarle
Middle School

Mayor - Issac Still
City Council - Caitlin Bergevin, Simone Mack, Chizong Vang, Heather Sedano, Sunny Haque, Sam Hopkins, and Samaria Lilly
City Manager - Paul Flowe
Fire Chief - Huaj Lor
Police Chief - Destiny Brown
Recreation Director - Kelan Hamilton
Utilities Director - Nathan Voorheis
Finance Director - Britney Nash
Personnel Director - Greyson Griffin

The Mayor asked the student's Guidance Counselor Debra Baker to come forward and speak about this program.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

The Mayor and City Council presented the following City Retirement Certificates:

Teresa A. Efird- Police Department- 7.67 years of service

Nelson L. Barringer- Department of Public Works- 27.50
years of service

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded
by Councilmember Dry and unanimously carried, the minutes of the
February 3 regular session and February 3 closed session minutes were
approved as submitted.

There was one agenda adjustment concerning the Old
Whitney Rehabilitation Project and it was placed right before the Closed
Session.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded
by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council
approved adding an item to the agenda concerning the Old Whitney
Rehabilitation Project before the Closed session.

Mayor Michael noted that the monthly administrative
reports were in the agenda package.

The Mayor and City Council received a report on State
Ethics Commission requirements for rural planning organization
members. Mayor Michael stated that he had been in contact with the
North Carolina State Ethics Commission, and they advised that the
Statement of Economic Interest applies only to family members that
reside in the office holder's household.

The Mayor and City Council considered an amendment to a water sales agreement with Stanly County. The City Manager noted that Stanly County is in the process of purchasing the water line on St. Martin Road from the Town of Oakboro, and becoming once again the water supplier for Oakboro. Previously the County served Oakboro with water but in 2001 at the request of Oakboro and with the consent of the County, the City agreed to sell water directly to Oakboro. At that time the County agreed to reduce its water allocation from the City from 3 MGD to 1.75 MGD since its use was far less than this and since Oakboro was receiving a 1 MGD allocation from the City.

Now that the Oakboro allocation will be eliminated, the County is requesting a return to their original 3 MGD. Currently, the County uses approximately 1.1 MGD and Oakboro uses approximately .15 MGD for a total of 1.25 MGD. Council received copies of the original agreement and amendment with Stanly County as well as the current Oakboro agreement for background information.

The City Manager answered any questions that Council had.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an amendment to a water sales agreement with Stanly County to increase the daily water allocation from 1.75 MGD to 3 MGD.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval of an ordinance to amend the sewer use ordinance. The City Manager noted that the state has required that the City update our sewer use ordinance, which was last amended a number of years ago. This was prepared by a consultant, Nadine Blackwell, who works on these matters, and has been sent previously to the City Attorney for review. Council received two copies- a clean copy of the proposed ordinance and a redline/blueline copy of the current ordinance so that they could see all of the changes that had been made.

Brandon Plyer with the City's WWTP and Nadine Blackwell a consultant with United Water came forward and answered any questions that Council had.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council passed the following ordinance.

(Ordinance 14-04. To update the sewer use ordinance.)

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

(Ordinance 14-03. To appropriate proceeds from installment debt from Uwharrie Bank for the purchase of a Sewer Vac Truck in the amount of \$384,660.)

The Mayor and City Council considered an appointment to fill an unexpired term on Zoning Board of Adjustment in which the term expires in July 2016 and is to replace Bill Aldridge who has been appointed to City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the City Council appointed Terry Blue the current 1st alternate to fill the unexpired term of Bill Aldridge expiring July, 2016, Dean Speight the current 2nd alternate to move up to 1st alternate and Perry Moser current 3rd alternate to move up to 2nd alternate.

It was the consensus of Council to hold off appointing someone to the 3rd alternate position at this time.

The Mayor and City Council discussed plans to honor former Mayor and members of City Council. The City Council has adopted resolutions honoring these former board members, and we have now received sufficient keys to the City to present to all four individuals.

It was the consensus of City Council to do a reception to honor former Mayor Whitley and the former members of City Council before a regular meeting and then present their plaque at the regular meeting. They will be contacted to see if March 17 or April 7 will work better for all of them.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Council of Governments meeting starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 25 in Stanfield. This meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship and the meal will be catered by Wayside Restaurant and the guest speaker will be Robert Britt, Manager of West Stanly Christian Ministries.

Councilmember Hall and Whitley will meet Council at the meeting and everyone else will carpool from City Hall.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded that the Stanly County Winter Wine Festival will take place on Saturday, February 22 at Market Station from Noon until 5:00 p.m. This event is the second

largest fund raiser of the year for the ADDC, and it brings in quite a few visitors from outside the County.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the City Council Budget Work Sessions which will take place on February 26 and 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed information concerning the status report on Stanly Community College's Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Project. Council received a copy of the letter from Dr. Brenda Kays. The City is also assisting in this effort in providing some utility relocation needed for the building improvements at no charge to the college.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved Change Order #1 for the Old Whitney Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$13,969.

The City Manager stated that Council had received a policy manual on orientation day and there was one cliché involving the Code of Ethics policy getting intermingled with the travel policy and he asked Council to rearrange that part of the notebook. Also, Council received an updated Table of Contents adding the Code of Ethics Policy for their new policy manual.

Councilmember Townsend thanked the Youth In Government for being participants. He also thanked the City staff on a great job handling the snow storm this past week.

Councilmember Hughes also thanked the Youth In Government for being participants. She also commented on the tour Council took on orientation day and how informative it was and thanked all City departments on their participation with their busy schedules.

Councilmember Alexander thanked all City employees during the orientation.

Councilmember Dry thanked all of the department heads for their presentation during the orientation. He also thanked the Youth In Government for being participants and wished all students could participate in this program. He also thanked the City staff on a great job handling the snow storm this past week.

Councilmember Whitley stated that the orientation for the new council members was vey helpful and he thanked all the City departments in their participation. He also thanked the Youth In Government for being participants and thanked the City staff on a great job handling the snow storm this past week.

Councilmember Hall also thanked the students for the hours they participated in today for Youth In Government at City Hall. She echoed thanks to City staff on a great job handling the snow storm this past week.

The Mayor thanked all of staff for their participation in the orientation and thanked the City staff on a great job handling the snow storm this past week. He also thanked the YIG students and Guidance Counselor Debra Baker from the Albemarle Middle School.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hughes and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 a) 5 to discuss real estate transactions.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Michael announced that a closed session was held pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a) a)5 to discuss real estate transactions and there is nothing to report at this time.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, February 19, 2014 for City Council Planning/Budget Retreat in the Community Room at City Hall beginning at 5 pm.