

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
July 17, 2013

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. Mayor Elbert L. “Whit” Whitley presided and the following Councilmembers were present, to wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, T. Ed Underwood, and Dexter Townsend. Absent, Councilmember Judy Holcomb.

The City Council held a meeting with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss matters of common interest.

Mayor Whitley opened the meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions. He then turned the meeting over to Planning Board Chairman Rodney Morgan. Mr. Morgan stated that there is no new business on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Morgan spoke about “Jake brakes” that was discussed at the April meeting and that New London has passed an ordinance dealing with this. Also, he said that Mount Pleasant and Troy have an ordinance concerning this also. He asked that the City look into this.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council approved City staff looking into requirements and bring information back before the joint boards at the next meeting about “Jake brakes”.

Mayor Whitley stated that at the City Council meeting on Monday night, Council was updated on the debris removal. We are most concerned of what is left on the street after the pickup. We are hoping that residents will sweep up and bag the remaining debris left and put at the street for pickup. The residents that are able to need to join in and do this.

Councilmember Alexander stated that on Monday night, this information may have helped some people to understand about the leftover debris after pickup because he has seen residents working together to get the remaining debris left.

Mayor Whitley stated that Interim Public Works Director Nina Underwood stated Monday night, that extra equipment may have to be brought in for some of the stump removal.

Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf stated that presently we do not have any requests coming through the Planning Board this month. We were fairly busy in the spring with text amendments and rezonings.

Mr. Wolf also stated we have executed a contract to have three of the four structures in the 2012/2013 process demolished. The bid was awarded to Joe Burriss. Mr. Burriss has experience as he won the bid in the last process and removed the structures last year. The three structures in the current bid are: 416 Second Avenue, 1452 Hickory Avenue, and 1245 Wendover Avenue.

No bid was received on 600 South Second Street due to the size and complexity of the demolition. We are working with James Luster to find new bidders and rebid this job. Asbestos abatement should be completed within the week and then the demolition process can begin.

Mr. Wolf stated that the bid costs are up from last year and we will need more money to do the same amount of demolition this year or just do fewer houses.

Councilmember Hall stated that the tree removal from 600 South Second Street looks better. It was stated that this was done by the Ceres Environmental group doing the debris removal for the City.

Mayor Whitley asked that the City Council stay for a few minutes because there is a financing resolution for the Old Whitney Raw Water Pump Station project that Council needs to vote on.

The City Manager stated that the application had been submitted to the Local Government Commission but the one thing missing was the financing resolution approved by City Council. This is basically the same type of resolution that was required for the EQ Basin.

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

(Resolution 13-24. To authorize the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by NC General Statute 160A-20.)

Councilmember Neel asked if the City has been approved for reimbursement from the State on the debris removal. The City Manager stated that there has been no official decision made yet but we should be eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Allen stated that the City would not receive a federal declaration because to receive federal assistance, North Carolina would have to have \$13 million of damage statewide.

Mayor Whitley asked about financial assistance offered by the State for Albemarle residents from the June 13 storm.

The City Manager stated that financial assistance is available for survivors of the severe storms that struck on June 13. The aid is a result of the governor's request for a disaster declaration by the U.S. Small Business Administration. They are set up at the Agri-Civic Center until Thursday, July 18.

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