

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2013

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall. 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, Dexter Townsend, and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, Judy U. Holcomb.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 25 adjourned session, February 27 adjourned session, March 4 regular session and March 4, 2013 closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Neal Boyd, Charlotte Sports Cycling came before Council to request a street closure for the Adam Little Memorial Criterium for Friday, May 3. Mr. Neal Boyd discussed this with Paulette Bowers and advised that he will be heading up the organization of the proposed race in Albemarle this year. This is the bicycle race that was held in downtown Albemarle in March of last year.

Mr. Boyd upon questioning stated that he had spoken with Police Chief Halliburton, NCDOT and would be meeting with downtown businesses about the street closures.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a street closure on Friday, May 3 from 5:15 to 11:00 pm for the Adam Little Memorial Criterium.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the following Ordinance passed second reading and was duly adopted:

(Ordinance 13-11. To adopt a capital project budget ordinance relating to the US 52 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project.)

The Mayor and City Council considered an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the mowing of NCDOT rights of way within the City. Pursuant to Council's authorization, Public Works Director Mike Lambert negotiated an agreement with NCDOT to mow their rights of way.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the mowing of NCDOT rights of way within the City.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval of an electronics recycling proposal. City Council received a memo and agreement from Public Works Director Mike Lambert. Public Works has negotiated an agreement with Electronics Recycler International in Badin to accept our electronic recyclables at no charge to the City.

Mayor Whitley upon questioning suggested that a call number will be placed in the bill stuffer for residents to call for electronic items they need picked up.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an electronic recycling proposal with Electronics Recycler International in Badin at no charge to the City.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval and award of a bid for waterline relocation. NCDOT is replacing the Bridge on Hwy 49 over Curl Tail Creek, requiring the relocation of approximately 600 feet of 30" ductile iron waterline. They are asking approval of a bid and award to SKC, Inc, per the engineer's recommendation in the amount of 243,150.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a bid award recommended by Chambers Engineering for waterline relocation due to NCDOT replacement of the bridge on NC Hwy 49 over Curl Tail Creek in the amount of \$243,150.

(Bid Tabulation)

The Mayor and City Council received a presentation of the annual update to the Department of Public Housing Agency Plan. This annual update is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistant City Manager Michael Ferris came before Council and gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the documents Council received on the update to the Department of Public Housing Agency Plan. He first reviewed any proposed agency plan changes, proposed grievance procedure changes, and proposed changes to the community service policy.

Mr. Ferris briefly covered the Capital Fund Project annual statement and the Capital Fund Project Five-Year Plan. He stated that there will be a meeting with the residents on Thursday, March 21 and a public hearing on April 15 for final approval. The purpose is to receive input on the proposed changes to the Plan. This information will be brought back before Council at the Monday, April 15 Council meeting.

Mr. Ferris answered any questions that Council had.

The Mayor and City Council discussed setting filing fees for the 2013 municipal elections. The City Manager noted that we received information from the Stanly County Board of Elections regarding the upcoming municipal elections, polling places and an estimate of the election budget. The City Council will need to set the filing fees for the City.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a filing fee of \$20 for the Mayor and \$10 for each Councilmember for the 2013 municipal election.

The Mayor and City Council discussed a request of Stanly County Magistrate's Office for a reserved on-street parking place directly in front of their office on South Third Street. Councilmember Underwood requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. There are currently four parking spaces on the west side of South Third Street in front of the jail that are reserved for police vehicles.

Magistrate Michael Parker came before City Council requesting at least one parking space be designated to the Magistrate's Office. He stated that they have to go to the Clerk of Court's office around 9 am each day to take monetary funds from the previous day. Sometimes they have to park around the block due to no space being available near his office. In inclement weather or if it is already dark, this can be unsafe. He is requesting at least one space behind the handicap space for a personal vehicle for personnel security.

Councilmember Hall asked that Chief Halliburton and the Stanly County Sheriff analyze this and see if there would be any problem in doing this before making a decision on this matter.

Mayor Whitley asked that Chief Halliburton and Sheriff Burris look into this parking space and come back before Council with recommendation.

Mr. Parker answered any questions that Council had.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-12) "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2012-13 BUDGET" passed first reading.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast on April 15 at SRMC at 7:15

am. The City Manager noted that he can RSVP for those board members who plan to attend.

Councilmembers Alexander, Hall, Michael, Neel, Townsend, and Underwood affirmed their attendance.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the ElectriCities of NC Regional Meeting. The meeting closest to Albemarle will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 pm in Concord. The City Manager stated that Council can carpool or vanpool to the meeting if there is sufficient interest.

The City Manager stated that the call in has been moved to April 23 at City Hall and now is a conflict with the ElectriCities Regional meeting. There are alternate ElectriCities meetings in Shelby on April 4 and Statesville on May 2 if Council would like to attend either of them. Upon discussion, it was decided to bring this item back before Council at its April 1 meeting.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the ElectriCities of NC Legislative Reception. This will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm in Raleigh. This event will be held at the NC Museum of History across the street from the legislative building from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and ElectriCities would like for each member City to send one or more representatives if possible. All of the legislators, the Governor and his cabinet are being invited to the reception. If anyone from the City is attending, they have also asked that we extend an additional invitation to our local delegation.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded that City Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Councilmember Townsend stated that the City's Economic Development Task Force requested knowledge of feed back from the Stanly County Economic Development Commission. The County has had ample time to respond.

Mayor Whitley stated that he and the City Manager attended an EDC luncheon and was going to meet with Commissioner Gene McIntyre but he was not there due to family medical issues. The Mayor also said that he called Mr. McIntyre today and left a voicemail and he will try calling him back again tomorrow.

Councilmember Hall stated that she attended the 2013 Foundation for the Carolinas Annual Meeting on March 14 and sat with Paul Stratos and she talked with him about the Economic Development Task Force's importance and the City working with the EDC of the County.

Councilmember Hall also stated that when she attended the NLC Congressional meeting in Washington earlier this month, the sequestration was not a hot topic and she met Vice President Joe Biden who was a special guest.

Councilmember Hall informed the City Manager and the Finance Director that the NLC is having a webinar tomorrow on Municipal Bonds.

Councilmember Hall gave City Council an update concerning the nomination request for the Region of Excellence Awards for Centralina Council of Governments and its nomination deadline being April 13, 2013. She had copies concerning the eligibility/criteria and application form for Council.

Councilmember Hall stated that there will be a national take-back initiative on April 27, 2013 for the disposal of unused medicines. This is hosted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a) 6 to discuss personnel matters.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Michel and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Whitley announced that a Closed Session was held pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a) 6 to discuss personnel matters and stated there is nothing to report at this time.

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