

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 2017

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, October 16, 2017 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 Martha Sue Hall, Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton H. Dry II, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the October 2 regular session minutes were approved as submitted.

Maxton McDowell, CPA came before Council to present the 2017 Audit for ADDC. Mr. McDowell reviewed the following pages:

Pages

- 1-2 Independent Auditor's Report – Unmodified Opinion
- 3 Statement of Financial Position – FYE June 30, 2017
- 4 Statement of Activities – FYE June 30, 2017
- 5 Statement of Cash Flows - FYE June 30, 2017
- 6-9 Notes to Financial Statements
- 10 Schedule of Financial Expenses - FYE June 30, 2017

Mr. McDowell answered any questions that Council had.

The Mayor and City Council received a copy of the September Monthly Departmental Reports and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilmember Hughes asked about an elevator and some issues they are evaluating and potential additional costs to the US Hwy. 52 Plant project. Mayor Michael stated that this is still under evaluation.

The Mayor and City Council considered additional information and a request for reconsideration to continue a conditional use permit. At the previous meeting, the City Council denied the request of Mr. David Chan for a conditional use permit seeking the continuation of the use specified in CUP #17-001 - Unlimited electronic, mechanical, manual and skill games, excluding, however billiard tables. The location is 2000 US Hwy 52, #2 and is in the same shopping center as Food Lion.

The City Manager noted that the City Ordinance does not allow a denied CUP to be re-heard unless there is a substantial change in the information provided in the application. It is possible for the applicant to re-submit the application with substantial additional information for Council to hear. It is at Council's discretion to re-hear the matter. Planning Director Kevin Robinson recommended that if Council wants to move forward with reconsideration, that a new public hearing can be set for November 6. If a new hearing is set, we would allow the existing operation to continue as the owner did submit his application for a new CUP in time and the request would still be under consideration.

Upon further Council discussion a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council delayed any decision on setting a public hearing until further discussion on Monday, November 6 at its regular session meeting for reconsideration of Conditional Use Permit seeking the continuation of the use specified in CUP #17-001 - Unlimited electronic, mechanical, manual and skill games, excluding, however billiard tables. The location is 2000 US Hwy 52, #2 and is in the same shopping center as Food Lion.

The City Council considered an ordinance concerning golf cart use in the City limits of Albemarle. The City Attorney presented a draft copy of the ordinance for Council review. It was noted that on Monday, October 2, Council voted 4-3 to proceed with the drafting of the ordinance. Mayor Michael stated that Council can vote on the ordinance received or delay consideration until the next scheduled regular session on Monday, November 6, 2017.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved delaying the consideration of a golf cart ordinance until the next scheduled regular session on Monday, November 6, 2017.

The Mayor and City Council considered proposals for asbestos abatement for the EE Waddell Center Gymnasium. Parks & Recreation has received three quotes for asbestos removal related to the existing gym floor at the EE Waddell Center. Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Kiser noted that asbestos was found to be present in the glue under the existing tile flooring in the gym. The existing floor will be removed and the asbestos abated before the new gym floor is installed.

Ms. Kiser stated that the quotes received were:

Abatemaster, Inc., Lexington, NC - \$14,442.00
Concord Asbestos Abatement, Inc, Concord, NC - \$18.000
Get the Lead Out, Charlotte, NC - \$22.850

Ms. Kiser stated that Abatemaster, Inc has the lowest quote and has verified that all charges are included on the quote.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved Abatemaster, Inc. from Lexington, NC in the amount of \$14,442.00 for asbestos abatement at the EE Waddell Center Gymnasium.

The Mayor and City Council considered the EE Waddell Gymnasium Flooring Proposal.

Royalwood Associates, Inc - Raleigh, NC has submitted a quote for the following improvements to the EE Waddell Recreation Center Gymnasium:

1. Bleacher Removal and Replacement and Tile and Installation in Lobby area
2. Floor and Installation in Gymnasium
3. Spaulding Volleyball System

* \$75,000 has been budgeted for this phase of the gymnasium renovations

* Albemarle Rotary Club has agreed to donate \$30,000 to this project

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved Royalwood Associates, Inc., Raleigh, NC for the following at the EE Waddell Community Center for a total amount of \$77,788.82.:

1. Bleacher Removal and Replacement and Tile and Installation in Lobby area - \$8,744
2. Floor and Installation in Gymnasium - \$64,372
3. Spaulding Volleyball System - \$4,672.82

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a budget amendment for Morehead Park Project.

(Ordinance 17-34. To amend Morehead Park Project Budget.)

The Mayor and City Council considered a Special Event Permit for the Downtown Christmas Open House on Friday, November 17th from 5:30 - 9:00 pm. The following roads have been requested to be closed:

- * Main Street from First St to Third St.
- * Depot Street from Second St to King St
- * Second Street from Depot Street to North Street

ADDC request the ability to serve alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only). Cabarrus Brewing Company will provide staff, permits, and alcohol to serve and sell during the event. There is a designated beer garden where alcohol will be served and live music will be played. Also requesting the entire road closure area to be included as a part of the designated area for allowed alcoholic beverages.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Bramlett, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a special event permit for the Downtown Open House on Friday, November 17 from 5:30-9pm and to be ability to serve alcoholic beverages and the entire road closure area to be included as a part of the allowed area for serving alcoholic beverages.

The Mayor and City Council considered a Special Event Permit for the Downtown Fall Festival on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm. There is also a request to close Main Street to North Street from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a special event permit for the Downtown Fall Festival on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm. and to close Main Street to North Street from 3:30-5:00 pm.

The Mayor and City Council considered a hold harmless agreement with Stanly County Schools Early College. Stanly County Schools Early College is requesting permission to use the Albemarle Soccer Complex for emergency evacuations. The agreement would allow Stanly Early College the use of Albemarle Soccer Complex and release liability from City of Albemarle if Stanly Early College had to use the Soccer Complex to dismiss school due to evacuation of their campus.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a hold harmless agreement with Stanly County Schools Early College concerning the use of the Albemarle Soccer complex for emergency evacuations.

The Mayor and City Council considered bids received for scrap metal declared as surplus for various classes and quantities of scrap metal. The Public Utilities Department received and opened bids for surplus scrap metal on October 10, 2017. Competitive bids were received from two (2) bidders for the scrap metals. Subject to confirmation of weights at the landfill scales, the potential total revenue from this sale will be approximately \$35,935. The two bids were from Foil's Inc. and Butch's Scrap Metal.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved awarding bids to Foil's Inc. and Butch's Scrap Metal for the seven different types of scrap metal declared as surplus in the Public Utilities Department.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed an update on a proposed meeting with Stanly County School Board. Following the October 2 City Council meeting, the City Manager left a voicemail for Interim School Superintendent, Georgia Harvey on October 3 regarding a possible meeting. The City Manager received a voicemail from Chairman Poole indicating that the School Board had meetings, conferences, and some members with vacation already scheduled for October and that a meeting would need to take place in November. He indicated he would get back with proposed dates. The City Manager provided him with the dates that would be a conflict for the City Council, such as the regularly scheduled meetings and the NLC meeting and will get back with Council when a date has been chosen.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the NCDOT Public Officials Input Session regarding the NC 24/27 Widening Project which will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 3:30 to 5:00 at Anderson Grove Baptist Church, 2225 East Main Street, Albemarle. The meeting for the public will begin at 5 pm.

Councilmember Townsend stated that he had noticed green drop boxes reappearing in town. One place is near Dr. Thompson's Eye Clinic behind Arby's on NC 24-27.

Councilmember Hall spoke about a two hour parking sign on N Second Street near where the old Nationwide office use to be. She asked if this location still has a two hour parking restriction. The City Manager stated that he will research this but he does not presently see this area listed in the ordinance under two hour parking restriction.

Councilmember Hall stated that the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce will have a Business Expo on Thursday, November 2 from 12 noon until 6 pm at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center.

Councilmember Dry thanked Street Superintendent Ross Holshouser and his staff for the flowers out front at City Hall.

Councilmember Dry also thanked Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Kiser and her staff for all their work on the EE Waddell Community Center.

Councilmember Whitley stated that he attended a Centralina Council of Governments meeting last week and received a copy of the Prosperity for Greater Charlotte magazine detailing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy over nine counties. He stated that he will send an email link to Council of this.

Councilmember Bramlett stated that last weekend the **UWHARRIE PLAYERS** presented an outstanding production of A Few Good Men. It is also scheduled for three more productions this coming weekend.

Next Saturday there will be a production by **THE TALENT COMPANY**, our very fine group of talented youth from our community.

Tomorrow evening, Tuesday, there will be a Business after Hours at Falling Rivers Gallery located in the old Belk Building sponsored by the **STANLY COUNTY ART GUILD**.

At regular intervals throughout the year we are treated to very fine performances arranged by **STANLY COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERTS**. One is scheduled for later on this month, October 28.

On November 10 there will be a concert by the **STANLY COUNTY CONCERT BAND**. This group is made up of local musicians and students from Pfeiffer University.

Councilmember Bramlett would like to point out the importance of such groups in enhancing the cultural and artistic persona of Albemarle and the surrounding area and emphasize the role entities like this play in our community, particularly as it relates to economic development. I hope we will remember these five groups and provide.

Mayor Michael spoke about the article in the Charlotte Business Journal that City Economic Development Director Mark Donham and County EDC Director Mike Smith worked on together for the County and City. It spotlights the City Corporate Center as well as a lot of other attractions. Copies are available.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, October 18, 2017 for a joint meeting with the Planning Board and ZBA at Rosebriar at 6:30 pm.