

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, April 2, 2018 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 Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 19 regular session and March 19 closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

Agenda adjustments

- 1) ADDC Downtown Project after New Business items
- 2) Add Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) (5) –Economic Development and Real Estate.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the agenda adjustments as stated.

The Mayor and City Council received a copy of the municipal calendar.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 18-06 - To Consider Changes to the Urban Archery Ordinance

At the last meeting, the City Council held over this Ordinance and requested an additional change. As drafted, the Ordinance eliminated the 250 foot restriction from the property line, reduces the minimum lot size to 2-acres, and reduces the distance from dwellings to 250-feet.

The Mayor and City Council gave a count of the emails they received for and against this change to the Urban Archery ordinance. Mayor Michael stated that one of the main concerns was the cleanup after the kill by the deer hunter.

Ms. Mary Louise Sawyer, 634 Yadkin Street, came before Council as an unannounced delegate to state that deer habitat near where she lives in the wooded area. She stated they were around 7 deer and they eat flowers, shrubs, etc. and she would like protection from the deer. She further stated that she supports lowering the acreage requirement to two acres. Mayor Michael referred Ms. Sawyer to our local NC Wildlife representative, David Ritzheimer.

Councilmember Hall moved to approve Ordinance 18-06 which changes the acreage requirements for the Urban Archery ordinance from 5 acres to 2 acres and that any arrow discharged be changed from 500 feet to 250 feet from a structure park or other recreational area, and eliminates any distance restriction from a property line. Councilmember Aldridge seconded the motion. Councilmember Dry offered a substitute motion to approve the above motion with an amendment to also approve allowing state approved deer hunting with bow and arrow during the regular deer season. Councilmember Aldridge seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilmembers Aldridge, Dry, Hall, Hughes, and Whitley. Voting against the motion were Townsend and Bramlett with a vote of 5-2 and the motion carried.

(Ordinance 18-06. To amend and approve urban archery season ordinance).

New Business

1) Ordinance 18-07 - To Establish Monza Drive as a Stop Street at its Intersection with Pond Street.

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

(Ordinance 18-07. To establish Monza Dr. as a stop street at the intersection with Pond Street.)

2) Call of Public Hearing to Consider Adopting Ordinance for Demolition and/or Removal of Dilapidated Structures

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved setting a public hearing for April 16th to consider adopting an ordinance directing Mr. Luster and City Staff to demolish/remove or otherwise abate the violations for dilapidated structures predetermined.

3) Results of Banking RFP

It was noted in the agenda that the City sent an RFP for Banking Services to the six local banks on February 12. The City conducted a pre-bid conference on February 21, and bids were received on March 7, 2018 from five banks. The team that reviewed the bank bids consisted of Ms. Conroy, Councilman Chris Whitley, Matt Smith, and Lindsay Carter. In reviewing the bids, they recommend Uwharrie Bank as the City's main bank beginning as soon as we can logistically set up and move funds

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council excused Councilmember Hughes from banking due to her working for Uwharrie Bank, a candidate being considered.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved Uwharrie Bank, top bidder, as the City's main bank out six banks reviewed in Albemarle.

Councilmember Hughes came back into the meeting at this time.

4) Consider Declaring Scrap Metal Accumulation as Surplus

Public Utilities Director Mike Leonas asked that Council consider declaring various types of scrap metal as surplus and authorize Public Utilities to dispose of the scrap metal by the appropriate public bidding process.

The Water and Sewer (W&S) Systems Division of the PUD has accumulated various scrap metals as a result of normal maintenance, repair, and replacement activities within the water distribution and sewer collection systems.

The following scrap metals and quantities have been accumulated:

Copper Tubing	1,000 lbs. +/-
Brass	2,000 lbs. +/-
Iron	15,000 lbs. +/-

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Bramlett, and unanimously carried, the City Council declared various types of scrap metal as surplus and authorized Public Utilities to dispose of the scrap metal by the appropriate public bidding process.

5) Consideration of Special Event Permit - Beach Blast

Albemarle Parks and Recreation and Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation will team up to present the 2018 Beach Blast - Back to the Beach. The event will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 on Second Street between Main St. and North St. The time of the event is 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm. This event will require Second Street to be closed from Main St. to North St. The intersection of Main St. and Second Street will remain open. Cars will not be allowed to enter Second Street.

A beer garden is being requested for this event. The ABC permit can be submitted once Council approves the permit application.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved street closings with application fee being waived for 2018 Beach Blast on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 2 pm until 9 pm for Second Street to be closed from Main St. to North St. The intersection of Main St. and Second Street will remain open. Cars will not be allowed to enter Second Street.

6) Reminder - Photo at the Business Park site on Monday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met at the US Highway 52 entrance to the Business Park property on Monday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. The site has been designated a Smart Site and a sign for the property is now posted.

COMMENTS

Mayor Michael stated that the ADDC is interested in a project where overhead lighting will be placed on downtown property owner's buildings and tie into the City Street circuit and also area paving behind Falling River Gallery, Lah T Dah Boutique and the Sweet Shop.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley and unanimously carried, the City Council excused Councilmember Bramlett who is a downtown business owner.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an ADDC Downtown Project including adding lighting to be placed on downtown property owner's buildings and tie into the City Street circuit and also performing paving behind Falling River Gallery, Lah T Dah Boutique and the Sweet Shop if the property owners purchased the materials.

Councilmember Bramlett came back into the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Whitley stated that he had attended a SCUSA meeting recently and SCUSA officials are considering the addition of a fixed route in the next budget year among the most popular destinations in the City of Albemarle, consistent to how a bus route works in larger cities. The route would include popular retailers, shopping centers, library, NC Works, Stanly Community College, the courthouse and others.

Councilmember Whitley stated that SCUSA will be coming before City Council to present this in the next few months.

Councilmember Bramlett stated that he is involved in picking up trash along the streets and highways of the City. He stated there is a lot more traffic than people

realize. There is a lot of trash debris along the City streets and we need to see our residents and businesses increase their pride and stop littering.

Mayor Michael stated that the Central School auditorium is complete and available to rent. The City is allowing anyone to pay \$100 and sponsor one of the seats in the auditorium which will help pay for the upgraded costs. The City's Parks and Recreation Department are now booking the auditorium.

Councilmember Dry stated that the City should have a grand opening to make people aware of the building and auditorium and to show it off. He challenged City Council members to sponsor a seat in the auditorium.

Mayor Michael asked Assistant City Manager Christina Alphin to work with the Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Kiser and look at creating a video to show and promote the
Councilmember Hall thanked the Mayor for his endless energy during the Central Auditorium renovation.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (a) (4)(5) – Economic Development and Real Estate.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Michael announced that a Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4)(5) –Economic Development and Real Estate and there was nothing to report at this time.

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