

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
June 25, 2018

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Mayor Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton H. Dry II, Martha E. Hughes, and Dexter Townsend. Absent, Martha Sue Hall and Chris Whitley.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

Mayor Michael stated that we had continued a public hearing until this evening concerning economic development for the Carolina Treetop LLC project involving the approval of a lease contract to operate an outdoor adventure and training course at Rock Creek Park and Council approving a resolution from the June 11 regular session. Due to the documents not yet being completed, Council will need to continue this hearing until our next regular session meeting on Monday, July 9.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge and unanimously carried, City Council continued a public hearing concerning economic development purposes involving the approval of a lease contract allowing Carolina Treetop Challenge LLC to operate an outdoor adventure and training course at Rock Creek Park until our next regular session meeting on Monday, July 9 at 6 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Hughes and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) (6)- Economic Development and Personnel.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, 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) (6) - Economic Development and Personnel.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, City Council approved setting a public hearing to consider a proposed economic incentive agreement between the City and an existing

manufacturing company located in the City limits of Albemarle on Monday, July 9 at 6 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, City Council approved a merit increase of \$1,000 annually for City Manager Michael J. Ferris.

Other Business

The City Manager stated that Ellen Mabry at 40083 South Stanly School Road who is a City electric customer had spoken with Assistant Public Utilities Director Judy Redwine about releasing her from the City of Albemarle electric power to Pee Dee Electric. She called Ms. Redwine again on June 13 and stated that Pee Dee Electric had agreed to take them as a customer. Ms. Mabry does not like the fact that the poles and lines are going through her fields and she is afraid that something could happen and cause a fire and burn acres of crops. Public Utilities Electric Superintendent Eric Wenzel stated that this area has always been a problem to serve and maintain and they had to wait in between farming to do any trimming. If there was an outage on any of the poles or lines in the field area, they had to walk and climb if there were crops in the field.

City Council reviewed a map of the property, memo from Ms. Redwine to the City Manager and a notation of items that would have to be removed if serviced is removed as:

- 4 primary poles
- 4 spans of 10 line
- 1 transformer
- 1 WVL and pole

The City Manager reviewed with City Council on the map the power line extended to this property on South Stanly School Road with lines coming through the field from Chapel Road. He also stated that if the City grants a release of power to Ms. Mabry that this will set precedence. Also, he stated that Electricities advised against releasing any electric customer and he was not familiar with the City ever doing this or any other utility releasing a customer to the City.

The City Manager answered any questions that Council had.

It was the consensus of City Council not to offer a release of electric service to 40083 South Stanly School Road.

The Mayor asked that Mr. Ferris contact Ms. Mabry and let her know Council's decision.

Council comments

Councilmember Bramlett asked about our inspections response time for new buildings. He also spoke about the Historic Resources Commission and turn around decision time for them. Councilmember Bramlett stated that any of the City boards should be like the City Council and call a meeting if they need to so things move along for customers a lot quicker with less delays.

Councilmember Dry reiterated what Councilmember Bramlett stated and said maybe we need to take another look at our process to make sure it is efficient.

Councilmember Townsend stated that there had been an increase of complaints from residents over the last couple of weeks that their recyclables have not been picked up by Waste Management. He said there are a lot of comments on social media. The Mayor asked the City Manager to bring this issue up to Waste Management.

The City Manager will place the recycle schedule for 2018-19 on the City's Facebook page.

The City Manager stated that he had spoken with Marilyn Wells, Manager of Community & Municipal Relations with Waste Management and he made her aware of this today.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, July 9 at 6:00 pm for a regular session meeting.