

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

February 18, 2013

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, February 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, Judy Holcomb, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend, and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, none.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Barbara and Larry Bowers for receiving the Main Street Champions Award. Council received a news release from the ADDC and saw a video pertaining to the presentation of this award.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 4, 2013 regular session and February 9, 2013 adjourned session minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Joe Canupp came before City Council as an unannounced delegation to propose that Council consider placing automatic teller machines in the lobby of City Hall as well as the police department offices.

Councilmember Holcomb stated that Council will take this under consideration.

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

Councilmember Alexander asked about an item on the Human Resources Department report under personnel actions processed of 301. The City Manager stated that any employee status change would show up here. With the COLA increase each employee had a status change in January.

Also, Councilmember Alexander asked about an item on the Finance Department report on the utility revenue/billing and how much should we collect or what percentage do we usually lose. Finance Director Colleen Conroy came forward and stated that with this being less than 1%, it is still a small percentage of the whole and all are submitted to the debt setoff program for collection. She reminded Council of how the debt setoff program works. Upon questioning by Councilmember Neel, Ms. Conroy stated that we keep bad debts on file for 10 years.

The Mayor and City Council were informed if they have not had their code book updated, to please bring to the next Council meeting to be updated.

Councilmember Michael asked if Council needs to have an updated hardcopy of the Code of Ordinances when this is online. Several members use the book only and several members use the online version only. The City Manager stated that if members use just the electronic copy of the Code of Ordinances then they would not need the updated hardcopy and this would be a cost savings.

The Mayor and City Council considered a resolution honoring State Senator Dr. William Purcell. At the request of City Council, the City Manager drafted a resolution for Council's consideration. The City Manager stated that if this is acceptable, we will have it framed so that it can be presented at the February 21 reception at the Boardroom in downtown Albemarle. He also stated that he has asked for a place on the program for the Mayor or his designee to present this at the reception. The cost is \$10.00 at the door and no reservations are required and if members of Council know they plan to attend, a check can be prepared to cover the costs of the City attendees.

Mayor Whitley stated that this presentation will be held at the Boardroom Restaurant on Thursday, February 21 from 5:30-7:00 pm and the

presentation being around 6 pm. The Mayor and all Councilmembers affirmed their attendance.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the resolution honoring State Senator Dr. William Purcell was approved.

(Resolution 13-05)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-06) "ORDINANCE 13-06, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2012-13 BUDGET" passed first reading.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Michael and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-07) "ORDINANCE 13-07, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT ORDINANCE 12-30 FOR A GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT ENTITLED ALBEMARLE/STANLY COUNTY GANG INITIATIVE" passed first reading.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-08) "ORDINANCE 13-08, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT ORDINANCE 12-29 FOR A GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT ENTITLED ALBEMARLE CFI12 TECHNOLOGY GRANT" passed first reading.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-09) "ORDINANCE 13-09, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA, ADOPTING A CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION PROJECT FOR SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 1” passed first reading.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 13-10) “ORDINANCE 13-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA, ADOPTING A CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OLD WHITNEY REHABILITATION PROJECT” passed first reading.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed information on a new vacancy on the Albemarle Community Appearance Commission. It was noted that Joe Blake has submitted his resignation from the Commission citing health issues. This makes four vacancies at the current time. The Council previously made a decision not to replace the other three vacancies until the new application process is instituted for the appointments to be effective in July.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Michael, Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf came forward and stated that the ACAC should be able to function okay until appointments take place in June. The ACAC will be doing a tire collection in the spring. A spring cleanup is done every other year and will not be done again until spring of 2014.

Councilmember Michael asked that the City have help from the SNAP and 1010WSPC Radio getting the word out for people to apply for openings on the City Boards and Commissions. Mayor Whitley stated that the City Manager will get something ready for the SNAP and 1010WSPC Radio.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the budget work schedule which has been revised per City Council action on February 9. It was noted that the Thursday, February 21 budget work session has been moved to Monday, February 25 at 5:30 pm. The Wednesday, February 27 budget work session at 5:30 pm will stay the same. These meetings will be held in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed a draft thank you letter drafted by the City Manager to the Albemarle ABC Board for consideration.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the thank you letter to the Albemarle ABC Board.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Council of Governments meeting. The City Manager stated that the City has not yet received the official invitation for this meeting, but it is on the calendar for the 26th. We can RSVP for those members who plan to attend, and we can take a van if you would like to vanpool.

The Mayor and all Councilmembers affirmed their attendance. The City Manager stated that he will have the van ready to leave at 6 pm that evening for anyone that would like to ride.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded that the ADDC Winter Wine Festival will be Saturday, February 23. This fund raising event for the ADDC will be held at Market Station from Noon until 5 pm.

The City Manager stated that he brought in a copy for Council of an email he received from the League of Municipalities regarding online sales tax legislation introduced in the US House and Senate. He further stated that this would allow bipartisan legislation that would allow states to collect sales taxes on out of state purchases.

The City Manager stated that he can prepare a letter to our federal legislative delegation and have it ready for the Mayor and Council to sign at the next Council meeting. City Council confirmed the City Manager doing this.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall for City Council Budget Work Session.