

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL  
January 16, 2013

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. 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 Holcomb.

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The City Council held a meeting with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss matters of common interest.

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Mayor Whitley opened the meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions.

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Councilmember Hall made a plea that everyone complete a survey concerning the CONNECT our future project sponsored by Centralina Council of Governments which has been placed on the City of Albemarle website. Under “What’s New” on the front page is a link to the survey. The CONNECT project involves 14 counties (10 in NC and 4 in SC) and 100 cities across the two states.

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Planning Board Chairman Rodney Morgan stated that there has been no Planning Board meeting since December and he has nothing to bring before the boards at this time.

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Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf mentioned the fact that video sweepstakes is now illegal in North Carolina. The North Carolina Supreme Court last month upheld the latest statute banning the games. Law Enforcement is in the process of closing sweepstakes parlors and removing the machines.

Mayor Whitley asked if some of the machines are not clearly defined, are they also taken. Police Chief Halliburton affirmed this action. He also stated that he attended meetings held in Rockingham, NC and listened to attorneys speak on this matter. The sweepstakes law, arguing it crosses the line by banning sweepstakes that use "entertaining displays" for people to watch to learn if they've won. Now, they are only showing that display for a split second and then on to the next screen. They are trying to use trickery to go around the spirit of the law he stated. He also said that he will speak with the district attorney if the City encounters anymore sweepstakes machines.

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Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf stated that there has been no big development since the last joint meeting in October, 2012. He did state that WDT from Henderson, NC is inquiring about purchasing property in Albemarle on Henson Street to build an apartment complex for the elderly. This would be beside the existing low income apartment complex on Henson Street. They are presently looking into acquiring a loan to purchase the property which is currently in an industrial district. If they receive a loan, they will be interested, since the property is mostly outside the City limits, becoming annexed into the City.

Mr. Wolf also stated that everyone received a handout from City Attorney David Beaver concerning properties in the process of being demolished by the City. He also stated that James Luster with Centralina Council of Governments is waiting on receiving information on the other three properties from Abstract Direct and then process all four properties at one time. Mr. Beaver added that he also included to everyone an email that Abstract Direct had telephoned this afternoon and stated that they will have the title summaries ready by the close of business tomorrow.

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Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf upon questioning stated that there is a retail beer store named The Mill House on 1<sup>st</sup> Street near the intersection of Wilson Street selling specialty beer and micro-brews.

Mr. Wolf asked if there are any other items that need to be discussed.

Police Chief Halliburton stated that he would like to speak concerning the conditional use permit for storage buildings near Anderson Road for Keith Carpenter. He said that Mr. Carpenter had been by his office several times and has been diligent concerning the solid fence which he has been given 6 months to complete on this property.

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Upon questioning concerning Do-Nut Dinette's opening, Mr. Wolf gave an update of progress.

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Upon questioning by Chairman Rodney Morgan concerning the proposed Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance, Mr. Wolf gave a brief report. City Manager Raymond Allen stated that this item will go back before the County Commissioners on February 4.

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