

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Elbert L. "Whit" Whitley presided, and the following Councilmembers were present to-wit: Troy E. Alexander, G.R. Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend, and T. Ed Underwood. Absent at the start of the meeting, Councilmembers Martha Sue Hall and Judy Holcomb.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 21 regular session and May 21 closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

The Mayor stated that Council had a copy of the municipal calendar in their agenda and asked if anyone had any questions.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Michael and unanimously carried, the following Ordinances passed second reading and were duly adopted:

(Ordinance 12-19. To consider proposed FY 2012-2013 budget.)

(Ordinance 12-20. To amend the FY 2011-2012 budget.)

The Mayor and City Council discussed information regarding the Just Us Kids Program utilizing the EE Waddell Community Center. The City Manager noted that pursuant to the letter that was sent to Just Us Kids on May 14,

we received their proposed FY 2012-2013 budget for this program via email on May 25. The most recent audit for the program and a copy of its non profit status were not provided.

Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe came before Council and answered any questions that Council had.

Councilmember Townsend asked that the decision on this matter be tabled and that Ms. Vinson with Just Us Kids be asked to attend the next Council meeting to answer any questions that Council has.

Councilmember Michael asked that the City Manager make this request of the most recent audit for their program and a copy of its non profit status again. Also, he stated that if she is unable to supply Council with this information to move forward and contact the Department of Public Instruction to acquire the information needed.

Mayor Whitley asked the City Manager to contact Ms. Vinson.

Councilmember Holcomb joined the meeting at this time.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval of a contract for engineering and inspection of the relocated headworks. This contract is with Municipal Engineering to design and administer the contract for the headworks at the Long Creek WWTP. The City Manager noted that Council previously approved a change order to remove this from the current contract at the WWTP so that this could be relocated to the old plant so that grit and other items can be removed before they go through the screw pumps at A and B station.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a contract for engineering and inspection of the relocated headworks.

The Mayor and City Council considered a board resolution approving Public Housing budget FY2012-2013. This resolution certifies that City Council has reviewed and approved the Department of Public Housing budget as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Department of Public Housing's annual budget is included with the City's annual

budget process. HUD requires this resolution that certifies and authorizes the Department of Public Housing's operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a board resolution approving the Public Housing budget FY2012-2013.

(Resolution 11-17. A Public Housing Authority Board resolution approving the operating budget.)

The Mayor and City Council considered write-offs in the Department of Public Housing for the six-month period of July 31, 2011 thru December 31, 2011. The City Manager noted that collection of these write-offs will still be pursued, but the amount needs to be listed as a written-off debt for accounting purposes.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Townsend, Office Manager, Ms. Haithcock stated that the refrigerator in question was replaced due to damage.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the City Council approved write-offs in the Department of Public Housing for the six-month period of July 31, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$ 2,365.91.

(Write offs file)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Underwood, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 12-21) "2012 GRANT ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM." passed first reading.

The Mayor and City Council considered a resolution to approve the Stanly County Solid Waste Plan. Updates to this plan are required by the State of North Carolina. Council received a copy of the updated plan and resolution.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the Stanly County Solid Waste Plan.

(Resolution 12-18. To approve the Stanly County Solid Waste Plan.)

The Mayor and City Council discussed appointments to City Boards and Commissions. The City Manager noted that only the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment have term limits, but the persons serving on those boards are eligible for reappointment for one more term under the ordinances adopted by City Council on May 17, 2010. Charlie Hughes and Charlie Frye have advised Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf they do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, but Mr. Hughes has advised he does have an interest in serving on the Planning Board.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, the following reappointments were made to the Planning and Zoning Board:

Rick Russell - Term Expiring 2015
Randy Shank - Term Expiring 2015
Dorsey Lilly - Term Expiring 2015

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, the following appointments were made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Tim Scott - Term Expiring 2015
Max Bogle - Term Expiring 2015
Benjamin Lisk - Term Expiring 2015

Reverend Harold McDonald - 1st alternate Term Expiring 2013

Council decided to hold over a decision on the 2nd and 3rd alternate until the next Council meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the following appointments were made to the Tree Commission.

Jane Borders - Expiring July 2015
Elaine Nelson - Expiring July 2015

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the following appointments were made to the Greenway Commission.

Jerry Barrier - Term Expiring 2015
Nancy Joines - Term Expiring 2015
Laura Wheeler - Term Expiring 2015

Councilmember Townsend asked that a decision on board appointments for the Historic Resource Commission be table until a later date.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, the City Council approved drafting an ordinance to make staggered three year terms for the Historic Resource Commission, then to vote on appointments at a later meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the following appointments were made to the Board of Appeals:

Janie McDonald - Term Expiring 2015
Richard D. Smith, Jr. - Term Expiring 2015

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Michael and unanimously carried, the following appointments

were made to the Electoral District members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

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| Ken Russell | Electoral District | (2 yr expiring July 2014) |
| Ben Davis | Electoral District | (2 yr expiring July 2014) |

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the following appointments were made to the School District members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Councilmember Hall joined the meeting at this time.

Anita Owens-Scott School District (2 yr expiring July 2014)
East Albemarle Elementary

Council discussed the fact that with the closing of North Albemarle School, there would not be a need of having a representative member for this School District. Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe stated that he would like to keep the representative for North Albemarle School until their term expires July, 2013.

Upon further discussion Mr. Thorpe stated that with Albemarle Middle School never having appointed a designee, despite repeated reminders and that the AHS appointees have rarely attended a meeting due to other obligations such as athletics or other activities that the school representatives of this board be replaced with at-large members.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, the Council approved drafting an ordinance to discontinue having a member represent the North Albemarle School District once the appointment expires July, 2013 and for the members representing Albemarle Middle School and Albemarle High School be replaced with at large members for the board.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Michael and unanimously carried, the following appointment to fill an unexpired term was made to the Community Appearance Commission:

Joe Blake – Term Expiring 2014

Council decided to table the remaining appointments to fill unexpired terms on this board until the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Hall stated that she would like to call some of the people on the volunteer list to see if they are still interested in serving.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Underwood, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 12-22) “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2011-2012 BUDGET.” passed first reading.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the request for donation of door prizes for the ElectriCities Annual Meeting.

The City Manager stated that the door prizes are needed anytime before the annual meeting in August or Councilmembers can take their door prizes to the annual meeting with them.

Councilmember Hall stated that Councilmembers could also purchase a gift card if they choose instead of door prizes.

Councilmember Neel asked that this item be tabled until next meeting.

The Mayor and City Council discussed attendance at the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. This event will be on Wednesday, June 27 at Stanly Regional Medical Center. If anyone on City Council is interested in attending, we can purchase tickets.

Mayor Whitley and Councilmembers Alexander, Hall, Holcomb, and Michael, affirmed their attendance.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed a letter from Senator Purcell regarding Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Legislation. The Mayor received a letter from Senator Purcell indicating he will support the City's position on the changes to the RPO legislation which is also endorsed by the Rocky River RPO.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed information about the City receiving two energy efficiency grants from NC Municipal Power Agency 1. The City Manager noted that the ElectriCities Board of Directors approved grants last week in the amount of \$104,405 for a voltage conversion project and \$915.00 for an area light replacement project at Tuckertown WTP. The Public Utilities Department applied for two grants from the Power Agency for projects that were completed in the past year. These were the conversion of the Ridge Street circuit from 4KV to 24 KV and the replacement of some area lights at the Tuckertown WTP to more energy efficient lights.

Mayor Whitley asked that the City Manager draft a letter to the NC Municipal Power Agency 1 in appreciation of these grants.

Councilmember Michael congratulated the ADDC on their June 1 fish fry and he stated that he attended and it looked to be a success.

Councilmember Hall asked what Council determined on the Just Us Kids item before she arrived at the meeting tonight. She was informed that the City Manager is to contact Ms. Vinson and make a request of the most recent audit for their program and a copy of its non profit status. Also, it was stated that if she is unable to supply Council with this information to move forward and contact the Department of Public Instruction to acquire the information needed.

Ms. Hall also said that she would like to congratulate the Fire Department. She stated that she attended Pole night at the Charlotte Motor Speedway and the City was well represented by the Albemarle fireman that were there.

Mayor Whitley wished Tiffany Thompson with the Stanly News and Press well on her going back to school. He stated that she will be missed and she did a very good job for the SNAP.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) 3 and 5 to consult with the City Attorney and discuss real estate matters.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Whitley announced that a closed session was held pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) 3,5 to consult with the City Attorney and discuss real estate matters and there was nothing to report at this time.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, and unanimously carried, the City Council adjourned until Monday, June 18 at 5:30 pm.