

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
October 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 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, Judy Holcomb, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, none.

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.

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Rodney Morgan welcomed everyone and thanked the City Council for all of their considerations for items sent to them from the Planning Board.

Chairman Morgan also mentioned a problem where the ambulance is using West Main Street instead of the NC 24-27 bypass for emergencies in the western part of the County. There have been problems at the intersection of West Main Street and NC Hwy 73 (Concord Road).

The Council and boards continued their discussion and it was noted that this should be turned over to the Stanly County Manager’s office because the City has no control over the County’s 911 and rescue.

The Mayor asked that the Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf come forward to cover any items of concern.

Mr. Wolf stated that when enforcing the sign ordinance, sometimes individuals do not interpret the ordinance as written in the same manner as staff. Mr.

Molamphy with Albemarle Oil Company has read the sign ordinance and based on his understanding, he should not have to pay for a sign permit to place vinyl over his existing sign.

Councilmember Neel stated that Mr. Molamphy is placing a new sign on top of an old sign and should be charged.

Mr. Wolf handed out a copy to everyone of 92.029 Permit Required and reviewed the ordinance and also reviewed a table that outlined projects which fall into the categories of routine maintenance, minor works, and major works and what is required in each category.

Councilmember Townsend stated that maybe adding wording to make the ordinance more clear would be of help. Mr. Wolf stated that he will consider a text amendment.

Councilmember Hall stated that making the ordinance more clear may need to be considered but not immediately. City Attorney Beaver stated that doing a text amendment after the 1st of the year but maybe not immediately as Councilmember Hall had stated.

Mr. Wolf stated that due to a complaint concerning two towing operations in town, he spoke with one of the businesses who stated that they were not a towing operation only had the word “towing” in the name of their company due to tax purposes. If they are a towing business, this would require them to obtain a conditional use permit.

Mr. Dorsey Lilly with the Planning Board stated that he had been noticing extra tires at different residential locations over the City and would like to ask that the City extend the tire clean up with Pro Tire for a couple of weeks. Councilmember Hall stated that the City Manager could talk with Pro Tire and maybe set this up for a few weeks.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Michael, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the City Council gave the City Manager authority to work out a two week period of tire collection with Pro Tire.

Councilmember Hall stated that she had attended a General Government Legislative Action meeting at NCLM this week and they are to bring goals to the league that can be taken to the General Assembly. She mentioned that the City of Asheville made the proposal for a "better definition of the North Carolina General Statue that defines indecent exposure".

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