

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL  
September 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012, 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, Judy Holcomb, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend, and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, Councilmember Martha Sue Hall.

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Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

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The Mayor and City Council presented a retirement certificate to Officer Debra G. Morgan with the Police Department for 11 years of service. Assistant Police Chief Danny Bowen also came forward and presented Ms. Morgan with her service weapon.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 4 regular minutes were approved as submitted.

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

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

(Ordinance 12-29 - To adopt a grant project budget ordinance for a 2012 Governor’s Crime Commission Grant entitled Albemarle CFI 2012 Technology Grant.)

(Ordinance 12-30 - To adopt a grant project budget ordinance for a 2012 Governor's Crime Commission Grant entitled Albemarle Stanly County Gang Initiative.)

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The Mayor and City Council were informed that the updates to the Code of Ordinances are now available and to bring in their code books for update.

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The Mayor and City Council considered a request from Piedmont Natural Gas to extend gas lines on several streets in the City, an encroachment agreement along with maps of the lines, and comments made by the Public Utilities and Public Works Departments.

Public Utilities Director Ellen Huntley came before Council and stated that PNG is proposing to install a plastic gas main from their existing facilities to replace an existing steel main. Ms. Huntley gave the locations where this will be taking place and stated that Council received copies of the right of way encroachment agreement and a print showing the PNG distribution system with the City of Albemarle.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a request from Piedmont Natural Gas to extend gas lines on several streets in the City of Albemarle.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 12-31) "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2012-13 BUDGET." passed first reading.

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The Mayor and City Council considered engineering agreements for rehabilitation of the Old Whitney Pump Station with Southeastern Engineers (Electrical) and LKC Engineers. Council received proposed agreements with

Southeastern Consulting Engineers and LKC Engineers. It was noted that funds for engineering were included in the current year budget.

Public Utilities Director Ellen Huntley introduced the LKC Engineers present: Mr. Bill Lester, Mr. Adam Kiker, and Mr. Tim Carpenter.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the City Council approved engineering agreements for Rehabilitation of Old Whitney Pump Station with Southeastern Engineers (Electrical) and LKC Engineers.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 12-32) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA, ADOPTING A PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 52 WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESIDUALS EVALUATION PROJECT" passed first reading.

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The Mayor and City Council considered a resolution to apply for a NCDENR loan for the rehabilitation of the Hwy 52 Water Treatment Plant. It was noted that this would be a low interest loan through the Drinking Water Section of NCDENR for renovations to the plant. The City would have the ability to reduce the scope of this work if we felt it necessary going forward. Council received a memo from Ellen Huntley along with the resolution and application form. Ms. Huntley also prepared a debt service schedule showing the debt service for the various water sewer projects over the next few years, specifically noting the debt service on this proposed project could be funded by the revenue anticipated from the sale of water to Concord and Kannapolis.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Michael, Public Utilities Director Ellen Huntley stated that the total cost would be \$6 million.

The City Manager stated that the City will do everything that is needed and once the loan is approved we will decide if we want to do everything or scale back for any reason at that time.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a

resolution to apply for a NCDENR Loan for Rehabilitation of the Hwy 52 Water Treatment Plant.

(Resolution 12-25, To apply for a NCDENR loan for the rehabilitation of the Hwy 52 Water Treatment Plant.)

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The Mayor and City Council received information regarding clarification on the Joe Kluttz Fence issue. Council received a memo from Assistant City Manager Michael Ferris regarding this issue from the last Council meeting.

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The Mayor and City Council received information regarding the NLC Service Line Warranty Program. It was noted that when Council approved participation in the NLC Service Line Warranty Program, it included approval to participate in both the sewer and water line programs. The sewer program was initially rolled out by the City.

Public Utilities Director Ellen Huntley stated that currently there are 288 customers participating in the sewer line service warranty program. There have been 16 inquiries about participating in the waterline portion of the service warranty program. Council received copies of the news release and letters to the customers that will be sent out within the next month by NLC Service Line Warranty Company about participation in the waterline program.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council adjourned until Monday, October 1 for a regular session .