

**SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL**

September 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a special session for a closed session for a personnel item, on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall and Councilmembers Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend, Christopher Whitley, Shirley D. Lowder, Benton Dry, and Bill Aldridge.

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Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.  
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Request for Use of City Equipment

Mr. Stephen Hartsell, Public Works Street Superintendent, is volunteering his time with the South Stanly High School Booster Club. The Booster Club is performing maintenance to the South Stanly football facility. One project is to paint the football goal posts.

South Stanly, along with Stephen Hartsell, are requesting the use of the Public Works bucket truck to assist in the painting the goal posts. This work will take place on a Saturday and no labor cost will be associated to the City. Stephen Hartsell will be the only person operating the truck while the work is taking place. The City Attorney has indicated a simple hold harmless agreement can be drafted for the situation. Council has approved similar requests in the past.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley and unanimously carried, Council approved the use of the Public Works bucket truck for Mr. Hartsell to help paint football goalposts at South Stanly High School.

Discussion – Exception for Electronic Meeting Policy

Council discussed granting a one-time exception to the City’s electronic meeting policy for tonight’s meeting with Sorenson Consulting. Dr. Lisa Sorenson will participate in a Zoom Meeting with Council regarding 360 review information.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, Council approved granting a one-time exception to the City’s electronic meeting policy for tonight’s meeting with Sorenson Consulting.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, unanimously carried, Council approved moving into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, Council returned to open session. The Mayor stated that a closed session was held pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

There was nothing to report.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Lowder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.