

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
January 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, January 18, 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 Vice Chairman Dorsey Lilly asked if there were any comments from the floor.

Planning and Community Development Director Keith Wolf stated that since the last joint meeting, the donation drop boxes that were in violation of the ordinance have been removed.

Mr. Wolf also said that Planner I Carolyn Martin spotted a trailer with a Goodwill sign located behind Kentucky Fried Chicken in the Ingles parking lot off of NC Hwy 24-27. He stated that he tried to contact Goodwill. There is a desk in the trailer where they take donations seven days a week for clothing. He asked to talk with her supervisor and a day or so later, he spoke with the supervisor, Michele Daily from Concord. She said the intention is to place a trailer here and see what donations they are able to receive in the Albemarle area. If they have enough donations, they would like to rent a store hopefully beside of Tractor Supply. This would keep the donations here and they would add donations to this store site from other locations. Ms. Daily said they were already doing this around the Charlotte and South Carolina areas.

It was noted that Stanly County Christian Ministries has income from their clothing store and if we decide this is a problem, we can work with the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Wolf answered any questions that City Council, Planning Board or Board of Adjustment had.

Councilmember Alexander asked Leon Warren with WSPC radio to report on the radio that Stanly Community Christian Ministries is a local charity that utilizes the money they make through donations within the community.

Councilmember Hall asked if Mr. Wolf could find out how long Goodwill has been in Salisbury with a trailer and also any information from Monroe where they have a store.

Mr. Wolf stated that Goodwill may want to ask for a text amendment but he is not sure it would pass, based on board comments on this previously.

Councilmember Neel stated that Mr. Wolf may want to speak with Stanly County and see if the Goodwill trailer will pass building code inspections.

Councilmember Neel also said that if Goodwill would like to be here permanently, we might be able to work with them on having permission.

Mr. Wolf stated that he will do a more in depth study and talk with the City Manager before doing anything.

Mr. Wolf stated that he had spoken with a gentleman who is interested in opening a gun shop in the City on the west side of Depot Street. He would be leasing a building there. Mr. Wolf stated they would have to get this rezoned or get a text amendment to allow this use at the proposed location. The railroad may not allow the rezoning since they own the land the building occupies.

This was discussed from the floor with Mr. Wolf.

Mayor Whitley stated that Mr. Wolf may need to speak on these items from tonight at the next City Council meeting and inform Council on any updates.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall seconded by Councilmember Michael, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.