

EMERGENCY MEETING CITY COUNCIL
September 7, 2011

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an emergency session on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Elbert L. "Whit" Whitley presided and the following Councilmembers were present to wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Judy Holcomb, Jeanette Napier, Jack F. Neel, Dexter G. Townsend, and T. Ed Underwood.

The City Council held an emergency meeting to consider a request to allow the use of the City Hall property for a rally to support the Clean Tech economic development proposal at the former Alcoa Badin Works site.

Mayor Whitley welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested that City Council appoint City Manager Raymond Allen as Acting City Clerk for the purpose of taking minutes of the meeting. Upon a motion of Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council appointed Raymond Allen as Acting City Clerk for this meeting.

Mayor Whitley reported that he had been advised that Clean Tech had made a proposal to the Stanly County Board of Commissioners to locate the Clean Tech facility in Badin with 500 jobs and a payment to Stanly County of \$5.5 million, and that this offer had been turned down by the Board of Commissioners. He has been approached by Ms. Vanessa Mullinix, who is organizing a grass roots initiative to bring attention to this matter. She has asked for permission to use the City Hall property for a rally for jobs, which is the purpose of this emergency meeting.

Ms. Mullinix addressed the City Council and advised the Council that this rally was needed to show the Board of Commissioners that the people of Stanly County support these jobs. She stated that she had spoken with State Representative Justin Burr who had advised her that he was working to bring this investment to Stanly County. She stated that she had also talked with Mr. Dave Stickler of Clean Tech who advised her that his investments had always been welcomed everywhere they have gone, and have never had to fight to locate anywhere. She asked City Council for approval to hold the rally at City Hall on Friday afternoon, possibly at 5:30 pm or 6:00 pm.

Upon a motion of Councilmember Underwood, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, Mayor Whitley was authorized to utilize City facilities as necessary to allow the rally to take place on City property at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 9.

Mr. Dick Storm addressed the City Council to thank them for their actions. He stated that this is a rare opportunity to attract heavy industry to Stanly County and that we should do everything possible to secure these jobs for our community.

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