

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 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, Jeanette Napier, Jack F. Neel, and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, Dexter G. Townsend.

The City Council held a dinner meeting with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council appointed Raymond Allen as Acting City Clerk for this meeting.

Mayor Whitley reported that the City Council had adopted an ordinance on May 17 to regulate electronic gaming as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Planning Board Chairman Nancy Jolly expressed appreciation for the assistance that Police Chief Ronnie Michael and Revenue Supervisor Elizabeth Boyle had provided to the planning staff and Planning Board in the development of this ordinance. Councilmember Neel noted that he had attended a League of Municipalities Finance and Administration committee meeting in Raleigh last Friday, and that attorneys for the League recommended that any funds collected under an ordinance of this type be held in escrow pending any lawsuits that could potentially result in refunds. Councilmember Neel recommended that the City follow this suggestion.

Mayor Whitley reported that at its May 17 meeting the City Council approved an ordinance on first reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow accessory structures in the side or front yards in situations with oversize lots. This was requested by George Ray Smith and recommended for approval by the Planning Board.

Planning and Community Development Director Bob Sasser advised the group that the owner of the Badin Road Drive In Theater will be submitting a request to expand the theater by adding another screen. He stated that he anticipates that some of the neighbors who are in close proximity to the business may object to the expansion.

Bob Sasser stated that there was a sign violation at the Quality Inn where a small flashing sign was installed without a permit. The owner has been notified of the violation but has stated that he does not believe that the sign is a violation. Mr. Sasser noted that the owner may request to appear before the City Council to discuss his interpretation of the sign ordinance or to request an amendment.

Councilmember Hall inquired about the deadline to remove political signs following an election. Bob Sasser noted that it was three days. Councilmember Hall asked if any violators had been notified following the recent primary election and Mr. Sasser indicated they had not but that his staff would do so.

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