

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
May 17, 2010

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Elbert L. "Whit" Whitley, Jr. presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Judy Holcomb, Jeanette M. Napier, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, none.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Napier and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 3 regular session, May 4 adjourned session, May 5 adjourned session, and May 6 adjourned session minutes were approved as submitted.

A public hearing was held to consider amending the subdivision ordinance to require access connection for commercial development. No one from the public spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Napier and unanimously carried, the following resolution was duly adopted:

(Resolution 10-15. To amend the subdivision ordinance to require access connection for commercial development.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 10-20) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE SECTION 91.09 OF SAID CODE TO REQUIRE ACCESS CONNECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.." passed first reading.

A public hearing was held to consider the zoning ordinance regarding accessory structure location. No one from the public spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Napier and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the following resolution was duly adopted:

(Resolution 10-16. To amend the zoning ordinance regarding accessory structure location.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 10-21) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA AMENDING SECTION 92.074 – R-10 SINGLE FAMILY R-10 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT RELATING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ON PARCELS OF LAND OF FIVE ACRES OR MORE.." passed first reading.

A public hearing was held to consider the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 City of Albemarle Budget which has been available for public inspection and review since May 3. No one from the public spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 10-19) "2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA" passed first reading.

Ms. Emily Rogers, Municipal Engineering came before City Council to discuss a proposed loan agreement with NCDENR. This agreement is for a \$3 Million loan at an interest rate not to exceed 2.2% for improvements at the Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. This very low interest rate loan combined with the \$1 million NC Rural Center grant and the City's match of \$1 million (over two years) will allow the City to make significant and much needed improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.

Ms. Rogers reviewed the information on the proposed loan agreement with NCDENR and stated the items needed tonight from City Council are as follows:

1. A resolution adopted by the governing body accepting the loan offer and making the applicable assurances contained therein. (Sample copy attached)
2. One (1) copy of the original Offer and Acceptance Document executed by the authorized representative for the project. **Retain the other copy for your files.**

Councilmember Neel asked Ms. Rogers if the City will receive all monies at one time. Ms. Rogers stated that the City will do a pay request to draw down the money. There will be no interest during construction but the City will start paying interest within six months after construction is complete.

Mayor Whitley explained to the viewing audience that this is a \$3 million loan along with a \$1 million NC Rural Center grant and the City's match of \$1 million to make much needed improvement at the wastewater treatment plant.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a loan agreement with NCDENR for a \$3 million loan at an interest rate not to exceed 2.2% for improvements at the Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

(Resolution 10-17. A loan agreement with NCDENR for improvements at Long Creek in the amount of \$3 million dollars.)

The Mayor and City Council received a presentation of the City of Albemarle Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. Mr. Bill Clark of URS, Incorporated presented the final draft of this plan for consideration by Council. Albemarle was awarded an NCDOT planning grant in May 2008 for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan for development of bicycle improvements within the City. URS, Incorporated was selected as the consultant for the project.

The City Manager noted that this process was guided by a group of stakeholders and local citizens appointed by City Council listed below.

The members of the steering committee are as follows:
Brian Bristol (Uwharrie Mountain Bike Association)
Charles McComas (Uwharrie Wheelmen)
Christi Greer (Stanly County Health Department)
Dana Stoogenke (Rocky River RPO)

David Hunt (APD)
John A. Vine-Hodge (NCDOT Bike & Ped Division)
John Fields (Stanly County Family YMCA)
Mike Lambert (City of Albemarle Public Works)
Jon Mendenhall (City of Albemarle Engineering Services)
Pokie Noland (Stanly County Schools)
Bob Sasser (City of Albemarle Planning & Community Development)
Tracey Bristol (Middle Ring Cycles)
Oliver Webster (Stanly County Safe Kids Coalition)
Toby Thorpe (City of Albemarle Parks and Recreation--Moderator)

Bill Clark of URS, Incorporated gave a PowerPoint presentation along with survey results on the bicycle plan. He also handed out a summary sheet to City Council.

Councilmember Hall asked when Cycle NC will be coming through Albemarle this year. Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe stated that this will be on September 29 this year.

Councilmember Townsend asked Mr. Clark how many people were surveyed and he stated approximately 200.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Holcomb, Mr. Clark said that the survey had also been on the City's website for people to complete.

Mr. Clark stated that all that is needed is for the City Council to decide if they want to adopt the Bicycle Plan.

Councilmember Townsend asked about the costs of this project. Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe stated that in the Bicycle Plan that Council received, they would be able to lookup the cost per mile in appendix H.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the Albemarle Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.

Mr. Stan Joseph, Government and Community Affairs, Waste Manager for Waste Management. Mr. Joseph introduced himself to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Joseph recently assumed this position with Waste Management.

Mr. Joseph stated that he is the Governmental Affairs Representative for Waste Management as of December of last year. He wanted to introduce himself to City

Council and also the new District Manager Jeff Edwards, for Granite Quarry that services the City's area. Mr. Joseph stated that he is originally from the Virgin Islands and was in the US military where he received his education. He retired from the military with 21 years of service in 2006. He stated that he came to work with Waste Management because his core values and theirs were the same. He wanted to let the City know that he is sensitive to the challenges of local government today and Waste Management would like to service the City on any waste concerns they may have. Mr. Joseph said that his role is as consultant and advisor to the City.

Upon questioning Mr. Joseph stated that Dave Bernat assumed Grover Shankle's position and that Grover is still with Waste Management in a different position.

Councilmember Alexander stated that he is very well pleased with Waste Management but he had a citizen comment about problems on 10th Street where the waste truck left a trail of hydraulic fluid on the street. When a citizen calls the local Waste Management office, they refer citizens to Waste Management maintenance and nothing is ever done. Several councilmembers agreed that the same problem happens on their streets.

District Manager Jeff Edwards stated that one of those calls came through to his office and he told them that the truck had been repaired and a new truck is coming soon and will be dedicated to Albemarle in the next couple of weeks to replace that one.

Councilmember Neel thanked Mr. Joseph for his service with the US military.

Councilmember Hall asked Mr. Joseph who his predecessor was and he stated that he had taken Terri Masten's place. Ms. Hall stated that at the last City Council meeting she had stated that trash carts are being left in the middle of the road after pickup on her street. She had called and spoke with Annette at the local office and Annette said that some of the helpers are new and they do not understand that they need to place the cart back at the curb. She also said that it has been better the last couple of weeks. Jeff Edwards has made significant strides and changes since he came.

The Reverend Charles Thomas Greater Victory Temple came before City Council to request a street closing on Friday, May 21 between 7-10 pm. Pastor Thomas stated that the request is to close Arey Avenue between East Main Street and Pee Dee Avenue from 6:30 pm to 10 pm on May 21, 2010 for a Family Day.

Councilmember Neel asked Pastor Thomas how many times he had requested a street closing this year. Pastor Thomas stated that this would be the second

request. Councilmember Neel stated that a street closing request can only be used two times per year.

Councilmember Townsend stated that this would be the first request for Pastor Thomas since the street closing policy came into effect.

Councilmember Hall stated that the policy does state that an application shall be submitted at least 14 days prior to the event. Pastor Thomas' application is dated May 13. Ms. Hall said that she would like to see added to the policy, asking the last time a street closing was requested and how many times requested this year.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a street closing on Arey Avenue between East Main Street and Pee Dee Avenue, for a Family Day at GENREX on Friday, May 21 between 6:30-10 pm.

Mr. Steve Megson Green Pieces Recycling came before City Council to discuss a possible franchise with the City residential curbside recycling service. The City Council received a memo from Assistant City Manager Michael Ferris pertaining to this. The Assistant City Manager stated that since there are no City funds available to pay Green Pieces for recycling unless we were to raise taxes or fees or cut some other program, this would be an alternative that would help to promote recycling to our residents. There would be no direct cost to the City other than some incidental costs.

Mr. Megson stated that he has been working in partnership with Public Works Director Mike Lambert on this effort for the City. They are wanting to expand participation in Albemarle and need the City's support.

Councilmember Hall stated that there would be no cost to the City or residents unless a resident uses this service.

Councilmember Townsend asked if the City allows this franchise with Green Pieces on this service, would another company be able to set up a franchise as this with the City. The City Manager stated that they could and that the City Council could consider each individual application for a franchise.

Councilmember Neel stated that he would like management and Council to look at giving any resident that uses this recycling service, a cut on their regular curbside trash billing, which would be an incentive to recycle. Councilmember Hall agreed with this idea.

Councilmember Alexander asked anyone that is not recycling to consider doing so. He stated from his own experience that it helps cut back on regular trash collection which is less trash going to the landfill.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Underwood and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a residential recycling franchise between Green Pieces and the City of Albemarle for a residential curbside recycling service.

Mr. Marc Powell, 729 Montgomery Avenue, to request the City abandon interest in an unopened right of way on North 8th Street. As noted by the City Manager, staff has reviewed the request and does not have any objections. There are no utilities on the ROW and a creek crossing would be required if the ROW was opened to the public. This could possibly be in the form of a bridge which would be cost prohibitive in comparison to any benefit to be gained by opening the right of way.

Mr. Powell stated that the unopened right of way on North 8th street is not cut all the way through. He would like for the City to abandon its interest in the right of way and he would like to use it as a driveway. He would create a driveway and make proper drainage.

Councilmember Neel stated that there are two things to consider in this ROW, 1) a private easement in a subdivision and 2) City's public interest in the ROW. If the City does abandon the ROW, Mr. Powell would still need a private easement. Anyone could use this ROW in the subdivision.

City Attorney David Beaver stated that when a City abandons a ROW, the property is turned back over to the property owners in the subdivision. All property owners in this subdivision have a right to this unopened ROW.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, the City Council approved abandoning an unopened right of way on North 8th Street.

Mr. Jeddy R. Carroll came before City Council to request a City of Albemarle Peddler License. City Council received a copy of Mr. Carroll's application and background check along with photos of his concession trailer.

Mr. Carroll stated that he has a concession trailer and would like a peddler license to sell hotdogs and snacks. He also said that his trailer has been health inspected in Cabarrus County.

Councilmember Hall stated that on his application there was no city listed, just his physical address. Mr. Carroll stated that he lives in New London on Badin Lake. Ms. Hall asked if this is Montgomery or Davidson County and Mr. Carroll stated that it is in Montgomery County.

Councilmember Neel asked if he would be able to sell in the parks with this peddler license. City Manager Raymond Allen stated that to sell in the parks, he would also need a separate agreement to do so.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Neel and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a peddler license for Jeddy R. Carroll.

Mayor Whitley stated that City Council has a copy of the monthly departmental reports in their agenda packets and asked if there were any questions.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Napier and unanimously carried, the following ordinance passed second reading and was duly adopted:

(Ordinance 10-14. To adopt an Electronic Gaming Ordinance.)

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

(Ordinance 10-15. To rezone 1.3 acres at 2816 US Hwy. 52 N from R10 to GHBD.)

(Ordinance 10-16. To establish term limits for the Planning Board.)

(Ordinance 10-17. To establish term limits for the Board of Adjustment)

(Ordinance 10-18. To establish project budget for 2010 Capital Fund Project for Public Housing.)

The Mayor and City Council considered Albemarle Community Appearance Commission appointments. Pursuant to City Council's request, Bob Sasser contacted five potential members of the ACAC. Three of these indicated they would accept an appointment, and two declined, leaving two vacancies as follows.

Eddy McDaniel – Yes
Wayne Palmer – Yes
Lydia Morgan – No
Larry McGuire – No
Donna Gaither – Yes

Councilmember Townsend stated that he had spoken with Ms. Blanding and she would like to continue serving on the board.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb and unanimously carried, the City Council approved Eddy McDaniel, Wayne Palmer, and Donna Gaither to fill unexpired terms on the Albemarle Community Appearance Commission.

Councilmember Holcomb asked that Bob Sasser contact Terrie Griffin and Jane Snyder and see if they would be willing to serve.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the Public Usage Policy for City Meeting Rooms and Community Centers. City Manager Raymond Allen noted with the recent re-opening of City Hall, and the impending completion of the Waddell Center renovation, public requests for use of city meeting rooms, community rooms, and banquet areas has increased. Assistant City Manager Michael Ferris compiled policies from other cities for guidance, and a staff committee made up of Jon Mendenhall (ES), Ronnie Michael (PD), Shawn Oke (FD), and Toby Thorpe (P&R) was formed in March to review existing policies and recommend a revised policy for use of these facilities that establishes a consistent set of rules and fees. At the request of Councilmember Townsend, Toby Thorpe met with residents of the South Albemarle community on two occasions to discuss the proposed policy and how it would affect EEWCC users. As a result of these meetings, the draft policy was amended to address most of the concerns that were expressed.

Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe came forward and stated that the draft Council received was not the final version and he would email them the correct

one. Mr. Thorpe explained the classifications, facility specifications, application procedures and policies, and fee schedule for the meeting rooms and community room.

Councilmember Holcomb asked Mr. Thorpe if they seem to have a lot of groups wanting to use the facilities always on the same nights. Mr. Thorpe stated that yes in some cases as the Boy Scouts meeting certain nights and needing it on that particular night throughout a season.

Councilmember Alexander stated that he thinks this is an excellent policy. Councilmember Neel stated that there should be a specific phone number to call for each meeting room or community room. Also, he said that he hopes there will not be continual requests for fees to be waived on these facilities at each Council meeting.

Council will review the final version once received and there will be a vote on Tuesday June 8 to approve a Public Usage Policy for City Meeting Rooms and Community Centers.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval of a Hold Harmless Agreement for a retaining wall on the Greenway. This agreement is between the City and the NC Department of Transportation. The original design of the retaining wall along the Snyder Greenway Phase 2 route did not meet FHWA specifications for load capacity. However, since the wall is for pedestrian use and not on an NCDOT property, a variance has been granted, contingent upon the City signing a hold harmless agreement releasing NCDOT from liability as noted.

Councilmember Neel asked Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe where the retaining wall will be located. Mr. Thorpe stated that the retaining wall will be located at the intersection of Glenn Street and the greenway, adjacent to Mr. Dick Storm's property. It will connect the sidewalk at the dead end of Glenn to the greenway.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a Hold Harmless Agreement for a retaining wall on the Greenway between the City and the NC Department of Transportation.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 10-11) "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2009-2010 BUDGET" passed first reading.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, an Ordinance entitled (Ordinance 10-22) "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FY 2009-2010 BUDGET" passed first reading.

The Mayor and City Council considered an approval of an application for the 2010 Local Solicitation Justice Assistance Grant. The City Manager noted the Police Department intends to apply for Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$16,257. This is the grant that the City has received for the past several years. The City is eligible to apply for \$16,275.00 with 25% of the grant required to be designated for the Sheriff's Department. This year Chief Michael and Sheriff Burriss have agreed to use the funds to acquire a records management system for the E911 Center, with any leftover funds to be used by the Police Department to purchase other equipment.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend and unanimously carried, the City Council approved an application for the 2010 Local Solicitation Justice Assistance Grant.

The Mayor and City Council received a report on housing and grass code violations on Pennington Road. As the City Manager noted, the City Council received a citizen complaint about these properties at the May 3 Council meeting. The Planning and Community Development Department sent the owner a grass violation warning on May 7, 2010 for 1402 and 1404 Pennington Road. James Luster of Centralina COG is working on the housing code issues. There will be a report from Mr. Luster at the next meeting City Council meeting on June 8.

Mayor Whitley noted that he had driven out to the properties and noted that there are a number of homes in that area with no one living in them in the same disrepair state. All of these homes need to be evaluated. Mr. Sasser stated that his department will evaluate all homes in need in this area that fall within the City limits.

Councilmember Townsend asked Mr. Sasser about a home on Alfred Street and the reason for the delay in taking this structure down. Mr. Sasser stated that a bankruptcy on this property created a delay and they are working through this and will be removing this structure.

Councilmember Holcomb asked Mr. Sasser what happens when a CDBG property is sold early. Mr. Sasser stated that if this occurs, the City would receive the

prorated portion based on the term left on the Deed of Trust. This money can be used for grant eligible activities that the City has.

The Mayor and City Council considered an approval of the East Albemarle Sidewalk Supplemental Agreement. A supplemental agreement for the East Albemarle Sidewalk Project to amend the original agreement with NCDOT to include the use of force account labor. The City Manager noted that after this grant was approved by NCDOT, they learned that the Federal Highway Administration was going to require more stringent design for the project, and was not going to allow the City to use force account labor, which the proposal was based on. This was going to result in much higher costs since we would then have to use a contractor. NCDOT has been able to get this requirement waived, so the City can use force account labor. This project would provide for the construction of much needed sidewalk in the vicinity of East Elementary and Albemarle Middle schools.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Napier and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the East Albemarle Sidewalk Supplemental Agreement.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed a draft letter of appreciation to Starnes Jewelers for gift of clock for City Council Chambers. Pursuant to City Council's request, the City Manager drafted a letter of thanks for the donation of the clock for the Council Chambers.

All Council members signed the letter at the meeting.

The Mayor and City Council considered approval of a dedication ceremony for the EE Waddell Community Center renovations. This ceremony has been proposed for Sunday, June 6, 2010 beginning at 4 pm. Councilmember Townsend has spoken with residents in the South Albemarle community and they have proposed this date and time for this ceremony. This would include a brief ceremony then tours of the facility and refreshments.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a dedication ceremony for the EE Waddell Community Center renovations on Sunday, June 6, 2010 beginning at 4 pm.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at an event to discuss Future Aging in the Community. This event is sponsored by the Albemarle Lutheran Home on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 at 11 am. Staff can RSVP for anyone interested in attending or the contact information is provided if they wish to RSVP for themselves.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Governor's Homes and Neighborhoods Policy roundtable on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 9 am to Noon at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at a meeting with the ElectriCities staff on Monday, June 7 at 2 PM. Graham Edwards, ElectriCities CEO and Steve Shelton, NCMPA#1 Director of Operations will be in Albemarle to meet with any interested governing board members. The City Manager noted that this informal discussion will take place in the executive conference room behind the Council Chambers. There is no formal agenda, but Mr. Edwards is in the process of visiting all of the cities to meet the Mayors and members of City Councils and to answer questions and discuss any ideas or concerns you may have.

City Manager Raymond Allen stated that no RSVP is needed for the Council. An email reminder will be sent to Council and Mayor before this event.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at NC League of Municipalities Town Hall Day on Wednesday, June 16 at the Quorum Center and Legislative Buildings in Raleigh.

The Mayor asked that Council let the City Manager know if they will be able to attend. The City Manager stated that the second issues briefing is at 11 am that day and if the City attends this one, they should leave Albemarle around 8:30 am that morning and stay for the reception starting at 5 pm and drive back to Albemarle that evening. Councilmembers Alexander, Hall and Neel indicated they planned to attend.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Council of Governments meeting on May 25, 2010. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Oakboro.

The City Manager stated that he received an email this past Friday that this meeting has been canceled.

The Mayor and City Council considered attendance at the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on Monday, June 7 at 6:00 pm at Stanly Regional Medical Center. The ticket price is \$35.00 per person. The speaker is Coach David Cutcliffe of Duke University.

Councilmembers Hall, Holcomb, Neel, Townsend and Underwood stated that they will be attending the banquet.

The Mayor and City Council received information that the City has received a \$40,000 grant from the NC Rural Center for a water quality study.

The Mayor and City Council received information of a letter from Stanly County EDC expressing appreciation for Industry Appreciation Day sponsorship.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the ADDC Volunteer Appreciation Event on Tuesday, May 18 at Market Station at 6 pm.

The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the City Employee Picnic on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. This will take place at City Lake Park from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Councilmember Hall handed out to Council information from the Centralina Council of Governments meeting last week. She mentioned some of the events coming up including:

May 20 – National Transportation Week in Charlotte
May 20 – RRRPO Stanly Commons 6-8 pm
May 25 – Homes and Neighborhoods Policy Roundtable in Charlotte

Also, Ms. Hall mentioned a No-Idling Policy pertaining to City vehicles that are gas or diesel powered.

Councilmember Hall reminded everyone about Thursday nights at the Station which started Thursday, May 13 and the Blue Grass Festival to be held at City Lake Park on Saturday, May 22.

Councilmember Neel asked about the delay with the Albemarle Football Championship signs. The City Manager stated that there had been a delay in the design and fabrication and they should be ready any day now.

Councilmember Neel stated that a couple of years ago, there was a joint program with the YMCA to replace the sidewalk around Cannon Park. He stated that this sidewalk is a big liability for the City and the City could replace the concrete with an 8-10 ft. wide asphalt strip around Cannon Park. This width would allow people to pass one another. He asked that Council consider doing this with the sidewalk replacement schedule or the asphalt replacement schedule this year.

City Manager Raymond Allen stated that the joint program between the City and the YMCA was for the YMCA to pay for the track around Cannon Park and the City to use its manpower to lay the track. The YMCA was unable to raise the funds necessary to follow through with this project. He stated that he will contact John Lowder with the YMCA and follow up on this.

Councilmember Neel stated that if the YMCA cannot raise the funds for this project, the City could take up the concrete sidewalk there and replace with a fine sand and gravel sidewalk.

Councilmember Hall stated that at the last City Council meeting the 100th Anniversary of the City of Albemarle's Electric System was discussed and having this recognition during Public Power Week which is the 1st week of October. She stated that she has spoken with Electricities about this celebration and ideas that they have to get the kids involved in Public Power Week as follows:

Grades K-2 – a coloring contest on energy efficiency

Grades 3-5 – a puzzle series

Grades 6-8 – an internet based search on public power topics, including Energy Depot for them to learn about household energy use

Grades 9-12- careers in public power with web searches

ElectriCities could create a short activity that teachers could use in the classroom during that week. Most of the ideas have ties to science, geography, and history. All of these activities will be no cost to the City.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Napier seconded by Councilmember Alexander and unanimously carried, the City Council adjourned to Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant for a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustment.