

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 2009

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. Mayor Elbert L. Whitley 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.

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

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Nancy Jolly said the Planning Board was recently presented with a site plan for a new field house at Albemarle High School that was already under construction. This was very disconcerting to the Board. Mayor Whitley indicated that the City Council recently permitted the Stanly County School System to proceed with construction at Albemarle High School with obtaining the required Conditional Use Permit because the School System had not received one, yet was already under construction. He said he felt the City needed to help the School System out of the problem they had created.

Director of Planning and Community Development Bob Sasser was asked to review the situation. Mr. Sasser said construction was begun without any representative of the School System first providing a site plan or applying for a Conditional Use Permit. He said the City Council has asked the Planning and Zoning Board to review the possibility of creating a separate zoning district for school and churches, whereby they would not for all situations have to obtain a Conditional Use Permit prior to construction.

Councilmember Neel said the City is often put in a position to have to resolve problems for others, and if they do not, the City appears uncooperative. Mayor Whitley reiterated the City Council was trying to assist the Schools in overcoming the problems they created.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

