

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2016

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor G. R. Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton Dry II, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

Mayor Michael gave the invocation.

Mayor Michael presented retirement certificates to the following retirees:

Steve Bailey - Steve retired on 9/1/16 after 7.5-years of service with the City of Albemarle. Steve retired as a Building Maintenance Specialist in the Planning and Development Services Department.

Timothy "TJ" Morgan - TJ retired on 9/1/16 after 30.00-years of service with the City of Albemarle. TJ retired as a Sergeant in the Police Department.

Mayor Michael presented a proclamation to Pastor John Futterer, who served as Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Albemarle for 21 years.

Pastor Futterer stated that he and his family love it here and enjoyed serving First Lutheran Church and its members and will continue they will continue to live in Albemarle.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 19 regular session and September 19 closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

Mayor Michael stated that he will be adding a closed session at the end of the regular session meeting.

Adam Kiker, LKC Engineering came before Council to present change order No. 3 to the construction contract with Dellinger, Inc. for the US 52 Water Treatment Facility Rehabilitation Project. The proposed change order would increase the contract cost by \$810,957 for a total contract cost of \$9,784,615.43. The change order would also extend the contract time by 180-days for a substantial completion date of October 7, 2017.

Along with this change order, Mr. Kiker with LKC Engineering and Public Utilities Director Michael Leonas are requesting to increase the total project budget by \$450,000. The current and previous change orders will utilize all of the budgeted contingency. With 50%-60% of the project completed, Public Utilities and LKC hope that having a remaining contingency of approximately \$450,000 will be sufficient. The Department also recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to move forward with a request to DEQ for an increase in the loan of \$450,000 to reflect an appropriate contingency level for the project.

The revised loan offer letter along with a revised capital project budget ordinance will be brought to Council for formal acceptance and adoption at a future Council meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the Council approved change order No. 3 to the construction contract with Dellinger, Inc. for the US 52 Water Treatment Facility Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$810,957 for a total contract cost of \$9,784,615.43 and increasing the contract completion dates for substantial completion and final completion by 180 days for a substantial completion date of October 7, 2017.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Dry, City Council authorized the the City Manager to move forward with a request to DEQ for an increase in the loan of \$450,000 to reflect an appropriate contingency level for the project.

The Mayor stated that Council had a copy of the municipal calendar in their agenda packets and asked if anyone had any questions.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following Ordinance:

(Ordinance 16-37. To Establish a No Parking Zone on Berry Avenue)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following Ordinance:

(Ordinance 16-36. To Amend the FY 16/17 Budget in the Water & Sewer Fund)

The Mayor and City Council reviewed property Tax Write-Off of year 2005 ad valorem Taxes.

City of Albemarle

2005 Levy Total: \$ 5,503,577.08

2005 Levy Collected: \$ 5,480,021.04 -- 99.57% Collection Rate

2005 Levy Uncollected: \$ 23,556.04 -- Amount to be Written Off

Municipal Service District

2005 Levy Total: \$ 40,651.45

2005 Levy Collected: \$ 40,596.70 -- 99.87% Collection Rate

2005 Levy Uncollected: \$ 54.75 -- Amount to be Written Off

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved 2005 property Tax Write-Off's for ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$23,556.04 and 2005 Municipal Service District taxes in the amount of \$54.75.

The Mayor and City Council considered setting a public hearing for the demolition of multiple properties. Planning and Development Services Director Kevin Robinson stated that staff is working with these property owners in the establishment of a work plan to get properties up to code by a specified timeline. If the established work plan and timelines are not met, staff will proceed with these three (3) properties and bring back to Council around January, 2017 for additional action.

Mr. Robinson stated that he is requesting to set a public hearing for November 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm to consider the demolition/removal of the following dilapidated/unsafe properties as part of enforcement of the City's minimum housing code:

1. 532 Colston St.
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3. 1730 Blanche Ave.
4. 806 Summit Ave
5. 1606 W. Main St.
6. 421 Peachtree St.
7. 507 Corbin St.
8. 509 Corbin St.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a public hearing for November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the demolition/removal of the eight dilapidated/unsafe properties as part of enforcement of City minimum housing code.

The Mayor and City Council were presented with the 2016-17 Loose Leaf Collection Season schedule. The Waste Management leaf collection schedule was published in the Stanly News and Press on Sunday, October 2 and will run again on Sunday, October 9.

Fire Chief Shawn Oke came before Council concerning the Fire Department Open House on Sunday October 9, 2016 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, in an effort to help kick off Fire Prevention Week. During the open house, City firefighters will be serving hot dogs, giving tours of the station and equipment, have firefighter games for the kids,

demonstrating our vehicle extrication skills, and offering fire prevention information. All members of our community are invited to attend.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a “Thank You for Your Service” Proclamation for veterans.

Councilmember Aldridge reminded everyone of the “In the Blink of an Eye” program on Saturday October 8th from 9am-1pm at the East Fire/Police Office. Officer E. L. Berry is the presenter. Other officers will assist him during the class.

Chief Bowen noted that it gives the public an inside look into the officer’s perspective and helps them understand how we may be put into a situation where we may have a life or death situation “In the Blink of an Eye.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council adjourned to a Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a (4) to discuss Economic Development.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Council reconvened to open session. Mayor Michael announced that a closed session was held pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a (4) to discuss Economic Development and there was nothing to report at this time.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.