

The Randleman Board of Aldermen held a scheduled meeting on the above date with the following members present:

Gary Betts	(Mayor
Renee Bryant	(Mayor Pro-Tempore
Michael Dawkins	(Alderman At-Large
Melissa Blalock	(Alderwoman
Nancy Henderson	(Alderwoman
Greg Patton	(Interim City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	(Attorney

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Betts called the scheduled August 08, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Insert: Consent Agenda

Public Comment

Dr. Ryan Snipes of 2572 Caraway Springs Trail, Sophia, N.C., 27350, was present to speak during Public Comment. Mr. Snipes stated that according to North Carolina Statute a municipality must conduct a Revenue Neutral Budget on the year of a reappraisal and he did not see where one was completed. Mr. Snipes owns properties within the City of Randleman and said that he will be affected by the tax increase. Also, Mr. Snipes communicated that on one of his properties the city had previously drilled under one of his roads and the road is now caving in and he would like for someone from the City of Randleman to correct that. The Board thanked Mr. Snipes for his time and information.

There was no one else present to speak during Public Comment.

Non-Profit Organizations

Ms. Ellen Robbins with the Randolph Historical Society was present at the August 08, 2023, Board of Alderman meeting. Ms. Robbins stated that after saving a few years of donation money from the City of Randleman and others, the Historical Society had been able to have the steeple painted on St. Paul Museum, replace the windows and window casings and have the air conditioner fixed. Ms. Robbins thanked the Board for their generosity over the years and the Board thanked Ms. Robbins for her comments.

Mr. Mark Hensley, Executive Director of the Randolph Senior Adults Association, was present at the August 08, 2023, Board of Alderman meeting. Mr. Hensley gave a presentation on the Randleman Senior Center, RCATS, Meals on Wheels, information and options for counseling and caregivers of seniors, and went over Randolph County's Strategic Plan for Seniors. The Board thanked Mr. Hensley for his presentation.

Insert: Randolph Senior Adults Association Presentation

Mr. Jeff Freeman, Executive Director of the Randleman Chamber of Commerce was present at the August 08, 2023, Board of Alderman meeting. Mr. Freeman stated that he has been the Executive Director for the Randleman Chamber for the past 10 years. Mr. Freeman communicated that the Chamber has added a Reel-n-Randleman Fishing Tournament to be held at the Randleman Lake and the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Pinewood Country Club.

Other upcoming events are as follows:

Annual Cash Draw Down	September 19, 2023
NASCAR Days	September 30, 2023
Christmas Downtown	November 18, 2023
Christmas With the Embers	December 04, 2023

Mr. Freeman stated that the Randleman Chamber of Commerce has been speaking with investors regarding a hotel and restaurants for the City and in order for any large investors to consider Randleman, a Feasibility Study must be done. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant asked what the price of a Feasibility Study would be and Mr. Freeman answered that the last time he was given a price it was between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

Alderwoman Blalock got confirmation that if the City of Randleman paid for a Feasibility Study the findings would remain with the City. The Board thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation.

Wooten Company – PARTF Grant

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, communicated that he, Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, and PARTF Grant Project Manager, Robin Hughes, have requested that the Board of Alderman approve The Wooten Company as the formal engineering firm to handle the splashpad and playground to be placed at the Stout Street Park for the PARTF Grant. The ground-breaking took place in July 2023 and a meeting is scheduled with The Wooten Company on Wednesday, August 09, 2023.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve The Wooten Company as the engineering firm to handle the splashpad and playground to be placed at the Stout Street Park for the PARTF Grant, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Preliminary Plat Review

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, stated that on July 17, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Board met to hear a Plat Review for Green Acres Subdivision on Bowman Avenue. Mr. Todd Allred spoke to the Planning Board about developing 109 lots on property zoned R-3 in the Randleman E.T.J. (PIN# 7755711501). The Planning Board recommended approval unanimously. A map of the property was included in the Board's Agenda Packets for their review.

Alderwoman Blalock asked who would be responsible for the infrastructure and Mr. Patton explained that the developers were responsible for the infrastructure for water and sewer and that Mr. Allred stated that his intentions were to request annexation into the City of Randleman.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat Review for the Green Acres Subdivision on Bowman Avenue (PIN# 7755711501), seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Preliminary Plat Review

Road Closure Ordinance – Food Truck Championship

Greg Patton, Interim City Manager, relayed that North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 20-169 delegates to local authorities the power to regulate traffic by ordinance within its jurisdiction. An ordinance declaring a road closure on September 09, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM for the purposes of the City of Randleman’s North Carolina Food Truck State Championship Festival was included in the Board of Alderman’s Agenda Packets for their review. The Streets to be closed are West Naomi Street between South Main Street (US Highway 220 Business) and Hilliary Street.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the Road Closure Ordinance for West Naomi Street between South Main Street (US Highway 220 Business) and Hilliary Street on September 09, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Insert: Road Closure Ordinance for NC State Food Truck Championship

Interlocal Agreement for Group Self Insurance Pool for Benefit Risk Sharing

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, communicated that the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Business Service Consultant, Julie Hall, coordinated the change of the City of Randleman Health Insurance Plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Medcost through the NCLM. Ms. Sechriest stated that the new insurance plan would give the City of Randleman an approximate savings of \$37,000.00 a year. With the change of health insurance an Interlocal Agreement was sent to Ms. Sechriest for the required signatures. The agreement is for the City of Randleman to participate in the Health Pool. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool for Benefit Risk Sharing was included in the Board of Alderman’s Agenda Packets for the Board’s review.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Group Self Insurance Pool for Benefit Risk Sharing, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Interlocal Agreement for Group Self-Insurance Pool for Benefit Risk Sharing

Fire Prevention Ordinance

The City of Randleman’s Fire Prevention Ordinance verbiage is in need of being updated in certain sections of the ordinance. The Fire Prevention Ordinance has not been updated since 1991. A copy of the ordinance with the updates highlighted was included in the Board of Alderman’s Agenda Packets for their review.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the updated Fire Prevention Ordinance as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Fire Prevention Ordinance

Amend Personnel Policy

Elizabeth Sechriest, Finance Director, requested to amend the City of Randleman's Personnel Policy to update the following definitions:

Current Definition:

Full-Time Employee: An employee, either regular, trainee, probationary or temporary, who is regularly scheduled to work 40 hours per week, for the purpose of health insurance any employee regularly working 30 hours or more per week is considered full-time.

Part-Time Employee: An employee, either regular or temporary, regularly scheduled to work less than the standard number of work hours per week. Part-time employees are not eligible for employee benefits.

Amended Definition:

Full-Time Employee: An employee, either regular, trainee, probationary or temporary, who is regularly scheduled to work 40 hours per week.

Part-Time Employee: An employee, either regular or temporary, regularly scheduled to work less than the standard 1000 hours per calendar year. Part-time employees are not eligible for employee benefits.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the amendments to the City of Randleman Personnel Policy, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Insert: Amended Personnel Policy

2024 Meeting Schedule

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, noted that included in the Board of Alderman's Agenda Packets was the 2024 Board of Alderman meeting schedule, the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Calendar, and 2024 City Holiday Schedule. The 2024 Board meeting schedule follows the same formula as the 2023 schedule with the Pre-Agenda meeting occurring on the last Tuesday of every month and the regular meeting occurring on the first Tuesday of every month following the first Monday of the month. The 2024 holiday schedule follows the North Carolina State Holiday Schedule.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the 2024 Board of Alderman Meeting Schedule, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: 2024 Board of Alderman Meeting Schedule

PTRWA Emerging Contaminants (PFA's)

Greg Patton, Interim City Manager, stated that Mr. Greg Flory, Director of the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) sent a brief to all PTRWA Water System Managers regarding Emerging Compounds (Contaminants) for reference in the event any questions arise. A copy of the memo and additional informational documents were included in the Board of Alderman's Agenda Packets for their review. Mr. Patton informed the Board of Alderman that Mr. Flory will be in attendance at the September 05, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting.

Insert: Emerging Compounds (Contaminants) Brief

911 Addressing Agreement

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, reviewed that a request for Randolph County to exercise street addressing authority within the Extraterritorial Planning Jurisdiction (E.T.J.) and approval of an Interlocal Street Addressing Agreement with the County was submitted to him to present to the Board of Alderman. A copy of the requested agreement was included in the Board of Alderman's Agenda Packets for consideration.

Alderwoman Henderson made a motion to approve the 911 Addressing Agreement with Randolph County, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Request for Randolph County to Exercise Street Addressing Authority Within the Extraterritorial Planning Jurisdiction and Approval of an Interlocal Street Addressing Agreement with the County

City of Asheboro Transfer Station

Public Works Director, Brian Crawford, spoke to the Board about discontinuing the use of the White Oak Landfill and using the City of Asheboro's Transfer Station. Mr. Crawford communicated that while using the landfill, sanitation trucks have been damaged in some ways and the wait time is extremely long. Mr. Crawford and Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, submitted new fees from the City of Asheboro that show a cost savings to the City of Randleman as well.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to allow the Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, to facilitate the move from White Oak Landfill to the City of Asheboro's Transfer Station under all discussed conditions, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Manager / Mayor Updates

Worthville Dam: Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, relayed that he received a letter that stated the City of Randleman is required to have a current Emergency Plan for the Worthville Dam. Mr. Patton is working with a company to submit a proposal on the cost of an Emergency Plan and will keep the Board of Alderman updated.

Movement Bank: Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, stated that in February 2022, the Board of Alderman approved changing from First Horizon Bank to Movement Bank as City of Randleman's primary financial institute. Ms. Sechriest moved the City of Randleman's Fireman Relief Fund to Movement Bank. The Fireman Relief Fund was the most convenient to move first. The Operating Account transition will happen on or before September 15, 2023.

Commerce Square Lighting: Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, received requests from the community to place additional lights around the Commerce Square Stage. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant stated that it is also a matter of safety to have the proper lighting for citizens during events. Parks and Recreation Director, Randall King, will begin reaching out to companies about adding extra lighting at Commerce Square Stage and update the Board with his findings.

City Charter: A copy of the City Charter was included in the Board of Alderman's Agenda Packets for their review.

Firestone Building Roof: Davis Roofing began replacing the roof on the Firestone Building August 08, 2023.

Worthville Community Center Sign: Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, stated that Line Design Graphics representative, Rob Hollingsworth, had submitted two (2) options to choose from for the sign that will be placed at the Worthville Community Center. These photos were placed in the Board's Agenda Packets for their review and consideration.

Mr. Steve Grooms of 407 Rock Street, Randleman, N.C., 27317, stood and introduced himself to those in attendance. Mr. Grooms is running for the Board of Alderman seat in Ward 1.

Ms. Kim Keaton of 405 Hinshaw Street, Randleman, N.C., 27317, stood and introduced herself to those in attendance. Ms. Keaton is running for the At-Large seat for the Board of Alderman.

Adjourn

As there were no further discussions to be held, Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Gary B. Betts, Mayor

Connie M. Peeler, City Clerk, CMC, NCCMC