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October 6th, 2015

7:00 PM

The Randleman Board of Aldermen met on the above date with the following members present:

Bucky Jernigan)	Mayor
Melissa Blalock)	Mayor Tempore
Ray Hudson, Jr.)	Aldermen
Mike Dawkins)	
Clifford Bowman)	
Nick Holcomb)	City Manager
Bob Wilhoit)	Attorney

Prayer

Reverend Carol Hunter, Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church led the group in prayer before the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Bucky Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes September 08, 2015, Investments and Departmental Reports

A motion to approve minutes, investments, and departmental reports was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried.

Recognition of Randolph Early College HS – Clean Sweep Volunteers

Greg Patton led the group of over 100 volunteers to the Worthville Beach area where approximately 2.5 tons of trash was collected.

Greg had visuals on hand to demonstrate the amounts of trash that this group's hard work had produced. Representing the school were Nick Everage a student, and Ms. April Thompson, Principal. She spoke of the service oriented students and parents that she was pleased to be associated with.

Mr. Bob Langston, North Carolina Zoo thanked Greg and our Public Works Department for all the help in making Clean Sweep a success throughout the years.

Public Comment

Ms. Louise Hudson of the North Randolph Historical Society informed the Board that the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church located on High Point Street has been entered in The National Register of Historic Places.

Ms. Hudson thanked the Board and citizens of Randleman for all the cooperation in preserving the best of our past for posterity.

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Ms. Renee' Bryant, 417 South Stout Street, sought information concerning the PARTF grant and funding for the Stout Street Park and the Worthville Beach area.

She was advised by the City Manager that the next agenda item would address her concerns in reference to the PARTF grant.

Mayor Jernigan welcomed Randolph County Commissioner David Allen and thanked him for his service.

Jeff Freeman, Director Randleman Chamber of Commerce, gave an overview of the survey distributed to Market & Music 2015.

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Jeff cited several upcoming activities and events that our City would be hosting.

The Mayor asked other Departments for scheduled activities that might be of interest to others.

Robin Hughes, Parks & Recreation Director, announced that on October 31st, Halloween evening that the movie “BeetleJuice” would be shown along with a costume contest and trunk or treat. This would be at no cost to the attendees.

Donna Toomes, Library Director, informed the audience that Pre-school story time is back and that they would be having a Halloween parade for all their patrons as well.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director, announced that our Mulch sale would begin on November 7th, with a charge of \$5.00 per backhoe scoop.

Termination/withdrawal of PARTF Grant

Property on Applewood Road was purchased in 2010, and a matching PARTF grant was awarded in 2012. Another PARTF matching grant is currently under consideration for property around Worthville Beach and the Deep River.

After site visits and conversations with PARTF grant administrators, their suggestion was that we withdraw the Applewood site grant and focus all combined efforts on the Worthville Beach area site.

The City would retain ownership of the 37 acres on Applewood Road and still could be used as the City desires.

A resolution authorizing withdrawal/termination of the PARTF grant is necessary by the governing body of the City of Randleman.

A motion to withdraw/terminate the PARTF grant was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

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Downtown Design Presentation – Josh and Sheryl Pugh – Studio 601

Sheryl and Josh Pugh with Studio 601 located adjacent to Commerce Square, presented a photo-shopped illustration of ideas for our Main Street Renovation. Their ideas were well received and generated stimulated conversation among those present.

The visual presentation could be used as a guide to help the City and business owners make decisions concerning resources that might be allocated.

Reschedule November Meeting

The November 3rd regular scheduled meeting will coincide with Election Day. If the meeting is rescheduled a public statement of the new date and time for the November meeting must be made. The City manager asked for the Board to offer suggestions.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock to move the November meeting to Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 PM, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

Council Member Replacement – Ward 3

The resignation of Alderman Eric Ward, Ward 3 has left a vacancy on the Board of Aldermen. Any qualified resident that is registered to vote and resides in the Ward 3 district is eligible to fill the seat.

Ms. Gloria King, long time resident of 434 High Point Street, expressed her interest in serving on the Board. She has a degree in Business Administration and is a volunteer with Senior Citizens and animals. She stated that she would like to see the City continue on the path that has been taken and wants to be a part of the growth. The Riverwalk and Nature Trail are areas that she would like to see continued.

Ms. Nancy Henderson, 437 High Point Street, also regards herself as a High Point Street girl, this too being her lifetime residency. She stated that she volunteers with the Randleman Senior Adult Center, North Randolph Historical Society, and the Randleman Parks and Recreation Staff helping as needed.

She added that she was employed with Vanity Fair Corp. for 39 years and worked in seven foreign countries, handling 2000 employees and large financial budgets. She would like to see the 311 corridor prepared to attract growth, and more Police presence and patrols at the Presnell Street Park. She agrees with the need for an Animal Sanctuary, but expressed her concerns with the lack of volunteer support necessary to manage the facility.

Alderwoman Blalock thanked both candidates for their interest, however, she saw no need to be rushed into filling the seat.

Alderman Ray Hudson suggested that the Board should make preparations to fill the vacancy at the next Board meeting.

A motion to table the selection until the next meeting was made by Alderwoman Melissa Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried.

Manager's Report

Manager Holcomb advised the Board that the Naomi Street sidewalks and Worthville Street paving came in \$15,000.00 under budget. The remaining funds could be used for sidewalks on High Point Street, or Worthville Street.

The insurance ratings from the Department of Insurance (DOI) for the Sophia Fire District were received and they are rated inside city a 4, and outside city a 9. Insurance rates for consumers should not change due to our ratings.

The Library is experiencing roof issues, leaking continues to happen. The remedies to repair will be explored and the Board will be advised.

NASCAR Day is October 24th, 2015.

Randleman Christmas Parade will be December 3rd, 2015 with Brad Jones Fox 8 as Grand Marshall.

Remember the Chris Mintz family, native to Randleman, in our thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Jernigan noted that our Walmart was # 9 in our district of 88 stores.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

**Melody R. Hancock, CMC-NCCMC
City Clerk**