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February 02, 2016

7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Randleman Board of Aldermen was held on the above date with the following members present:

- Bucky Jernigan) Mayor
- Gary Betts) Mayor Pro-Tempore
- Melissa Blalock) Alderwoman
- Renee Bryant)
- Nancy Henderson)
- Keith Fogleman) Alderman
- Nick Holcomb) City Manager
- Bob Wilhoit) City Attorney

Prayer

Rev. Carol Hunter, Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church led the group in prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Bucky Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda-Minutes-Financial Report –Departmental Reports

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Fogleman, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes, Financial Report and Departmental Reports placed on the Consent Agenda.

Randolph County Economic Development Corporation Annual Report

Ms. Bonnie Renfro, President, Randolph Co. EDC gave the annual update stating that 2015 was a stable year and unemployment remained just above 5%.

This is the 30th year the EDC has been in Randolph County bringing 12,000 new jobs, 1.8 billion dollars in capital investments since 1984, and 17.3 million dollars received in grants.

Mr. Kevin Franklin, Existing Business and Industry Coordinator, added to the presentation with the 2015 Existing Business and Industry Report for the City of Randleman. The following information was provided:

30 Randleman Area companies in the data base

20 Industry visits by EDC

13 Unique Industry Visits

10 Assistance referrals

Mr. Franklin noted that stability and managed growth were the primary themes when visiting industries in 2015.

Mr. Steve Foley, Chairman of the EDC Board of Directors, expressed his pleasure in being able to partner with our local elected leaders throughout Randolph County to bring opportunities for job creation, quality of life and better education to the citizens of Randleman.

Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Freeman, Director Randleman Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City employees for the excellent care given to our City streets. He thanked everyone that came to the Chamber after Hours at the new DWI Services open house. He said that he was already getting calls concerning the Summer Concert Series, Food Truck Championship and NASCAR Day. The Chamber Banquet will be held on May 10th, 2016.

Ms. Dawn Ingram, 5 Bradsher Court, stated that it was her belief that the tax payers should not fund non-profits, and that Randleman's money should be spent on City services. In her opinion, it is not proper for city funds to go to any entity that does not provide a service that is not available to every citizen of Randleman.

She asked the Board to give serious consideration as decisions are made during the budget process.

Ms. Gloria King, 434 High Point Street, a volunteer with The Animal Awareness Society read from a prepared statement, contending that the sitting Board might not be aware of the functions of TAAS.

Her next topic concerned the desire to operate a TAAS thrift shop at the 613-B East Brown Street location. She did not understand that this location was zoned R-1 Residential and this would not allow commercial operations. She had been advised that in order to operate a thrift shop it would be necessary to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

The last topic she chose to speak on was lodging a complaint against Alderwoman Renee Bryant, stating that it was her opinion that Alderwoman Bryant was prejudiced against her and the TAAS organization.

Reading from a prepared statement she cited a pattern. She made several allegations against Alderwoman Bryant, and quoted from the **Code of Ethics for the Randolph County Board of Commissioners Preamble**. She finalized her comments by requesting that the Randleman Board of Aldermen sanction her by not allowing her to vote on any matters pertaining to TAAS.

Public Hearing – Randolph Street Truck Route

A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Fogleman, and unanimously carried.

City Manager, Nick Holcomb advised the Board that currently the Truck traffic had been diverted from Randolph Street and High Point Street onto the narrow entryway to our Library, Community Center and senior housing (high pedestrian traffic). This alternate route services the Shaw Warehouses, Randolph Building Supply and Randolph Rentals.

The following residents of Randolph Street spoke voicing their concerns:

Ms. Sharon Cockman, 123 Randolph Street, stated that of the 9 homes located on Randolph Street, 8 have children residing there. Another concern of hers was the speed in which some used on the road. She stated that 2 school busses or 2

transfer trucks could not pass at the same time. She questioned the width of the road.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director answered by stating that the road met DOT standards, and had measured the roadway and found it to be adequate.

Ms. Heather Lemond, 112 Randolph Street, is cautious as her 3 children play outside and cited speed as her major concern.

Ms. Donna Elkes, 122 Randolph Street, asked what the zoning on the street was. She was advised her area was zoned Residential, but proper zoning was in place for the business located on the street.

Ms. Angela Elkes, 126 Randolph Street, requested that the Board continue to keep truck traffic off her street. In her opinion the Board should do this to protect her community.

Alderwoman Bryant advised Ms. Elkes that the State of North Carolina mandates that we allow truck traffic on this street.

Mr. Jim Elkes, 122 Randolph Street, informed the Board that he is a truck driver and if a driver cannot turn the truck around at Randolph Building Supply he has no business driving a truck.

He continued by stating that he did not trust the Board and was not even notified that the issue was placed on the agenda, hearing about this by way of word-of-mouth, adding that this sort of thing goes on all the time referring to the Board trying to accommodate the truck drivers.

No one representing Randolph Building Supply, Randolph Rentals or Shaw Enterprise chose to speak.

Close Public Hearing

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

City Manager, Nick Holcomb suggested that speed seemed to be the central issue and a stronger Police presence could be a remedy. He added that a center line was another way to help with truck issues.

Alderman Betts suggested rumble strips to deter speed, and Alderwoman Blalock thought this to be a good idea.

Police Chief, Steve Leonard stated that his department would continue to patrol and write tickets as warranted.

Alderman Fogleman assured Mr. Elkes that the Board would strive to find the most effective way to help in eliminating the traffic issues.

After much discussion by the Board, a motion was made to table the issue until the March 8th, 2016 meeting by Alderwoman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Library Roof – Budget Amendment

Donna Toomes, Librarian provided the Board with visuals of the damage that had already occurred (18 Leaks). She stated that we had been very lucky so far. To prevent damage, the staff moves items around where the leaks take place.

John Dunlap consulted a roofing specialist and provided 2 options for the Board's consideration.

Roofing specialist recommendation:

Cover the existing roof with a rubber membrane with a 20 year company warranty providing additional insulation and energy savings

\$45,000.00 - \$48,000.00 price range

Short term solution

Replace 52 broken panels, and the replacement of screws

Providing an adequate fix for now price range \$7,500.00

Alderman Betts asked about considering a new pitched roof.

After an in depth discussion, Alderwoman Blalock stated she felt a long term fix should be explored and would like 3 bids to be solicited.

Alderwoman Blalock made the motion to solicit bids, seconded by Alderman Fogleman, and unanimously carried.

Capital Project Closeout Ordinance – The Animal Awareness Sanctuary (TAAS)

The Animal Shelter project was completed in August 2015 and all contractual obligations have been satisfied. The closure of this project is to fulfill requirements of the accounting process. Approximately \$800.00 dollars will be placed back into our fund balance.

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Alderwoman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Insert:

Planning Board Appointment

We have a vacancy on the Planning Board, and the candidate needs to reside **inside** the City limits.

Greg Patton, Planning and Zoning Director suggested former Alderman Ray Hudson, who resides at 206 North Main Street. Mr. Hudson expressed his desire and willingness to serve. It was noted that Ray had 15 years of previous experience serving in this capacity, and very knowledgeable with the process. Mayor Jernigan commented that Ray would be an excellent addition to the Board.

A motion to appoint Mr. Ray Hudson, Jr. was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Fogleman, and unanimously carried.

Board of Adjustment Appointments

The Board of Adjustment requires that 3 members of the Board of Aldermen serve in this capacity. Alderwoman Blalock is the only Board member currently serving. Two appointments are necessary. Alderman Betts and Alderman Fogleman volunteered to fill the vacancies.

A motion to appoint Alderman Betts and Alderman Fogleman was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously carried.

PTRC (Piedmont Triad Regional Council) – Delegate Appointment

The Board of Delegates is the governing body of the Council of Governments. Due to the vacancy of our delegate seat, it has been requested that our Board take appropriate action to name a member of our governing body to such

position. The appointee will be able to provide and share relevant information with our Board.

Alderwoman Bryant stated that she attended some of the meetings and found them to be highly informative and would be willing to serve as our delegate.

A motion to appoint Alderwoman Bryant was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously carried.

Establishment of Budget Retreat Dates

Official dates need to be established for our annual Budget Retreat. These dates need to be approved and set by the Board.

The suggested dates are:

Monday, February 15th, 2016 1:00 – 5:00 Capital Projects

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 9:00 – 5:00 Non-Profit Requests &

2016-17 Operating Budget

After schedules were checked a motion to approve the above dates was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously approved.

Manager's Report

Alderman Betts would like to establish a City Safety Committee. He has prior knowledge and would like to be involved with this endeavor.

The festival committee will meet on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016 in the Council Chambers, 105 West Naomi Street, and Alderwoman Bryant and Alderwoman Henderson volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Amend Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda, reference Budget Amendment #7 by Alderwoman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Budget Amendment # 7

Budget Amendment # 7 is necessary as part of the general accounting methods required by N.C.G.S. § 159-15 to move monies to the designated funds.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Insert:

Mayor and Council Updates

TAAS Update

Alderwoman Blalock was asked to speak with The Animal Awareness Society authorities and provide information to the Board relating to the State Licensing procedure and dates for certification.

She spoke with Ms. Leigh Dawkins and was told that the facility the City provided was not as turn-key as had been believed. Major renovations would need to be addressed and could not give an approximate date for certification.

Alderwoman Blalock advised the Board that their plans were to continue to gather funds and to renovate the facility as needed for certification.

“In God We Trust Committee” – “US Motto” - Update

Alderman Betts and several Randleman citizens have formed a committee to explore locations best suitable for placement of the motto. Alderwoman Bryant has photographed locations that might be sufficient, and emailed the proposals to the “US Motto” representative. The process will continue and the committee will present recommendations at upcoming Board meetings.

Snow Event

Alderman Fogleman praised all departments for the good work they continue to do and the good condition our roads were in during the snow.

Chief Leonard stated that no traffic accidents were reported during this time frame.

Don Peeler praised his crew for all their efforts and assured the citizens that his main priority was the City roadways, parking lot clearing would take place after the roadways were manageable.

Library and Parks and Recreation Updates

Donna Toomes and her staff will be offering a Basic Computer Class, Culinary Class and a Food Pantry along with all the regular classes provided for our citizens.

Robin Hughes and her staff will be hosting another “Father Daughter Dance” on Saturday, February 13th, 2016.

Alderwoman Renee Bryant’s Rebuttal to Ms. Gloria King-TAAS

Alderwoman Bryant began by stating that she was an animal person and thought the TAAS organization to be a wonderful group of volunteers. She continued by adding that she would “never speak for the Board, I only represent 20%.”

However, she contended that it was her obligation and responsibility as an elected official to vote on “sticky situations”. All elected officials are required to attend an Ethics Class. To not vote would go against my ethics training, she said.

Adjourn

There being no more business to conduct a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

Melody R. Hancock, CMC-NCCMC

City Clerk

