

December 06, 2016

7:00 PM

The Randleman Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting 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
Zach Hewett)	Finance Director
Bob Wilhoit)	Attorney

Prayer

Jeff Freeman led the assembly in prayer.

Meeting called to order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order. He asked for a show of hands for all our veterans in attendance. He then requested that we remember all the past and present members of our military and the sacrifices that were made on December 07, 1941, Pearl Harbor. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda – November 08, November 28, 2016 Minutes – Investments Report – Department Reports

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the Public Comment Session of the meeting.

Jeff Freeman Director of the Randleman Chamber of Commerce highlighted the accomplishments of the chamber during the past year.

Some of the activities that he referred to were NASCAR Day, Wedding and Health Expos, Food Truck Festival, Lunch and Learn and the Embers Christmas Concert that brought people from many of the surrounding counties that not only enjoyed the concert but ate at our local restaurants.

The Chamber continues to combine efforts with the City in working for our community. He praised the City staff and their willingness to work together to continue to be a growth oriented and progressive community.

Randolph County Sherriff Robert Graves thanked the City for the hospitality shown to him and gave his appreciation to the Randleman Police Department and their efforts to keep our county safe. He stated that all city and county agencies worked smoothly together and the relationships between all departments was very good.

He thanked the Board for the "In God We Trust" motto that was placed on our council chambers and our Police Cars noting that his fleet was proud to display the motto as well.

He gave praise to the summer events that he attended in our Commerce Square this summer.

He ended by stating that the upgrades to his department and the social media services that he had enlisted had served to help keep our county safe.

Close Public Comment Session

The Mayor closed the Public Comment Session.

Public Hearing – Tethering Ordinance

A motion to open the Public Hearing for discussion of the Tethering Ordinance was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously approved.

Alderwoman Bryant and Chief Steve Leonard have been working in conjunction to provide adequate changes to upgrade Sec. 6-41 Restraining Dogs and other Animals in a Cruel Manner (Tethering Ordinance) to adapt to enforceable standards.

The previous ordinance was adopted by the Board of Aldermen on May 7th, 2013. Chief Leonard stated that it was impossible to enforce the outdated ordinance. He further stated that most of our ordinances should be updated and changes should be made. Some go back as far as 1975.

Alderwoman Bryant would like for all our ordinances to be critiqued and a workshop held to explore possible changes. She felt updates were necessary in order to help the Police Department with enforcement measures.

Alderwoman Bryant asked Chief Leonard if he was in favor of approving Sec. 6-41 of the City of Randleman Code of Ordinances, he responded with his approval.

Alderman Fogleman stated that he thought the Police Department was responding to numerous animal complaints and did not want excessive burdens placed on the department.

Alderwoman Bryant consulted with the Veterinary Association and was advised the suggested changes would allow for adequate compliance.

Alderwoman Blalock questioned the amended 6-4 Maintenance of stables; horses, pigs, fowl, etc. prohibited at large ordinance. She questioned the meaning of fowl, and it was suggested that fowl should be interpreted as chickens. She requested that since pigs were not allowed inside the City that pigs be deleted from the ordinance.

No one was present in favor of or against the Tethering Ordinance adoption.

A motion to approve the tethering ordinance as written was made by Alderwoman Bryant seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously approved.

Close Public Hearing – Tethering Ordinance

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

Public Hearing – Condemnation 407 East Academy Street

A motion to open the Public Hearing for discussion of the condemnation proceedings was made by Alderwoman Bryant seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

The property owners are Harold and Donna Cheek, and this is not their primary resident. Mr. Cheek owns multiple rental properties in the City of Randleman.

The house burned on December 20th, 2014. Greg Patton presented the time line that met all requirements necessary to proceed with condemnation and demolition. Mr. Cheek was given more time than was required. Repairs would need to meet new code requirements.

Mr. Cheek was not in attendance and no one appeared in favor of or in opposition. If condemnation is approved Mr. Cheek will be served with a 90 day notice requiring him to demolish or remove the house and if compliance is not achieved the City will demolish and place a lien on the property to recoup the full amount owed to the City.

Alderwoman Henderson made a motion to approve condemnation and start the 90 days required to comply seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously carried.

Close Public Hearing – Condemnation 407 East Naomi Street

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Fire Department Roof – Budget Amendment No. 9

The Fire Department roof is approximately 25 years old. Multiple leaks continue to develop. Chief Leonard has obtained three quotes for replacement; as follows:

Gary Trotter Roofing	\$9,570.00
Oxendine & Son Roofing Co.	\$10,612.74
Davis Roofing Co.	\$11,575.00

Chief Leonard is in agreement to award the bid to Trotter Roofing which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Chief Leonard has checked references and Trotter is prepared to promptly proceed.

A motion to award the bid to Trotter Roofing was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

A motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 9 was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously approved.

Insert Budget Amendment No. 9

Budget Amendment – Utility Service Rental Deposit

The City of Randleman requires a deposit on all rental property. We cannot legally require a water customer to divulge their Social Security Number. By obtaining the Social Security number this will allow the city to exercise the ability to secure the unpaid balances owed from the Debt Set-off program.

The Board asked Finance Director Hewett to modify the fee schedule and proceed with the amendment. This Budget Amendment will increase the utility deposit fee to \$300.00 for inside the city rentals with no Social Security number and \$400.00 for outside the city rentals with no Social Security number. These increases are to encourage the applicant to comply not to increase revenue.

Alderman Fogleman questioned the procedure and stated that his concerns were of fairness and did not want to discriminate against anyone.

A motion to approve the Utility Deposit budget amendment was made by Alderwoman Bryant seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously approved.

Insert Budget Amendment Fee Schedule:

Manager's Report

Presented an updated to the Board on the Greenway Project.

Discussed the illegal dumping that continues to plague our Re-cycling Center. A fence will be implemented to control some of the activities and he has discussed with Randolph County the need for surveillance cameras and signs.

Planning will begin in January for Summer Concert Series and Food Truck Festival.

Dale Emanuel, the Firestone Building perspective buyer, has advised that he could not handle the cost to refurbish the facility and purchase it too. He continues to be interested and would possibly look to renting a space if the new owner sees fit. He is still interested in his original idea of a coffee house.

Two individuals have shown interest in the Pole-Cat Dam property.

Our main water tower located on Hilliary Street will be taken off line on December 28th, 2016 for cleaning.

All paving has been finished and shoulder work completed by Ivey's Trucking and Paving.

Mayor and Board Comments

The Mayor cited several of the impressive accomplishments the Board and City Staff have implemented during the past year. He also highlighted the new businesses that have brought jobs and revenue to our city.

Insert 2016 City Accomplishments:

He continued by adding several accomplishments that the City and community together have contributed to make our City a better place for others to enjoy. He praised the Board with their willingness to work together and responding with a helping hand during all City activities.

All Board members expressed their thanks to the employees that continue to help anywhere they can when needed and without being asked. The consensus of the Board was that it was a blessing to come together and work so well as a team. All members and staff commented that they were proud and honored to be a part of our organization. We are a family organization and proud of our City.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Blalock seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously carried.

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

Melody R. Hancock, CMC-NCCMC

City Clerk