

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

Bucky Jernigan	(Mayor
Gary Betts	(Mayor Pro-Tempore
Melissa Blalock	(Aldерwoman
Renee Bryant	(
Nancy Henderson	(
Keith Fogleman	(Alderman
Zachary Hewett	(City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	(Attorney

Prayer

David King of Randleman Friends Meeting Church led the assembly in prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the March 5, 2019 scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Aldermen Betts requested more information on a portion of the Library's Department Report regarding their glitch in the server's system. He asked about the 300 records that were lost. Library Director Donna Toomes stated that she and staff identified the problem and corrected it by re-entering as much of the data as possible. Donna said that the other issues not corrected by the data re-entry would be handled as they arise.

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Consent Agenda Items

Public Comment

Shawn Shoptaw of Troop 532 of Level Cross, NC stated that he was attending along with two Boy Scouts, Mason Shoptaw and Nicholas Kirkman, who were each attending the meeting as part of earning their Community Badge and City Merit Badge. Mayor Jernigan and the Board thanked each scout for attending.

Randolph County EDC

Kevin Franklin, Interim President of Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, presented the RCEDC's annual report to the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Franklin thanked the Mayor and Board Members for allowing him to attend. Also in attendance was Mr. Billy Hardin, Vice Chair of the RCEDC. Kevin presented many positive statistics that occurred in 2018 throughout Randolph County. Mr. Franklin said that the Randleman Business Property would continue to be marketed and looked forward to getting a business or businesses in there soon.

Insert: Randolph County Economic Development Corporation 2018 Annual Report

Schedule Public Hearing for Annexation Requests

City Planner Greg Patton presented the two petitions for annexation that he received for 2 pieces of properties adjacent to Taco Bell (PIN: 7755653228 and PIN: 7755652055). The petitions were filed by JP Realty Partners, Inc. and Randleman/Politis, Inc. Mr. Patton described the properties to the Board in terms of size and location and stated that the next step in the annexation process would be to hold a public hearing regarding the Annexation Requests.

A motion to schedule a public hearing for the annexation requests for the next regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting on April 2, 2019 at 6 P.M. was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Aldermen Betts and unanimously approved.

Closeout Capital Project

City Manager Zack Hewett stated that the City had received the okay from the Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) to close the Wastewater Treatment Plants Capital Project for the installation of Air Supply Piping and Diffusers. Manager Hewett said that to take care of in-house bookkeeping, the Board would need to amend the Capital Project Fund's Budget and then close the Capital Project.

A motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Capital Project Budget for Fund #65 (WWTP Air Supply Piping and Diffusers) was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the Ordinance to Close the Capital Project for Fund #65 (WWTP Air Supply Piping and Diffusers) was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Ordinance to Amend Capital Project Fund Budget and Ordinance to Close Capital Project

Resolution to Carryout LGC Application to Approve Financing Agreement for New Market Waterlines Project

City Manager Zack Hewett said that in order to fulfill one of the requirements of the process for seeking funding of the New Market Waterlines Project, the Board would need to pass a resolution authorizing the filing of applying for approval of the LGC for the financing agreement. Mr. Hewett said that the proposed resolution (#19-02) would allow staff to seek LGC approval of the project and the proposed financing agreement.

Alderwoman Bryant made a motion to approve the resolution to carry out the LGC application to approve financing agreement for New Market Waterlines Project.

Aldermen Fogleman stated that he was against the project if Randolph County did not contribute to it. He also said that Randleman taxpayers should not carry what he considered to be a burden of the County.

Alderwoman Bryant said that this resolution allows staff to begin the process to seek funding sources and get LGC approval. She said that she believed that Alderman Fogleman's argument would be more appropriate after the Board receives proposals for financing agreements for the project.

Alderman Fogleman said that he was against the project, but he was for the kids and still thinks the County should pay for it all since the school is a county school and not a Randleman school.

Alderwoman Blalock stated that even though the students at the school were not Randleman residents, they were still a part of our community and most of them participated in City functions such as Parks and Recreation and other activities. She also said that she believed that this was step one of the long-range vision to have more people tap on to the service line later.

Alderman Fogleman asked City Manager Hewett about the terms of the proposed financing agreement. Mr. Hewett said that the City would look at a financing agreement with repayments that compared to the revenue that would be brought in by the estimated water usage of the New Market Elementary School. Based on those estimates, the term of the agreement would be between 15 and 20 years.

With no further discussion to be had, Mayor Jernigan asked for a second to the motion. Alderman Betts seconded the motion that Alderwoman Bryant made. The motion passed four to one with Alderwoman Bryant, Alderwoman Henderson, Alderwoman Blalock, and Alderman Betts voting for the motion and Alderman Fogleman voting against it.

Schedule Public Hearing for Financing Agreement Discussion for New Market Waterlines Project

City Manager Hewett explained to the Board that an additional part of the LGC application process involved holding a public hearing to discuss the proposed financing agreement. Manager Hewett recommended scheduling a public hearing for the next Regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting.

A motion to schedule a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 2, 2019, for financing agreement discussion for the New Market Waterlines Project was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

RCC Contract Discussion/Execution

The Board intended to discuss the terms of a lease agreement between the City of Randleman and Randolph Community College. City Attorney Bob Wilhoit explained to the Board that state laws governing the leasing of governmental owned properties has recently changed and governments are now required to give a 30-day public notice regarding the terms of a lease agreement longer than one year and no more than 10 years. Since the proposed agreement would be for three years, Mr. Wilhoit suggested finalizing the terms the Board of Aldermen wished to see included in the agreement and tabling the lease approval until the May 7, 2019 regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting. This would allow staff enough time to run the public notice and to conform to the statutory requirements of the state.

A motion to table the agenda item until the May Board of Aldermen meeting to allow for time to schedule a public notice as required by state law in N.C.G.S. 160A-272 and recommended by the City Attorney was made by Alderwoman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously approved.

Mayor, Manager and Department Updates

City Manager Zack Hewett said that the City of Randleman received a “clean opinion” in regards to the City’s annual audit report.

Mr. Hewett told the Board that necessary forms had been turned into various state agencies regarding proceeding with the New Market Waterlines Project. He also said that with the actions the Board took during the meeting, staff would be able to proceed with applying for LGC approval of the financing agreement for the project.

Manager Hewett explained that the executed agreements for the Academy Street sidewalks project and Naomi Street project with NCDOT had been received by NCDOT. The City is waiting on approval from NCDOT Senior Leadership in order to proceed with the next phase.

City Manager Hewett informed the Board of Aldermen of recently approved changes to the Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Employer Contribution Rates for the next fiscal year. Zack said that the North Carolina League of Municipalities had informed local governments that rates would be increasing approximately 1.2% and that this figure would be something that the Board would need to be aware of in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Mr. Hewett updated the Board on the kick-off meeting held by the Branding Project Committee. He requested input from those in attendance to provide names and information of individuals that would want to be involved in the process.

Manager Hewett told the Board that he has an upcoming meeting with Piedmont Conservation Council, Wildlands USA, and Piedmont Triad Regional Council on Thursday, March 7th. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a possible funding source for the feasibility study that needs to be conducted for the Randleman Dam removal project.

Zack informed the Board of Aldermen about new legislation that was currently on both the House and Senate floors for consideration involving the privatization of ABC stores in North Carolina. He told the Board that the City may be requested to take a stance on the topic by the Randleman ABC Board and that more discussion should be held at the next Pre-Agenda Meeting.

Deep River Trails Committee

City Planner, Greg Patton, gave an update regarding the Deep River Trails Committee meetings. Mr. Patton received an email from Mary Joan Pugh, who is heading up the Deep River Trails Committee and she has approached the county to inquire as to whether they would be willing to disperse the money for the grant the City has applied for and as the work is completed, the grant will reimburse the County for the money.

The City of Asheboro and Randolph County is going to invest in their parking area located at the pump station. The City of Randleman and Randolph County are doing the same at the parking area at Worthville. Money, land and materials would be a portion of what is given.

Trevor Nuttall with The City of Asheboro is handling discussions between Randolph County, the cities involved in this project and the sign company that is being used.

Mr. Hewett updated the Board of Aldermen on upcoming events soon in the community. They included:

- Visit from State Fire Marshall March 6, 2019 at 8:30 AM Randleman Fire Department
- Randleman Chamber of Commerce March 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM Randleman High School
- Randolph County Board of Comm. March 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM County Complex
- Brownsfield Committee Meeting March 12, 2019 at 11:45 AM Board Chambers
- Board of Aldermen Pre-Agenda Mtg. March 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM Board Chambers
- Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting April 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM Board Chambers
- Easter Egg Hunt April 13, 2019 at 4 PM Randleman City Park

At the conclusion of Manager Hewett’s report, Mayor Bucky Jernigan stated that he had one additional update. He stated that City Manager Hewett had earned his Local Government Finance Officer Certification and presented the Certificate of Achievement to Manager Hewett. Mr. Hewett thanked the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and everyone in attendance for their support.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously approved.

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

Connie Cross, Interim City Clerk