

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	(Alderwoman
Renee Bryant	(
Nancy Henderson	(
Sharon Leonard	(
Zachary Hewett	(City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	(Attorney

Jeremiah Johnson, Pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, led the assembly in prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the scheduled March 3, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

A motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Consent Agenda Items

Honoring RMS Girls' Basketball Team

Manager Hewett informed the Board that the Randleman Middle School Girls' Basketball team had a very successful 2019-2020 season. Mayor Jernigan and the Board of Aldermen had stated previously that they would like to honor the teams' achievements by adopting a Resolution listing their accomplishments. Zack spoke with Coach Varner about when the team, coaches and parents would be available to receive the Resolution and it was determined that the next scheduled Pre-Agenda meeting on March 31, 2020 would work.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Betts made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-09, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Resolution 20-09 – Honoring the 2019-2020 Randleman Middle School Girls' Basketball Team

Annual Audit Presentation

Mr. Ben Ripple, Partner at Bernard, Robinson and Company, was in attendance to present the City's 2018-2019 annual audited financial report. Mr. Ripple explained that the unrestricted cash, total assets and unrestricted net assets have all increased showing that the Board has been very fiscally responsible this year. Mr. Ripple noted the positive trend that over time the City's revenues have continued to exceed expenditures. The City of Randleman received the unmodified opinion that all statements were free of material misstatement and a clean opinion was given for the audit.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Audit as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Insert: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Audit Report

Public Comment

Stephanie Thurston of 111 East Naomi Street spoke at Public Comment about the City of Randleman considering the addition of a dog park. Ms. Thurston stated that having a dedicated area for dogs to run and play has many benefits. She communicated to the Board that socialized dogs are usually not aggressive, well exercised dogs do not bark a lot and they are not as likely to destroy property. She also has discussed the idea of a dog park with dog owners in the City and reported that many citizens are in favor of having a safe place for their animals to play. In addition, Ms. Thurston added that most dog owners take pride in the area designated for their animals and keep the land clean and well maintained.

The Mayor and the Board thanked Ms. Thurston for her comments.

Financing Purchase of Tanker Truck for Fire Department

City Manager Hewett relayed that Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent out to 18 banks for financing the previously approved Tanker Truck for the Fire Department. The City received 5 responses. All 5 responses included prepayment terms with no penalty. The Board previously discussed the different options for financing at the February 25, 2020 Pre-Agenda Meeting and agreed that BB&T would be accepted since they submitted the lowest interest rate of 2.23% for a 7-year term. Zack included a resolution in the agenda packets for the Board to review.

Alderwoman Henderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-10 approving the financing terms of purchasing a tanker truck, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Resolution 20-10 – Approving the Financing Terms of Purchasing a Tanker Truck

Request for Proposals (RFP) Results for Auditing Services

Manager Hewett informed the Board that RFP's had been sent out for Auditing Services. The request was published on February 11, 2020 on the City of Randleman's website and was also submitted to 4 audit firms. The proposals were to be returned by February 26, 2020. Three Firms responded to the RFP:

Firm Name	Office Location	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Average
Bernard Robinson & Co.	Greensboro, NC	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$26,000/yr.
Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC	Atlanta, GA & Columbia, SC	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,750	\$26,250/yr.

****Cherry Bekaert, LLP provided no bid****

The proposals were reviewed by Susan Hogan, Finance Director and Manager Hewett. The firm currently used, Bernard Robinson & Company, are familiar with the city's financial standings, has provided good work quality and cost and submitted the lowest bid.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to accept the proposal from Bernard Robinson, & Company for Auditing Services and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for audit services for FY 2019-2020, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

Manager Updates

At the last Pre-Agenda meeting, the Presnell Street Water and Sewer Line Project was discussed. The engineering and total project was estimated at approximately \$61,000. This would be covered under the informal bid process, so a notice does not have to be published in the newspaper, but can be advertised on the city website. Manager Hewett will meet with the engineer, draft and post the advertisement, and send everything out to select firms whenever permits for the project are received from the State. Zack hopes to get the results back before the next Pre-Agenda meeting, if not by then, hopefully by the next regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

There is approximately 60 feet of line to lay on Back Street for the Back and Mill Street Waterline Project. The next steps are to pressure test the lines, chlorine the lines and send test results to the State for approval. Once approval has been sent from the State, the city will tap onto the line.

The Police Department Renovation Project is on schedule. The framing of walls and installation of sheetrock have been completed. The installation of carpeting and flooring has begun. Painting is due to begin on Friday, March 13th, 2020.

For the Dugout Project, the blocks have been laid on Field 1 at the Stout Street Park. When the block is completely laid, the contractor will begin the roof work.

Manager Hewett contacted Revize regarding the city's new website. The approximate time from start to finish is 16-21 weeks. Zack has applied for \$5,000 through Randolph County Tourism Development Authority Grant Program (MAGS) and if the city is awarded the grant, the money could be used on the implementation of the new website.

The City received \$300,000 for an Asset Inventory Assessment Grant through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality with \$150,000 for the water system and \$150,000 for the sewer system.

The Veteran's Memorial in Commerce Square was vandalized. Manager Hewett recommended putting some security measures in place. The security system would feed into the Police Department's system for monitoring purposes. There is money in the City Building Maintenance and Repair Fund that could be used to cover this expense. It was estimated that the system would cost approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000.

Randolph County Chamber of Commerce Wedding Expo	03/08/2020	2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Budget Retreat	03/24/2020	9:00 A.M.
Piedmont Legacy Trail Creek Week	03/28/2020 – 04/04/2020	
Randolph County Veteran's Breakfast	03/30/2020	8:30 A.M.– 10:30 A.M
Board of Aldermen Pre-Agenda Meeting	03/31/2020	6:00 P.M.
Easter Egg Hunt	04/04/2020	4:00 P.M.
Board of Aldermen Meeting	04/07/2020	6:00 P.M.

Adjourn

As there were no further matters to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Leonard and unanimously approved.

Clarence R. Jernigan, Mayor

Connie M. Cross, Interim City Clerk