

February 07, 2023

6:00 P.M.

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

Gary Betts	(Mayor
Renee Bryant	(Mayor Pro-Tempore
Michael Dawkins	(Alderman At-Large
Melissa Blalock	(Alderwoman
Nancy Henderson	(
Greg Patton	(Interim City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	(Attorney

Pastor Joel Bartz of Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church led the assembly in prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Betts called the scheduled February 07, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to table the approval of the Consent Agenda until the minutes from December 06, 2022 and December 28, 2022, and until the Closed Session minutes were provided to the City Clerk, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Mayor Betts read aloud the rules for Public Comment to those in attendance.

Ms. Tiffany Townsend of 4283 Fox Street, Randleman, N.C., was in attendance to speak. Ms. Townsend requested that cameras be placed in various areas of the city for security purposes and stated that she was in favor of the neighborhood watch plan that had been discussed at the Police Roundtable meeting held on February 06, 2023.

Ms. Amanda Dillard of 4241 Fox Street, Randleman, N.C., was in attendance to speak. She echoed what Ms. Townsend stated and also requested better surveillance throughout the city.

New Employee Parks and Recreation Department – Jaxson Connor

Parks and Recreation Director, Randall King, introduced Jaxson Connor to the Mayor, Board of Alderman and those in attendance. Mr. Connor is from Randleman, and has returned to live in Randleman after graduation from E.C.U. in 2022. Mr. Connor is the new Events Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department and began working for the City of Randleman on January 09, 2023.

Insert: Letter of Introduction for Jaxson Connor

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update

Wastewater Treatment Plant Director, Mike Glass, gave a brief update on the Treatment Plant Project. Mr. Glass stated that they are waiting for Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company to begin their part of the project and a resolution will need to be approved to request SRF Funding for the project. Other than those things, the project is shovel ready.

Event Committee Update

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, stated that at the January 03, 2023, Board of Alderman meeting, Library Director, Donna Toomes, informed the Board that one of the HVAC units at the library needed to be replaced. Ms. Toomes submitted quotes for the Board's review and Tarheel Heating and Cooling gave the lowest quote of \$26,799.00. The Board had previously discussed using \$18,000.00 from the Ferguson Fund interest to partially pay for the HVAC unit. Ms. Toomes had also requested that City Attorney, Bob Wilhoit, research to find out if the \$50,000.00 principal in the endowment could legally be used to pay for the remaining \$8,799.00 of the HVAC unit and other library capital project needs such as the replacement of the second HVAC unit and the replacement of the SmartBoard. Upon the findings of City Attorney Wilhoit, if the endowment may be used, a Budget Amendment will need to be approved to move funds from the General Fund to the Library's Maintenance and Repair line item.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 1, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Budget Amendment No. 1

City Hall Security System

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, spoke to the Board about a security system for City Hall. Ms. Sechriest requested the Board consider a security and alarm system for City Hall in order to ensure personnel safety and control access to confidential materials and records. The new security system will include new locks for all doors, cameras, keypads and alarms. Estimates submitted were in the Board's packets for their review. The alarm and security system were previously approved in the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the quote submitted from Asheboro Alarm & Electric seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Insert: Asheboro Alarm & Electric Quote

City Hall Server

Ms. Sechriest stated that the server at City Hall has to be replaced. A new server was budgeted for and approved in the 2021-2022 budget but was never purchased. A quote from SouthData was placed in the Board's packets for review.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the quote from SouthData for a new server at City Hall, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Insert: SouthData Quote

Mayor and Board of Alderman Wi-Fi Tablets

Staff at City Hall has been considering purchasing Wi-Fi Tablets for the Mayor and Board of Alderman to better conduct City business matters on and to provide even further transparency to the community and citizens of the City of Randleman. The tablets will be provided to the Mayor and Board of Alderman for the Pre-Agenda Meeting and the regularly scheduled Board of Alderman Meeting and kept in the City Hall vault. 10" Android 11 Tablets will be purchased from Amazon for \$89.99 each.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to table the vote, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock.

Alderwoman Henderson voted "No".

"Yes" to table the vote:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant

Alderwoman Blalock

Alderman Dawkins

"No" to table the vote:

Alderwoman Henderson

Mayor and Board of Alderman Pay Increase

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, reviewed that on October 25, 2022, the Board of Aldermen discussed a salary increase for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen ending with a consensus that the pay be increased from \$375.00 to \$425.00 per month for the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor's salary will be increased from \$550.00 to \$600.00. The increase will be retroactive from October 2022.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the increase for the Board and the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Dawkins.

Alderwoman Henderson voted "No" to an increase and Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant voted "No" to an increase.

"Yes" for an increase for the Mayor and Board:

Alderwoman Blalock

Alderman Dawkins

"No" for an increase for the Mayor and Board:

Alderwoman Henderson

Alderwoman Bryant

With the vote being 2-2, Mayor Betts made the final decision of approving the motion for the increases stating that he knew and understood the responsibility that went with sitting on the Board and felt the increase was well deserved.

Policy Update

Fee Schedule

Mr. Patton relayed that some Board members had requested that the City of Randleman's fee schedule be reviewed and updated if needed. The most current fee schedule was included in the Board's packets for their review. Finance Director, Ms. Sechriest, requested that the copying fee be increased to \$1.00 per page for Public Records Requests due to staff time spent completing these tasks.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the copying fee increase to \$1.00 per page, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

City Vehicle Policy

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, stated that some Board members had contacted Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, and requested that the City Vehicle Policy be updated to include that no city vehicles be driven except during work hours and for work purposes only with the exception of the Police Department. With this change, any employee that has on-call duties will be required to leave the city vehicle at their department at the end of the work day and should a call-back occur, the employee will be reimbursed for mileage from their residence to their department at the 2023 IRS mileage rate of \$65.5 per mile. The city vehicle policy was included in the Board's packets for their review.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to approve the vehicle policy that is already in place and keep it as it, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Insert: Current City of Randleman Fee Schedule Insert: City Vehicle Policy

Manager and Mayor Updates

- 1) There will be a Clean Sweep at Deep River on March 18, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 2) A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at the Fish & Wildlife Boat Ramp at Worthville Beach on March 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM
- 3) City Hall Administration and the Public Works Department will host Your Place at the Table at the First United Methodist Church on February 23, 2023, from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
- 4) The Event's Committee will hold their next meeting on March 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM at the Randleman Community Center

Police Chief, Steve Leonard, relayed that a floating luncheon for Detective Gene Henderson's retirement will be held at the Police Department on February 23, 2023, from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation Director, Randall King, noted that there will be a family movie night on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Randleman Community Center.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.