

June 06, 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	(Alderwoman
Greg Patton	(Interim City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	(Attorney

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

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Betts called the scheduled June 06, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Consent Agenda

Public Comment

Randleman Middle School Football Coach, Kevin Six, of 566 Spring Haven Drive, Randleman, N.C., was present to speak at Public Comment regarding football equipment that the Randleman Parks and Recreation Department has and is not actively using because tackle football is not practiced in the Randleman Parks and Recreation programs any longer.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 159-12(b), requires the Board of Alderman to hold a Public Hearing at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. N.C.G.S. 159-12(b) also requires the City's Budget Officer to file a copy of the proposed budget in the office of the City Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget and Alderwoman Blalock asked for clarification on the proposed utility rates. Ms. Sechriest stated that the City of Randleman currently has the lowest utility rates in the State of North Carolina and has proposed the City have a 10% increase this year followed by 4% in subsequent years and then adjust annually accordingly.

Amend Agenda

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion on a rear loader trash truck and to remove the Closed Session item from the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Rear Loader Trash Truck

Public Works Director, Brian Crawford, discussed the need to purchase a new rear loader trash truck. The current truck has regular break downs and it is beginning to cost more to keep repairing the truck than what the trucks value is.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to accept the quote from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., for \$256,956.00 for a rear loader trash truck that includes a five-year, 150,000-mile engine and engine aftertreatment system warranty and a five-year unlimited mile transmission warranty, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Insert: Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. Quote

Water / Sewer Rate Proposal

Wastewater Treatment Plant Director, Mike Glass, Public Works Director, Brian Crawford and Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest met to discuss increases for the water and sewer rates for the City of Randleman. Options with a 3%, 5%, 8% and 10% increase were included in the Board's Agenda Packets for review.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to accept a 10% increase for this year, beginning in July 2023, followed by a 4% increase in subsequent years and adjusted annually accordingly (10%, 4%, 4%, 4%), seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Insert: Water / Sewer Rate Sheet

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Notice of Award

Charlie McGougan with MBD Consulting Engineers, P.A. was in attendance to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs and Upgrades Project. A Notice of Award was included in the Board's Agenda Packets for their consideration and review. Mr. McGougan requested a formal motion to accept the Notice of Award to Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company as the Successful Bidder for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project in the amount of \$1,706,300.00.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to approve the Notice of Award to Laughlin-Sutton Construction Company for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Insert: Notice of Award

PARTF Grant Update

Parks and Recreation Director, Randall King, was in attendance to update the Board on the PARTF Grant for the Stout Street Park. Mr. King gave handouts to the Board showing options of splashpads and playgrounds for their review and stated that the next step would be to send out RFQ's for engineering firms. The RFQ's will be returned by June 27th and included in the Board of Alderman's Pre-Agenda Packets.

Manager / Mayor Updates

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, discussed some options with the Board about a new cell tower’s location and whether or not the City of Randleman keeps the land and leases the land for the tower to sit on. This item will be discussed further in the future.

Thursday, June 08, 2023, the Chamber of Commerce is holding a “Business after Hours” at the North Carolina Zoo from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Adjourn

As there were no further discussions to be held, Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Gary B. Betts, Mayor

Connie M. Cross, City Clerk