

The Randleman Board of Aldermen held a scheduled Pre-Agenda Meeting on the above date with the following members present:

Gary Betts)	Mayor
Renee Bryant)	Mayor Pro-Tempore,
Mike Dawkins)	Alderman At-Large
Melissa Blalock)	Alderwoman
Nancy Henderson)	
Greg Patton)	Interim City Manager
Bob Wilhoit)	Excused

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Betts called the May 30, 2023 Pre-Agenda meeting to order.

Public Comment

There was no one present to speak at Public Comment.

Radio Tower Property

Interim City Manager, Greg Patton, shared that a discussion with Randolph County and Randolph County Emergency Services regarding a radio tower being placed on the City of Randleman's land had been held. A Board of Adjustment Hearing for a Special Use Permit will be held in July 2023. The property will be surveyed in June according to Randolph County.

City Hall Closed 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, requested that the Board consider allowing City Hall to be closed from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM as a set lunch to allow City Hall Staff to take lunch, attend appointments and do necessary errands. The City of Asheboro has begun this practice with a favorable outcome. Board consensus was to close City Hall from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday on a trial basis beginning in July 2023 and ending in September 2023. Throughout the month of June 2023, staff will announce to the public that the closing will occur in order to give the public ample time to adjust to this change.

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to close City Hall Monday through Friday from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for the months of July, August and September 2023 and publish this change for the benefit of public knowledge during the month of June 2023, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the June 06, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting.

Budget Book Presentation

Finance Director, Elizabeth Sechriest, addressed the Board about the Budget Book. She provided copied of the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget for the Board's review. The Board will review the book in preparation for the presentation to the public on June 06, 2023 during the Public Hearing. Ms. Sechriest requested that the Board let her know if anything needed to be changed.

The Board discussed the option of raising utility rates due to the fact that the City of Randleman has the lowest utility rates in the State of North Carolina. Ms. Sechriest gave the Board options of increasing rates by 3%, 5%, 8% and 10% for their review.

Board consensus was to hold a meeting on June 13th at 1:30 PM to go over the budget in detail.

Hughes Property

Interim Manager, Greg Patton, had a conversation with Mr. Hughes regarding property close to the Deep River Trail located on East Naomi Street. Mr. Hughes offered to donate the land to the City of Randleman. A surveyor has been contacted to survey the property if the Board decides to approve this donation.

After discussion the Board decided to table this item until a later date.

Notice of Award – Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs and Upgrade Project

Mr. Patton, Interim City Manager, informed the Board that Mr. Charlie McGougan with MBD Consulting Engineers, P.A., will be in attendance at the June 6th Board of Alderman meeting to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs and Upgrades Project. A Notice of Award will be included in the Board's Agenda Packets for their review.

Manager and Mayor Updates

Parks and Recreation Director, Randall King, was approached by Coach Six regarding the City of Randleman's football equipment. The City has not used the equipment due to the fact that Randleman no longer participates in tackle football.

The City received the side-loader truck. Brian Crawford, Public Works Director, requested that the Board consider a rear-loader truck. A written agreement will need to be sent to the vendor in order to hold the truck for the City since there are only 2 left.

Mr. Patton has been in contact with Duke Energy regarding the Petty Tribute Park lights. He noted that the customer service representative said we are first on the list.

Engineers have started to submit plans for the Old High Point Street apartments.

The Randolph County EDC will hold its annual meeting on June 20th at 5:30 PM in Staley, N.C.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant requested an update on the City signage. Mr. Patton has contacted NCDOT and is awaiting their response.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant requested an update on Mr. Pugh's property and Attorney Wilhoit will get the information together.

Closed Session – Personnel N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6)

Alderman Dawkins made a motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Close Closed Session

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

Re-enter Open Session

Alderman Dawkins made a motion to re-enter Open Session, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant and unanimously approved.

Alderman Dawkins made a motion to name Captain Shain Sexton of the Police Department as the Assistant Police Chief, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

Adjourn

As there was no further discussion to be held, Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

Gary B. Betts, Mayor

Connie M. Cross, City Clerk, CMC, NCCMC