

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	)	
Sharon Leonard	)	
William Johnson	)	City Manager
Bob Wilhoit	)	City Attorney

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Betts called the November 29, 2022 Pre-Agenda meeting to order.

### **Amend Agenda – Closed Session – N.C.G.S. §143-318-11(3)(6) Legal and Personnel**

Alderman Dawkins made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Closed Session concerning legal and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(3)(6), seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously approved.

### **Public Hearing - Rezoning Request**

City Manager Johnson relayed that the Planning and Zoning Board held a meeting on November 21, 2022 to hear a rezoning request from Philip Tracey Wall Family Limited, regarding property totaling 170 (+ or -) acres located at 4766 Wall Brothers Road (PIN#'s 7745862260 and 7745884623) in Randleman's ETJ. Philip Tracey Wall Family Limited, is requesting to have this property rezoned from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial (C.Z.). This request comes with a 7-1 recommendation to approve from the Planning Board. Manager Johnson stated that this pertains to the I-74 Industrial Project and indicated that Ms. Crystal Gettys with Randolph County Economic Development Corporation was present to answer questions.

Mayor Betts requested that Ms. Gettys update the Board on the project.

Ms. Gettys indicated that the project was making progress and noted that there had been a change in plans for the sewer part of the project. The City of Randleman participated in a water and sewer study 1-2 years ago and learned from that study that the City of Randleman did not have the capacity to service the site with sewer. The City of Randleman had met with the City of Asheboro about a partnership that would allow Randleman to purchase sewer capacity from Asheboro at a discounted rate. As of recently, a water and sewer customer that had solid and heavy revenue with Randleman closed allowing the City of Randleman to regain the ability to service the new industrial site with sewer without having to utilize the City of Asheboro. Ms. Gettys also stated that the county had applied for grants to offset some of the costs of the

project. The county was awarded an IDF Grant (Industrial Development Fund Grant) and has applied for a Golden Leaf Grant and is awaiting the decision for that. Randolph County has purchased 30 acres of the 170 acres to show good faith and ownership in the project. The county has also purchased 2.56 acres for the pump station to be placed on. Ms. Gettys speculated that by June the designs should be done and RFP's (Requests for Proposals) will be sent out for the construction aspect of the project. The Board thanked Ms. Gettys for the update.

### **Public Hearing – Annexation Request**

Manager Johnson stated that N.C.G.S. §160A-58.2 dictates that upon the receipt of a petition for annexation, the Board of Aldermen shall fix a date for a public hearing on the proposed annexation. Notice of the hearing shall be published once at least 10 days before the date of the hearing. Randolph Building Supply, LLC., has submitted a petition requesting annexation. The property in question is located on Stout Road (PIN#'s 7755704146 and 7754794804). This property was rezoned residential in 2021. Attached for the Board's review is a signed petition for annexation.

Alderwoman Henderson asked if there had been a date set to begin construction and Mr. Johnson stated that to his knowledge, Randolph Building Supply, LLC., was in the early stages of the process.

### **Budget Ordinance – Firefighter Turnout Gear**

Mr. Johnson noted that staff is requesting a budget ordinance to purchase new turn-out gear for the Fire Department. The turn-out gear that was ordered last year was unable to be fulfilled putting our scheduled replacement behind. Staff has selected a new vendor who can fulfill the order this fiscal year. Staff is requesting an additional \$26,255.00. Out of the \$65,000.00 that was budgeted in fiscal year 2022 for uniforms only \$5,245.01 was spent. Turn-out gear is arguably the most vital piece of equipment a firefighter carries as it helps to ensure the safety of our firefighters as well as our citizens. Manager Johnson stated the Board had tabled this item at the last Board meeting and requested more definitive information for them to review. City Manager Johnson relayed that Fire Chief, Stephen Lovette, had placed some educational documentation reviewing the regulations that he has to meet as far as turn-out gear is concerned and also his plan to purchase turn-out gear for this year which is 16 sets totaling \$61,750.32 and then in the future to continue budgeting enough funds to purchase 8 additional sets throughout the fiscal year going forward.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant asked Manager Johnson if any information had been gained regarding the \$10,000.00 that was to be given to municipality fire departments and Mr. Johnson stated that the application had been sent and no word about approval had been given to date.

Alderman Dawkins stated that he understood that the turn-out gear is a very vital piece of equipment for the Fire Department.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant asked if RFP's (Request for Proposals) would be required for this purchase and Manager Johnson answered that quotes had been received from various vendors but RFP's were not needed due to the amount being under the required limit for RFP's.

Alderwoman Blalock asked if there was a determined time line for delivery of the equipment after purchased and Fire Chief, Stephen Lovette, answered that per the vendor the delivery would be between 30-60 days.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant thanked Fire Chief Lovette for the educational material he had provided.

### **2023 Meeting / Budget / Holiday Schedule**

City Manager Johnson attached the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule, FY 2023-2024 Budget Calendar and the 2023 City Holiday Schedule for the Board's review. The 2023 Board Meeting Schedule follows the same formula as the 2022 schedule with the pre-agenda meeting occurring on the last Tuesday of every month and the regular meeting occurring on the first Tuesday of every month following the first Monday of the month. Mr. Johnson stated that the 2023 holiday schedule includes the same number of holidays as the 2022 schedule and follows the North Carolina State Holiday Schedule.

Alderwoman Leonard asked if the Board had previously decided to add the holiday of Juneteenth and Mr. Johnson stated that he would check the minutes and change accordingly if necessary.

Alderwoman Henderson requested the amount it would cost the City of Randleman to add an extra holiday and Manager Johnson replied that he would get that information for the Board.

### **Manager Update**

- A) St. Paul Museum Christmas Program – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.
- B) Worthville Beach Update – Mr. Johnson relayed that N.C. Wildlife was making great progress with the Worthville Beach project and included photos of their recent work for the Board's review.
- C) Mayor Betts reminded everyone that Christmas with the Embers will be Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Randleman Elementary School at 7:00 P.M.
- D) The Randleman Christmas Parade will be held Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant asked if any decision had been made for the employees Christmas luncheon and Manager Johnson responded that a decision has not been made yet other than closing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a half day.

Alderwoman Henderson reminded the Board that Alumiworks had invited the City of Randleman to their annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 P.M.

Alderwoman Blalock noted that the City should do a staff Christmas luncheon or something for the City staff to let the employees know that the Board appreciates them.

### **Closed Session - Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318-11(3)(6) Legal and Personnel**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryant made a motion to enter Closed Session per N.C.G.S. §143.318.11(3)(6) for legal and personnel items, seconded by Alderwoman Leonard and unanimously approved.

The City Manager and City Clerk were excused by the Board for Closed Session.

**Close Closed Session**

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to close the Closed Session, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

**Re-Open Open Session**

Alderwoman Blalock made a motion re-enter Open Session, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously approved.

**Adjourn**

As there were no further discussions to be held, Alderwoman Blalock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously approved.

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Gary B. Betts, Mayor

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Connie M. Cross, City Clerk