

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker
Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown
Councilmember Terresia Scoble
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney
David Bracken, Interim Public Works
Director
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Fred Thompson, Parks & Recreation
Superintendent

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Interim Public Works Director David Bracken provided the invocation.

**PRESENTATION OF FLAGS BY THE REIDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
HONOR GUARD AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Members of the Reidsville Police Department Honor Guard led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

**RECOGNITION OF MAY 2018 AS “ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FREE CLINIC
MONTH” IN CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION’S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY.**

Mayor Donecker called Kim Rider and others representing the Reidsville Free Clinic forward and stated that Reidsville is the smallest town in North Carolina to have a free clinic. He then read the proclamation recognizing the Free Clinic. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE

MINUTES.) Executive Director Rider commented the clinic will be celebrating its 20-year Anniversary on Friday, May 11, 2018 at noon at the clinic. She thanked the members of the Council for their support and invited those present to join them at the celebration.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 13-19, 2018 AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED ON MAY 15, 2018.

Mayor Donecker called Chief Robert Hassell and members of the Reidsville Police Department forward and read the proclamation for National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Chief Hassell expressed his appreciation to the great men and women who make up the Reidsville Police Department and said they are at the ready day and night to protect and serve the citizens of Reidsville. He asked Officer Daniel Velazquez's wife Martha to come forward and to explain the *Wives of the Blue Line* program. Velazquez stated she is trying to gain 501-C status, and the program offers scholarship opportunities to children of fallen officers.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 20-26, 2018.

Mayor Donecker then asked Interim Public Works Director David Bracken to come forward along with the individuals from Public Works who were present at tonight's meeting. The Mayor then read the proclamation for Public Works Week. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The Mayor asked Chief Bracken if he would like to share any comments. Bracken said he had grown to think of the dedicated men and women who work at Public Works as part of his family. He said they are willing to do anything necessary to get the job done. He thanked Solid Waste Superintendent Pat Knowles, along with Street Supervisor Gary Lovelace and Water and Sewer Supervisor Robert Stowe, for all their hard work.

RECOGNITION OF WHEELS4HOPE (Added to the Agenda).

Mayor Donecker asked Adrienne Singleton with Wheels4Hope to come forward while he read the proclamation. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He asked if she would like to share anything. Singleton said she would like to thank the Mayor for the Proclamation and the opportunity to be here tonight. She explained more about the Wheels4Hope program, including that they work with numerous organization throughout the County to help those in need of transportation. She encouraged those present if they have a vehicle they are not using to donate it to the program, even if it is "broke, busted or disgusted."

CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the April 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF A TEXT AMENDMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW CURB
MARKETS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
(T2018-1).

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward with the staff report. Setliff stated that Bobby Sanders has filed a text amendment requesting curb markets be added as a permitted use in the General Business District and requested the use be inserted in the table of permitted uses with no development standards. Setliff explained that the Reidsville Zoning Ordinance allows “curb markets, permanent” in the Highway Business District as long as they are in a permanent building. She said she had researched several other cities ordinances, and no reference was found, with the exception of Lexington, which does allow them with developmental standards.

Setliff reported that the Planning Staff is recommending the use be permitted in the General Business District with development standards, as long as the visual aesthetics of the General Business District are maintained. She detailed these standards in her memo dated April 26, 2018 as follows (A COPY OF SETLIFF’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES):

- (1) A permanent building must be located on the property and operated as part of the curb market.
- (2) The merchandise shall be owned by the merchant holding the Zoning Compliance permit for the principal building and shall be sold within the permanent building.
- (3) Merchandise may not be placed in required building setbacks, landscaping areas, parking lot areas or buffers.
- (4) Merchandise or fixtures may not interfere with vehicular sight distance.
- (5) Outdoor display areas shall not contain or utilize metal carports, trailers/ tractor-trailers, portable storage units, or similar structures as storage and/or display of merchandise.
- (6) Outdoor display areas shall not exceed 50% of the total land area.

Setliff concluded by saying the Planning Board had taken the matter under consideration and recommends the approval with the development standards as proposed. She said a Resolution reflecting the Planning Board’s recommendation is enclosed in the Council Members agenda packets. Setliff then asked if members of the Council had any questions.

Councilmember Scoble asked for the City’s definition of a Curb Market, noting she had checked in other cities which included a variety of items, some of which she listed. She said she did not want our definition to include “flea market” items. Setliff assured members that the standards would include new products or fresh products, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, fresh flowers, and those types of new items, not clothing or flea market type items.

In response from the Mayor about where this curb market will be located, Setliff stressed that this is a text amendment that will apply throughout the General Business District.

Regarding hours of operation, it would be the same as other retail businesses, and the City does not designate hours for other retail businesses, Setliff said. The Mayor asked whether a consignment shop, like those on Scales Street, could participate in such curbside market since they do not have “new” merchandise. Setliff discussed the differences between zoning requirements for such locations, used dealers versus curbside markets, adding that it depends on the primary use of the property involved. She also noted that much of what the Mayor was referencing with the consignment shops is in Central Business. This curbside market use is for General Business.

Noting that there appeared to be some confusion and might be need for more clarification, Councilman Festerman asked Setliff what would be the downside of delaying this item for another month? Setliff stressed that the season for this type of business is gearing up and might not be able to open if Council waited until the June meeting.

Mayor Donecker asked Setliff to explain the locations of our Central Business and General Business districts, which she did.

Councilmember Scoble asked Setliff if the existing produce market on Settle Street is grandfathered-in? Setliff commented that market had been there a long time and was, in fact, grandfathered-in. The Councilmember also noted that some businesses, such as Morales Tire, have fruits and vegetables from time to time. Setliff noted that they are not supposed to, but she added that such situations do pop up from time to time, which means that Code Enforcement has to go out and check on them. She did note that these are temporary vendors that set up and are not a permanent market. Discussion briefly went to what types of items businesses could sell as part of retail sales and not the store’s primary use as well as what could be sold at “events” downtown, etc. Mayor Donecker stated that he felt the discussion was getting off track since most of what was being discussed dealt with Central Business and today’s issue was for General Business.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m., asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or in disfavor of this text amendment request?

Mr. Bobby Saunders of 525 Strawberry Road, Reidsville, came forward and detailed his plans for the business. He said he and his father and been in the curbside market business for 40 years and he had a produce market on Highway 14 just outside Reidsville, but the property owner had recently made some changes and he wanted to relocate that business. He stressed there is a need for such a business in Reidsville, adding that they are more like a country store and not a secondhand store. He said they would keep with the aesthetics of the City and asked the Council to approve his request.

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston, to accept the application with the Community Development Manager’s recommendations on development standards. The motion passed in a 7-0 vote.

The Text Amendment as approved follows:

Amendment T 2018-1

AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE V, DISTRICT REGULATIONS
SECTION 2, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES
OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Reidsville be amended as follows:

Part I. That Article V, Section 2, Table of Permitted Uses be amended to read as follows:

That curb markets, permanent be permitted in General Business with the following development criteria:

Note 36:

(1) A permanent building must be located on the property and operated as part of the curb market.

(2) The merchandise shall be owned by the merchant holding the Zoning Compliance Permit for the principal building and shall be sold within the permanent building.

(3) Merchandise may not be placed in required building setbacks, landscaping areas, parking lot areas or buffers.

(4) Merchandise or fixtures may not interfere with vehicular sight distance.

(5) Outdoor display areas shall not contain or utilize metal carports, trailers/ tractor-trailers, portable storage units, or similar structures as storage and/or display of merchandise.

(6) Outdoor display areas shall not exceed 50% of the total land area.

Part II. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2018 by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina.

/s/ _____
JOHN M. "JAY" DONECKER, MAYOR, REIDSVILLE, N.C.

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET.

City Manager Preston Mitchell read aloud from the budget message, which is part of the proposed 2018-19 Budget as follows:

Herein submitted for your consideration, pursuant to my responsibility as City Manager and Budget Officer, is the City of Reidsville Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget scheduled to begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2019. The budget has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act as required by North Carolina General Statute 150-7.

The City of Reidsville Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget is composed of seven permanent funds: General, Parks & Recreation, Reidsville Downtown Corporation, Combined Enterprise, Police Separation Trust, Garage, and Insurance Funds. All seven funds are balanced in regards to revenues and expenditures. Temporary funds exist on an "as needed" basis usually occurring over multiple fiscal years possessing their own separate budget ordinance approved by City Council, typically related to capital projects, and will not be included in this document. The proposed City-wide budget is \$28,636,800 versus FY 17-18's amount of \$28,529,000. This increase largely has been driven by the increase in sales tax growth, the tipping fee increase proposal from the County and restructuring associated within the Main Street Program within the General Fund, along with a utility fee increase within the Enterprise Fund. Accounting for payments and transfers between funds, the true total for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is \$24,368,300.

The objective of the proposed budget is holding operating expenses to a minimum while the City continues to serve the public amid rising costs that are occurring during a time period when economic growth is occurring and more appears to be on the horizon but has yet to fully occur in terms of budget revenues and certainly not at pre-recession levels.

Much work has been pursued over the current fiscal year regarding the Reidsville quality of life. This ranges from the daily services the City offers to efforts for the prevention and case closure of criminal activity to economic development. Negative impacts that can be controlled, such as the loss of the TMD WEK closure/relocation have

been addressed, and those that are beyond our control are worked upon in a near daily function, such as potential DEQ regulations on industrial-related operations that the EPA does not regulate or possible General Assembly action that could impact local finances ranging from local control matters to additional mandatory benefits to certain segments of the City's organizational workforce. Similar to the residential relocation campaign, the City understands the importance in being proactive in "telling our story" regarding both positive and negative impacts of actions our on City and County economy. A section of telling that story relates to actions by the State that are not within a sealed vacuum, but also many times can have far reaching impacts.

The City has been self-insured in regards to the health and dental insurance that is offered to employees, retirees and dependents. However, facing up to an estimated 13% increase, the City has changed to the NCLM for fully insured health, dental, and vision insurance for at least the next two fiscal years. The budget includes the 5.6% cost increase for the same plan, plus additions that NCLM and staff were able to negotiate for the upcoming fiscal year. The staff did an excellent job in their work in this arena to prepare options for City Council, along with providing in-depth analysis of the current insurance financial situation of the previous self-insured plan, which continued to result in negative performance. The implementation of Year 2 of 3 (years of study and implementation) of the market pay plan has been included in the proposed budget. This represents the full cycle since this particular group has been studied and had the results implemented. As a point of reference, the three groups are as follows:

- Year 1: Police Category
- Year 2: Public Works Category
- Year 3: Remaining Category (All Others)

A 1% cost of living adjustment has been included within the proposed budget similar to the COLA City Council granted in the current fiscal year. Performance evaluations will continue to occur whether a salary increase is connected with them or not. Career development and promotion increases are scheduled to continue. This salary proposal was largely a result of increased operating costs ranging from health insurance (which has increased an approximate \$111,800 over all funds), capital outlay needs, and service cost increases, while remembering the City Council priority discussed at the two past Annual Budget Retreats to be conservative as the Commonwealth plant situation unfolds.

Capital Outlay

See Section B, Appendix B – Capital Outlay for a breakdown of requests and recommendations.

Revenues

Revenues will be discussed via the respective funds for easier understanding. As a point of reference, please see Section B, City-Wide Revenues for a breakdown of requests and recommendations.

General Fund

The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 proposed budget has the General Fund's tax rate proposed at \$0.74/\$100 of valuation. This is the same rate as the current fiscal year. As mentioned earlier, some revenues line items saw growth while others saw limited growth or actual reduction.

The Parks & Recreation Fund remains largely the same as last year.

The Combined Enterprise Fund saw an overall increase. There is a recommended utility rate increase of 3% that the City Council approved at its Annual Budget Retreat. The ability to provide not only for operations, but also inflationary and capital outlay costs is something that has to be reviewed on an annual basis in order to properly maintain our utility system, combined with City Council's desire to keep rate increases at a minimum both when a rate increase becomes necessary and versus the previous method of waiting as long as possible, resulting in a very large increase.

Other Funds

All remained relatively the same regarding their missions as appropriate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Expenditures

All funds absorbed the associated 5.6% health increase for employees and retirees within the proposed budget. A 1% cost of living adjustment has been included as well.

General Fund

The General Fund's expenditures did see an increase, but much of that has been attributed to the previously mentioned personnel-related costs.

Parks & Recreation Fund

The Parks and Recreation Fund expenditures saw a \$100 reduction with expenditures moved within the fund to address other needs this fiscal year.

Combined Enterprise Fund

The Combined Enterprise Fund did see an overall increase in expenditures related to the utility fee increase for operations and capital. Approximately \$547,500 is appropriated for capital outlay involving all aspects of the utility system.

Other Funds

The Reidsville Downtown Corporation reflects the restructuring associated with

the City Main Street program with the Fall Jubilee expenditures and funding raised by the RDC members allocated in this fund. Both of these areas are required to have equal or greater revenue raised to allow budgeted expenditures. The RDC is a partnership between the private sector and the City so staff will be assisting with these as in past years. The remaining internal funds see the anticipated expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year met.

Debt Service

The City of Reidsville Debt Service Summary is located in Section B, Appendix C- Debt Schedule.

Summary

The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget proposal involved a lot of teamwork by the Management Team and many others. I would like to recognize Assistant City Manager – Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips for his particular and intense hard work and City Clerk Angela Stadler and Deputy City Clerk Cindy Farris are to be commended for their work in physically assembling the budget. The City Manager concluded by thanking the City Council for its direction on the proposed budget.

Mayor Donecker asked the City Clerk Angela Stadler for the results of a Doodle poll requesting the best time for Council members to meet for a budget work session. She informed the Council that the largest majority of replies appeared to be for Monday, May 14, from 3-5 p.m. The Mayor asked to change the time to 4 p.m. and asked that some type of dinner be provided.

It was agreed that the Council budget work session would begin at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14, in the first-floor conference room of City Hall. It was also noted that a closed session may be needed at the budget work session. The City Clerk was to get a special meeting notice ready for the Mayor’s signature the following day.

CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AQUATIC WEED CONTROL PROCEDURES AT LAKE REIDSVILLE & LAKE HUNT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE.

Mayor Donecker called Parks and Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson to come forward to discuss the Lake Reidsville and Lake Hunt Aquatic Weed Control Procedures that are needed regarding the treatment of invasive vegetation. He said we do not know how many invasive weeds there are. Thompson explained that the project is a joint venture with North Carolina Department of Environmental Resources (NCDENR) where each entity will be responsible for 50% of the cost of the program. The State will do a survey of each lake at a cost per lake of \$1,000 each for a total of \$2,000. The survey will tell us what we will need to do in the future, Thompson said. The earlier we can get this survey done will mean less cost for the treatment, he added. The City’s responsibility would be \$1,000 and would be provided out of this year’s current budget of the Water Plant.

Mayor Donecker said a fisherman had approached him and recommended that any crappie and brim taken out of the lake be kept and not released back. Thompson said that with the lake's fishing tournaments, participants had been told to keep crappie. He said the State would be coming this year to evaluate the crappie population, but he didn't have a date for that yet. Next year, they would evaluate for bass, he added. Mayor Donecker indicated it was good to have the data behind it. Mayor Pro Tem Brown said that has been an ongoing process (such evaluations of fish population).

Councilman Festerman complimented Thompson on the choice of colors for the new playground equipment at Courtland Park. Thompson said they are attractive colors but he also chose them because they don't fade as much in the sun.

Mayor Donecker asked about the orange fencing along the creek at Courtland Park. Manager Mitchell explained that the fencing is temporary where we are letting the vegetation grow up to stabilize the bank and the erosion that is occurring there. He complimented Public Works for putting up signage indicating that.

Upon a question from Councilmember Scoble, Thompson gave a brief update on the status of the new playground at various City parks – Griggs is done; Courtland is waiting for mulch and the borders and once that it done, they will move on to the swing set at Jaycee.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Thompson's recommendations.

The corresponding Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of Reidsville, North Carolina desires assistance from the North Carolina Division of Water Resources to survey Lakes Reidsville and Hunt to establish a plan to control the invasive aquatic weeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Reidsville City Council requests that the North Carolina Aquatic Weed Control Program conduct the aquatic weed control surveys of Lakes Reidsville and Hunt in the City of Reidsville, NC, and,
- 2) The Reidsville City Council assumes full obligation for payment of fifty (50) percent of costs associated with the aquatic weed control surveys of Lakes Reidsville and Hunt, and,

- 3) The Reidsville City Council will assist the North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources (NCDENR) in quantifying this aquatic weed control project, and,
- 4) The Reidsville City Council assures that the public will have access to the waters that are included in this aquatic weed control project, and,
- 5) The Reidsville City Council will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the implementation of said project, and,
- 6) The Reidsville City Council will be responsible for notifying all landowners whose property is adjacent to the body of water in which the project is located and for sponsoring any public information meetings that may be needed, and,
- 7) The Reidsville City Council will notify the public of any temporary restrictions on use of the body of water as required by the specific method of treatment used.

Adopted this the 8th day of May, 2018 by the Reidsville City Council.

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No one came forward for public comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Mitchell reviewed his written report, including NCDOT's plans to detour traffic around a section of Richardson Drive May 14 through August 17 while it replaced a culvert there. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He noted that the City Clerk and our Public Safety departments would be preparing a CodeRED to alert citizens of the scheduled work. The Manager also noted that a letter of support had been provided to the Rockingham County Arts Council for its efforts to apply for the SmART initiative. He noted that the Community Pool information was also included behind the Miscellaneous section. He concluded by adding that a reporter with Our State magazine would be in Reidsville Friday to visit various sites around the City for an online article, ending up at the cruise-in. He said this was made possible through interest garnered from our Rise Up Reidsville campaign.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown -- Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the ribbon cutting for the new trails at Reidsville Lake on April 12 and that staff had done a great job organizing the event. He said he had also attended the Democratic Now Forum along

with Councilmen Gorham and Hairston on April 30; and the Wentworth Street Community Watch meeting on May 7, where he heard lots of positive comments regarding the recent changes to the parking ordinance in Reidsville's downtown.

Councilman Hairston -- Councilman Hairston said he had also attended the ribbon cutting for the new trails at Lake Reidsville on April 12; the Reidsville Alliance City-Wide revival from April 17-19; the general Ministerial Alliance meeting on April 23; the Human Relations Commission meeting on April 24; the Stop Gun Violence/Project Safe Call-In Program that was attended by numerous law enforcement agencies, including the Reidsville Police Department, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, Police Departments from other municipalities throughout the County and also Federal and State representatives, on April 25.

Councilwoman Walker -- Councilwoman Walker said she had attended the ribbon cutting for the new trails at Lake Reidsville on April 12; the Reidsville Downtown Cruise-In on April 13; the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting on April 24; the ABC Board meeting and the Reidsville Appearance Commission meeting on April 26; the groundbreaking ceremony for Lucky City Brewery on April 27; the Candidates Forum on April 30; the luncheon held for City staff on May 1; and the Reidsville Industrial Alliance breakfast meeting on May 5. Councilwoman Walker commented that the presentation at that meeting related a great deal to the much desired interstate status of I-785. She urged those present to contact Senator Berger's office and request funding for the project.

City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Donecker shared pertinent information regarding the project and expressed their gratitude to Senator Phil Berger for the appropriation of discretionary funds in pursuit of interstate status that would benefit Reidsville and Rockingham County.

Councilman Gorham -- Councilman Gorham said he had attended the ribbon cutting for the new trails at Lake Reidsville on April 12; the Reidsville Downtown Cruise-In on April 13; the Reidsville and Vicinity Ministerial Alliance City-Wide Revival April 17-19; the UNCG/Moss Street Partnership enrollment meeting on April 23; the Men's Fellowship meeting at Golden Corral on April 24; the groundbreaking for the Lucky City Brewery on April 27; and the Community for Justice Town meeting at Zion Baptist Church on April 30. He added that he had gone door to door with the UNCG/Moss Street Partnership team in an effort to enroll 45-50 students for the upcoming school year on May 5 and he also attended the Wentworth Street Community Watch meeting on May 7.

Councilmember Scoble -- Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the ribbon cutting for the new trails at Lake Reidsville on April 12; the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on April 30; the groundbreaking for Lucky City Brewing on April 27; the National Day of Prayer event at City Hall on May 4; and the Candidate's Forum on April 30. Councilmember Scoble expressed her enthusiasm for the benefits to Rockingham County and Reidsville with the possibility of interstate status, which was discussed at the forum.

Councilman Festerman – Councilman Festerman said he almost had something to report, but he was late for the new officer swearing-in ceremony so he doesn't have anything to report this month.

Mayor Donecker -- Mayor Donecker asked Kayla Bullins from the Chamber to share any comments regarding upcoming events she might have. Ms. Bullins shared dates including a ribbon cutting on May 9 for Nikki's Creations in Wentworth at noon; the Free Clinic 20th Year Celebration on May 11 at noon; the June 1 Reidsville Night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game; the May 24 ribbon cutting for Tiger Force Martial Arts, owned by Bryan Patterson and Sharra Carter of the Reidsville Police Department, located at Family Fitness on Freeway Drive; and the next Chamber Coffee, which will be held on June 7 at Advanced Home Care.

Mayor Donecker (continued) – Mayor Donecker said he would like to report to members of the City Council that he had attended several of these meetings. He said the realignment challenge for the Reidsville Downtown Corporation is going very well and that it is being accepted as good, positive and upbeat. He said he would also like to reference the meeting he attended today regarding the Manual Machining Program at Reidsville High School. He urged everyone present to talk the program up to School Board members, to RCC and members of the Reidsville Area Foundation. He stressed that the program is extremely important to not only local industries but also to parents and students who may be looking at an alternative to a four-year degree. He stated the need for these technical trades the program offers are of great importance to the community.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 7:13 p.m.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk