

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 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 Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager
– Administration/Finance Director
Chuck Smith, Public Works Director
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Interim Pastor Christy Clore of First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Main Street, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS ASSISTANT BRONWYN BURNETTE, WHO RETIRED JULY 31, 2019 WITH NEARLY 31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY. (Item Pulled.)

Mayor Donecker announced that Ms. Burnette had a conflict arise, but she will attend a later Council meeting to be recognized.

RECOGNITION OF “PINK DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BREAST CANCER AT LADIES NIGHT OUT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019.

Mayor Donecker read the “Pink Day” proclamation. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Downtown merchant Teresa Moore was unable to attend the City Council

meeting and asked Councilmember Terresia Scoble to accept the proclamation on her behalf. Councilmember Scoble expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Moore and her work trying to bring the downtown merchants together, combining events like this with such a great cause in downtown Reidsville.

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 5, 2019 AS “EMPTY BOWLS DAY” TO BENEFIT THE REIDSVILLE OUTREACH CENTER.

Mayor Donecker shared information regarding the upcoming event benefiting the Reidsville Outreach Center and read the “Empty Bowls Day” proclamation. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The Mayor said the driving force behind the event is Nelson Cole, but that he could not attend tonight’s meeting. He then called upon Mr. Tom Ham, President of the Board of Directors for the Outreach Center, to come forward to expound on the efforts of the local non-profit. Mr. Ham stated the non-profit was organized in 1999 as a food pantry to offer a helping hand to those in the community in need. He then extended an invitation to those in attendance to show their support and come out to First Baptist Church on Main Street on October 5th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. He said tickets are \$30 per person, with \$25 of the donation being tax deductible and will include a handmade bowl made by students at Rockingham Community College. Mr. Ham added that area businesses will be providing the soup.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the August 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY PHIL C. LANNING ON BEHALF OF JFS HOLDINGS, LLC, TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 4.7 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND LOCATED AT THE REAR OF 2627 SOUTH SCALES STREET (FUTURE SITE OF TRACTOR SUPPLY), INCLUDING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE PETITION AND A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COUNCIL’S OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING. (A2019-05)

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following documents related to Phil C. Lanning’s request, on behalf of JFS Holdings, LLC, to voluntarily annex approximately 4.7 acres of contiguous land located at the rear of 2627 South Scales Street, former home of Tractor Supply, which calls for a public hearing to be held at the Council’s October 8th meeting:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31
At Rear of 2627 South Scales Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on August 29, 2019, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 10th day of September, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

A2019-05

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
At Rear of 2627 South Scales Street**

To the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina:

I, Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Reidsville, this 10th day of September, 2019.

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

A2019-05

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31
At Rear of 2627 South Scales Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the contiguous area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Reidsville City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Section 2. The 4.7 acres proposed for annexation is located at the rear of the following parcel described as follows:

Being all of Lot 1A, containing 6.908 acres, as shown on that plat entitled "Property of Adylene M. Burch & Minta M. Saunders, Reidsville Township, Rockingham County, North Carolina" by Obie M. Chambers & Associates, Land Surveying and Mapping, dated March 23, 1995, and recorded in Plat Book 43, Page 78, Rockingham County Registry.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Reidsville Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Reidsville, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 10th day of September, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR \$2,000,000 IN FY 2019 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT TO REHABILITATE APPROXIMATELY 6,229 LINEAR FEET OF SEWER LINE IN THE AREAS OF HART STREET, WASHINGTON AVENUE, CIRCLE DRIVE, TERRY STREET AND WRAY STREET.

Ms. Amanda Whitaker of Withers Ravenel came forward to offer the staff report on this public hearing.

Ms. Whitaker explained that the City is planning to apply for FY 2019 CDBG-Infrastructure funds to rehabilitate approximately 6,229 linear feet of aged sewer lines in the areas of Hart Street, Washington Avenue, Circle Drive, Terry Street, and Wray Street. The grant amount would be approximately \$2,000,000.

The grant application process requires that the City hold one public hearing prior to the application submittal. She said the purpose of this public hearing is to obtain citizen's views and to allow response from the public to funding proposals and answer any questions posed by citizens. The public hearing will cover the City's community development needs, development of the proposed activities, and a review of program compliance before the submission of the CDBG-I funding application to the state of the North Carolina.

Ms. Whitaker said the purpose of the CDBG-I grant program is to improve the quality of life for low to moderate income people by providing a safe, clean environment and specifically clean drinking water through water and sewer infrastructure improvements and extensions of service. She reviewed the following bullet points:

- To benefit a residential area where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low to moderate income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. She briefly noted the factors involved in determining the median household income for Rockingham County.
- To perform eligible activities.
- To minimize displacement, but Ms. Whitaker stressed that there are no plans to displace any residents; however, displacement assistance would be provided as necessary.

Ms. Whitaker stated that the CDBG program is able to fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State of North Carolina has chosen to fund two activities: water and sewer infrastructure, and economic development projects that lead to job creation or retention. There is \$23.9 million available statewide in CDBG funding with \$2 million the maximum grant amount available, which is what the City is applying for, she added.

Applications are due September 30th of this year and typically, involve a three-year grant period, she said.

Ms. Whitaker continued that the infrastructure program, or CDBG-I program can fund a range of water and sewer infrastructure activities, including, but not limited to the, following:

Water:

- Projects that resolve water loss in distribution systems.
- Projects that extend public water to areas with contaminated wells.
- Projects that extend water lines to areas with dry wells.
- Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
- Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
- Project that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.

Wastewater:

- Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pumps stations and manholes.
- Projects that extent public sewer to areas with failed septic tanks.
- Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulations.

The proposed project has been identified in the City's Asset Management Plan, which will be presented for adoption at the Council's September 17, 2019 meeting. Ms. Whitaker pointed out that this project should help resolve issues found in the Asset Management Plan, including the problem of overflows. Adoption of an Asset Management Plan would add 10 additional points to the City's application, she noted.

The project area has been determined to meet the required low-moderate income threshold of 51% or greater. She reiterated that the area involved includes Hart Street, Washington Avenue, Circle Drive, Terry Street and Wray Street and approximately 6,229 linear feet of sewer lines.

If the project is awarded, the range of activities covered by the CDBG-I funds includes:

- Construction of the project.
- Environmental Review
- Engineering Design
- Construction Administration and observation.
- Legal activities.
- Surveying.
- Grant Administration.

These activities would make up the \$2 million project. Ms. Whitaker briefly discussed the status of the door-to-door surveys, which were overseen by the local COG (Piedmont Triad

Regional Council). While still compiling the surveys, she said she expects the participation rate to be 75% or higher.

Also, if the City is awarded a CDBG-I grant, it is required to adhere to federal procurement requirements and other federal regulations which include:

- American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Survey, which means the City makes every effort to comply with ADA compliance in its public buildings, etc.
- Davis-Bacon & Related Labor Acts, dealing strictly with construction.
- Adoption/Submittal of a Citizen's Participation Plan, which includes holding today's public hearing.
- Adoption/Submittal of an Equal Opportunity Plan, which the City uses as it provides equal opportunity for City job openings and followed by contractors used by the City.
- Adoption/Submittal of a Fair Housing Plan, which is needed even though this is not a housing grant.
- Adoption/Submittal of a Language Access Plan, which includes not only Spanish but other language options.
- Adoption/Submittal of a Relocation Assistance Plan even though this is not expected to be needed.
- Adoption/Submittal of a Section 3 Plan, which involves giving local residents the opportunity to fill job opportunities.
- Excess Force Provision, which means not using external force.

Ms. Whitaker noted that currently the only other CDBG grants the City is involved with are for Unifi and downtown economic development. The City has also applied for a housing grant. The application will be submitted by the September 30th deadline and will be available after that for the public to view, she added. The City must reply within 10 days if any formal written complaints are received.

In response to a question from Councilman Festerman, Ms. Whitaker stated that the City does not have to match any of the funding, either in in-kind services or cash. The City must only comply with State and Federal guidelines, she added.

Councilman Festerman asked if they felt that \$2 million will do the job completely or is it just a start? Ms. Whitaker stated that the streets were identified and a budget compiled, and it is believed that all of this area can be done within the \$2 million budget. If bids come in even lower, alternative areas have also been identified in case more can be done, she indicated.

The Councilman asked how long to complete this project? Ms. Whitaker replied that this is a three-year grant, and all the work must be done within those three years. A public hearing will close out the grant. She noted that the start point doesn't begin until the City receives the grant agreement from the State. She reviewed the typical grant timeline, beginning with the announcement of awards in either February or March of 2020.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. for anyone who wished to speak on the City's CDBG-Infrastructure Application? No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:26 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Resolution by Governing Body of Applicant.

The Resolution as approved follows:

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, Title I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, has established the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in funding the cost of construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of water and wastewater infrastructure, and that the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) was delegated the authority by the state legislature to administer the water and wastewater infrastructure portion of the state grant monies received from the U.S. HUD CDBG program by Session Law 2013-360, Section 15.15(a) as amended by Section 5.3 of Session Law 2013-363, and

WHEREAS, The City of Reidsville has need for and intends to rehabilitate approximately 6,229 linear feet of sewer line in the areas of Hart Street, Washington Avenue, Circle Drive, Terry Street, and Wray Street, and

WHEREAS, The City of Reidsville intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE:

That the City of Reidsville, the **Applicant**, will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Jay Donecker, Mayor and Preston Mitchell, City Manager, the **Authorized Officials**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 10th day of September 2019 at Reidsville, North Carolina.

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker

- End of Public Hearings -

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL AT MOSS STREET PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL. – *Pulled at request of UNCG/Moss Street Partnership School*

PRESENTATION ON “HOW MEDICAID EXPANSION IS THE RIGHT TREATMENT FOR RURAL HOSPITALS AND ECONOMIES”.

At the request of the Mayor, Rebecca Cerese, Health Engagement Coordinator for the Health Advocacy Project, was invited to give a PowerPoint presentation created by the NC Justice Center on “How Medicaid Expansion is the Right Treatment for Rural Hospitals and Economies.” She thanked the Mayor and Council members for letting her come and present at tonight’s meeting as well as approving a resolution supporting Medicare Expansion in 2015. (A COPY OF THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Donecker noted at the end of the presentation that the City Council has no role in this decision-making process, but our community has many citizens who need advocates. Councilman Gorham said he found it hard to understand how we as a State allow something like this to happen. He said we only have to say yes and a lot of people would be living better lives. Councilwoman Walker thanked Ms. Cerese for the update and what she does. The Mayor thanked Ms. Cerese that the PowerPoint focused not on the whole state but on Rockingham County because it does affect us as we try to attract jobs and try to keep our neighbors healthy. He said in the long run, the fiscal decision is that we need Medicaid Expansion.

CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF 0.12 MILES OF HOLIDAY LOOP ROAD NEAR BARNES STREET.

In making the staff report, Public Works Director Chuck Smith reminded Council members that in June, they had approved realignments requested by NCDOT in the Holiday Loop Road area and this is a continuation of that. Now, NCDOT is requesting the City Council support abandoning 0.12 miles of Holiday Loop Road near Barnes Street. The abandoned land would revert back to NCDOT, he added. Councilmember Scoble asked if this would be forever, to which Smith replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve and give Council support.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TOTALING \$17,500 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEMOLITION OF 102 NORTH MAIN STREET.

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained she is requesting Council approve Budget Amendment No. 4 for \$17,500 to complete the demolition of 102 North Main Street. She reminded Council members that it was decided that after the initial \$20,000 in the Demolition Account is depleted, projects would be done on a “pay as you go” basis.

Councilman Festerman asked if the \$17,500 would cover the costs of the demolition? Setliff said the City had already secured bids with the lowest being \$17,500. Other bids were for \$25,000 and \$75,000, she added. Councilman Festerman asked if the \$17,500 included asbestos? Setliff replied no, it does not. She said that was handled by another contractor and had already been done except for a small section in the back. The asbestos contractor was concerned about the safety of his staff reaching that area so when the demolition contractor gets to that area, the asbestos contractor will return to get rid of that asbestos. In answer to a question from Councilman Festerman, Setliff said the cost to remove the asbestos was around \$14,000.

Everything would be hauled away, Setliff said, and the existing basement would be filled in with dirt and leveled. The area would be seeded and straw put down, she added.

Setliff also explained how the property owner would be sent a bill of total costs, which the owner would have until May to pay. All unpaid bills are sent to the County Tax Department in May, and they are added to the person’s tax bill, she said. The garage area will be cleared as well, Setliff said in response to a question from Mayor Donecker.

Setliff also responded that this was a high bill because it was a high bill for the asbestos. Only a dwelling on Irvin Street had been higher than this, she noted. City Manager Preston Mitchell said normally the City demolishes smaller structures so this larger structure impacts both asbestos removal and demolition. The Mayor noted that the large Lindsey Street house will also be expensive.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4.

The Budget Ordinance Amendment as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 19, 2019 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, since the time of the adoption of said ordinance, it has become necessary to make certain changes in the City's budget to appropriate funds for demolitions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 19, 2019 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$17,500.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4350-4400, Demolitions, be increased by \$17,500.00.

This the 10th day of September, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

City Manager Mitchell distributed the boards and commissions ballots.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no Public Comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

In providing his City Manager's Report, City Manager Mitchell reminded Council members of the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce & NCDOT Reidsville Market Transportation Forum on Friday, September 13; the special called City Council meeting set for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and members were asked to let staff know if they needed to call in; updated Council members on the number of potential subscribers for voluntary curbside recycling, which is at 301, and Foothill has agreed to extend the deadline until November 1; noted the success of the Piedmont Triad Water Lantern Festival held at Lake Reidsville which drew between 3,000-4,000 people and has already been put on the schedule for next year; and reminded Council members of the planned 9/11 memorial service at Market Square at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11; and upcoming events in September. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the NAACP Board meeting and also a citywide Revival at Elm Grove Baptist Church on August 20; the Mayors dinner at the Penn House on August 26, which was very nice and hosted by Reidsville.

Councilman Hairston – No Report.

Councilwoman Sherri Walker – Councilwoman Walker said she had attended the ABC Board meeting on August 15; the Reidsville Appearance Commission meeting on August 22; and the breathtaking Water Lantern Festival at Lake Reidsville on August 31. She remarked that the festival was extremely well attended, that she had a wonderful time and how nice it was to be able to attend such a positive event.

Councilman Gorham – Councilman Gorham said he had gone door-to-door helping with the wrap-up of CDBG surveys on August 17, 19 and again on August 22, 23 and 28; had attended the NAACP Board meeting and the Revival at Elm Grove Baptist Church on August 20; had enjoyed the concert at Market Square on August 24 from his car since it was drizzling rain; and attended the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting and the meeting of the Senior Men’s Fellowship at Golden Corral on August 27.

Councilmember Scoble – Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the Lantern Festival at Lake Reidsville on August 31 and agreed with Councilwoman Walker that it was a wonderful event, which she attended with her sisters to remember her mother, along with the thousands of others that came out; had distributed information regarding subscription to voluntary curbside recycling on September 1; had participated in a Women in Municipal Government Board meeting conference call on September 4 and the Ribbon Cutting for Marco’s Pizza on September 10.

Councilman Festerman – Councilman Festerman acknowledged a Boy Scout in the audience from Alamance County Troop 142, who is working on his communication merit badge. He thanked him for attending tonight’s meeting.

Mayor Donecker – Mayor Donecker asked Chamber of Commerce Representative Star Fulp to share the Chamber report and upcoming events planned by the Chamber. Fulp listed the following events: Topic @ Twelve with Paychex, featuring guest speaker Kristina Gross on September 12 at the Chamber office; NCDOT Transportation Forum Breakfast at Pennrose Park Country Club, as well as, Second Downtown Friday on September 13; the Summer Concert Series featuring the band *Alter Egos* on September 28; Chamber Coffee hosted by Advance Home Care on October 3; the 12th Annual Reidsville Business Showcase on October 10-11, with the Ribbon Cutting taking place at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the Salvation Army on Barnes Street; Chamber offices will be closed on October 14; Ribbon Cutting for the Old School Block at noon on October 17; Reidsville’s Fall Jubilee on October 19 and a Ribbon Cutting for the Auto Spa at 1816 Freeway Drive on October 29.

Mayor Donecker suggested conducting another CodeRED message regarding the additional needed subscriptions for curbside recycling. City Manager Mitchell said the matter was already being addressed.

The Mayor commented that tomorrow marks the anniversary of an event that changed his life forever. He said he was with Tom Balsley at the Chamber Coffee at Unifi and could not comprehend what was actually happening to the Twin Towers. He added he thought

it could never happen on American soil and that he had only read about such happenings in history books. He said it was a bad dream and here we are 18 years later, and we have people serving and protecting our country who were at the time not even born. He continued by saying that the war against world terrorism continues unabated and affects all of us still but that he hopes the time comes when we can get over this bad dream.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela G. Stadler announced that Ms. Marguerite Holt of 1008 Ridgewood Avenue, Reidsville, and Ms. Anne Marie Simmons of 313 Branch Street, Reidsville, were both unanimously re-appointed to the Reidsville Historic Preservation Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(6).

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Motions Involving Real Estate.

Upon return to open session, Councilmember Scoble made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to authorize Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips to be allowed to purchase five-eighths of a parcel located beside the Public Works parking lot on Vance Street being sold on the Courthouse steps.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and approved by Council in a 6-1 vote (Councilman Festerman voting in opposition) to accept a donation of land on Freeway Drive between the State Employees Credit Union and Enterprise Car Rental.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Councilwoman Walker then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Festerman and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 7:38 p.m.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk