

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker
Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown
Councilman Tom Balsley
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman James K. Festerman

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Kevin Eason, Public Works Director

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Reverend Joe Tarpley, Pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church, 221 S. Main Street, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

Councilwoman Walker asked Rev. Tarpley to share information regarding the Thursday night sidewalk prayer meetings at the church. He invited those at tonight’s meeting to come out and join them and said individuals may share concerns they are having, joy items or things for which they are thankful.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

**MARY STACKHOUSE BRIGGS, WHO IS CELEBRATING HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY ON OCTOBER 11.**

Mayor Donecker called Mrs. Briggs to the front and read a surprise certificate of recognition for Mrs. Briggs/ 100th birthday. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL CALL FOR
PROJECTS COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**FOR SKAT BUS SERVICE IN THE REIDSVILLE AREA. – MEGGAN ODELL,
DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT SERVICES, ADTS**

Ms. Meggan Odell, Director of Transit Services for ADTS, addressed Council, explaining the purpose of the grant application. She detailed the program and offered numerous benefits of the services provided, which allow the City of Reidsville to partner with the Aging, Disability, and Transit Services of the County for the skat bus service. She provided statistics on ridership and discussed some of the bus stops that have been established.

The agency is requesting a Resolution allowing ADTS through the City to apply for a grant where the City will agree to provide a 10% local match in the amount of \$13,300. Odell stressed this is the same local match the City provided last year. She described instances where the availability of the skat bus service had helped local residents.

Councilman Balsley asked whether ridership has stayed fairly steady? Odell indicated ridership has increased with full buses every single hour. She said the buses have also been filled steadily even in cold weather. Reidsville has the highest ridership among the municipalities with Eden coming in second, Odell stated.

Councilman Hairston stated that the service has been a great enhancement for the City and County, adding that many residents appreciate it.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. With no one speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

Councilman Donald Gorham made the motion to approve the 10 % local match of \$13,300. Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown seconded the motion, which resulted in a 6-0 vote.

The Resolution as approved follows (*OTHER SKAT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION FORM, ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.*):

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY 2019 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by (*Board Member's Name*) _____ and seconded by (*Board Member's Name or N/A, if not required*) _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for "purchase-of-service" projects under the Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) City of Reidsville, NC hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (*Authorized Official's Title*)* City Manager of (*Name of Applicant's Governing Body*) City Council of City of Reidsville is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT's calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

I (*Certifying Official's Name*)* Jay Donecker (*Certifying Official's Title*) Mayor of City of Reidsville, NC do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (*Name of Applicant's Governing Board*) City Council of City of Reidsville duly held on the 10 day of October, 2017.

Signature of Certifying Official

***Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.**

Seal/ Subscribed and sworn to me (date) _____

Notary Public *

Printed Name and Address

My commission expires (date) _____

Affix Notary Seal Here

**CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS -- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF
T 2017-3 WOULD REPEAL THE RECREATION AREA REQUIREMENT IN
THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND INSERT A SIDEWALK
REQUIREMENT.**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that the City’s Subdivision Regulations require developers of major subdivisions to dedicate a portion of the property for a public park. This applies to subdivisions with 10-plus lots, she said. Developers must either dedicate land for a park or pay in lieu based on the number lots. Staff is asking that portion of the ordinance be repealed and replaced with an amendment, which requires sidewalks in front of the properties, at least on one side of the street, or a greenway provided, she said.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing on the text amendment at 6:13 p.m. With no one speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Councilman Balsley made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to accept Text Amendment T 2017-3, amending Article 8.

The Text Amendment as approved follows:

Amendment T 2017-3

AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE 8, REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS OF DESIGN
OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

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

Part I. That Article 8, Section 8M, Recreation Areas be repealed in its entirety.

Part II. That Article 8, Section 8F (17), Sidewalks be amended to read as follows:

(a) Sidewalks shall be required to be installed by the developer of subdivisions on at least one side of all new streets within the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. Sidewalks shall conform to the “Manual of City Specifications for Land Development for Reidsville, 1989”.

(b) Paved greenways may be built by the developer in lieu of sidewalks with approval of the Subdivision Technical Review Committee. These greenways must provide connectivity within the subdivision and/or other pedestrian facilities and must equal or exceed the length of roadway within. The paved greenway must conform to a Class I Trail as shown in the City of Reidsville Greenways Plan (Appendix B).

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

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2017 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

T 2017-4 WOULD INSERT A SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

In making the staff report. Setliff said staff is requesting that the requirement be added to the Zoning Ordinance that sidewalks be installed in front of all new commercial and industrial developments along within on the street right of way. Both of these requirements are already in the City’s land development specifications, she added. This amendment, like the first one, both were presented to the Planning Board and received unanimous recommendations, Setliff said.

Mayor Donecker asked for clarification for industries in our industrial park. He said for example, Albaad which is perpendicular to Freeway Drive, the company would have had to put a sidewalk in front of their property but not along Freeway Drive? Setliff agreed.

The Mayor then opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. by asking if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the text amendment? No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the text amendment.

Text Amendment T 2017-4 as approved follows:

AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE VIII, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING
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 VIII be amended to insert Section 2. Sidewalks and the Section to read as follows:

(a) Sidewalks are required to be installed on new commercial and industrial development along all major and minor thoroughfares. The sidewalks shall conform to the "Manual of City Specifications for Land Development for Reidsville, 1989".

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 _____, 2017 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

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE
LIMITS FOLLOWING THE REQUEST TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX 3.32
ACRES AT THE INTERSECTION OF THOMAS AND GOODMAN STREETS. –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that the City has received a fully executed petition from Church Nueva Vida to voluntarily annex 3.32 acres at the corner of Thomas and Goodman streets. The petitioner plans to build a church on the property, she said. A portion of the property is already inside the City limits, Setliff stated, and the church wants City services.

Setliff said the request has met all of the requirements, and staff is recommending approval following the public hearing.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. by asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the annexation. With no one speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits.

The Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits as approved follows:

A2017-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
Corner of Thomas & Goodman Streets**

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31 to annex the area described below; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, after due notice by publication on Sunday, September 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of December 31, 2017:

Beginning at a point on the eastern right of way of a street formerly known as Uhles St. as shown on a map of the J.T. Stallings Home Place as shown in Plat Book 3 page 54 in the Rockingham County Registry, said point being the northwest corner of Lot 142 on the aforementioned J.T. Stallings Home Place map; thence with the eastern right of way of the unnamed street N. 08-00-00 E. 134.90 feet to a point; thence N. 08-00-00 E. 75.00 feet to a point on the southern right of way of Thomas Street; thence S. 85-00-00 E. 40.00 feet to a point; thence S. 85-00-00 E. 391.00 feet to a point; a corner of Tract 2 of the

property of Iglesia Nueva Vida of MCIV De Reidsville (Deed Book 1451 page 1375); thence with the line of Tract 2 three calls as follows: 1) S. 03-00-00 W. 26.70 feet to a point; 2) S. 83-54-00 E. 199.20 feet to a point; 3) S. 00-41-00 E. 226.75 feet to a point in the line of property owned by George W. Trent Jr. and others, thence with the Trent line N. 80-59-00 W. 666.80 feet to the point and place of beginning and containing 3.32 acres more or less.

Section 2. Upon and after December 31, 2017, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Reidsville shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Rockingham County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

/s/ _____
William F. McLeod Jr.
City Attorney

- End of Public Hearings -

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH THE FOLLOWING –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF:**

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff provided the staff reports for the following proposed demolitions:

(A) 1626 WITHERSEA LANE

Setliff said staff is requesting permission to demolish 1626 Withersea Lane. Complaints have been received from the community, and an inspection revealed Housing Code violations. A title search found the owners of the property to be Jerry Martin Jr. and Dorothy Martin. The Minimum Housing Code Hearing was held June 8, 2017 after the owners were noticed by publication in the newspaper and posting of the property. The Complaint and Notice of the Hearing was mailed to the owners by certified mail. Setliff said the owners are believed to be deceased, and Randy Martin is their son.

Setliff explained that no one attended the hearing. A Housing Code Enforcement Order was mailed by certified mail to the owners with the Order being received by Randy Martin. The Order gave 90 days to demolish the dwelling, which expired October 2, 2017. She said the Order required demolition because the estimated repair cost of \$30,000 exceeds 50% of the value (\$1,631.00) of the dwelling as determined by the County Tax Department.

The Community Development Manager said the owners owe \$5,674.32 in property taxes from 2010 to 2017. Water is on at the house, Setliff said, and it is believed that Randy Martin resides in the dwelling. If Mr. Martin does reside there, staff will proceed with an eviction notice. This is a concern, she said, and staff will help to see about relocation.

Mayor Donecker asked Setliff if Mr. Martin is employed and if he was present at the meeting.

Mr. Randy Martin then came forward and stated his parents are not deceased and are not residing on the premises. He stated he was born and raised in the house, currently lives there and is a part-time employee at one of the restaurants in the City.

Mayor Donecker asked if Mr. Martin realizes how dangerous his house is, that it could collapse on him or possibly catch on fire. He asked if Mr. Martin has made any preparations to repair the house. The Mayor asked if he had been in touch with Social Services. Mr. Martin said he had not been in touch with the County Social Services Department, but he is trying to get his finances in order and is seeking full-time employment before attempting to do the repairs.

Mayor Donecker asked if Setliff is aware of a process they can recommend so Mr. Martin is not put out on the street. Setliff said she could make some phone calls to see if assistance is available. She said she had dealt with a similar situation, but it had been years ago. The Mayor stated he realizes winter is coming and suggested a 30-day stay until Mr. Martin can find employment and secure funding for the repairs. Mr. Martin said he would need more than 30 days. Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown asked Martin how much time he thought he would need. Mr. Martin said he needed a full time job. Donecker mentioned Unifi is hiring, adding that he is not recruiting for the company but saw a sign out front. He stressed to Martin that the dwelling is in dire disrepair and he fears for Martin's safety.

City Manager Mitchell commented that in the past the stay has been extended to 90 days.

Mayor Donecker stressed his concern is that in 90 days Martin may have made an effort, but the house will still be uninhabitable and dangerous, and he will have wasted his money and time and will still be displaced. The Mayor asked Setliff if she had contact information for DSS and would make that available to Martin. He reiterated that it may be a wiser financial decision to find a reasonable place to rent that is safe and secure.

Councilwoman Walker stated her concern is for Mr. Martin's health and asked him to report back to Setliff or someone at the City with regard to the progress he is making. She asked Martin if he was ready to get a full-time job and fix the house. Martin said he was.

Councilman Gorham made the motion to demolish 1626 Withersea Lane but to stay the execution for 90 days to allow Mr. Randy Martin to find full-time employment and to make repairs to the dwelling. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved in a 6-0 vote.

The Ordinance to Demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH 1626 WITHERSEA LANE, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina conducted a hearing on violations of Chapter 4, Article II, Housing Code, Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-26, for the property at located at 1626 Withersea Lane, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8913-06-49-5935. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was received by Randy Martin on May 17, 2017, said owners being Jerry Martin, Jr. and Dorothy Martin. Additionally, the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owners by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on May 17, 2017, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on May 16, 2017.

WHEREAS, said owners did not appeared at said hearing, and whereas a copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the owners via Certified Mail on June 27, 2017, being received by Randy Martin on June 27, 2017. The Order allowed said owners to demolish and remove the above structure on or before October 2, 2017 and whereas there has been no compliance with said Order in that said structure has not been demolished or removed, and remains dilapidated and unfit for human habitation, and constitutes a public health, safety, and fire hazard;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-29(c), the Code Enforcement Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina is hereby ordered to cause the above structure located at 1626 Withersea Lane, Reidsville, North Carolina, to be

demolished and removed, pending demolition and removal to post said structure as provided by N.C.G. S. 160A-443 and Section 4-29 (b) of the Reidsville Code of Ordinances.

This is the 11th day of October, 2017.

/s/

John "Jay" M. Donecker, Mayor, Reidsville, North Carolina

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

(B) 302 FARMINGTON DRIVE

Setliff reported that staff is requesting permission to demolish 302 Farmington Drive. Numerous complaints have been received from the community. A title search shows the property owner is Nancy R. Smith. She has been notified, Setliff said, adding that she has three possible addresses for Ms. Smith. The Minimum Housing Code Hearing was held May 24, 2017 after noticing by publication in the newspaper and posting of the property. The Complaint and Notice of the Hearing were mailed to the owner by certified mail but returned unclaimed.

Setliff said no one attended the hearing. A Housing Code Enforcement Order was mailed by certified mail. The Order gave 90 days to demolish the dwelling, which ended on October 2, 2017. Demolition was required because the estimated cost of repairs at \$15,000 exceeded 50% of the value listed at \$6,932.

The Community Development Manager noted that \$1,328.07 in property taxes is owed for 2016 and 2017 and a partial payment for 2009 and 2010.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the demolition of 302 Farmington Drive.

The Ordinance to Demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH
302 FARMINGTON DRIVE, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of May, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina conducted a hearing on violations of Chapter 4, Article II, Housing Code, Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-26, for the property located at

302 Farmington Drive, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 7993-14-43-2836. Said Complaint and Notice of Hearing was mailed to the owner being Nancy R. Smith on May 5, 2017 and returned unclaimed. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owner by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on May 7, 2017, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on May 5, 2017.

WHEREAS, said owner failed to appear at said hearing and presented no evidence, and whereas a copy of the Order of the Codes Inspector was mailed to the owner via Certified Mail on June 27, 2017 and returned unclaimed. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on June 26, 2017 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on July 2, 2017 . The Order allowed said owner to demolish and remove the above structure on or before October 2, 2017 and whereas there has been no compliance with said Order in that said structure has not been demolished or removed, and remains dilapidated and unfit for human habitation, and constitutes a public health, safety, and fire hazard;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-29(c), the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina is hereby ordered to cause the above structure located at 302 Farmington Drive, Reidsville, North Carolina, to be demolished and removed, in pending demolition and removal to post said structure as provided by N.C.G. S. 160A-443 and Section 4-29 (b) of the Reidsville Code of Ordinances.

This is the 11th day of October, 2017.

/s/

John M. Donecker, Mayor, Reidsville, North Carolina

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

CONSIDERATION OF AN UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON RICHARDSON DRIVE.– PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEVIN EASON

In making the staff report, Public Works Director Kevin Eason explained that this is a fairly routine request by NCDOT for the Council to execute a municipal utility agreement for the waterline portion of the bridge replacement. This request is for the bridge located at the intersection of Richardson Drive and Little Troublesome Creek. As part of the project, it will be necessary to relocate an existing waterline. Eason noted that the City, which is allowed to place utilities in NCDOT rights of way, is responsible for the cost of any utility relocation per NCDOT's encroachment policies. Reidsville is responsible for \$16,775.92 or 25% of the total cost (\$67,103.66). The City does not have to pay for the

bridge replacement, he added. NCDOT will do the waterline replacement and later invoice the City, Eason continued.

The Public Works Director noted that in the future, the City may want to install a sidewalk along Richardson Drive. The State will make the replacement culvert wide enough to permit a sidewalk to be installed at a later date, he said.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to enter into the utility agreement with NCDOT. (A COPY OF THE UTILITY AGREEMENT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Arts Council Project.

Ms. Melissa Mericle of 213 Homestead Drive, Stoneville, and Ms. Teresa Phillips of 1851 Flat Rock Road, Reidsville, came forward on behalf of the Rockingham County Arts Council regarding the upcoming 2018 Art Rocks event. They displayed a Reidsville Rams rocking chair, which also included artwork depicting the Reidsville Golden Lions and the Booker T. Washington Bulldogs. The Troutman Chair was painted by Delois Goode and will be raffled off at a culminating event held at Market Square on May 11, 2018. They detailed the plans for the event and added that proceeds will be split between UMAR, the Arts Council and the Fine Arts Festival.

Catherine Wilson thanks Council for Help with Project.

Ms. Catherine Wilson of 615 Maple Avenue, Reidsville, came forward saying she wished Councilman Festerman was present because he was the Mayor at the time a proclamation was issued in 2009, when she approached the City Council and requested that October be named "*Help Warm a Child Month*". She continued that since that time she has collected tons of scarfs, gloves, coats, hats and socks to be distributed to area schools for children, who could benefit from these items. She said this year Annie Penn Hospital had gotten involved, collecting so many of these items that they exceeded the needed amount and were able to also donate some larger coats to the area homeless shelter. Ms. Wilson expressed her appreciation to the Council for giving her the push she needed to start this project.

Location of Downtown Dumpster.

Mr. Jerry Strader of 229 S. Scales Street came forward to share his thoughts about an issue with a dumpster in close proximity to the back entrance of his business and residence and that of two other business owners: Hair Designs and UMAR. He handed the Council members each a packet containing photos and information related to the issue. He is requesting the dumpster be relocated to another spot because of the constant trail of debris and the odor.

Mayor Donecker asked if the members of City Council would like to discuss this issue in more depth tonight or add it to the agenda for the November City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown said since there will be fewer items on the November

agenda, he would prefer to wait until November. Councilwoman Walker said she would like to piggyback on the wishes of Brown and use the time between now and the November meeting to gather more information on the issue.

Mr. Bob Tudor of 400 Parkland Road then stepped to the podium and said he and his wife own the Reidsville Downtown Event Center located at 223 S. Scales Street. He stated he thinks it is inappropriate for us to have to face the problem of moving a dumpster in his alley when his guests arrive at his business in tuxedos and formal wear as well as brides. He reported the City has taken a lot of time and money to dress up that parking lot and dragging trash all the way across the parking lot is going to leave a mess. Mr. Tudor cited it is inappropriate for the City to have to take on the issues that needs to be addressed by the Rockingham County Health Department when it comes to stench and rats. He continued that the dumpster has been there for 20 years and has never been a problem before, so why now? Mr. Tudor said he understands the situation the Straders are in, and he agrees he would not like to live next to a dumpster, but his customers are dressed up while the Straders have customers of nature, who are bow hunters and are used to that type of smell. Mr. Tudor said he does not want it proposed to move the dumpster less than 10 feet from his door where vendors and caterers have to unload food. He stressed sometimes the brides even arrive at the back entrance.

Ms. Diana Moran of 507 Redd Street came forward and said she agreed with what Mr. Tudor shared. She said she also understands where the Straders are coming from. Moran asked if anyone had considered having the dumpster cleaned more frequently or some means to elevate the smell. The Mayor said to his knowledge the dumpster is being emptied more frequently. Ms. Moran continued and expressed her gratitude for the resolution to the problem they were having when people would park in the alleyway behind their building. She said the removable ballasts were such a great solution to that problem. She noted if a dumpster is moved to that side of the parking lot and by the Tudors' alleyway, it will block access to the back of her building, which is the only way for utilities to reach her building due to the bump-outs in the front. She ended by adding that she wished those affected by the issue could get together and come up with something that works for everyone.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Mitchell referred to his written report when sharing pertinent items and various press releases included in the Miscellaneous section of the agenda packet; the Directional Way-Finding/QR Code signs, which were unveiled today; the Chamber's Business Showcase scheduled for October 12 and 13, 2017 at the Bea Penn Moore Community Center on Barnes Street; and numerous upcoming events detailed in his memo. (A COPY OF THE WRITTEN 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 the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting at Sip Coffee House; the Old School Block Celebration, which was organized by Catherine

Wilson; the YMCA Board of Directors' meeting; the North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference in Greenville, North Carolina; and the Last Don's Annual Scholarship Event at Market Square. He added that he had recently eaten at Sophisticated Soul, the new restaurant on Market Street. Brown said he highly recommends it and what he ordered was very good.

Councilman Hairston:

Councilman Hairston stated he was unable to attend the ribbon cutting at Sip Coffee Shop but had visited the shop on a couple of occasions since their opening, enjoying their coffee and Danish. He said the shop is a good addition to Reidsville's downtown. Hairston also said he had attended the following: the Rockingham County School Board meeting; the Old School Block Celebration; the UNCG/Moss Street School project meeting, which he stressed is a great program for all involved; the Human Relations Commission meeting; the Ministerial Alliance meeting; the Rockingham County Leaders Opioid Conference; the Ann Rustin Community Watch meeting; the McLaurin Community Watch meeting; the Reidsville Rams Super 30 Sign unveiling; and the directional Wayfinding sign' unveiling today.

Councilwoman Walker:

Councilwoman Walker, noting she has been having a lot of therapy on her wrist recently, said she did find time to attend the local ABC Board meeting and had lunch with the new NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, along with Fire Chief David Bracken and North Carolina Representative Kyle Hall. She said she had been out of town and was unable to attend the Appearance Commission meeting but invited Community Development Manager Donna Setliff to come forward and share some of the things the Reidsville Appearance Commission has going on. Setliff came forward and shared information related to three separate projects sponsored by the Appearance Commission: the Donate A Tree program, where individuals can purchase a tree in memory or in honor of someone and have it planted in one of the City Parks; the Adopt-a-Street program, which currently involves seven City Streets where trash is collected by individuals or organizations once a quarter; and the ongoing Pride in Participation Program, where folks can take the opportunity to weed and/or collect trash in areas, taking pride in our community and giving back in Reidsville.

Councilman Donald Gorham:

Councilman Gorham commented he had been involved with the infomercial for RCARE and hated to miss the ribbon cutting of Sip Coffee House. He said other events he had attended include the "Carolina Soul" concert at Market Square; the Old School Block Celebration; "*The Do's and Don'ts while using Social Media*" program at the Teen Center hosted by Reidsville Police Department; the NAACP meeting; the Planning Board meeting; the Meet the Candidates forum held at McLaurin Funeral Home hosted by the AAC; the RDC meeting; the Senior Men's Fellowship meeting; the Moss Street/UNCG meeting; the Rockingham County Leaders Opioid Abuse Forum; the Last Dons Scholarship Awards Ceremony; the County Commissioners meeting at RCARE; the McLaurin and Ann Rustin Community Watch meetings; and the Reidsville Rams Homecoming Game. Lastly, he had lunch at Sophisticated Soul on Market Street, and it

was delicious. The Councilman stressed how much he hated he was not in attendance at today's Wayfinding Sign unveiling.

Councilman Balsley:

Councilman Balsley stressed how good it was to receive word from City Manager Mitchell that Councilman Festerman had a good week and hopes to be in attendance at the November City Council meeting. He said everyone's thoughts are with him and when he comes back, he can talk as long as he wants. Balsley mentioned how impressed he is with everything the Chamber is doing and is excited about the Business Showcase taking place on Thursday and Friday. He asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to give her report, which included numerous details related to the Showcase being held at the Bea Penn Moore Community Center at the Salvation Army on Barnes Street; the November Chamber Coffee, which will be held at Annie Penn Hospital; the Candidates Forum held at the Reidsville Downtown Event Center; and the ribbon cutting November 8th for the new Police Department Training Center. Sawyer expressed her appreciation to the City for their constant support and interest in promoting Reidsville through economic development.

Mayor Donecker:

Mayor Donecker said he had a couple of things he would like to discuss as he held up a signed football from last year's Reidsville Rams' Championship Season that was given to him at the Super 30 Sign unveiling. He said it was wonderful news that Councilman Festerman is feeling better and that he is still in everyone's thoughts and prayers; the UNCG Lab Program is going to be at Moss Street Elementary School; and lastly that the Toymakerz series has just wrapped up the second season here in Reidsville and at Lake Reidsville with there being conversation of making this their permanent location. The Mayor said the man overseeing the production has won 11 Emmys and has been very complimentary of our City, the staff at City Hall and the staff at Lake Reidsville.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to adjourn.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk