

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager -
- Administration
Tom Wiggins, Assistant City Manager
– Community Services
Kevin Eason, Public Works Director
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development
Director

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Reverend D. Richard Miles, Pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 315 Lindsey Street, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Council then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

**AMBASSADORS OF THE LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE
PROGRAM OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, RECIPIENTS OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD – ROMALITA HARRISON,
ADVISOR**

Mrs. Romalita Harrison came forward and introduced several local young women, who had completed 100 hours of community service and received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Harrison explained the leadership program and said these young women achieved this goal within eight months. She stressed young girls are often told to use their

gifts for good and to focus those gifts on serving others. She listed some of the service projects the girls completed: volunteering at local daycares, reading to children, where they not only gave of their time and efforts, but also collected books for the children as well. The participants served and prepared meals at a homeless in Virginia, went to a senior citizens home and extended to those residents attention and love, by playing games and painting nails. Harrison said it wasn't an easy thing to do because they have very busy school schedules and are involved in numerous activities. Harrison then recognized the four young women. She noted that Ms. Samantha Kylie Skidmore couldn't be here tonight but her father, Scott Skidmore, was present to accept her award.

Harrison then introduced Ms. Cierra Nicole Thompson, a rising senior at Rockingham County Early College, and Ms. Samantha Lauren Rourk, who recently graduated from Carlisle, and will be attending UNC Wilmington in the fall. Harrison commented that Rourk had volunteered at the animal shelter in combination with the service program for almost 200 hours. Lastly Mrs. Harrison presented Ms. Monica Sanchez, who is a rising senior at Reidsville High School, and noted that in the 55-year history of the school, Monica has the highest GPA of anyone who has ever attended RHS.

All of the young women shook hands with City Council members and posed for a picture. The recognitions received a round of applause from those in attendance.

Councilman Festerman's Absence.

Mayor Donecker passed along regrets of Councilman Festerman, who was dealing with an extended medical issue and was unable to attend tonight.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET WORK SESSION) MINUTES AND THE MAY 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the April 28, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes and the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF A GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE LANDFILL ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROJECT.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the Grant Project Ordinance for the Landfill Assessment Reimbursement Project as outlined in Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips' June 5th memo. (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The following Grant Project Ordinance as approved follows:

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AUTHORIZING LANDFILL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 159-13.2 authorizes the establishment of a Grant Project Fund (Special Revenue) to account for expenses and revenues that are likely to extend beyond a single fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Reidsville to establish a grant project fund for landfill assessment services on June 13, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

Section 1 That the following revenue account for this project is hereby established:

16-3900-0000	State Grant Funds	\$	101,000
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Section 2. The following line items of expenditures are hereby amended:

16-7121-1900	Engineering	\$	101,000
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Section 3. The City Manager is hereby granted all necessary authority to carry out this project, including the approval of payment requests as earned under approved contracts, to approve change orders. The Finance Director is authorized to make temporary loans to this grant project from the General Fund in order to cover costs before receipt of revenues and to establish an acceptable cash flow.

This the 13th day of June, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 13 TO RECOGNIZE THE CLEANUP OF SMALL BUDGETARY ITEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 13 recognizing several cleanup budgetary items as outlined in Finance Director Chris Phillips' June 1st memo (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 13 was approved as follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 13

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 14, 2016 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017; 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 recognize miscellaneous revenues and appropriate related expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 14, 2016 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3413-1000 Federal Seizure Funds, be increased by \$15,000.00; that revenue account number 10-3413-2000, State Substance Abuse Funds, be increased by \$8,600.00; that revenue account number 10-3431-7000, Contributions, be increased by \$100.00; that revenue account number 10-3837-2000, ABC Educational Funds, be increased by \$5,500.00; that revenue account number 10-3434-2000, Recycling Revenue, be increased by \$530.00; that revenue account number 11-3613-6600, Duck Blind Contributions, be increased by \$885.00; that revenue account number 10-3834-7100, Endowment Funds (Penn House), be increased by \$1,650.00; that revenue account number 11-3613-7700, Recreation Contributions, be increased by \$25,000.00; that revenue account number 11-3610-3501, Senior Fundraising, be increased by \$975.00; that revenue account number 11-3431-8003, SHIP Services, be increased by \$3,830.00; that revenue account number 61-3710-0000, Utility Charge (Greensboro Sales), be increased by \$30,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4310-2606, Forfeiture Fund Supplies, be increased by \$15,000.00; that expense account number 10-4310-2606, Forfeiture Fund Supplies, be increased by \$8,600.00; that expense account number 10-4314-2600, Supplies, be increased by \$100.00; that expense account number 10-4310-2607, ABC Educational Supplies, be increased by \$5,500.00; that expense account number 10-4340-2605, Supplies, be increased by \$530.00;

that expense account number 11-6130-3530 M&R - Duck Blind Improvements, be increased by \$885.00; that expense account 10-6140-3520, M & R, be increased by \$1,650.00; that expense account number 11-6130-5800, Lake Capital Improvements, be increased by \$25,000.00; that expense account number 14-6124-2611, Supplies, be increased by \$975.00; that expense account number 11-6124-3800, SHIP Expense, be increased by \$3,830.00; that expense account 61-7120-3200. Chemicals, be increased by \$30,000.00.

This the 13th day of June, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (T2017-2) REGARDING FREESTANDING POLE SIGNS ALONG BYPASSES AND INTERSTATE CORRIDORS WITHIN THE HIGHWAY BUSINESS ZONE.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and presented the staff report regarding the request for freestanding pole signs to be located along Bypass/Interstate corridors within Highway Business in preparation of the US 29 Bypass becoming I-785. She stressed motorists traveling at interstate speed need ample time to see the sign above trees and structures located within the NCDOT right-of-way to allow time to safely merge into the other lane in preparation of exiting the roadway. Setliff said to accomplish this, the sign must be taller and larger to support and encourage successful development at these key intersections along US 29 business and future I-785.

Setliff stated the amendment request would enlarge the allowable maximum display area to 1,300 square feet and increase the maximum height from 50 feet to 200 feet. She provided as a reference the City of Reidsville water tower at Holiday Loop, which is 160 feet tall, therefore, these signs would be slightly taller than the water tower. Setliff said the Planning Board unanimously supports and recommends the text amendment.

The public hearing was opened at 6:12 p.m. With no one speaking for or against the text amendment, the public hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve Text Amendment T2017-2.

The text amendment as approved follows:

AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE VII, SIGNS
SECTION 12, SIGNS REQUIRING PERMITS
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 VII, Section 12, Sign Requiring Permits be amended to read as follows:

Type of Sign: Freestanding Pole Signs (located along By-pass/Interstate Corridor) shall be allowed in the Highway Business District with the following requirements:

Location/Spacing:	100 ft minimum distance from a residential lot on same side of road; 500' separation between signs on the same side of road.
Maximum Area of Display Surface:	1,300 square feet
Maximum Height	200 feet
Permitted Lighting	Interior only

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 URBAN REDEVELOPMENT ZONE MAP
ACCOMPANYING REIDSVILLE CITY-CENTER DEVELOPMENT
INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka and Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward to present the staff report regarding the Urban Redevelopment Zone Map and City-Center Development Incentive Grant Program. Garstka distributed handouts to the City Council members and City Manager. (A COPY OF THE HANDOUT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Garstka stated the topic had been briefly discussed at last month's Council meeting. He stated that, due to the Mayor's request, an addition had been made to the

handout on page two, which lists figures representing a sample project. He reviewed and clarified the information.

Setliff came forward and confirmed the process and said the Planning Board is very optimistic and excited about this project. The Board unanimously certified the urban redevelopment zone map. She asked if there were any questions from Council?

Councilman Balsley asked if anyone had taken advantage of this program? Garstka said not yet, that they are still going through the process. He mentioned that Nashville, NC had this program in place and that other municipalities in our area, including Rockingham County, are going through the process to develop the same guidelines. Garstka added that 3-4 developers and business owners are interested in utilizing the program. He said he was in downtown Greensboro earlier today looking at some historic properties and met with developers, property owners and an architect. He mentioned the program to them and they thought it was proactive and a progressive way of enticing redevelopment of older buildings.

Councilman Balsley commented that he likes the fact that the City is not putting any money out, that the money will be taken out of their taxes. Garstka agreed, likening it to the industrial development grant.

Mayor Donecker asked about the logistics. Garstka stressed North Carolina law dictates that you have to pay your property taxes in full. There is no such thing as tax abatement or a tax rebate, he said, and the criteria states that taxes have to be current and paid in full before we would pay anything.

Councilwoman Walker said she thinks about retail properties first but asked if the program applied to mixed-use and multi-family properties? Garstka said yes, multifamily properties are eligible and that it can include mixed-use properties like retail and residential, retail and office, office buildings and restaurants, as long as they fall within the development zone. The only exclusion would be single-family properties, he noted. Councilwoman Walker said she approves of the plan and that it gives the program a lot of range for applying for the grants.

Councilman Gorham added that once someone is on the plan, they stay on the plan, or they will be out of the plan. He said he likes that approach, that it is not lackadaisical.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. With no one speaking on the map or ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

Councilman Balsley made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to accept the proposed incentive city grant.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR THE ABC BOARD.

ABC Board member George Rucker came forward and thanked the City Council for its support and that of Council liaison Sherri Walker. He invited members to visit the store and see the recent renovations and meet Manager Jodi Langel and her dedicated staff. Rucker mentioned that at one point recently sales had been down but now they are on the rise again. He commented that Board Chair James Setliff could not be in attendance at tonight's meeting and that Denise Brady was unavailable as well. He asked if Council members had any questions regarding the budget.

Councilwoman Walker emphasized the hard work they do and talked about Denise Brady helping to get the "Talk It Out" program here in Reidsville. Walker listed some of the organizations that benefit from the ABC store sales, such as law enforcement, the local hospital and library, in addition to the alcohol education program.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing on the ABC Board's budget at 6:24 p.m. With no one speaking for or against, the public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

No further action was required by Council.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE.

City Manager Preston Mitchell began by saying budget preparation had started in late fall of 2016, and the proposed budget had been presented at last month's meeting. He said Council members have had a copy for quite some time and continued by complimenting the entire team, including City Council and staff on its preparation. Mitchell expressed his gratitude for everyone's hard work.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing on the City's proposed 2017-2018 budget at 6:26 p.m. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

-End of Public Hearing-

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND THE RESOLUTION OF UNDERSTANDINGS ACCOMPANYING THE BUDGET ADOPTION.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance and the Resolution of Understanding accompanying the Budget Adoption.

The Budget Ordinance and Resolution of Understandings as approved follows:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVENUES
AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
FOR THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville has prepared an operating budget for the City of Reidsville in compliance with Article 3, Chapter 159-7 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, otherwise titled the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing on said budget at 6:00 p.m. on June 13, 2017, and after receiving public comment, it is now the desire of the Mayor and City Council to adopt said budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

Section 1. The following revenues are hereby established for the operation of the City of Reidsville and its activities for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

General Fund Revenues

Property Tax	\$8,475,000
Sales Tax	3,036,000
Other Tax	110,000
Permits & Fees	137,500
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	1,735,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	652,400
Miscellaneous	65,500
Grants and Donations	163,000
Investment Earnings	5,000
Service Fees	467,000
Payment and Transfers	1,438,700
Proceeds of Debt	0
Fund Balance	<u>197,400</u>
Sub-total	\$16,482,500

Recreation Fund Revenues

Service Fees	\$271,000
Grants and Donations	10,500
Payments and Transfers	<u>1,358,100</u>
Sub-total	\$1,639,600

Downtown Corporation Revenues

Special Tax	\$35,000
Fundraisers/Rent	9,000
Festival Income	<u>26,000</u>
Sub-total	\$70,000

Combine Enterprise Fund

Service Fees - Water	\$3,786,850
Service Fees - Sewer	4,883,000
Investment Earnings	10,000
Payment and Transfers	<u>328,650</u>
Sub-total	\$9,008,500

Police Separation Trust Fund

Payment and Transfers	\$169,450
Fund Balance	<u>9,650</u>
Sub-total	\$179,100

Internal Service (Garage) Fund Revenues

Service Fees (Internal)	\$540,100
Miscellaneous	0
Payment and Transfers	<u>15,000</u>
Sub-total	\$555,100

Insurance Reserve Fund

Service Fees (Internal)	\$594,200
Fund Balance	<u>0</u>
Sub-total	\$594,200

Less Interfund Transfers (\$4,439,100)

Total \$24,089,900

Section 2. The following expenditure totals are hereby authorized for the City of Reidsville and its activities for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

General Fund Expenses

Governing Board		\$217,000
Administration		413,540
Personnel		308,800
Public Works Administration		268,400
Community Appearance		13,500
Finance		780,100
Information Technology		523,800
Public Buildings & Grounds		218,200
Police Department:		
Police Administration	1,147,400	
Police Detective Division	894,000	
Police Patrol Division	2,108,760	
Police Community Policing Division	<u>655,900</u>	
Combined Police Department		4,806,060
Fire		2,266,100
Code Enforcement		277,200
Street		2,087,600
Solid Waste Management		1,428,400
Cemetery		101,300
Planning		307,600
Economic Development		301,800
Community Affairs		1,568,800
Marketing		161,800
Penn House		207,000
Engineering Services		<u>225,500</u>
	Sub-total	\$16,482,500

Recreation Fund Expenses

Administration		\$248,300
Facilities		362,400
Teen Center		65,200
Athletics & Other Programs		314,300
Senior Citizens' Center		406,100
Lake Reidsville		231,900
Lake Hunt		<u>11,400</u>
	Sub-total	\$1,639,600

Downtown Corporation Fund Expenses \$70,000

Combined Enterprise Fund

Water Administration	\$969,900
Meter Reading	210,500
Water Plant	2,024,900
Water Distribution System	874,400
Park Ranger	78,100
Sewer Administration	845,100
Waste Water Treatment Plant	2,537,000
Sewer Collection System	672,800
Plants Maintenance	<u>795,800</u>

Sub-total \$9,008,500

Police Separation Trust Fund \$179,100

Internal Service (Garage) Fund \$555,100

Insurance Reserve Fund \$594,200

Less Interfund Transfers (\$4,439,100)

Total \$24,089,900

Section 3. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of \$.74 per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation of property as listed as of January 1, 2017 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “2017 Property Taxes” in the General Fund revenues of this ordinance. This rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$1,151,688,788 and an estimated collection rate of 98.68%.

Section 4. There is hereby levied a special tax on the property in the downtown tax district of \$.25 per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation for the purposes of revenue listed as “2017 Downtown District Taxes” in the Downtown Corporation Fund revenues of this ordinance.

Section 5. The water rates currently in effect will remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

Section 6. The sewer rates currently in effect will remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

Section 7. The monthly landfill tipping fee currently in effect will remain unchanged.

Section 8. The City Manager, as chief administrative officer and as budget officer, shall be authorized to carry out the activities as approved in this adopted

annual budget in accordance with all applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

The Resolution of Understandings as approved follows:

RESOLUTION OF UNDERSTANDINGS ACCOMPANYING THE BUDGET ADOPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville has adopted an annual operating budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, which raises revenues and authorizes expenditures for the operation of the City; and,

WHEREAS, during deliberations on said budget, certain understandings were reached concerning the operation of the City, and it is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to outline those understandings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the following understandings are hereby defined:

Unfunded Needs – It is recognized that this budget, while responsible and appropriate, may not be adequate to fund all the needs of the fiscal year. Several variables, such as the price of gas, could result in the need to request the use of fund balance during the year. Any large, unexpected maintenance and repair issue would likewise cause the need to use fund balance or reserves in the utility funds.

City Employment – City employment is established at a level of 193 full-time positions.

Employee Benefits – Benefits currently existing for full-time employees and retirees will remain unchanged. Group health and dental insurance premiums will increase by 7% for the insurance year, May 1 2017 to April 30, 2018, for both employees/retirees and dependents. Annual wellness visits are now required by

primary insured and covered spouse participating in the fund or a 10% penalty will be assessed.

Wellness Program – The City Council has agreed to continue providing a wellness program for City employees, retirees and covered dependents. Participation in the Wellness Plan allows participants to lower their deductible by \$250 a year.

Cost of Living Adjustment – The City’s COLA for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 will provide a 1% increase in full-time employee salaries. Performance appraisals will continue without being tied to performance pay. In addition, salary increases promised as a result of promotion and those promised as a result of accomplishment of steps in the career ladder will be honored.

Pay and Classification Study – There are funds included in the budget of \$50,000 to implement the results of the Pay and Classification Study conducted for the “Police” category during FY 16/17. This will begin the three-year cycle to study every City Position. In addition, there are funds included in this budget to perform a pay and classification study for all of our full-time positions in the Police category. The cycle may move to the next category in the 2017-2018 fiscal year with the Public Works Department should City Council desire.

Lease Purchase – There is no debt service for lease purchase in FY 17-18 budget.

This the 13th day of June, 2017.

/s/ _____
John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STOCKS ENGINEERING FOR THE DESIGN RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LASTER SEWER PUMP STATION.

Public Works Director Kevin Eason came forward and gave a staff report regarding the replacement of the Laster Street pump station. (A COPY OF EASON’S MEMO DATED MAY 12, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He explained that the City has several sewer lift stations, which allow sewer to serve areas that do not have natural drainage to the City system.

Eason acknowledged that several of these stations had needed replacement over the last few years and at this time the one on Laster Street is next on the list. He said the cost for

the replacement had been approved in tonight's budget and the contract with Stocks Engineering needed the Council's approval. (A COPY OF STOCKS ENGINEERING'S PROPOSAL DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Eason said the contract will not actually be executed until after the 2017-2018 budget goes into effect on July 1, 2017.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to authorize City Manager to execute the engineering services contract with Stocks Engineering for the design services as described in the proposal, in regard to the replacement of the Laster Sewer Pump Station.

CONSIDERATION OF PLAN TO REPAINT THE EXISTING CIRCLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MOREHEAD AND SCALES STREET.

Public Works Director Kevin Eason came forward and stated that at the last Council budget workshop, the plan to repaint the existing circle was discussed. He said he was asked to take a look at different options, which were outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF EASON'S MEMO DATED JUNE 7, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Eason discussed each of four options, the first was basically to go through and repaint the existing traffic circle where the paint has worn off, at a cost of approximately \$9,000.

He said the second option was quite a bit more expensive, which included grinding the existing asphalt and replacing it with a thicker layer of asphalt, but not repainting the circle, at a cost of between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

The third option would be to replace the circle with stamped concrete, which can be painted to give the appearance of stone or brick, he said. Eason explained the process and said it looks nice, but the estimated cost would be \$175,000 and concrete does crack, He said in his opinion it would be hard to repair if it did crack.

Eason gave the fourth option which would be to replace the asphalt with pavers, similar to the ones used at Market Square. He estimated the cost at \$200,000.

Eason said his recommendation would be to go with Option 1 at a cost of \$8,900. He commented this option would most likely extend the life of the asphalt another 6-7 years. Then we can go back and look at something like Option 2 because at that time, you would have gotten the life out of it, about 12-14 years, he said

Eason requested the Council consider and approve Option 1 and if they so choose that the project be funded out of the 2017-2018 budget, which would start July 1, 2017. He asked if anyone had any questions?

Councilwoman Walker expressed her appreciation to Eason for his hard work and for giving Council members several options from which to choose. She stressed that she couldn't see putting out \$200,000 for the project and said she was in favor of Option 1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown make a motion, seconded by Councilman Balsley and unanimously approved in a 6-0 motion, to approve Option 1 to refurbish the circle for \$8,900.

CONSIDERATION TO PAY ONE THIRD (\$8,122.25) TOWARDS THE SUPER 30 SIGN AT REIDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM.

City Manager Preston Mitchell reported a request had been received from Coach Jimmy Teague at Reidsville High School asking for the City to help the school get a new “Super 30” sign installed at the football stadium. Mitchell said the school had gotten some quotes, which they have forwarded on to Council and the cost to replace the sign is much higher than we all would have believed. He commented he had reached out to his counterparts in the school system and Rockingham County to see if they would each consider paying a third of the cost. Mitchell said he had received a letter from Coach Teague stating the school board had agreed to contribute a third. The City Manager said he was advocating the Council pay a third.

Mayor Donecker responded that a sign for the stadium is sorely needed, that the existing one needs to be condemned and demolished. He stressed the sign is a means of advertising and sponsorship and needs to be replaced. He commended the football program’s legacy and said it is a small price to pay for a team who has won as many state championships as Reidsville.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked if Mitchell had received a response from the County? Mitchell said the school superintendent is going to get back with the County Manager.

Councilman Balsley clarified it is proposed that the County would pay a third, the school system would pay a third and the City would pay a third. Mitchell said that is his understanding.

Councilman Balsley made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, that the City Council approve the proposed \$8,122.25 for the cost of one third of the Super 30 sign at Reidsville High School Stadium.

The accompanying Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 14 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 14

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 14, 2016 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017; 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 fund balance for the purpose of contributing to the Super 30 sign at Reidsville High School Stadium;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 14, 2016 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3991-0000 Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$8,122.25.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4110-2609, Special Projects Council, be increased by \$8,122.25.

This the 13th day of June, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager Mitchell distributed the ballots for Board and Commission appointments.

Mayoral Appointment to the Housing Authority.

At this time, Mayor Donecker announced that he has approved Joseph Peele for a five-year term on the New Reidsville Housing Authority. Donecker stated that Mr. Peele is a graduate of NC A&T University, with a BS in Journalism and Mass Communications, is employed with the Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation and lives on Lawndale Drive. He welcomed Mr. Peele's interest in serving the City in this capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No one spoke during Public Comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Mitchell referenced his Manager's Report. In the miscellaneous section, he included several budget transfer requests between the City departments. He reminded Council he is authorized to make intradepartmental transfers by the City Code of Ordinances as long as they are reported to Council. He mentioned these are largely related to either end of the year involved transfers, refurbishment of City welcome signs or use of discretionary funding.

Mitchell also reminded those present of the upcoming annual Independence Day celebration. He referenced the events taking place in the month of June.

INTERNS FROM REIDSVILLE AREA FOUNDATION

Mitchell asked City Clerk Angela Stadler to come forward and introduce two interns from the Reidsville Area Foundation. Stadler gave a detailed description of the City's QR Code Video Tour assigned to the interns and called them forward and asked that they introduce themselves.

Zach Tate, son of Ronnie and Jean Tate, is a rising senior at Clemson University who is majoring in Health Sciences and minoring in Business Administration. Abby Bryan, daughter of Eric and Marie Bryan, is a rising sophomore at N.C. State and shared that she is contemplating majors but is minoring in Animal Sciences. Both have been writing scripts for places that will be depicted on the City's QR Code Video Tour.

Stadler then called Tango Moore from the Reidsville Area Foundation to come forward and give a brief overview of the internship program at the Foundation. Moore stressed that there are currently five collegiate interns in the program. She said all five are from the area and the hope of the Foundation is that these individuals will complete college and return to the community after graduation.

Following the introductions, Tate, Bryan and Moore posed for a picture with City Council and the QR Code Video Committee members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – The Mayor Pro Tem said he had helped with the recent QR Code marketing video at the Penn House and it was more difficult than it looks. He commented he had attended the following events: the ribbon cutting of the recently renovated Gill's Inn & Suites on Barnes Street and that it really had cleaned up that side of town; the Annie Penn Advisory Committee meeting; the Teen Center's ice cream social yesterday; and a picnic for a Reidsville High School graduate, where Courtland Park had been rented. He said he had noticed it needed to be cleaned up quite a bit so he went over Saturday morning to pressure wash the shelter but when he arrived, it was completely clean. He said "hats off" to the Public Works Department for their work.

Councilman Hairston – The Councilman said he had attended the NAACP meeting; the Ministerial Alliance meeting, the Human Relations Commission meeting, where he acknowledged many of the vacancies have been filled; the May 27th Ministerial Alliance/MLK basketball tournament, noting it was a great benefit to the youth; the McLaurin Park Community Watch meeting; and also the Arts Council meeting on May 16.

Councilwoman Walker – The Councilwoman reported she had attended the swearing in of two new police officers on May 15; the Arts Council meeting on May 16, along with the Community Watch meeting on the same day; the ribbon cutting at Gills Inn & Suites; the Reidsville Appearance Commission meeting and the ABC Board meeting on May 25 and the British Invasion concert at Market Square on May 27, which she said was well attended and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Walker also wanted to compliment the Public Works Department on the excellent job they did cleaning up the storm damage.

Councilwoman Walker said someone at the Community Watch meeting mentioned the recent appearance of needles/syringes found on the street and wanted to know if the City had a policy on how to handle the issue. City Manager Mitchell said there is a prescription drug drop-off location at the Police Department. He said he will have to follow up on the matter and see what can be done. Walker commented with schools being out for the summer, it poses a danger to children who may find them and that there needs to be a number to call or place to dispose of them.

Councilman Gorham – The Councilman said during the month of May he, along with members of the NAACP, had met with the schools' Superintendent regarding the rezoning and closing of schools. He had also attended the following: the regular NAACP meeting; the Penn Center Community Watch meeting; and the McLaurin Park Community Watch meeting. As was mentioned earlier by Councilman Hairston, he noted that the First Lady and Mother of his church, Galilee Pentecostal Holiness Church, was recognized as the Mother of The Year by the NAACP. He said he had also attended the Planning Board meeting this past month.

Councilman Balsley – The Councilman stated that for many reasons, he was sorry Councilman Festerman was not present and added he would miss Festerman's lengthy report. Balsley handed his time over to Chamber of Commerce President Diane Sawyer to give her monthly report. Sawyer commented she had just left the chamber where they were hosting the job fair with Ball employees and NC Works. Another one has been scheduled for July. She talked of the efforts of Sean Gorman and his work with the SCORE program, which fits well with the Chamber's efforts. Sawyer noted this Friday will be Reidsville Night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers game, with the Chamber having 500 tickets, which is going to be a big showing for Reidsville. She said over 100 are for the Luckies and their families. Sawyer added she has very limited tickets and shirts left if anyone is interested. She announced there will not be a Chamber Coffee in July because of the annual ice cream social scheduled for July 20, at 5:00 P.M. at the Chamber and Mural Park. The next coffee will be in August at Home Trust Bank. Sawyer listed the new nine Chamber members since the Council's last meeting and said the Chamber offices are full except for the basement offices. She introduced Laura Harrison, one of two summer interns at the Chamber, who is working towards a degree in hospitality management. Another intern, who was absent, is Hunter Bondurant, she added. She concluded by telling of some recent visitors to the Chamber on the way to a high school reunion, one of which came by to reminisce about teaching at Reidsville High School.

Mayor Donecker – The Mayor said he wanted to make the interns, Abby & Zach, aware that Reidsville has recently been named one of the best 250 cities in the entire United States for postgraduates and is one of five cities in the State of North Carolina. He listed the other four and continued with his second item, which is that Reidsville has also moved up on the list of the top 100 safest cities in North Carolina, from 98th to the 81st spot. He thanked Police Chief Robert Hassell and the City staff, and added that the

survey is not just about crime but the sources of crime and how to target those areas. He stressed law enforcement is making changes and it is showing up in these surveys.

The Mayor also mentioned there are at least three sweepstakes within our community, and said he had asked the District Attorney about how they are still in operation and was told the sweepstakes owners have made slight adjustments and now the court system has to re-evaluate if they are legitimate businesses. He listed the locations of these sweepstakes businesses as the one at the newly renovated Gills Motel, one on Turner Drive and the one on Harrison Street.

The Mayor commented how good it was to see Chris Phillips back on the mend, and working a few hours to keep the City's books straight.

He said finally he had been to Raleigh with the Public Works Director and City Manager, because it is a constant struggle in meeting all the demands necessary to have clear water and appropriate wastewater that eventually is discharged back into the Haw River. Mayor Donecker said he was very impressed with the Public Works Director and the City Manager and how they interacted with Senator Berger's staff to get our water permit where it needs to be.

The Mayor said theatre is alive and well in Rockingham County, and recommends going to the production at Rockingham High School of the *Wizard of Oz*, which has at least 80 actors. He said if the City plays its cards right, one day they may have these productions here in downtown Reidsville.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced that Mr. William Conwell of 1128 S. Woodleigh Circle was unanimously appointed to the Reidsville Appearance Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Councilman Gorham added how good it was to see Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips at tonight's meeting.

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