

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney
Tom Wiggins, Assistant City Manager –
Community Services
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager –
Administration
Donna Setliff, Community Development
Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Reverend Dr. Ralph Watkins, outgoing President of the Reidsville and Vicinity Ministerial Alliance, 106 Broad Street, Reidsville provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Council then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF 2016 STATE 2-A FOOTBALL CHAMPION
REIDSVILLE RAMS, HEAD COACH JIMMY TEAGUE AND COACHING STAFF.**

Mayor Jay Donecker called the Reidsville High School Rams football team forward, along with Head Coach Jimmy Teague, his Assistant Coaches and others associated with the football program, forward to read a proclamation recognizing the team’s winning of the State 2A Football Championship. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Coach Teague thanked the City for the recognition. He noted how proud he and his football staff is of how these guys have acted since last January, through the summer and through to the championship. He said the team had stopped

at a McDonalds and a school board member there as well complimented him on how well the team acted. He said this was the most disciplined and best behaved team they had seen. He said it was a pleasure coaching them. The Coach noted that the sign at the football stadium has run out of room for putting all of the accolades Reidsville football has had over the years so he asked if the City Council would consider helping them with that. He noted that a downtown celebration is planned for next Thursday at McDonalds. The Mayor asked Teague to get them a quote for the signage.

Council members, five of which were graduates of Reidsville High School and some were former football players, spoke of being filled with Ram pride. Councilman Gorham said he was on the administrative team that hired Coach Teague, and while all had excellent plans, Teague talked about his love for children. Mayor Pro Tem Brown, former Parks & Recreation Director for the City, asked how many of them played recreation ball? Several players raised their hands. He noted that is where it all begins, how proud the City is of them and it helps to justify all of the money we spend on recreational sports that feeds into our middle school and high school football programs.

The Mayor also presented the football team with a framed Key to the City to display in the trophy case at the high school.

RECOGNITION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ON JANUARY 16, 2017.

The Council stood as the Mayor read aloud the proclamation recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Reidsville on January 16. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The proclamation was presented to Rev. Ralph Watkins, outgoing President of the Reidsville and Vicinity Ministerial Alliance, who talked of the need to stand together as one and first see each other as fellow human beings. He said it had been instilled into his life to treat others as you want to be treated. Rev. Watkins then ran over the events planned on Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Councilman Hairston said that Dr. Watkins had done a wonderful job as President of the Ministerial Alliance and one of his main objectives in the job was strengthening the unity of the City with the Ministerial Alliance. He thanked him for his fine service and noted the new President would be Dr. Clarence Johnson.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Donecker asked if there were any items Council members wanted to pull from the Consent Agenda?

Councilman Balsley asked to pull the second item, "Approval of a Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition for a Contiguous Voluntary Annexation and a Resolution Fixing the Public Hearing for the City Council meeting on February 14, 2017 for 2605 Swallow Road".

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- End of Consent Agenda -

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION FOR A CONTIGUOUS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AND A RESOLUTION FIXING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2017 FOR 2605 SWALLOW ROAD.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that this request involves 12 acres to be annexed. She noted the boundaries and that this would be annexing the remainder of this particular property. The property involves basically two different estates so their attorney was given authority to sign the petition, he said.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition.

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31
2605 Swallow Road**

A2017-01

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on January 3, 2017 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 January, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

Below is the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency:

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CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

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

I, Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached and hereby making the following findings:

- a. The petition contains an adequate property description of the area proposed for annexation.
- b. The area described in the petition is contiguous to the City of Reidsville primary corporate limits, as defined by G.S. 160A-31.
- c. The petition is signed by and includes the addresses of all owners of real property lying in the area described therein.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Reidsville, this 4th day of January, 2017.

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

Councilwoman Walker then made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Resolution Fixing the Public Hearing Date on February 14th.

The Resolution as approved follows:

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 2605 Swallow Road

A2017-01

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 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Section 2. A portion of the following tracts is proposed for annexation as follows and as shown by the accompanying map:

Tract #1: BEGINNING at a new iron located in the southern margin of Swallow Road, said new iron also being located in the northeast corner of Phyllis P. Dameron (see Deed Book 1337, page 1349, Rockingham County Registry); thence from said beginning iron along the southern margin of Swallow Road S. 87 deg. 57 min. 26 sec. E. 588.12 feet to a concrete R/W monument located in the southwest intersection of Swallow Road and Reid School Road; thence along the western margin of Reid School Road S. 58 deg. 25 min. 47 sec. E. 34.62 feet to a concrete R/W monument; thence continuing along the western margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance S. 00 deg. 43 min. 02 sec. E. 490.87 feet L=532.26', R=385.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the western margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance S. 20 deg. 10 min. 24 sec. W. 234.23 feet L=238.45', R=365.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence S. 48 deg. 38 min. 07 sec. W. 44.52 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158; thence along the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158 S. 83 deg. 28 min. 30 sec. W. 250.00 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence S. 06 deg. 31 min. 30 sec. E. 30.10 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158 S. 83 deg. 30 min. 13 sec. W. 342.40 feet to an existing iron located in the southeast corner of Robert H. and Nadeen Lynn Trimyer; thence along the eastern margin of Trimyer N. 04 deg. 57 min. 15 sec. E. 444.83 feet to an existing iron located in the southeast corner of Phyllis P. Dameron; thence along Dameron's eastern margin N. 04 deg. 57 min. 20 sec. E. 434.72 feet (crossing an existing iron at 423.29 feet to a new iron, the Point and Place of BEGINNING, the same being Parcel "A" containing 12.570 acres, more or less, as per Survey for R.P. Richardson Heirs dated July 19, 2016 by Obie M. Chambers and Associates, the same being incorporated herein by reference for a more accurate description.

Tract #2: BEGINNING at a new iron set in the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned), said iron also being located S. 88 deg. 45 min. 05 sec. W. 308.75 feet from a

NCDOT R/W marker designated as “Jenny Et (2005 adjustment) N 941,321.01’ E 1,795,831.65’; thence from said point of beginning S. 36 deg. 00 min. 38 sec. W. 88.88 feet to a new iron set in the northern margin of Richardson Drive; thence along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 81 deg. 40 min. 55 sec. W. 32.43 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 82 deg. 57 min. 07 sec. W. 109.36 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 87 deg. 26 min. 05 sec. W. 144.87 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence N. 33 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. W. 24.23 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the eastern margin of Reid School Road; thence along the eastern margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance N.21 deg. 54 min. 52 sec. E. 166.27 feet L=168.72’, R=285.00’ to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the eastern margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance N. 17 deg. 07 min. 43 sec. E. 344.54 feet L= 352.95’, R=465.00’ to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the eastern margin of Reid School Road and in the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned); thence along the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned) the following courses and distances: S. 31 deg. 49 min. 42 sec. E. 150.00 feet to a new iron; S. 24 deg. 14 min. 42 sec. E. 150.00 feet to a new iron; S. 18 deg. 10 min. 17 sec. E. 150.41 feet to a new iron, the same being the Point and Place of BEGINNING, the same being Parcel “B” containing 2.063 acres, more or less, as per Survey for R.P. Richardson Heirs dated July 19, 2016 by Obie M. Chambers and Associates, the same being incorporated herein by reference for a more accurate description.

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 January, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None were offered.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

In making the Manager’s Report, City Manager Preston Mitchell reviewed his written report. (A COPY OF THE WRITTEN REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Regarding item #1 of his report, he noted that by having the closing on the USDA loan for the Senior Center in January, the City was able to save \$1.5 million over the life of the 40-year loan.

Regarding Item #2, CDBG Administrative and Engineering Services for the Unifi Sewer Line project, Manager Mitchell said staff plans to have a recommendation for Council to consider at the Council Retreat on January 21.

He then drew Council's attention to the budget transfer request between the Administration and Fire Departments and the upcoming calendar of events for January.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

The City Manager distributed the ballots for the boards and commissions.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela G. Stadler then announced that Charles Fagg of 103 Birchwood Drive, Reidsville was appointed to the Reidsville Firemen's Relief Fund Board. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – The Mayor Pro Tem noted that he had attended the Public Works' BBQ luncheon for employees and the NAPA ribbon cutting. Touring the City after the snow, he said he took his hat off to Public Works for the work they did during that inclement weather event. He also expressed his condolences to Deputy City Clerk Cindy Farris, who lost her sister Donna Snyder.

Councilman Hairston – The Councilman said he was very proud of support we have in our team, including the City Manager, employees and Council. He said we got a lot of things accomplished last year, and he was proud to be a part of this Council. He said we don't always agree, but we make a very good team, adding that things are happening in our City.

Councilwoman Walker – The Councilwoman said she attended the Dec. 15th ABC Board meeting and later in day, the NAPA ribbon cutting. She also was at the Public Works Department's BBQ luncheon, the Dec. 21st Police Department breakfast for regular employees and department retirees and the Dec. 22nd open house at City Hall. She said the food was awesome. She said we should think about the blessings we have incurred this past year and thanked Public Works, Fire and Police for being out working during this cold weather.

Councilman Gorham – The Councilman said he attended the Dec. 15th Senior Citizens' Christmas luncheon and the Public Works BBQ that day. Due to babysitting, he missed the Police Department breakfast but was able to make the Planning Board meeting He also was able to attend Carol's Day Care Christmas program and dinner on Dec. 22nd.

Councilman Balsley – With the Chamber President unable to be with us tonight, the Councilman reminded everyone that the Countywide Chamber Coffee is planned for Thursday, January 12, at 8 a.m. at the Jerry Owens Health Science building at Rockingham Community

College. He also noted the MLK Breakfast at Zion Baptist will be Jan. 16 beginning at 8 a.m. with Dr. Kinlaw, RCC President, as speaker and the Feb. 8th Reidsville Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon.

Councilman Festerman – The Councilman, saying he didn't want to be outdone, noted that his daughter had arrived with her children and dogs on Dec. 19th and the happiest day of his life was to see those tail lights and dogs leaving on January 2nd, which drew laughter from the audience.

Mayor Donecker – The Mayor said he only had one announcement, congratulating Clayton Somers, former Councilman Larry Somers' son who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1989. Somers has been named to the newly created position of vice chancellor of public affairs and secretary at Chapel Hill. He said this was good for our City and our school system and that Clayton is one of many excellent Reidsville High School graduates who have gone onto bigger and better things from here.

CLOSED SESSION ADDED TO AGENDA.

Mayor Donecker said he needed to amend tonight's agenda to add a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

The motion was made by Councilman Festerman, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION.

Upon return from closed session, Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk