

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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  
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development  
Director  
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager  
of Administration-Finance Director  
Rhonda Wheeler, IT Director

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION.**

Reverend Dr. Joseph Bryant, Pastor of First Baptist Church, 401 Hubbard Street, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**RHONDA WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,  
RECIPIENT OF CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT CHIEF INFORMATION  
OFFICER DESIGNATION.**

Mayor Donecker then recognized Rhonda Wheeler, the City’s Director of Information Technology, who had recently achieved the Certified Government Chief Information Officer designation from the UNC-School of Government. Wheeler said it had been a pleasure to serve the City for 20 years. Donecker thanked her and presented her with a framed certificate from the school.

**ANGELA G. STADLER, CITY CLERK/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,  
RENEWAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK  
DESIGNATION.**

The Mayor called upon City Clerk Angela Stadler to come forward as he presented her with the renewal of her North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk designation. He asked how long she had worked for the City, and Stadler replied that in 2018, it would also be 20 years. Donecker presented her with a plaque showing the renewal of her NCCMC. Stadler expressed her gratitude for the City Council's support in allowing employees to receive such training for their jobs.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRIS PHILLIPS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL  
REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS  
ASSOCIATION.**

The Mayor then had Chris Phillips and Rochelle Tucker from the Finance Department come forward. The Mayor noted that for 23 years straight, the Finance Department has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, a distinction not many municipalities can claim. He presented the certificate to Phillips and Tucker. Phillips noted the City Manager and City Council give us the support and resources we need to accomplish this extra step to earn the certification.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.  
Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and  
unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the July 11, 2017  
Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:  
CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S PLANS TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NC DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE.**

The City's Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka provided the staff report. He said he was asking the City Council to consider allowing staff to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for an Economic Development Project. He stated the CDBG funding requires two public hearings, this first one being tonight. Garstka said more information about the potential project would be revealed, hopefully, at the September City Council meeting. He said Economic Development is working closely with McGill Associates on this very important project. He thanked Council for their consideration and offered to take any questions. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO DATED JULY 31, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The public hearing was opened at 6:08 p.m. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

**No further action was needed on this item.**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 SOUTH SCALES STREET TO JOSH WRIGHT FOR \$1,000 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RETAIL BUSINESS.**

In making the staff report, Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka noted that about eight months ago, the City purchased the building at 111 South Scales Street as outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He commented that the City had Wright & Wray take off the building's façade because it was a safety hazard to pedestrians. The roof also had to be replaced because of water damage to the interior.

Garstka mentioned there have been several interested persons looking at the building, including Josh Wright, who is attending tonight's meeting, along with his mother. He said Mr. Wright made an offer of \$1,000 to purchase the building with plans being to establish a retail store at the location. The Wrights currently run a business selling thrift items from their home but plan on expanding the business to the downtown location, Garstka explained. He assured Council this use is allowed in the Central Business District. Garstka added the Wrights talked about the possibility of holding monthly live public auctions on the main floor and later renovating the upper floor for a residential unit or some other use.

Garstka reiterated we have put some stipulations in place, which will be formally addressed when the City Attorney draws up the contract for the purchase of the building. He said the Wrights will have to begin replacing the façade within 90 days with completion being done within 150 days. Garstka said they would have to begin renovation of the ground floor space within 12 months and complete the ground floor renovations and occupy the building and start the business within 36 months. Garstka continued that should the conditions not be met or an agreement not be made to extend the timeframe, the City would refund the Wrights \$1,000 and take over ownership of the building again. He stated staff is in full support of this project and will be glad to have another building off the market. He asked if Council members had any questions.

Councilman Balsley asked where the business was located that they had outgrown? Garstka reiterated that the Wrights have been operating out of their home.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Diane Sawyer, of 640 Baker Crossroads, Reidsville, came forward and said she was taking off her Chamber hat and putting on her personal hat. She informed Council that she has a personal connection to the Wrights with Josh Wright being the brother of her brother-in-law. Sawyer complimented Garstka and said he has been very good to the Wrights. She said she has stayed out of it to this point but would like to put her personal stamp on the project by being excited for them and offering to help them on a personal and business level. She stressed they have been using their home in Ruffin and have an awesome buy and resale business.

With no one else speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

**Councilman Hairston made the motion that 111 South Scales Street be sold by the City of Reidsville to Mr. Josh Wright with the all conditions being included. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gorham and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

**- End of Public Hearings -**

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH 208 HESTER STREET, 210 HESTER STREET AND 212 HESTER STREET.**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and requested an ordinance from Council members to demolish 208, 210 and 212 Hester Street as outlined in her memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) She confirmed that all three dwellings are located on the same parcel with numerous violations. Setliff reported that the owner had been found through a title search and is Wise Choice Investments. She said the lien holder is First Bank. Setliff said the owner was present at the public hearing. She listed the tax values of the properties and said that due to the condition of the dwellings, 208 Hester had been knocked to the ground by the property owner, and kudzu has covered the debris. Setliff stated the order would be to remove the debris and to take down the other two dwellings. She noted the water had been shut off in the house at 208 Hester since 2002, at 210 Hester since 2000 and at 212 Hester since 1999.

Setliff said there would need to be three separate ordinances and each one would need to be considered separately. Setliff said she had condensed this issue into one report due to it being one parcel. She stated there is money budgeted for the demolition, but that the results of the asbestos study may show the costs exceed that amount. Setliff said once the study is done, she will start the bidding process for the demolition but may be back next month seeking other monies to cover the cost. She said it is "pay as you go" with demolitions.

Setliff asked if members of the Council had any questions? None were offered.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion that 208 Hester Street be demolished. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hairston and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

The Ordinance to Demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE  
TO DEMOLISH 208 HESTER STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

**WHEREAS**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 at 10:30 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 at located at

208 Hester Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-19-51-3687. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on November 21, 2016, said owner being Wise Choice Investments, Inc. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the lienholder on November 21, 2016, said lienholder being First Bank. Further, the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owner and lienholder by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on November 23, 2016, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on November 17, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, said owner appeared at said hearing, presented no evidence, and whereas a copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the owner via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said owner on April 12, 2017. The Order was mailed to the lienholder via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said lienholder on April 10, 2017. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on April 10, 2017 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on April 12, 2017. The Order allowed said owner to demolish and remove the above structure on or before July 8, 2017; and whereas the dwelling has been demolished, however, debris remains on said property 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 208 Hester Street, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John "Jay" M. Donecker, Mayor, Reidsville, North Carolina

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

**Councilman Gorham made the motion that 210 Hester Street be demolished. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hairston and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

The Order to Demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE**  
**TO DEMOLISH 210 HESTER STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

**WHEREAS**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 at 11:00 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 210 Hester Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-19-51-3687. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on November 21, 2016, said owner being Wise Choice Investments, Inc. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the lienholder on November 21, 2016, said lienholder being First Bank. Further, the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owner and lienholder by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on November 23, 2016, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on November 17, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, said owner appeared at said hearing, presented no evidence, and whereas a copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the owner via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said owner on April 12, 2017. The Order was mailed to the lienholder via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said lienholder on April 10, 2017. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on April 10, 2017 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on April 12, 2017. The Order allowed said owner to demolish and remove the above structure on or before July 8, 2017; 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 210 Hester Street, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John "Jay" M. Donecker, Mayor, Reidsville, North Carolina

ATTESTED BY:  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

**Councilwoman Walker made the motion that 212 Hester Street be demolished. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

The Ordinance to Demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE  
TO DEMOLISH 212 HESTER STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

**WHEREAS**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 at 11:30 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 at located at 212 Hester Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-19-51-3687. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on November 21, 2016, said owner being Wise Choice Investments, Inc. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the lienholder on November 21, 2016, said lienholder being First Bank. Further, the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owner and lienholder by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on November 23, 2016, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on November 17, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, said owner appeared at said hearing, presented no evidence, and whereas a copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the owner via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said owner on April 12, 2017. The Order was mailed to the lienholder via Certified Mail on April 7, 2017, being received by said lienholder on April 10, 2017. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on April 10, 2017 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on April 12, 2017. The Order allowed said owner to demolish and remove the above structure on or before July 8, 2017; 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 212 Hester Street, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

**CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A REGIONAL WATER PROJECT.**

City Manager Preston Mitchell reported that a request had been made by Rockingham County to Reidsville, the Town of Mayodan and the Town of Madison for an interlocal agreement allowing for connections of the water systems throughout the County. He noted that during the past fiscal year, an appropriation had been made to Rockingham County and Guilford County allowing for the connection of the water systems in the County as well as Guilford County with its three northwest municipalities if they would want to purchase water from Rockingham County. (A COPY OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, BUDGET FIGURES AND MAP ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Mitchell reiterated this interlocal agreement would benefit the economic development throughout the County and is nonbinding. He said the County is not asking for financial support.

Manager Mitchell said the City Attorney has reviewed the non-binding agreement, and he added the City is being supportive of the County's plans. He said the attached map shows how the lines will be connected together. Looking at the budget estimates, Mitchell said there is the potential that some funding will be left over. If so, the City Manager has asked the County Manager and the Mayor has asked Senator Berger if there is leftover monies, the City would like to see about putting a redundant waterline from our Water Treatment Plant to the City proper, which supplies the County with a majority of its water. He said this falls well within the rationale of the project. He said the response back has been positive if monies are left over. Again, he noted that staff and the City Attorney recommend approving the interlocal agreement.

The Mayor reiterated that the agreement is nonbinding and the City will not have to contribute any dollars to it? The City Manager agreed, stating it is all part of a State appropriation. Mayor Donecker stressed that the City already has a contract with the County whereby we are currently providing 50,000 gallons of water and this could potentially mean the City could provide up to 550,000 gallons.

**Councilwoman Gorham made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Rockingham County for a regional water supply system for the current and future economic development. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hairston and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR \$12,000 IN ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR A MAIN STREET PROGRAM GRANT.**

Finance Director Chris Phillips and Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka came forward and gave the Staff report. Phillips said this grant is for Lucky City Brewing. He stated that they have selected McGill and Associates as the Company selected to do the grant administration. Garstka said they are asking for \$12,000 with \$5,000 of that being used for an environmental study and the other \$7,000 going for grant administration through the grant funding process.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 for \$12,000 in administration costs for the Main Street Program Grant. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

The Budget Ordinance Amendment as approved follows:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 13, 2017 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, since the time of the adoption of said ordinance, it has become necessary to make certain changes in the City's budget to appropriate funds for the administration costs of a Main St. Program grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 13, 2017 is hereby amended as follows;

**Section 1.** That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$12,000.00.

**Section 2.** That expense account number 10-4920-5805, Economic Development Reserve, be increased by \$12,000.00.

This the 8th day of August, 2017.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John M. "Jay" Donecker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC  
City Clerk

Mayor Donecker asked Garstka when the final decision for the \$275,000 would be decided? Garstka stated the timeframe to finalize the submission is September or October, and they should know if they received the grant by November or December.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SUPER 30 SIGN.**  
**(ADDED ITEM.)**

Mayor Donecker commented this item had just been added to the agenda, and it was his understanding originally that the cost of the sign was going to be split three ways between the City of Reidsville, the Rockingham County School system and Rockingham County with the City paying \$8,000. Unfortunately, the County had decided not to share in the cost and it seemed best to split the difference of the final third would mean an additional \$4,000 from the City. Donecker stated there is a nice description here in the memo from the City Manager. Manager Mitchell acknowledged that copies of the letter received from the Athletic Director and Principal regarding the matter can be found along with his memo. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES, ALONG WITH THE LETTER.)

Mayor Donecker asked if the City of Reidsville can be recognized for its support on the sign? Manager Mitchell said he thought it could be done. The Mayor added that the current sign had to be brought down because it was a hazard, being unstable and lacking support.

Councilman Balsley asked if the amount requested is \$12,000? Mayor Donecker clarified that at the June meeting, the Council decided to allocate \$8,000 for the sign, so this would be an additional \$4,000. Balsley questioned whether at that time, the County Commissioners also agreed to contribute? Mayor Donecker said the need was there, the City had agreed to participate and had hoped the County would participate, he said. The Mayor said the City stepped up to the plate as well as the school system, but the Commissioners decided not to. Donecker acknowledged that the Reidsville Police Department has ready supported the sign as a Super 30 sponsor but this would supersede that.

**Mayor Donecker made the motion to allocate the additional \$4,000 needed for the Super 30 sign at the Reidsville High School Football Stadium with the stipulation that the City of Reidsville be recognized on the sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman William Hairston and approved in a 6-0 vote.**

**BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

City Manager Mitchell distributed the ballots for the board and commission appointments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**Thank You from Ms. Harrison and the Last Dons.**

Ms. Katrina Harrison of 2387 Ashley Loop Road, Reidsville, came forward to publicly thank the City on behalf of "*The Last Dons*", a local non-profit. Harrison said recently

the group sponsored an event that provided area children with 1,000 book bags and fed 1,500 people. She expressed her gratitude to the City for stepping up and donating water, enabling those in attendance to stay cool. Harrison thanked Councilman Gorham for his support by attending the event and expressed her appreciation to Chief Hassell and the Reidsville Police Department for their presence. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Harrison for organizing such a great event.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Mitchell referenced his report regarding the YMCA's Quarterly Report, and the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, where the Community Pool will be spotlighted. He said more information is forthcoming and will include invitations for Council members. Mitchell covered other subjects from his memo, including downtown parking time limits; the Chamber of Commerce and monthly City events. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT DATED AUGUST 8, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown** – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on July 18; the Chamber of Commerce Ice Cream Social on July 20; a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Ida Tucker, Rochelle Tucker's Mother, where he presented her with a Certificate of Recognition from the City; the Girls Basketball Camp at the Recreation Center Gym on July 25; and the National Night Out on August 1, along with members of the Reidsville Police Department, members of City Council and the City Manager.

**Councilman Hairston** – Councilman Hairston reported he had attended the Last Dons Backpack giveaway on August 5; the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove on July 18 meeting, the Chamber Ice Cream Social on July 20; the Annie Penn Foundation board meeting on July 20; Oaks Park Community Watch meeting on July 24 and National Night Out on August 1.

**Councilwoman Walker** – Councilwoman Walker stated she had attended two Community Watch meetings at the Police Department on July 18 and the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting on July 25. Councilwoman Walker stated she had heard nothing but good things about the new senior center. She expressed her sincere appreciation for the flowers, cards, food and especially the prayers she received after she took a tumble, which resulted in four new screws and a titanium plate in her wrist.

**Councilman Gorham** – Councilman Gorham reported he had attended an Anniversary Service for Elder Donny Johnson on July 16, where Councilman/Reverend Hairston rendered the word; the NAACP meeting and two Community Watch meetings at Oak's Park and Highland Heights on July 18; the Chamber Ice Cream Social on July 20; and the Ministerial Alliance of Reidsville and Vicinity Scholarship Service on July 30. Councilman Gorham said he had been able to attend all of the locations for the National Night Out on August 1. He said he had the pleasure of participating in the "*Last Dons*" Back to School celebration on August 5. He also sadly had attended two funerals of key

people in Reidsville: Emory Partee, a well-known educator and math teacher, who worked in Reidsville and for the State of North Carolina and eventually came back and worked in the Central Office; and Leon Lawson, a retired Sergeant in the Detective Division with the Reidsville Police Department.

**Councilman Balsley** –Councilman Balsley said he was sorry about Councilwoman Walker’s recent fall and also the extended illness of Councilman Festerman. He assured those present that he had eaten his fellow Councilmembers’ share of ice cream at the National Night Out events. He laughed and said while Councilman Festerman does give a lengthy report, he is sorry he is not here tonight. Councilman Balsley asked Diana Sawyer, President of the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce, to give the monthly report.

Diane Sawyer said the Chamber Ice Cream social was phenomenal, with 175 people registered so far for the event. She thanked the Police Department, saying they were amazing and helpful. Sawyer mentioned she had a good meeting with the City Manager, and everyone at the City had been helpful and accommodating regarding an ongoing issue with a project we are trying to work out. She reiterated how nice it is to have a positive relationship with the City Manager and City Staff.

Sawyer listed several upcoming events and ribbon cuttings, the first being on Thursday, August 10, for Beau La Vie, at noon in downtown; Dominos will host a ribbon cutting at its new Freeway Drive location on Friday, August 25, at 12 p.m.; Cone Health will be having a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 31 for the Clara Gunn Center at 1:30 p.m. Sawyer reminded everyone about the Chamber golf tournament on Wednesday, August 16, and said they are still looking for volunteers, golfers and sponsors. Sawyer invited everyone to support the Chamber’s School Supply Drive, which ends on August 18<sup>th</sup>. She said they like to help supply the teachers’ closets for those students who may not have participated in events like the “*Last Dons*” backpack giveaway. Sawyer said she didn’t want to talk about the showcase just yet but would be sharing information about it soon. She added the August Cruise-In would be Friday night and invited those in attendance to come out and enjoy the beer garden and beach music.

**Mayor Donecker** –Mayor Donecker said he had three things he wanted to share, the first being he wanted to compliment Judy and Jeff and other members of administration for closing the deal on the bowling alley so seamlessly with the transfer of the management duties. He said they had a good opening Friday and Saturday night and the City is fortunate that the business is going to remain in Reidsville. The Mayor said, secondly, he wanted to mention a chief component in the local National Night Out and Community Watch programs for the past 25 years. He said between Councilman Hairston and former Police Chief Festerman, things were incrementally better and that he wanted to thank Councilman Hairston publicly. The Mayor said lastly he would like to ask everyone to keep Chief Festerman in their prayers. He said he had spoken to him earlier today and Chief had stressed he wanted to be here tonight, but unfortunately, other issues had to be addressed first.

Before moving on Mayor Donecker pointed out that Dee Stanfield was not present at tonight's meeting and that he hoped she was okay. He commented in the years he has served on the City Council Stanfield has not missed but maybe a couple of meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.**

City Clerk Angela Stadler reported there was only one opening on the Reidsville Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, and they had received two applicants. She read aloud the 4-2 vote with Garry Percell of 1211 Richardson Drive receiving four votes and Doug Marrs receiving two votes. Mayor Donecker asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Marrs detailing tonight's decision and including a Board and Commission application, along with the listing of openings on other Boards and Commissions. He said Mr. Marrs is a motivated person. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER, REAL ESTATE AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3) AND (5).**

Councilwoman Walker moved that the Council made the motion that Council move to the first-floor conference room for a closed session to discuss a legal matter, real estate and employment contract pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (5). The motion was seconded by Councilman William Hairston and approved in a 6-0 vote.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.**

**Consideration of Amendment to City Manager's Employment Agreement.**

Upon return to open session, Mayor Pro Tem Brown made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the amendment to the City Manager's employment contract.

The amendment as approved follows:

**An Amendment To  
The Employment Agreement  
With The City Manager, City Of Reidsville**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reidsville and the City Manager are parties to an Employment Agreement, whereby Preston W. Mitchell is appointed City Manager of the City of Reidsville, and employment conditions and levels of compensation for his services are set; and

**WHEREAS**, based on a performance evaluation conducted on August 8, 2017, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville to make a change to said Employment Agreement with City Manager Preston W. Mitchell;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT DONE** that:

**Section I** – Section 3. Termination and Severance Pay, Subsection B. Severance Pay, of said agreement is hereby amended to change the “Seven months compensation including retirement benefits” TO “Nine months compensation including retirement benefits.”

**Section II** - That all other provisions, terms and conditions of said Employment Agreement as they now exist remain unchanged.

This action to be effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John M. “Jay” Donecker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

**Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2.**

Council members reviewed Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 related to the purchase of property near the Public Works Department.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Budget Ordinance Amendment.**

The Budget Ordinance Amendment as approved follows:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 13, 2017 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 13, 2017 is hereby amended as follows;

**Section 1.** That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$10,000.00.

**Section 2.** That expense account number 10-4110-5800, Capital Improvements, be increased by \$10,000.00.

This the 8th day of August, 2017.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John M. "Jay" Donecker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC  
City Clerk

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

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John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk