

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker
Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown
Councilmember Terresia Scoble
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager
– Administration/Finance Director
Haywood Cloud, Assistant City
Manager – Community Services
Chuck Smith, Public Works Director
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development
Director
Judy Yarbrough, City Marketer
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Fred Thompson, Parks & Recreation
Superintendent

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Reverend Dr. Tony Barr Sr., Pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church, 1302 Highway Business, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Donecker and the Council led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Mayor Donecker asked Reverend Dr. Tony Barr Sr. to come forward and to accept the Proclamation for Black History Month. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS

HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The Mayor read the proclamation and then asked Dr. Barr if he would like to say a few words. Dr. Barr said he was honored to be the one accepting the proclamation on behalf of the community and that he is grateful that the City cares enough to recognize that we all may not see things the same way, but that we all bleed the same color and have the same basic needs.

RECOGNITION OF 2018 STATE 2-A FOOTBALL CHAMPION REIDSVILLE RAMS, HEAD COACH JIMMY TEAGUE AND COACHING STAFF.

Mayor Donecker came forward and asked Head Coach Jimmy Teague to come forward, along with members of the coaching staff and the players of the Reidsville Senior High School Football team. The Mayor read the Certificate of Recognition and presented team members the Key to the City. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) During the presentation, the Mayor and several Council members talked about the efforts of the players, on and off the field, and how that would play into their success in life. Coach Teague thanked the Council for the recognition and thanked the Police Department for their escort and the support of the City.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 11-12, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT) MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 11-12, 2019 Special Meeting (Retreat) Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO RECOGNIZE WIRELESS FEES RECEIVED AND TO APPROPRIATE RELATED FUNDS FOR WIRELESS SERVICES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11 for the reasons outlined in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff's memo dated January 31, 2019. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 11

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 12, 2018 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019; 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 wireless fees received and to appropriate related funds for wireless services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 12, 2018 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3346-0000, Wireless Fees, be increased by \$1,700.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4910-4300, Wireless Reviews, be increased by \$1,700.00.

This the 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH CHERRY BEKAERT, LLP, FOR AUDITING SERVICES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the City's contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP to conduct the City's annual audit. In his memo to Council, Finance Director Chris Phillips explained that this is the City's third year with the firm and that there are no local firms qualified to complete the City's annual audit. (A COPY OF THE 2018-2019 AUDIT CONTRACT WITH CHERRY BEKAERT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO REVOKE AND VOID AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF AN INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES CAFÉ LOCATED AT 2007 SOUTH SCALES STREET, SPECIFICALLY A PORTION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 8904-18-40-0350. ANSER WAREATCH IS MAKING THE REQUEST ON BEHALF OF PTI OF USA, LLC.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and stated that Anser Wareatch, on behalf of the property owner PTI of USA, LLC, is requesting the Special Use Permit issued for the operation of an Internet Sweepstakes Café be revoked for 2007 South Scales Street. She said staff supports this action, and the request had been presented to the Planning Board, which unanimously recommends this action.

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

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by the Council in a 7-0 vote, to revoke the Special Use Permit for 2007 S. Scales Street.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF AN INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES CAFÉ LOCATED AT 1032 S. SCALES STREET, REIDSVILLE, SPECIFICALLY ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 8904-10-45-0947. JOSEPH FRENCH SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION. SAABKYLEO4, LLC OWNS THE PROPERTY. THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT DID NOT MEET THREE OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT WHEN PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

Prior to the public hearing, City Clerk Angela Stadler swore in the applicant Joseph French and Community Development Manager Donna Setliff.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and said Joseph French has filed a Special Use Permit requesting that an Internet Sweepstakes Café be permitted at 1032 South Scales Street as outlined in her January 31, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) She said the City's Zoning Ordinance does allow for Internet Sweepstakes Cafes in General Business and Highway Business by Special Use Permit and that the property is zoned General Business. Setliff detailed the zoning for surrounding properties and continued by pointing out that per the City's Comprehensive Plan, the property is shown as being in the Urban Growth Area with the Development Objectives, which encourages the expansion of housing stock, preserving historic structures and provides adequate retail.

Setliff stressed there are Special Use Standards which must be met per the Zoning Ordinance and went on to review these standards as listed in her memo as follows (in italics is how the items pertain to this location):

- An internet sweepstakes café/operation must be the principal use. No accessory uses are permitted.
Building will be inspected for compliance prior to receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Internet sweepstakes café/operation/machines are prohibited from being an accessory use to any other type principal use.
Building will be inspected for compliance prior to receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.
- There shall be no more than 25 gaming machines, computer or terminals per café/operation.

Building will be inspected for compliance prior to receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.

- An internet sweepstakes café/operation shall have at least 100 sq. ft. of space per gaming machine or computer terminal.

The application indicates the square footage of the building is 1,500. Therefore, the number of machines would be limited to 15. Noting that fish tables normally have 8 terminals/players, the 8 is counted toward the total number allowed.

- Persons under the ages of eighteen (18) are prohibited within the premises. *The applicant stated in writing that no one under 18 will be permitted on site/premises. I recommend that signs be installed indicating such.*

- Selling and/or consuming alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the premises.

The applicant stated in writing that selling and consumption of alcohol will not be allowed. I recommend that signs be installing indicating such.

- The property on which a sweepstake café/operation resides shall be located at least 1,000 feet from the property on which any child-care facility, pre-school, school, church or other internet sweepstakes café/operation is located.

The enclosed zoning map shows a 1,000 foot buffer around this property. Please note that there is one church within the 1,000 foot buffer and a second church which is part of their property is within the buffer.

There is a non-permitted sweepstakes operating within the service station across Richardson Drive. Staff has noticed the property owner of said property of this violation.

- Internet sweepstakes cafés/operations shall be operated only on the ground floor of a building.

This is a one story building.

- Forty percent (40%) of the building front shall be in glass windows, so that a clear and unobstructed view of the interior can occur from the street.

The intent of this standard is that there is a clear and unobstructed view of the sweepstakes business. As you can see by the attached picture of the building 40% of the building front is not in windows.

- No curtains, screens, blinds, partitions, signs or other obstructions shall be placed between the entrance to the room where gaming machines or computer terminals are stationed and the rear walls of the room so that a clear and unobstructed view of the interior can occur from the street.

Currently, the windows are blackout.

- There shall not be more than one internet sweepstakes café/operation gaming establishment within any one shopping center or multi-business use.

This building is not within a shopping center.

- There shall be one parking space for each operator and one parking space for each permitted gaming machine, computer or terminal. In shopping centers and multi-business uses, proof will be provided that demonstrates required parking exists for both the internet sweepstakes café and other uses on the same parcel or business center.

Parking was not addressed by the applicant. A site plan will be required.

She said as with any Special Use application, the Council must come to certain findings regarding the impact the proposed business will have on the area. Setliff detailed the specific Findings of Fact, which the Council must consider. Setliff said the Planning Board considered the request at its January meeting and did not find the request met three of the Findings of Fact by a majority vote.

Setliff noted that there is an illegal Sweepstakes Café in operation across the street from this proposed business and the City is in the process of handling this issue. There are two churches within the 1,000-foot buffer, which is one of the conditions for not allowing the operation of the Café. Setliff reminded Council of the other conditions that were not met again.

Setliff said if Council votes favorably on each of the four Findings of Fact, staff recommends the following conditions: the applicant shall continually comply with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and that the building must meet all applicable building, handicap and fire codes.

Councilwoman Scoble asked what the occupancy rate is for the building. Setliff said the building had not been inspected and that would be something the Inspector and the Fire Marshal would have to consider.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Mr. Joseph French of 1032 South Scales Street, Reidsville came forward and said he was not aware of the rules regarding a sweepstakes being a 1,000 feet from a church. He said he didn't know if there was a remedy for that and stressed that he was open to suggestions. He indicated he could remove the tinted windows, but he could not move the church. The Mayor reiterated that several of these criteria were not met and that it's basically "all or none". It was questioned whether it would be better to pull the application or have the Council vote on the Special Use Permit, but it was decided that the Council would take a vote on the Findings of Fact. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to come forward regarding the matter.

Ms. Robin Bowden of 1215 Kilby Street, Burlington, North Carolina came forward. She was sworn in by City Clerk Stadler. Ms. Bowden said she would be the manager of the Café and reassured the Council members that operation of the business would comply with the suggested criteria, but they had no control of the location of the churches within the thousand foot area. She said they would be willing to modify hours of operation so as not to conflict with the hours of church services or Bible study. She also disagreed with the assessment of fish tables, saying that they should not be counted as eight but as one machine.

The public hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.

The following vote was taken regarding the four findings of fact:

- 1) that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plan as submitted and approve. **7-0**
- 2) that the use meets all required conditions and specifications; **0-7**
- 3) the use will substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and **0-7**
- 4) that the location and the character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Comprehensive Plan for Reidsville and its surroundings. **0-7**

The Mayor said with the results of the vote, the Council did not find that the request met all the Findings of Fact by a majority vote and agrees with the Planning Board that this request should not go forward.

Mayor Donecker suggested that Mr. French sit down with those in the Community Development Department and discuss a possible parcel that would work as a suitable location for a Sweepstakes Café and meet the required criteria. He stressed that the City's zoning codes and ordinances are all made available as public knowledge.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS BY VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY .08 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND LOCATED ALONG THE REAR PROPERTY LINE OF 2726 REID SCHOOL ROAD (A2018-06).

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and noted a request for voluntary annexation of 0.08 areas of land at 2726 Reid School Road had been submitted to the Planning Board. She named Jeffrey Lee Sparks, CFO of Sparks Homes and Home Re4vnovations as the property owner and that this is a contiguous annexation. Setliff stated that staff finds this petition to be valid and recommends approval of the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits. Setliff asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Festerman asked the reason for the request, to which Setliff said the owner would like to hook onto City water and sewer.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the voluntary annexation of 2726 Reid School Road.

The annexation ordinance as approved follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
2726 Reid School Road**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, after due notice by publication on Sunday, February 3, 2019; and

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

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of April 30, 2019:

Beginning at an iron in the southern line of Esther Boyd (DB 907-658), said iron being located S 80°43'58" W 225.00 feet from an iron in the southwesterly right-of-way of Reid School Road and more specifically, said beginning iron being the northwest corner of lot 4 of the Johnny Hoover property recorded in plat book 65, page 17 of the County Registry; thence with the line of Boyd, N 80°43'58" E 25.00 feet to a point in the city limits line of the City of Reidsville; thence along the city limits line S 80°36'36" E 153.27 feet to a point in the northerly line of lot 3 and southerly line of lot 4 and being in the center of a 20 foot utility easement; thence with the common line of lots 3 and 4, S 64°43'16" W 43.00 feet to an iron in the line of Hoover and being the northwesterly corner of lot 3; thence with Hoover and the westerly line of lot 4, N 23°34'49" W 159.57 feet to an iron, the point and place of beginning containing 5,214 square feet or 0.120 acres, more or less. The above described being the westerly rear portion of lot 4 of the aforementioned plat book 65, page 17, of the County Registry.

Section 2. Upon and after April 30, 2019, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as

other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

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

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

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

(End of Public Hearings)

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WIFI IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE REIDSVILLE AND TO INCREASE CAMPING FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

Assistant City Manager of Community Services Haywood Cloud came forward to report on staff's request to raise camping fees at Lake Reidsville by \$5.00 to cover the cost of adding Wi-Fi to the services offered as outlined in his memo dated February 1, 2019. (A COPY OF CLOUD'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He said the subject had been discussed at the recent Budget Retreat and that Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips was on hand to handle any questions related to the needed Budget Ordinance Amendment. He added that the increase would not take place until July 1, 2019. Phillips came forward and stated there will be a Budget Ordinance Amendment to accompany the rate increase and \$20,000 was needed to cover the cost of installing the Wi-Fi system.

City Manager Mitchell added that the rate increase will also enable the current sewer line to be extended to accommodate the needs of the campground at Lake Reidsville. Staff walked Council members through the proposed rate increases, adding that even with this \$5.00 daily increase, the campsites at Lake Reidsville are still better priced than others in the area.

Members of the Council discussed at length the need to consider raising the fees \$10.00 dollars instead of \$5.00 to increase revenues to accommodate the needed services and improvements after it was noted that the fees had not been raised for a while. Concerns

were expressed about the septic needs. The City Manager briefly discussed on the City's plans to secure a USDA 30-year loan to pay for the septic improvements as well as constructing the trails there via their Community Facility Loan Program.

Parks & Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson also noted that several campers have already paid for sites after the July 1st date. It was questioned whether those campers who have already secured sites should receive the current rate, but City Manager Preston Mitchell said he would not recommend grandfathering those campers' prices in but have all rates change July 1st, which is one reason for the increase being voted on tonight to allow advanced notifications.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 12 as recommended by City Staff to provide Wi-Fi services at Lake Reidsville.

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 12 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 12

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 12, 2018 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019; 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 excess camping fees and to appropriate related funds for campground Wi-Fi improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 12, 2018 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 11-3613-2000, Camping Fees, be increased by \$20,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 11-6130-5800, Lake Capital Improvements, be increased by \$20,000.00.

This the 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

Councilman Festerman then made the motion to approve a \$10 increase in daily camping fees at Lake Reidsville with monthly fees being prorated.

Councilmember Scoble clarified that Councilman Festerman meant effective July 1, 2019, to which he replied in the affirmative. The Mayor asked if Councilman Festerman wanted to add anything beyond the rate increase, but the Councilman said he did not.

Therefore, Councilman Festerman's motion was to approve a \$10 increase in daily camping fees at Lake Reidsville effective July 1, 2019, with monthly fees being prorated.

Mayor Donecker said that with a motion and second, he asked for a vote on the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR LIGHTING OF THE REIDSVILLE R ON FREEWAY DRIVE AND THE RELATED BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 13.

City Marketer Judy Yarbrough came forward and shared the original plan for the entranceways into Reidsville upon completion of the Freeway Drive Improvement Project. She said the committee had asked for wildflowers and upon a denial of that request, NCDOT approved the addition of "the R" with accompanying landscaping. Yarbrough was joined by Public Works Director Chuck Smith, who said at the request of the City Manager, they met with Garry Comer of L&C Services to discuss how best to light the Reidsville "R" now located on Freeway Drive at Richardson. Smith reported the project is proposed to include lighting the "R" as well as up lighting 13 of the newly planted trees, which serve as a backdrop to the "R". Smith mentioned that a second contractor has been contacted, but at this time they are requesting a total project estimate of \$4,725 with accompanying Budget Ordinance Amendment 13.

Councilwoman Scoble said she thought it would be money well spent. Councilman Festerman asked how long it would take to complete the project? Smith said if the project and amendment are passed tonight, he thought NCDOT and Duke Energy would move rather quickly to complete the project, possibly in 6-8 weeks. City Manager Mitchell agreed with Smith that NCDOT suggested the lighting of the project be considered and would want to move forward.

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Budget Ordinance Amendment in the amount of \$4,725 to light the "R" at Freeway Drive and Richardson Drive.

The Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 13 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 13

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 12, 2018 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019; 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 lighting the Reidsville "R" on Freeway Drive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 12, 2018 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, General Fund Balance, be increased by \$4,725.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4510-5800, Capital Improvements, be increased by \$4,725.00.

This the 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY PUBLIC WORKS TO ADD
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE GOVDEALS AUCTION APPROVED BY
COUNCIL AT ITS JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.**

Public Works Director Chuck Smith came forward to update Council on the results of the recent disposal of surplus property via the online auction. He commented that everything but one item had sold. He said there were two items that needed to be added to the list and requested Council authorize the City Manager to properly dispose of this equipment.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to authorize the City Manager to dispose of said surplus property via online auction. (A COPY OF THE AMENDED RESOLUTION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY STAFF TO DEMOLISH THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURES DUE TO HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS AND RELATED BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 14.

120 ARLINGTON STREET

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward and requested the demolition of 120 Arlington Street as outlined in her February 7, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) She stated a minimum housing code inspection had been conducted after complaints had been received regarding the property. Setliff said the inspection revealed violations, prompting a Minimum Housing Code Hearing on August 1, 2018. She said a title search showed the owner to be Thomas Edward Collins, but there were no lienholders.

Setliff said the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was properly served on the property owner. The owner's wife, Jane Collins, attended the hearing but presented no evidence. Therefore, the Order to demolish was issued, giving 90 days to demolish the dwelling, which expired on December 17, 2018. The Order required demolition because the estimated repairs at \$24,000 exceeded 50% of the value (\$26,150) of the structure at the time the Order was drafted. Since then, the value has gone down to \$4,452, Setliff added.

She reported that the taxes owed on the property for 2018 are in the amount of \$504.76. Water service to the property had been disconnected in March of 2005. She said the dwelling is unoccupied.

Setliff then stated that someone had recently submitted a purchase of sale agreement on the property. Councilman Festerman requested clarification on this matter to which Setliff said she had been contacted by a gentleman from South Carolina, Cameron Hicks but that technically the house has been condemned by the inspections department. Councilmember Scoble asked if the Council decision would affect that action. Setliff said the property/land purchase could go forward regardless of the Council decision. She recommended the dwelling be demolished.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to authorize the Community Development Manager Donna Setliff to proceed with the demolition of the dwelling at 120 Arlington Street.

The Ordinance to demolish as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH 120 ARLINGTON STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 1ST day of August, 2018 at 10:00 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 120 Arlington Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-18-31-4782. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on July 11, 2018, said owner being Thomas Edward Collins. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on July 11, 2018, and posted on the subject property on July 10, 2018.

WHEREAS, Jane Collins attended said hearing but presented no evidence. A copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the property owner via Certified Mail on September 11, 2018, being received on September 12, 2018. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on September 11, 2018 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on September 12, 2018. The Order allowed said owner to vacate, demolish and remove the above structure on or before December 17, 2018; and whereas the dwelling has not been demolished 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 120 Arlington 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 19th day of February, 2019.

/s/

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

122 ARLINGTON STREET

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff then reported that the dwelling at 122 Arlington Drive had been hit by a tree during a storm and is requesting that the remaining demolition and removal of debris be approved by Council. A title search by the City Attorney found Charles Edward Settle Sr. to be the owner of the property. No lienholders were discovered, she said.

A Minimum Housing Code Hearing was held August 7, 2018 and although the property owner was properly served, no one attended the hearing. The Housing Code Enforcement Order to demolish the dwelling was issued and properly served and expired on December 21, 2018. The Order required demolition since the estimated repair costs exceeded 50% of the value (\$20,646) at the time the Order was drafted. The current value is now listed as \$0.

Setliff said taxes owed for 2009 to 2018 are in the amount of \$6,034.78 and that water service was disconnected in July, 2016. Councilwoman Scoble clarified that the taxes were delinquent long before the storm came through.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoble and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to authorize the Community Development Manager Donna Setliff to proceed with the demolition and debris removal of the dwelling at 122 Arlington Street.

The Ordinance as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH 122 ARLINGTON STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of August, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina conducted a hearing on violations of Chapter 4, Article II, Housing Code, Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-26, for the property at located at 122 Arlington Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-18-31-4881. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on July 18, 2018, said owner being Charles Edward Settle, Sr. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on July 15, 2018, and posted on the subject property on July 13, 2018.

WHEREAS, no individuals attended said hearing. A copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the property owner via Certified Mail on September 19, 2018, being received on September 21, 2018. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on September 19, 2018 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on September 19, 2018. The Order allowed said owner to vacate, demolish and remove the above structure on or before December 21, 2018; and whereas the dwelling has not been demolished 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 122 Arlington 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 19th day of February, 2019.

/s/

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

1323 MCGEHEE STREET

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff stated she is requesting demolition of the dwelling at 1323 McGehee Street as outlined in her memo, noting that a room at the rear of the house has collapsed. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2019 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) A title search found the property owner to be Juanita Crisp Settle, deceased with the next of kin listed as Charles Settle Sr. No lienholders were found, she added.

A Minimum Housing Code Hearing was held August 1, 2018 after being properly served to Charles Settle Sr. No one attended the hearing, and the Order to demolish was issued and properly served. The Order expired December 14, 2018, Setliff said, and required demolition because the estimated repair cost of \$50,000 exceeded 50% of the dwelling's value of \$31,456 at the time the Order was drafted. The value is now listed at \$3,738.

Setliff said the taxes owed for years 2013 through 2018 are in the amount of \$4,507.76 and that the water service was disconnected in March, 2017. She said the dwelling is unoccupied.

Councilwoman Scoble made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to authorize Community Development Manager Donna Setliff to proceed with the demolition of the dwelling at 1323 McGehee Street.

The Ordinance as approved follows:

**ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH 1323 MCGEHEE STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 1ST day of August, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina conducted a hearing on violations of Chapter 4, Article II, Housing Code, Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-26, for the property at located at 1323 McGehee Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8904-14-44-1564. Owner of 1323 McGehee Street is Juanita Crisp Settle, who is deceased. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner's husband, Charles Settle Sr., on July 11, 2018 and owner's son, Charles Settle, Jr. on July 13, 2018. Further, the Complaint and

Notice of Hearing was published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on July 11, 2018, and posted on the subject property on July 10, 2018.

WHEREAS, no individuals attended said hearing, no evidence was presented, and whereas a copy of the Code Enforcement Order was mailed to the owner’s husband and son via Certified Mail on September 11, 2018, being received by owner’s husband and owner’s son on September 12, 2018. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on September 11, 2018 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on September 14, 2018.

The Order allowed said owner to vacate, demolish and remove the above structure on or before December 14, 2018; and whereas the dwelling has not been demolished 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 1323 McGehee 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 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

102 N. MAIN STREET.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff said she is requesting permission to cause the demolition of 102 N. Main Street. She stated a minimum housing code inspection was done after receiving complaints. She said the inspection revealed violations which prompted a Minimum Housing Code Hearing, which took place on August 7, 2018. Setliff said a title search found Spencer Earl Woods is the owner of the property, and there are no liens on the property. She stated Mr. Woods did attend the hearing and stated his intent to repair the structure, but that no written evidence to support that statement was provided. Setliff said the estimated repair cost is \$100,000, which is deemed a low estimate, and that the current Rockingham County Tax office values the property at \$41,429.

Setliff said the inspectors had gone over recently and found that the house had been cleaned out, but that no repairs had been made. She reported that the taxes are paid on the

property, the water service was disconnected in April, 2014 and the dwelling is unoccupied.

Mayor Donecker asked if anyone would like to speak to Council before the decision is made. Reverend Spencer Woods of 1024 Lick Fork Road, Reidsville came forward and said he had spoken to Code Enforcement and to Donna Setliff and taken their advice and removed the trash and debris and any safety violations. He acknowledged that a lot of the problem is that the dwelling needs a new roof and that the inclement weather has held up the progress of having this done. He stressed that the property is a historical landmark in Reidsville and that he would like to request an additional 90-120 days. He stated he would like to see the property remain as a church and be used to serve the community.

Councilman Festerman asked Setliff if she considered the house to be structurally safe or is it dangerous? Setliff stressed if the roofing issue is not handled it will get to that point, but that she doesn't think it will collapse in the next 90 days. City Manager Mitchell added that if the Council decides to stay the demolition that all of the housing code violations and requirements will have to have been addressed, not just the roof.

Councilman Gorham requested that the Council consider allowing Rev. Woods to have an additional 90 days to renovate and correct any housing code violations at 102 N. Main Street. He stressed several times to Rev. Woods that on the 121st day, the dwelling could be demolished if all of the items are not repaired. Councilman Hairston agreed with Councilman Gorham that Rev. Wood should be allowed the additional time. Councilwoman Scoble stressed there are issues that concern her such as the issue with black mold. Setliff said that falls under the State Housing Code and not the City Housing Code.

Mayor Donecker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote that 102 N. Main Street be demolished, but that a stay of execution be extended to 120 days under the condition that the house will have to meet Certificate of Occupancy after those four months at which time Staff will come back to City Council and report.

It was noted that staff will not come back to Council to approve the demolition in 120 days but only to make a report.

The Ordinance as approved but stayed for 120 days is as follows:

**ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH 102 NORTH MAIN STREET, REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of August, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., the Codes Inspector of Reidsville, North Carolina conducted a hearing on violations of Chapter 4, Article II, Housing Code, Reidsville Code of Ordinances, Section 4-26, for the property at located at 102 North

Main Street, Reidsville, North Carolina Tax Map No. 8905-18-31-8206. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the owner on July 19, 2018, said owner being Spencer Earl Woods. Further, the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on the property owner by publication in the Reidsville Review newspaper on July 15, 2018, and by posting the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on the subject property on July 13, 2018.

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 September 29, 2018, being received by said owner on September 26, 2018. Furthermore, the Order of the Codes Inspector was posted on said property on September 19, 2018 and published in the Reidsville Review newspaper on September 19, 2018. The Order allowed said owner to demolish and remove the above structure on or before December 21, 2018; 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 102 North Main Street, Reidsville, North Carolina, to be vacated, 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 19th day of February, 2018.

/s/

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

BOA No. 14.

Setliff stated with the above mentioned demolition approvals, she would like to request funding to cover the costs through a Budget Ordinance Amendment, which will cover asbestos testing and removal if needed as well as demolition. She said she realizes three of the four were approved and the final one was extended 120 days.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the requested \$40,000 to demolish the above mentioned dwellings, with the understanding that 102 N. Main has been extended a stay of execution to 120 days.

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 12, 2018 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 12, 2018 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, General Fund Balance, be increased by \$40,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4350-4400, Demolitions, be increased by \$40,000.00.

This the 19th day of February, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARTIAL HORSE PARK PROPERTY SALE BY ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TO THE REIDSVILLE ABC BOARD.

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka came forward and stated he has been working on a land transfer with Rockingham County and the Reidsville ABC Board to purchase a two-acre property located behind the new Loves Travel Center off of Diesel Drive and has City utilities. Garstka reminded Council that the property was originally purchased as an equestrian center and the City's agreement with the County stipulates that City Council and the Commissioners have to approve any sales of the property that do not involve a horse-related project. He said the Commissioners approved the action at their meeting last night, and he is seeking Council approval tonight.

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

Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips noted that the City would get half of the proceeds from the land sale and had allocated those funds toward a purchase of a fire pumper, which had been approved at Council Retreat.

PRESENTATION ON PLANNED FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PURCHASE.

Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips came forward and reported on a decision to transition to new financial software, which Council approved at the Council Retreat in January. He said they had seen several different demos of software and had decided on the Incode system made by Tyler Technology. He said the system may take 18 months to convert and that he just wanted to give Council members an update. No formal action by Council is required. (A COPY OF PHILLIPS' MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Update on 113 Cherry Street.

Ms. Angela Chestnut Black of 112 Cherry Street, Reidsville, came forward and requested an update on the property across the street from her, 113 Cherry Street, and why it wasn't on the agenda tonight. The Mayor asked Community Development Director Donna Setliff if she would like to respond to Ms. Black's concerns. Setliff replied that the dwelling at 113 Cherry is currently in the process of demolition and that bids on asbestos removal have been received, the contractor selected and with weather permitting, the house should be demolished within 30 days.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Preston Mitchell referenced the YMCA Community Pool Report included in the miscellaneous section; the NCLM 2018 Annual Report; and the PTRC 2018 Annual Report. He cited the recent sale of land to the ABC Board, which will allow the City to move forward with the purchase of the fire pumper that was approved by City Council at the Annual Budget Retreat. The City Manager also detailed upcoming events, which are included in his monthly report. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) City Manager Mitchell complimented those in attendance at tonight's City Council meeting wearing their Reidsville Rams Championship shirts.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the Reidsville Area Foundation Prep meeting for the Golden Leaf Area Foundation on January 9; the City Council Retreat at the Penn House on January 11-12; the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on January 14; the Golden Leaf meeting at Reidsville Senior High School on January 17; the Ribbon Cutting at Love's Travel and McDonalds on January 18; the MLK Jr. Breakfast and the MLK Jr. Memorial Service at Elm Grove Baptist Church on January 21; the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on January 29; the Albaad FEM Ribbon Cutting on February 5; and the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet at Pennrose Country Club on February 6.

Mayor Pro Tem said he would also like to acknowledge that the James Daniel Award was presented to Mayor Jay Donecker at the MLK Jr. Breakfast on January 21.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said he had attended the Love’s Travel Ribbon Cutting on January 18; all of the MLK Jr. Celebrations on January 21; the Albaad Ribbon Cutting on February 5; and the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on February 6.

Councilman Gorham -- Councilman Gorham said he had been in attendance at the Ribbon Cutting for Nikki’s Creations on January 10; the Rockingham County School Board meeting on January 14; the NAACP meeting on January 15; the Reidsville Planning Board meeting on January 16; visited the RCARE facility on January 17; the Ribbon Cutting for Love’s Travel and McDonalds on January 18; the Ministerial Alliance Installation Service at New Shiloh Baptist Church on January 20; the MLK Jr. Breakfast, the “Block” Celebration, the Ministerial Alliance March and the MLK Jr. Celebration at Elm Grove Baptist Church on January 21; the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on January 29; the Albaad FEM Ribbon Cutting on February 5; the Elected Officials Breakfast on February 8; the Ribbon Cutting for Fleek Brow Boutique and the Valentine’s Day Celebration at the RCARE Senior Center on February 14.

Councilwoman Sherri Walker – Councilwoman Walker reported she had attended the Council Retreat on January 11-12; the Love’s Travel and McDonalds Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening on January 18 & 19; the MLK Jr. Breakfast and the MLK Jr. “Block” Celebration on January 21; the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting on January 22; the ABC Board meeting and Appearance Commission meetings on January 24; the Reidsville Soup Kitchen meeting on January 31, where the newest member of the board was introduced, Police Chief Robert Hassell; the Albaad FEM Ribbon Cutting on February 5; the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on February 6; the Reidsville Police Department Awards Ceremony on February 7; the ABC Board meeting on February 18; and the Elected Officials Breakfast on February 8.

Councilmember Scoble – Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the City Council Retreat on January 11-12; the Love’s Travel and McDonalds Ribbon Cutting on January 18; the MLK Jr. Breakfast on January 21; the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on January 23; the Expanding Medicaid Press Conference at RCC on January 24; the funeral service for former Council Member Tom Balsley’s son on February 1; the Ribbon Cutting for Albaad FEM on February 5; the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on February 6; the Elected Officials Breakfast on February 8; and the Reidsville Night at the Swarm Basketball Game on February 9, which she and her husband thoroughly enjoyed.

Councilmen Festerman – Councilmen Festerman said he and Councilwoman Scoble had been concerned about the Reidsville Exit signage off of I-85 and had contacted NCDOT and were assured the problem would be handled. He also wanted to share his gratitude to the fine officers of the Reidsville Police Department, who helped needy children at Christmas and continue to look for opportunities to be of service to the

community. He talked of the department's assistance given to one particular family, adding that if anyone would like more details regarding that, to see him after the meeting.

Mayor Donecker – Mayor Donecker requested the Chamber President Diane Sawyer share upcoming events with those present. Sawyer said on Tuesday, February 26 there will be a Ribbon Cutting for GCRF at noon at 218 S. Scales Street; on Friday, March 1 a Ribbon Cutting for Oakhaven Properties at 3 p.m. at 1434 Dibrell Road in Pelham; on Tuesday, March 5 at noon a Ribbon Cutting at the McInnis Clinic at 1123 S. Main Street, Suite C; on Thursday, March 7 at 8 a.m. the Chamber Coffee at Sandy Cross General Merchandise at 174 Boyd Road in Reidsville; on Tuesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. a Ribbon Cutting at Fosters Grill at 929 W. Harrison Street, which has been purchased recently by Robert Stanley from Downtown Doghouse; the Chamber of Commerce and the Reidsville Downtown Corporation are hosting Casino Night at the Reidsville Event Center on Saturday, March 9 from 7-11 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 17, the Chamber of Commerce Staff Appreciation Celebration with more information to come.

Mayor Donecker mentioned the grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation regarding Reidsville High School. He also noted the upcoming Black History Month Celebration at Greater Shining Light Holiness Church where the Fultz Quadruplets will be honored. He said the sisters have since passed on but were born at Annie Penn and brought lots of attention to Reidsville at the time of their birth and since that time. Mayor Donecker added that Reidsville's Annie Penn Hospital is currently in the top 5% of hospitals in the country. He commented on the potholes and the condition of Cedar Street and State Street, which need attention because these two graveled roads, which run parallel to Freeway Drive, handle a lot of delivery traffic to area businesses. He briefly addressed the recent reported concerns regarding temporary "pods" on properties within the City and added that Eden and Mt. Airy, which are similar in size to Reidsville, do not have policies in place. The Mayor said Lucky City Brewery needs to raise \$40,000 to continue with the renovations on their building and briefly discussed the grant with PTRC. The Mayor concluded by noting that free tax assistance is offered at RCARE, which is important with the changes to the tax code.

Councilmember Scoble asked everyone to keep Tom and Martha Balsley in their prayers with the passing of their son.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Festerman and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk