

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 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, CMC, City Clerk  
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney  
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager  
Robert Hassell, Police Chief  
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development  
Director  
Donna Setliff, Community  
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order and invited Pastor Hester to provide the invocation.

**INVOCATION.**

Associate Pastor Randy Hester, Community Baptist Church, 509 Triangle Road, Reidsville, then provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SHOWING OF MOSS STREET PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL VIDEO.**

Added to the agenda was the showing of the Moss Street Partnership School video prepared by UNCG.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**RECOGNITION OF “CLEAN SWEEP WEEK” APRIL 9-13, 2018.**

Mayor Donecker presented a proclamation recognizing “Clean Sweep Week” as April 9-13. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND

MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Accepting the proclamation were City Community Development Manager Donna Setliff, who serves as staff liaison to the Reidsville Appearance Commission; Pat Knowles, the City's Sanitation Superintendent; and Catherine Wilson of the RAC. Setliff encouraged everyone to do some "spring cleaning" around their homes and take advantage of the fee-free week at the Rockingham County Landfill. She also urged them to do this all year long and not just this particular week. Ms. Wilson added to Setliff's remarks, urging people to also assist their neighbors in cleaning up around their homes.

Setliff briefly discussed the Appearance Commission's "Adopt-A-Street Program" as well.

**RECOGNITION OF "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" APRIL 16-20, 2018.**

Mayor Donecker then presented the "Week of the Young Child" proclamation to Rockingham County Partnership for Children Executive Director Heather Adams and board member Fred Thompson. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Ms. Adams thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and told of the planned upcoming events, including the annual parade through downtown and the "Big Bang Boom" event at Market Square following the parade. She briefly told a little bit about the Rockingham County Partnership for Children.

**SPECIAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor Donecker then recognized volunteers with the Junior Achievement program. Volunteers from Henniges Automotive, Edward Jones Investments Financial Advisors Mark Pruitt and Kalynn Roland, and Steve Scott, who helped spearhead JA locally, and Jerry Scott of Tri-State Steel were honored for their efforts. Unable to attend were Edward Jones Advisors Marc Cobb and Clint Walker. (COPIES OF THE PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED TO THE JA VOLUNTEERS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Also on hand to express their gratitude for these volunteer efforts were Jacqueline McCracken Wall and Brandy Plouff of Junior Achievement of the Triad. Wall thanked the City for its support as well as the volunteers for their support. Steve Scott thanked Dr. Rodney Shotwell for helping to get JA in the local schools. Wall also noted that this collaboration with the schools is Countywide and volunteers throughout the County will be recognized at other meetings during the month.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND THE MARCH 20, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the March 20, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and the March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PIEDMONT LEGACY TRAILS.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Resolution of Support by the Piedmont Legacy Trails Organization. The group is asking that all local governmental entities in its 12-county region adopt this resolution, which does not require any financial support.

The Resolution of Support as approved follows:



**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Whereas \_\_\_\_\_ is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that supporting Piedmont Legacy Trails will help create a regional network of trails, including greenways and blueways; and

Whereas, trails provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature and communities; and

Whereas, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased tourism, enhanced property values, as well as the ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

Whereas, committing to this Resolution may help leverage funding from federal, state, local and private sources for trails; and

Whereas, Piedmont Legacy Trails is coordinated by Piedmont Land Conservancy which is dedicated to preserving important natural areas, and Piedmont Triad Regional Council, which is a regional planning organization.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ supports Piedmont Legacy Trails in partnership with neighboring communities to implement a system of regional trails that connects our communities, people and regional points of interest for years to come.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CONSIDERATION OF 2017-2018 AUDIT CONTRACT.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the 2017-2018 contract with Cherry Bekeart, LLP. (A COPY OF FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRIS PHILLIPS' MEMO AND CONTRACT DOCUMENT ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**- End of Consent Agenda -**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
**CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A 60'X80' EQUIPMENT SHOP AT FOSS INDUSTRIAL RECYCLING, LLC LOCATED AT 219 WATLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DRIVE (SP 2018-2) – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF.**

At the beginning of this public hearing, City Clerk Angela Stadler swore in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff and Charlie Graves of Foss Recycling.

Setliff then provided the staff report. She noted that Foss Recycling LLC has filed an application to modify the Special Use Permit previously given to 219 Watlington Industrial Drive, Reidsville. That SUP allowed a recycling operation with a specific site plan. Foss' request is to add a 60'x 80' equipment shop to the property, she explained. The Community Development Manager said the addition of this shop should have no negative impact on the area. Since this building is proposed at an area where gravel existed, no changes are needed to the site's storm drainage plan, she noted. This will also improve the property in that they will have the ability to move heavy equipment inside for in-house repairs, Setliff added. Additionally, three new jobs will be added.

Setliff reminded Council members that they will need to go through the four Findings of Fact per the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following conditions have been recommended by staff for the application:

1. The conditions on the original Special Use Permit shall remain in effect.
2. The building shall comply with the North Carolina Building Code, the North Carolina Fire Code and ADA Handicap Code.

The Planning Board unanimously voted that the application met each of the four Findings of Fact, Setliff reported. The Planning Board also unanimously recommended that the SUP medication be granted with the two stated conditions, she said.

With no questions for Setliff, Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Charlie Graves of Foss Recycling came forward. He noted that they have been here in Reidsville for eight years. By adding this building, they will be able to work on their multi-million dollar equipment inside instead of outside where they have been working on it, he said. He noted that this will be a benefit to the company, adding value and adding three mechanic positions.

With no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Council members then reviewed the four Findings of Fact as follows:

- (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 approved; -- **Approved 7-0**
- (2) that the use meets all required conditions and specifications; -- **Approved 7-0**
- (3) that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and, -- **Approved 7-0**
- (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. – **Approved 7-0**

**Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Special Use Permit with the two conditions**

The Special Use Permit as approved follows:



## **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

### **REIDSVILLE, N. C.**

There is hereby granted to Foss Industrial Recycling LLC, a Special Use Permit in accordance with the Reidsville Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Section 3 of the Reidsville Zoning Ordinance.

This permit is to construct a 60' x 80' storage building located by 219 Watlington Industrial Drive, specifically Rockingham County Tax No. 8903-07-77-4858 with the following conditions:

1. The conditions on the original Special Use Permit shall remain in effect.
2. The building shall comply with the North Carolina Building Code, the North Carolina Fire Code and ADA Handicap Code.

Said property is zoned Heavy Industrial.

This Permit is granted to the person, firm, or corporation designated above, and for the purpose and under the conditions set forth above. The Special Use Permit will continue to remain valid following transfer of ownership of the property provided that circumstances and conditions remain as described at the time that the Permit is granted. Violations of the conditions set forth will be cause for immediate termination of the Permit.

AUTHORIZED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018  
by the CITY COUNCIL OF REIDSVILLE, N. C.

/s/

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

**- End of Public Hearing -**

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO ALLOW URBAN ARCHERY IN THE CITY LIMITS – POLICE CHIEF ROBERT HASSELL AND PIEDMONT REGIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST JASON ALLEN.**

In making the staff report, Police Chief Robert Hassell explained that urban archery is a program that basically extends deer hunting season, which allows municipalities to offer that opportunity to hunters. He discussed the benefits of urban archery, including the reduction of the deer population and/or the reduction of deer-related accidents as outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF THE POLICE CHIEF’S MEMO/DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO URBAN ARCHERY IN THE AGENDA PACKETS ARE HEREIN INCOPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Between 2015-2107, there have been 136 deer-related accidents in Reidsville costing some \$230,000 in property damage, he said. If the City Council is willing to consider it, urban archery could also help reduce damages to gardens, shrubs, etc. Since being police chief, he said he had received several complaints from residents and commercial businesses about such lawn damage. He added that urban archery could help related businesses. The NC Wildlife Commission will also investigate any complaints of wildlife violations inside the City, Chief Hassell noted, adding that only a few complaints have been received across the State since this program was enacted.

Chief Hassell stated he had spoken to Managers and Staff in Concord, Chapel Hill, King and Pineville and none had any issues to report to the committee that was assisting him on this. If Reidsville decides to do urban archery, Chief Hassell said the first thing that would need to be done is to change our ordinance. A sample ordinance is included in the packets. If Council wants to put restrictions in the ordinance, it can, he said, regarding acreage, distance, etc. After the ordinance is put in place, the next step would be to submit a letter of intent to the NC Wildlife Commission by April of next year, accompanied by a map illustrating a clearly defined area for the season. The City would also call the Wildlife Management Division and request to be contacted by the district

wildlife biologist who is here with him tonight to answer any questions Council might have, Chief Hassell said.

Councilman Festerman noted that Chief is recommending that participants be adults. Currently an adult is considered 16 years old and above, but new legislation is being considered that would change the age to 18 years or older. Following a short discussion, Chief said this ordinance would mirror whatever the age requirements would be for regular hunters. Manager Mitchell said that by putting “adult” into our ordinance would automatically match up to what the State defines as an adult.

Mayor Donecker said what he was hearing was this would extend the regular season for properly licensed and properly permitted people to hunt during that season inside the confines of Reidsville. Chief Hassell agreed, stating that if we want to make a dent in the deer population, thereby cutting down on accidents and property damage, after talking to the wildlife biologist, he said we need to implement hunting season by changing our ordinance and then extending it.

Piedmont Regional Wildlife Biologist Jason Allen then explained that the purpose of urban archery season is to allow extra opportunities for cities and towns to harvest extra deer at the end of the season. In order to impact hunting, you need to allow hunting throughout the whole season, Allen explained. Central deer hunting season is early September through January with urban archery season this year running January 13-February 17. He added that in the 11 counties in District 5 that he covers, 42 deer were killed during the urban archery season. He noted that over 11 counties, 42 is nothing and not helping so that is why you need to allow hunting during the regular season as well. The Mayor said to Allen, so you’re saying go through September through February? Allen agreed, saying that central deer season this past year was September 9 through January 1. He noted that the season stays in, with an archery season, a black powder season and a gun season.

Harvesting does versus harvesting antlered deer was discussed. Allen noted that the State does not require a certain number of does to be harvested before deer. If that requirement was included in the ordinance, that would be enforced locally. Chief Hassell said that a local wildlife officer, who was on the committee, said they would be in the City to help enforce that restriction if implemented.

Chief Hassell, in response to a question from the Mayor, said that crossbows would be prohibited. Manager Mitchell reminded Council that this was a recommendation not only by staff but also a recommendation/encouraged requirement by our property and liability insurance provider as well.

Mayor asked if staff was requesting a decision this meeting or would it be something we would advertise and make a decision to have in place by September? Manager Mitchell, noting that this was discussed at Council Retreat, said it could be approved today or Council could receive public comment before approving at a later date.

Councilmember Scoble asked what the “written consent” needed by the hunters from the property owners entail. Chief Hassell said the City wouldn’t have a form but such consent would need to be handled between the hunter and property owner. He said hunters would need to have something written that they can produce if there are any questions of compliance. He told Councilmember Scoble that he wouldn’t say we couldn’t provide a form, etc., but he thought it would need to be handled between the hunter/property owner. Allen said that is common thing across the State, and that some counties don’t require it. However, he noted that they have a sample in their regulations. It was stressed that the written permission should be with the hunters at all times when hunting.

Councilmember Scoble asked when it would be determined what the consequences are. Chief Hassell explained that his department would follow the same fines/fees associated with hunting violations as enforced by the local wildlife officer.

Councilmember Scoble then asked how much area there is inside the City where one person owns two acres or more that could be used for urban archery. Other Council members mentioned five acres had been listed. Chief Hassell said Council could determine whether a property is two or five acres. He said they would have to get with Donna Setliff and Community Development to identify which properties qualify, adding that finding five acres or more by a single property owner might be harder to find. He said they would have to get back to Council about that. Manager Mitchell said two acres was recommended for the ordinance, but he noted that even one acre is a rather large property, which is one of the reasons staff recommended not having crossbows as well.

Councilman Festerman asked Mr. Allen about crossbows. While staff was recommending against them, he said he understood that Mr. Allen’s agency was for them. He asked Mr. Allen to elaborate. Mr. Allen agreed that his agency didn’t discriminate against crossbows versus compound bows. He explained how each works, stating that a crossbow remains cocked until you pull the trigger while a compound bow is pulled back and then manually released. Chief Hassell said when they started looking at this, the proposal was taken to Human Resources, which ran it by our insurance provider. Our insurance provider recommended crossbows be eliminated, the police chief said. It was noted that this recommendation may have been based on a crossbow-related death that happened the previous year. Mr. Allen said he had the details of that death, which could have occurred with a compound bow as well. Councilman Festerman asked if the use of a crossbow is more humane in terms of killing a deer. He also asked Chief Hassell what objection was there to crossbows other than that of the insurance? The police chief said he didn’t know of anything other than the concerns of the insurance company. Chief Hassell said he was not a hunter, that he just saw the value of reducing the property damage and deer-related accidents. He said he was glad to have Mr. Allen’s expertise. Mr. Allen said there is no difference. He did say that some people physically cannot pull back a compound bow but might be able to use a crossbow.

Manager Mitchell said staff’s recommendation is to go with our insurance company, which encourages us not to allow crossbows. He said Council could discuss it more in-

depth or staff could do more research, but he felt the answer would still be to go with what the insurance company recommended. The City Manager said he would not recommend something the insurance company was encouraging us not to do.

Councilmember Scoble asked what would be our “identified goal”. Manager Mitchell said it would probably be related to reducing property damage, adding that he wasn’t sure how to identify property damage to vegetation, but it could be done related to vehicles.

More discussion ensued. Chief Hassell briefly discussed the apparent domestication of deer within our City, which do not seem afraid to come out onto our City streets, etc., even in the middle of the day. He again referenced complaints from residents and commercial businesses. He said tracking such incidents can definitely happen.

Councilman Festerman asked if Chief Hassell had checked with other cities about crossbows, but he said he had not although he could.

Mayor Donecker called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he was comfortable with the research done and was ready to vote on this particular proposal.

**The Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve this proposal as written, which was seconded by Councilwoman Walker and approved by the Council in a 5-2 vote with Councilmembers Scoble and Festerman voting in opposition.**

**CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR A MANUAL MACHINING PROGRAM AT REIDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JEFF GARSTKA & KRIS BROOKS OF ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka asked Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent, and Dr. Kenny Scott of the Rockingham County Schools; and Kris Brooks of Rockingham Community College to come forward.

Garstka said Council had been briefed on the manual machining program at their retreat and other meetings. This is a joint collaboration between the City, the Rockingham County Schools and Rockingham Community College (RCC) and geared toward juniors and seniors at Reidsville High School involved in technical education, he noted. Steve Scott of Tri-State Steel told the Rockingham County School Board last night how hard it is to find someone trained to read a tape measure, the Economic Development Director stated. He talked of this gap in a qualified workforce and said this program will be part of the solution. City, school and RCC officials have modeled this program after the one in Greene County, which they visited in February. They came back very impressed, he said. The program was presented to the Reidsville Industrial Alliance.

Garstka discussed the types of training the students can receive as noted in his memo. (A COPY OF GARSTKA’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) They will earn up to 16 credit hours which will be transferable

to RCC. He explained that 45% of high school graduates countywide do not receive any post-secondary education whatsoever. As Dr. Scott has said, this is a challenge but also an opportunity. He gave more statistics. RHS does have the highest percentage going to post-secondary education, he noted.

Garstka said the Memorandum of Agreement was approved by the school board last night.

Kris Brooks, Department Chair of Applied Technologies at RCC, said they were excited about this program which is a building block or stepping stone to establishing a certain set of skills and gives them an excellent start into RCC's diploma program. Everything these students learn in this program will take them into the next step if they choose to, he explained. The Mayor said Brooks' program at RCC will also be benefitted if the ¼-cent sales tax referendum passes. Garstka noted that they will be seeking Golden Leaf funding to fund this program, which was done in Greene County. Mayor Donecker said the City will be shouldering the fee for the application process.

Dr. Scott expressed his appreciation of the City of Reidsville's leadership efforts in this process. He noted this is bringing a little bit of the RCC campus to Reidsville High School and helps get that "hook" into students wanting them to pursue additional education/training. The Mayor noted that this machining program is a concrete example of what can be achieved.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by the Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. (A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)**

Manager Mitchell discussed how Steve Scott of Tri State Steel and Adam Smith of Henniges have been big supporters of this program. Each recognizes their companies can benefit whether students take advantage of the manual machining program and/or the computerized machining program, the City Manager stated.

Mayor Donecker talked about the need to promote this program as much more than a default program for students. He encouraged employers like Scott and Henniges to talk up the program as well. Students need to be told this is a real opportunity right at their doorstep, the Mayor said, as well as parents. He stated this is going to take promotion, even in the schools where four-year degrees and FASA are stressed. We need this, he said.

Councilman Gorham said the first group of students going through this program will be among the biggest promoters. Manager Mitchell credited the City Council and staff for this unique approach to helping our industries. The Mayor said it would be nice if the other three high schools will follow this model.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 11  
RECOGNIZING THE SALE OF LAND AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS  
TO PURCHASE A TRACK LOADER AND GARBAGE TRUCK – INTERIM  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DAVID BRACKEN & ASSISTANT CITY  
MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRIS PHILLIPS.**

City Manager Preston Mitchell noted at the beginning of this discussion that Interim Public Works Director David Bracken would have been here tonight but his father is in very poor health. As he began his presentation, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips pointed out a typo in his memo, which should have stated a “\$300,000” garbage truck and not “\$330,000” as indicated in the memo. (A COPY OF PHILLIPS’ MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

He explained that as staff had noted to Council several times, when the City received the monies from the sale of part of the horse park property to Love’s Travel, it was decided that these monies could be used to address very large capital needs. The investment in the land was done several years ago, in a joint project with the County, and those funds have been gone for a very long time. So, staff looked at what was out there that needed to be purchased that might not be able to be gotten during a single budget, he said. Our half from the sale of the land totaled \$514,609.40, which has been received from the County since the land was in the County’s name. This budget ordinance amendment will recognize and allocate those funds, Phillips explained. Two pieces of equipment were selected – a garbage truck costing \$300,000 and a track loader costing \$206,000, which replaces a couple pieces of equipment, Phillips noted. He added that we were able to get about \$21,000 off the track loader as part of a trade in. Staff looked at purchasing used equipment but it was decided it would be better to purchase new equipment, based on warranties and trade-in value, to get a “bigger bang for our buck”, he said. The remaining \$8,600 will be placed in the City Manager’s contingency account in Administration, he added.

Phillips referenced behind his memo Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11 and Interim Public Works Director David Bracken’s memo which specifically details the track loader purchase. (BRACKEN’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Councilman Festerman told Sanitation Superintendent Knowles that he sees a lot of cities with pink garbage trucks in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. He said he wasn’t advocating that we do it, but asked her to look into to it to see if it makes sense for us.

Mayor Donecker asked why staff decided to go with the model chosen of the garbage truck for \$300,000. Manager Mitchell noted cities often go with the model that they already have. Superintendent Knowles explained the process used, adding that her department has had trouble with the Mack trucks they currently use. They have spent a lot of money correcting an issue with the braking system, she said. She said they have also purchased Autocars in the past and have had no problems with them; in fact, they still use them as spares. She said they also plan to see a demo later in the month for a

Heil, one of the first round of trucks they purchased. The salesman is saying he can get the price down to about \$280,000 for that, Knowles stated. So, she said they are currently considering two in the range of \$280,000 to \$300,000. Mayor Donecker said staff is looking at function, to which Knowles agreed. It was noted that the Autocars are made by Volvo.

Phillips said they would follow normal procedures for purchasing such large ticket items, including the possibility of piggybacking off another municipality's price, etc. He said this was the beginning of the process, and they weren't ready to purchase yet. The Mayor asked if the same process would be used to purchase the track loader? Phillips said they had gone through details with the dealer to get the best price they could on the track loader. Manager Mitchell said the only difference in that process was that staff looked at the used garbage truck option, and he reiterated the reasons why they decided to go with a new versus a used garbage truck. He added that we are replacing a loader and a bulldozer with the new track loader. Councilman Gorham gave a firsthand account of how the braking system on the Mack, within six months of its operation on his street, started waking up the entire neighborhood with the noise.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 11.**

The Budget Ordinance Amendment 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 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 recognize land sale proceeds and to appropriate the funds for capital expenditures;

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

**Section 1.** That revenue account number 10-3835-8201, Sale of Land, be increased by \$514,600.00.

**Section 2.** That expense account number 10-4510-5500, Street Capital Equipment, be increased by \$206,000.00; that expense account number 10-4710-5500, Sanitation Capital Equipment, be increased by \$300,000.00; that expense account number 10-4120-9910, Administration Contingency, be increased by \$8,600.00.

This the 10th day of April, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE, BUDGET  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 12 AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT – ASSISTANT  
CITY MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRIS  
PHILLIPS.**

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips noted that Council has heard in different levels of detail about the Bulk Nutrient Removal (BNR) project, which would include building a baffle wall at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for about \$4 million dollars. The City has already received a Golden Leaf grant for \$500,000, he noted, contingent upon the City doing the whole project as he outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF PHILLIPS' MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) A 0% interest loan for \$3,963,089 has also been approved. This upgrade will help increase efficiency at the WWTP plant, he said. Phillips briefly mentioned that with our permitting and the Jordan Lake Rules, this was needed but he apologized for being so brief about the needs but Council has heard this information before. Phillips asked the Council to authorize the Mayor, City Manager and himself to accept the loan and the Golden Leaf grant, a total \$4.5 million project. The City must pay a 2% charge of \$79,262 to secure the 0% interest loan from the NC Department of Environmental Quality's Clean Water State Revolving Fund for \$3,963,089. This covers the cost of the State administering the loan and would be paid directly by the City.

Attached to the memo is a letter from the State, which includes a schedule of milestones that notes the engineering report is due May 2, Phillips said. He stressed that this is a very quick turnaround. Anticipating that Council would accept the loan and grant, the City advertised for a Request for Qualifications for an engineering firm for this project. Only one firm submitted, he said, adding that we are not required to have a minimum number. That firm, McGill & Associates, was felt to be qualified, he added. McGill has helped us through the process and it may be its familiarity with the project may be part of the reasoning why only one RFQ was received and the quick turnaround time, he said.

Phillips asked Council to approve the multi-year Capital Project Ordinance established for this project, along with the Budget Ordinance Amendment, authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director to accept the loan at 0% interest for a 20-year term. He noted that there are three revenue sources – the loan, the grant and the \$79,000 the

City is putting into the 2% loan fee. He reviewed the line items in the Capital Project Ordinance and reiterated what staff needed of Council tonight.

It was decided the engineering services would be done in a separate vote from the Capital Project Ordinance and BOA.

Councilman Festerman, after saying he appreciated Phillips' patience with his questions today, said he was still not comfortable with the State charging the City some \$79,000 to administer the loan. He asked Phillips to raise that point with the State at some point in time. He also expressed concerns about awarding the engineering contract totaling three quarters of a million dollars in a non-competitive bid situation. Manager Mitchell said it was a competitive bid process although he said he could understand Councilman Festerman's concerns that we only received one RFQ. Everyone in the State and outside had the opportunity to bid, he said. Councilman Festerman said they could argue whether it was competitive bid. Mayor Donecker asked for clarification that staff followed the correct process? Manager Mitchell said we did, and we only got one bidder.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Capital Project Ordinance, including the Budget Ordinance Amendment.**

The Capital Project Ordinance and Budget Ordinance Amendment as approved follow:

## **CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE**

### **AUTHORIZING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

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

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Reidsville to appropriate funds and set up an appropriate accounts for wastewater treatment plant improvements;

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

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

52-3910-0000	Proceeds of State Revolving Loan	\$ 3,963,089
52-3911-0000	Golden Leaf Grant Proceeds	\$ 500,000
52-3988-0000	Transfer from Sewer Reserves	\$ 44,189

Section 2. The following line items of expenditures are hereby established:

52-7120-1900	Issuance Costs	\$	88,378
52-7120-1990	Engineering	\$	304,000
52-7120-1991	Administration and Inspection	\$	367,000
52-7120-1992	Grant/Loan Administration	\$	20,000
52-7120-5800	Construction	\$	3,389,000
52-7120-9911	Contingency	\$	338,900

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby granted all necessary authority to carry out this project, including the approval of payment requests as earned under approved contracts, to approve change orders in each contract as long as said change orders amount to less than \$50,000 each, to transfer funds from the established Contingency Fund to cover such change orders and cost overruns, to acquire rights-of-way, and to pay for debt issuance costs. The Finance Director is authorized to make temporary loans to this capital project from the Combined Enterprise Fund in order to cover costs before receipt of revenues and to establish an acceptable cash flow.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 12**

**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 required loan/grant matching funds for a wastewater plant improvement project;

**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 62-3991-0000, Sewer Fund Reserves, be increased by \$44,189.00.

**Section 2.** That expense account number 62-4120-0052, Transfer to Wastewater Capital Improvement Project Fund, be increased by \$44,189.00.

This the 10th day of April, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

**Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and approved by Council in a 6-1 vote with Councilman Festerman in opposition, to approve the engineering contract with McGill & Associates.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.**

In making his Manager's Report, City Manager Preston Mitchell reported on the following items: the inclusion of articles written by the City Clerk/PIO for Eden's Own Journal; the groundbreaking of Lucky City Brewing on April 27; the Lake Reidsville Trail Ribbon Cutting on April 12; and upcoming events in April. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Brown** – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the ribbon cutting at the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce for Misty Hoback featuring a unique women's clothing line, called LuLaRoe on March 22; the NAACP board meeting on March 22 at Elm Grove Baptist Church; the Wentworth Street Community Watch meeting on April 2; and the celebration today for the expansion of Albaad. He said he was impressed with the Mayor's comments at the event and that City Manager Preston Mitchell and Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka have done a fantastic job pulling this together and their efforts are appreciated.

**Councilman Hairston** – Councilman Hairston agreed with Mayor Pro Tem's comments regarding the Albaad expansion; noted that he had attended the Ministerial Alliance meeting on March 26; the NAACP Board meeting on March 27; the Men's Fellowship meeting at Golden Corral; the McLaurin Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 4; and today's celebration at Albaad, which was great.

**Councilwoman Walker** – Councilwoman Walker said she had attended the Reidsville Appearance Commission meeting on March 22; the Reidsville ABC Board meeting on March 29; the group effort “Rise Against Hunger” on March 22; and that she had been a speaker on April 8 at the wonderful celebration for the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reidsville Evangelical Fellowship with Reverend Tharrington and Lady Dawn Tharrington.

**Councilman Gorham** – Councilman Gorham said he had attended the Planning Board meeting on March 21; the Merchants Association meeting downtown where Chief Hassell shared a program on safety; the Democratic Convention on March 24; the Ministerial Alliance and Community basketball games on March 24; March 26-30, the Holy Week services, which were excellent; the RDC meeting on March 27; the NAACP meeting on March 27; the McLaurin Park Community Watch meeting on April 3; he said he had accompanied the Reidsville Downtown Seniors to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Virginia on April 5, where they enjoyed the musical Smokey Joe’s Café; he said he attended a sad funeral for former Councilmember John Henderson’s wife Ernestine on March 7; and today’s Albaad expansion announcement, where he enjoyed Mayor Donecker’s “Governor-esk” remarks.

**Councilmember Scoble** – Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the LuLaRoe ribbon cutting for Misty Hoback at the Chamber of Commerce on March 22, but later that day had to be admitted to the hospital. She continued that today was her first day out and that she had attended the Albaad announcement. Councilmember Scoble said the Mayor had done a great job on both Star News and Channel 12.

**Councilman Festerman** – No report.

**Mayor Donecker** – Mayor Donecker asked Diane Sawyer from the Chamber to share any comments she might have. Sawyer commented she would like to thank Chris Phillips for his recent remarks at the meeting of retired teachers. She said she heard he had done a phenomenal job and she remarked she had heard nothing but positive comments about everyone working together on the Albaad expansion project. Sawyer reported the following upcoming events: the ribbon cutting at Lake Reidsville on April 12; the downtown cruise-in on April 13; the Tiny Toes ribbon cutting on April 19; the Staff Appreciation event on April 25; the Lucky City ribbon cutting on April 27; and the candidate’s forum on April 30. She said she and Jeff Garstka are working on the Topics at Twelve on the ¼-cent sales tax and will let everyone know when that will take place. She also discussed the Student Art Show being held at the Chamber from April 23-27 with the awards ceremony taking place on May 5; the Chamber coffee will take place on May 3 at Wilkerson Funeral Home; and lastly, the Topics at Twelve on May 1 regarding Chamber Member benefits and member-to-member discounts.

Councilman Gorham said he would like to add something. He said he likes to give flowers while someone is living and would like to acknowledge all the hard work Jeff Garstka has done since taking the position as Economic Development Director. He said Garstka has not had a minute’s rest since coming to work for the City. Councilman

Gorham also mentioned the possibility of tariffs being placed on steel and aluminum. The Mayor and Councilwoman Scoble added their concerns regarding the tariffs as well.

Mayor Donecker said he wanted to mention the organization and execution of the Albaad event held earlier today, which included a visit from Governor Cooper. The Mayor said the event was flawless and expressed his appreciation for all those involved. He also thanked IT Director Rhonda Wheeler for the moving presentation regarding the UNCG/Moss Street School project.

The Mayor then asked City Clerk Angela Stadler to share the results of tonight's Boards and Commissions vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

Stadler reported that James Jackson of 2304 Belmont Drive had been unanimously reinstated as a member of the Reidsville Historic Preservation Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

She said the other applicant would be delayed until the May meeting. Mayor Donecker said the reason for the delay was because the applicant lives close to 15 miles outside the City. He said he feels that is inappropriate and the requirements need to be looked into. He stressed it is almost possible for someone in Eden or Brown Summit to apply for a position and make decisions that affect Reidsville.

**Prayers for Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones.**

Mayor Donecker asked that those present keep the following families who have lost loved ones in their prayers: former Councilman John Henderson; Fire Marshal Jay Harris; and Interim Public Works Director David Bracken. He also said he is an advocate for the ¼-sales tax for RCC.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None were offered.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 7:48 p.m.**

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John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk