

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager –
Administration/Finance Director
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Chuck Smith, Public Works Director
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development Director
Donna Setliff, Community Development
Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Pastor Randy Hester of Community Baptist Church, 509 Triangle Road, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

**RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST MICHELLE SMITH, WHO
GRADUATED FROM THE 6TH ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION COURSE (MCA) OFFERED THROUGH THE NC SCHOOL OF
GOVERNMENT AT CHAPEL HILL**

Mayor Donecker asked Human Resources Analyst Michelle Smith to come forward. He congratulated Smith for graduating recently from the Annual Municipal and County Administration Course offered by the UNC School of Government. The Mayor noted that the program is an extensive seven-week course spanning over a year and is designed for City and County Managers, department heads and other City and County officials, whose responsibilities require an understanding of functions beyond individual areas of specialization. He said

participating in the program also allows those attending to become a part of a broader network of local government peers on whom they will be able to draw for assistance in the future. Smith thanked members of the City Council for the opportunity to participate in the course.

RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF ROBERT HASSELL, RECIPIENT OF THE “MAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD” FROM THE GREATER GREENSBORO/REIDSVILLE CLUB OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUBS, INC.

Mayor Donecker asked Police Chief Robert Hassell to come forward and recognized him as the recipient of the “Man of Distinction Award” from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc., Greater Greensboro/Reidsville Region. He thanked the Police Chief for being “the Face of Reidsville”, saying that he hears a lot of good feedback when he travels throughout the State. Chief Hassell said he was honored to be recognized by the group but said such honors are really due to the great men and women of the Reidsville Police Department, who proudly serve the City every day, and the collaboration with the citizens of Reidsville.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 12-18, 2019 AND NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED ON MAY 15, 2019

With Police Chief Robert Hassell, Mayor Donecker acknowledged that National Police Week will be May 12-18, 2019 with National Peace Officers Memorial Day being observed May 15, 2019. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION READ BY THE MAYOR IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Chief Hassell expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their support and asked them to recognize that the flags are at half-staff today due to the ultimate sacrifice of fallen Mooresville Police Officer Jordan Harris Sheldon. He asked that those present keep Officer Sheldon’s family in their prayers as well as the Mooresville Police Department.

RECOGNITION OF THE CITY’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT’S STAFF FOR ACHIEVING 100% OPERATIONAL COMPLIANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

Mayor Donecker asked Public Works Director Chuck Smith and Wastewater Superintendent Ben Bani to come forward and be recognized for achieving 100% compliance for 2018 calendar year. He stressed that providing wastewater service isn’t glamorous but if industries cannot tap onto the wastewater line, they will not choose to come to Reidsville. The Mayor thanked Smith and Bani for their hard work.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 19-25, 2019

The Mayor then recognized that May 19-25, 2019 is National Public Works Week. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION READ BY THE MAYOR IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He expressed the Council’s gratitude to those men and women who provide these services to the City of Reidsville.

RECOGNITION OF FIRST-EVER GRADUATING TEAM REIDSVILLE CAMP MVPS.

Mayor Donecker acknowledged those individuals that had attended the first “Team Reidsville Training Camp”, calling them forward and expressing his gratitude for their time and efforts

while congratulating them and presenting them with graduation certificates. He also thanked those who facilitated the camp and provided instruction at the weekly sessions. One of the participants, Max McKinney expressed his sincere appreciation to the City Clerk Angela Stadler and the others involved from the City for the opportunity to participate in the “eye-opening” experience. He said he came away from the camp with a better understanding of the services the City offers and will take less for granted regarding those services.

Councilwoman Scoble thanked the participants for their interest in their “Home Town” and said they are now ambassadors for the City.

A short recess was held to allow the Council members and Training Camp MVPs to go outside and have their pictures taken.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in 7-0 vote, the Council approved the April 3, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 17, WHICH RECOGNIZES WIRELESS FEES RECEIVED AND APPROPRIATES RELATED FUNDS FOR WIRELESS SERVICES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17 as outlined in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff’s April 29th memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 17

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 7th day of May, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

Prior to the agenda item, Mayor Donecker and Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka discussed briefly the Pella announcement held earlier in the day and the positive publicity for Reidsville.

**PRESENTATION AND DICUSSION OF LUCKY CITY COOPERATIVE
MICROBREWERY PTRC SMALL BUSINESS LOAN**

Economic Development Director Garstka came forward, along with Eric Smith, President of Lucky City Brewing, along with several of the Board members and member owners. He gave a recap of the project. Garstka reminded Council and those present that the 228 Gilmer Street building had been sold to Lucky City Brewing in October 2016. He said the City and Lucky City had entered into an economic development incentive agreement, and he detailed conditions of the agreement, which are referenced in his April 29, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The City contracted with WR Martin to write a grant proposal to obtain CDBG funding through the NC Department of Commerce Main Street program, he explained, and we were the last project approved before that money ran out. The grant process was extensive with a lot of work by City staff and Lucky City representatives, and the \$275,000 grant was approved, Garstka continued, adding that there are a few hurdles that remain which he will discuss later. Main Street wanted to know where the other half of the estimated \$500,000 to build the microbrewery would come from so staff helped Lucky Brewery apply for a \$275,000 loan from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) from its Small Business Revolving Loan Fund. That loan has been approved, he said, but still, there are a few boxes that need to be checked before those funds are released. With these funding sources, they have the money committed that they need for the little less than \$600,000 project, the Economic Development Director stated. Lucky City also received a \$15,000 reimbursable building renovation grant from the Reidsville Downtown Corporation (RDC) during its 2018 Retreat.

Garstka explained that in order to get the CDBG funds released, Lucky City must have 20%, approximately \$60,000, in cash on hand. He noted that he had received an update this morning

from WR Martin, which had talked with Commerce. The environmental review package is currently under review and if that is in order, the funds can be released after the grant letter is delivered and signed. In order to receive the grant, these are the outstanding issues with the CDBG money, Garstka explained: documentation of the matching funds of \$60,000 on hand; an updated business plan; and documentation of the signed agreement with PTRC.

Garstka asked if there were any questions from Council? Councilman Festerman asked if the brewery has the \$60,000? Garstka said no, but that Eric Smith could give Council members those figures. Garstka did add this was a real team effort, noting that this involved a long process. He added that he felt the City had done everything it could to hold up its end of the deal. Again, he stated it has been a long process, but he noted that they knew that it would take time, which was reflected in the length of the timeframe in the incentive agreement.

Smith came forward, expressing his appreciation to the Council for their support of the project. He shared information regarding other craft breweries and how long the process of opening can take, with one example in Burlington taking 12 years to open their doors. Smith said Lucky City definitely will not take that long. He mentioned the hard working members of the Co-Op, asking those present to stand (approximately 12 people) and said not all of them are from Reidsville. They have drawn members from throughout Rockingham County, Yanceyville and Guilford County. He stressed that this is a community effort that attracts people to Reidsville's downtown. About 30% of their member/owners do not live in Reidsville or Rockingham County, he added.

With his treasurer stuck in traffic in Atlanta, Smith reported that as of today, the co-op has 216 member/owners and about \$24,217.18 in the bank. They have had a lot of expenses, including paying insurance on the building, surveying and architecture costs as well as getting some HVAC equipment they got a deal on, he said. Smith said they are holding a fundraiser on June 29, 2019, a BBQ, Beer and Band event with a .5K run. He added he'd love to see a City Council team in that race. Smith said he understood where Council is coming from, wanting to know when is it going to happen. He said he realized people are getting impatient, but he noted that they are only in year three of a five-year project. He said they are rolling along very well.

Smith noted that the reason for tonight was the PTRC loan, and the need for the City to sign the subordination agreement so that PTRC gets put in first place on the loan. He stated that this is a construction loan so the PTRC could not foreclose on the co-op until they were open anyway. The agreement with the City is that once the co-op is open, the claw back clauses are removed, Smith said. He described it as a formality, adding that if the City Attorney were here tonight, he could explain it better than he can. He said to close on the loan, they are essentially \$30,000 away. He discussed the impact on getting potential owner/members and said the loan is key to getting the CDBG funding. He said they do have some soft commitments from people to help reach the additional \$30,000 needed by selling their A2 shares within the next 30-60 days.

Smith said they have an updated business plan so that box can be checked. He added that they have a meeting with some SCORE representatives on Friday to review the rewritten business plan and do another SWOT analysis.

Discussion ensued briefly about the craft brewery's business plan and trends in craft breweries.

The Mayor asked the City Manager about the timeline for a decision on this. City Manager Preston Mitchell said that if the City agrees to relinquish its place on the claw back agreement to PTRC, the City Attorney would need to give a legal opinion. It was noted that Lucky City would also provide an updated business plan and a copy of the plan with SCORE to raise the additional monies and/or market the A2 shares.

The City Manager reviewed how the CDBG grant and the PTRC loan are tied together but added that the co-op must still have the \$60,000 on hand. Garstka said the PTRC loan can be received once the subordination agreement is signed. Once that is done, the \$60,000 or 20% cash on hand must be available to get the CDBG funding, he noted. Smith noted that while the PTRC loan does not depend on the additional \$30,000 in cash needed, they have to spend the CDBG funding first. Those are “first in” funds, he said. Smith said the co-op may not even need all of the \$275,000 from PTRC. Garstka also added that the CDBG funds will be passed through the City, like many such grants are done. He said the CDBG will pay 50% of the invoices brought in by the co-op. Manager Mitchell reiterated that the co-op will have to spend \$550,000 to be reimbursed \$225,000 in CDBG monies. Councilmember Scoble stressed that it still comes down to the additional \$30,000 needed so that the co-op has \$60,000 on hand as required for the CDBG funding.

Councilman Festerman expressed concerns about the co-op’s monthly expenses. Smith said the only recurring monthly expense is insurance on the building. Councilman Festerman said he was concerned about expenses lowering their amount of cash on hand. Upon a question from Mayor Donecker, Garstka said the loan funds could not be used for the co-op to get to the \$60,000 mark. Smith said there are some \$13,000 in receipts that they haven’t submitted yet. The Mayor asked that the treasurer submit a good, solid financial report as well. CDBG monies can only be used for construction but the PTRC funds can be used for other purposes, Garstka noted.

After more discussion between Council and Smith on ways to raise the additional \$30,000, including selling of shares, fundraising and possible tax credits, and the timing involved, it was agreed that the co-op would submit an updated business plan, a financial report and a copy of the plan with SCORE to raise the additional monies/marketing the A2 shares, along with the City Attorney’s legal opinion. The Mayor said it would be good if SCORE could help the co-op with a fundraising strategy for six months or so out.

PRESENTATION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT’S DECISION NOT TO RENEW REIDSVILLE’S VOLUNTARY CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN THE NEW CONTRACT WITH ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Chuck Smith, the City’s Public Works Director, came forward to discuss recycling. He gave a brief history, stating that in August of 2015, Rockingham County entered into a four-year franchise agreement with Waste Management of the Carolinas Inc. to collect recyclable materials. As part of that negotiation, the City of Reidsville was able to contract with Waste Management to provide every-other-week curbside recycling on a voluntary basis by City residents. He said at the program’s inception in October 2016, residents paid \$3.85 per month for the service. Smith stated Reidsville residents subscribed to curbside recycling directly with Waste Management. As of March 2019, the number of residents participating in the program was 618 homes with nine homes having an additional cart.

Smith said on March 19 of this year, City staff was notified by County staff that Waste Management would renew their franchise agreement with Rockingham County but would not be offering curbside recycling to Reidsville residents or Eden at the end of June. He said through his contact with Waste Management, they had given him the following quote which he read from his memo, noting it is indicative of the way the recycling market is going: “it costs more now to service and process recycling that it does municipal solid waste curbside trash service. Since January the markets have gotten worse due to the fact China is in the process of stopping all shipments from the USA.” Smith said you could look at the news over the past two years and see where China has been stopping the receipt of recycling shipments. (A COPY OF SMITH’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Smith said he learned Friday that Waste Management is no longer offering the option of providing curbside recycling even at an increased rate to Reidsville or Eden as of June 21. He said within a week’s time, we have gone from negotiating an increased cost to there will be no curbside recycling service provided by Waste Management to the City.

Smith said that Waste Management is one of the few companies that has the ability, capacity and equipment to accept all kinds of recyclable materials, including the hauling and processing of the materials. Smith said he had tried to contact another recycling company, Republic Waste, with no success, adding that the company just does not have a presence in this area. With that June 21st deadline looming, he stressed staff is trying to locate another contractor who is equipped to collect and process recycling materials. Smith commented that there are very few in this region that have that capability and that they are even considering contacting companies in Virginia. Finding a company that even wants to receive it is a problem, he indicated, then you have to find out will they take co-mingled materials, what materials will they accept, etc. The glass market is gone, he said, noting that the City of Greensboro said they won’t accept glass after July 1 and plastic is quickly going in that direction. Smith also mentioned that they are contemplating adding a recycling collection container at the material drop-off site on Marcellus Street to accommodate the residents of Reidsville with a company providing the recycling services at the City’s expense. Only Waste Management has provided the City with pricing on that, he added.

Manager Mitchell said to Council that tonight they wanted to provide an overview, but we don’t have a lot of answers other than what is currently being offered is going away. In the past Council has not been interested in mandatory curbside recycling, he said, so we are looking at alternatives of drop-offs. Mitchell said that cities far larger than Reidsville are discontinuing recycling due to the costs and because they cannot find anyone to take it. He said even if we found the funding to pick it up ourselves, we don’t have anywhere that will accept it.

Councilman Festerman asked about Waste Industries. Smith said he had spoken with the company, and while they can collect the materials, they don’t have a facility where the materials can be processed. Waste Industries wanted the City to pay them to haul the materials, but the City would also need to find a place for them to haul it to, Smith said, which is essentially Waste Management or Republic. Waste Management owns the containers, and will pick them up on that June 19th date, Smith said in response to a question from Councilman Festerman. Manager Mitchell said he understands the containers were purchased with landfill funds so he thinks that while the cans will be picked up by Waste Management, the containers will be returned to the

county at some point. In response to a question from Councilman Festerman, Smith noted that Waste Management had offered an \$11.05 monthly cost to continue providing the service, but that is not an option now either. They cannot dispose of the material or process it, he said.

Members of Council discussed at length other options, such as sending recyclables to local industries that can use them, etc. It was also noted that the Fire Department still accepts aluminum cans to help fund one of its programs.

Mayor Donecker stated that we should make the call that there isn't a market out there and save the City the expense of even trying to collect recyclables. He noted in the past there were times when the price was too low so they just put it in the landfill, but it made everyone feel good, like they were doing their part, dropping it off. As a small community, maybe we should look at it from year to year, he said. This is just the climate right now, he said, so recycling is not an option other than construction materials. Following additional discussion, the Mayor said we should just call a spade a spade and discontinue it. Councilman Festerman said he would almost agree with that in the form of a motion with the caveat we would continue to monitor it. It was decided no motion was needed right now.

Following additional discussion by Council, Smith reported that he would keep the Council informed of updates regarding the matter.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 18 FOR LOT CLEANINGS

Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips came forward, accompanied by Community Development Manager Donna Setliff, and detailed the decision made last year to join forces with the Rockingham County Tax Department to expand options regarding the collection of nuisance abatement fees. Phillips said the decision had been more successful than in years past and shared facts and figures related to the decision as mentioned in his April 29, 2019 memo. He noted that usually we get about \$6,000 annually for lot cleanings, but this year they brought in about \$13,500 with nearly \$4,000 coming directly to us. Having budgeted \$5,000 and actually bringing in \$17,500, we are \$12,500 to the good, he said. Additionally a surplus of \$8,500 came in on a demolition, so we have an additional \$21,000, which is what Community Development needs for lot cleanings (\$15,000) and demolitions (\$6,000). (A COPY OF PHILLIP'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He mentioned the enclosed Budget Ordinance Amendment accompanying his memo and asked if Council had any questions.

City Manager Mitchell credited the County and its Tax Department for implementing this program and Phillips for agreeing to be the test pilot program for this.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Scoble and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18.

The budget ordinance amendment as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 18

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 lot cleaning and demolition charges received and to appropriate those funds for lot cleaning and demolition 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 10-3435-0001, Lot Cleanings, be increased by \$12,500.00; that revenue account number 10-3435-0002, Demolitions, be increased by \$8,500.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4350-4460, Lot Cleanings, be increased by \$15,000.00; that expense account number 10-4350-4400, Demolitions, be increased by \$6,000.00.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

Before going on to the next item, Councilwoman Walker discussed this past weekend's cleanup effort, which was attended by Mr. Phillips and his family, including his eight-year-old son, Setliff, the Appearance Commission and members of the Fire Department. Twenty-nine people helped out and picked up 23 bags of trash in three hours, Setliff said.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 19 FOR CHIPPING OF DEBRIS RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM MICHAEL

Assistant City Manager Phillips reported that the amount of debris resulting from Tropical Storm Michael coming through Reidsville, which was double the normal amount, appears to qualify for FEMA reimbursement. We want to go ahead and start this work, he said. In order to start this in June, including the chipping and hauling away of debris from the Broad Street facility, \$30,000 needs to be allocated from the Fund Balance as outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF PHILLIP'S APRIL 30, 2019 MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19.

The budget ordinance amendment as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 19

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 chipping of debris related to Tropical Storm Michael;

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, Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$30,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4710-3990, Contracted Services – Brush Chipping, be increased by \$30,000.00.

This the 7th day of May, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no public comments made.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

In making his staff report, City Manager Mitchell referenced the Quarterly YMCA Community Pool Report; the upcoming Police Week 2019 events; a Budget Transfer regarding a no net rise plan related to the trails; the 2018-2019 DABA activities; the Reidsville Blueway/Greenway Plan Update and the listing of miscellaneous events. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER’S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the City Staff Luncheon at Covington Wesleyan Church on May 1st and shared remarks on behalf of the City Council. He had also given remarks on behalf of the City Council at the Clarence Tucker Golf Tournament on May 4.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said on April 11th he had attended the meeting at Lone Star Lodge #3; on April 16 the NAACP meeting; the United Ministerial Alliance noon meetings April 17-19; the Ministerial Alliance meeting on April 29; the Human Relations Commission meeting on April 23 and the Special Service for 100 Women in White on May 5, 2019.

Councilwoman Sherri Walker – Councilwoman Walker reported she had attended the annual children's parade on April 11; the Rotary luncheon with guest speaker Katherine Powers on April 15; the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting and the Ann Ruston Community Watch meeting on April 23; the ABC Board meeting and the Appearance Commission meeting on April 25; the Ribbon Cutting for the NCDMV license plate office on April 30; the Staff luncheon on May 1; the Ribbon Cutting for the downtown murals on May 3; the Appearance Clean-Up event and the Black Tie and Blue Jeans event on May 4; the FAB, Food, Art and Brews festival on May 5; and the announcement of 125 new jobs coming to Reidsville with the new location of Pella Windows.

Councilman Gorham -- Councilman Gorham said he had attended the annual children's parade on April 11; Holy Week services celebrating Easter on April 15,16,18 and 19; funeral services for James Guy, son of retired Assistant Fire Chief Clyde Guy on April 17; the RDC meeting, Men's Fellowship meeting, and the Ann Ruston Community Watch meeting on April 23; the Ribbon Cutting of the NCDMV License plate office on Turner Drive on April 30 and the Ribbon Cuttings for the downtown murals on May 3, 2019.

Councilmember Scoble -- Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the Rock-A-Top Apprentice Program on April 1; the Student Art Show at the Chamber of Commerce on April 23; the Chamber Board meeting on April 24; and the NCDMV License Plate office on April 30, 2019.

Councilmen Festerman – Councilmen Festerman said he was impressed with the recent performance of the play *Mama Mia* at Reidsville Senior High School. He mentioned the announcement today that Pella Windows and Doors manufacturing is coming to Reidsville; the Annie Penn Hospital Shoe and Book Sale coming up Wednesday and Thursday at the hospital. Councilman Festerman said he hated to mention another sad event but there had been another school shooting today.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced in addition to the Mayor's re-appointment of Mr. Tommy Dial of 960-D Jeffrey Court to the New Reidsville Housing Authority; Ms. Cathy Badgett of 304 Moss Street, Reidsville, was unanimously re-appointed to the Reidsville Human Relations Commission; and Mr. W.E. "Skeeter" Coates of 1118 S. Main Street, Reidsville has been

appointed to the Rockingham County Litter Prevention Advisory Committee. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Donecker -- Mayor Donecker asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to share upcoming events with members of the Council and those present. Ms. Sawyer said she would like to mention that the Leadership Rockingham Program Graduation is tomorrow and that three of the City Staff, Preston Mitchell, Chuck Smith and Leigh Anne Bassinger and herself will be graduating. She also shared the following upcoming events: the Ribbon Cutting for Monterrey Mexican Restaurant on May 9th at 11 a.m.; Reidsville night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers on May 31; the 2nd Downtown Friday on May 10; Ribbon Cutting for the Ole' Corner Shop on May 14 at 12 p.m.; Topics at Twelve on May 15; Ribbon Cutting for Mattress Outlet and More on May 16 at 12 p.m.; Team Reidsville CommUNITY Celebration on May 18 from 3-8 p.m. with the free showing of the movie *The Black Panther* starting at dusk; Reside in Reidsville at the Chamber of Commerce on May 21 at 6 p.m.; the Lighting and Ribbon Cutting for the "R" on Freeway Drive and Richardson Drive on May 21 at 8:15 p.m.; Ribbon Cutting for Dang Delicious on May 29 at 12 p.m. and the Chamber Coffee at Cat's Meow on June 6, 2019 at 8 a.m. Sawyer also mentioned the Leadership Rockingham Graduation, which will be held on May 8th and includes three City employees and herself. She also reminded those in attendance that the Chamber offices would be closed on May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mayor Donecker announced that Pella Windows and Doors will be locating a manufacturing facility in Reidsville at the former Quality Associates building off of Highway 29, which will offer at least 124 jobs and possibly more. The Mayor stressed that Pella is a successful national known business.

Mayor Donecker acknowledged the May 5th FAB celebration held in downtown, commenting that it was a well-run event. He agreed with Councilman Festerman regarding the recent Reidsville High School production of *Mama Mia*. He complimented the choral director and said it was extremely well done, adding it was the best production he had seen on that stage.

**MOVE TO FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CLOSED SESSION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 143-318.11 (A)(4) TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Mayor Donecker noted the need for a closed session regarding property acquisition.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session at approximately 7:52 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

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

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk