

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Terresia Scoble

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
Chuck Smith, Public Works Director
Fire Chief David Bracken
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development
Director
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

In the absence of Interim Pastor Christy Clore of First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Main Street, Reidsville, due to snow-related conditions, Fire Chief David Bracken provided the invocation.

Mayor Donecker and Council then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Donald Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the following Resolution Approving Local Water Supply Plan as requested and outlined by Public Works Director Chuck Smith in his memo. (A COPY OF SMITH’S MEMO DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2018, IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Resolution as approved follows:

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service or that plans to provide public water service and each large community water system shall, either individually or together with other units of local government and large community water systems, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for the City of Reidsville, has been developed and submitted to the Reidsville City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Reidsville City Council finds that the Local Water Supply Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the City of Reidsville, as well as useful information to the Department of Environmental Quality for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Reidsville City Council of the City of Reidsville that the 2017 Reidsville Local Water Supply Plan is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Reidsville City Council intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY EDDIE L. SMITH AND BETTY A. SMITH TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 2.55 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND LOCATED AT 973 ROCKY FORD ROAD, INCLUDING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE PETITION AND A RESOLUTION CALLING

FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COUNCIL'S JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.
(A2018-05)

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved several documents related to the voluntary annexation request by Eddie and Betty Smith for property located at 973 Rocky Ford Road, Reidsville.

Approved as follows were the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31 and the Resolution Fixing the Date of the Public Hearing:

A2018-05

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31
973 Rocky Ford Road**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on November 9, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31
973 Rocky Ford Road**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the contiguous area described herein has been received; and

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

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

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

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Reidsville City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Being all of Lots 5 and 6 of the Henry Slade Estate, as per survey by Chambers and Associates, RLS, in May, 1977 and recorded in Plat Book 16, at Page 63, Rockingham County Registry, to which plat reference is made for a more particular description.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Reidsville Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Reidsville, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

Also incorporated into these minutes is the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency, which follows:

A2018-05

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
973 Rocky Ford Road**

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

I, Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Reidsville, this 4th day of December, 2018.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY JEFFREY LEE SPARKS, CFO OF SPARKS HOMES & HOME RENOVATIONS, INC., TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX APPROXIMATELY .08 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND LOCATED AT THE REAR OF 2726 ROCKY FORD ROAD, INCLUDING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE PETITION AND A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COUNCIL'S JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING. (A2018-06)

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved several documents related to the voluntary annexation request by Jeffrey Lee Sparks, CFO of Sparks Homes & Home Renovations, Inc. for property located at the rear of 2726 Rocky Ford Road, Reidsville.

Approved as follows are the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31 and the Resolution Fixing the Date of the Public Hearing:

A2018-06

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31
At Rear of 2726 Rocky Ford Road**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on November 19, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

A2018-06

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31
At Rear of 2726 Rocky Ford Road**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the contiguous area described herein has been received; and

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

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

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

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Reidsville City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

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 3. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Reidsville Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Reidsville, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

Also incorporated into these minutes is the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency, which follows:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31
At Rear of 2726 Rocky Ford Road**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on November 19, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE
GENERAL FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$253,709 TO SANRITSU
LOGISTICS AMERICA, INC. IN TWO PHASES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD
IN EACH PHASE FOLLOWING PROJECT PARAMETERS. – PUBLIC
HEARING TO BE DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY OF 2019

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka, noting the need for changes in the performance agreement, said the public hearing would be held in January.

(End of Public Hearings)

PRESENTATION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TOURISM ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018. – KEN ALLEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

With Ken Allen, Assistant Director of the Rockingham County Center for Economic Development, unable to attend due to snow-related conditions, Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka noted that Council members had already been given a hard copy of the report. If Council members needed any clarifications, he would get them from County staff.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager Preston Mitchell distributed the ballots for the Reidsville Firemen's Relief Fund appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments were made.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

In his Manager's Report, City Manager Preston Mitchell stated that the Albaad ribbon cutting has been postponed due to inclement weather. He invited members of the City Council to join in the City events planned for the week before Christmas and cited the Christmas and New Year's scheduled closings. City Manager Mitchell also reminded the Council members of the upcoming Annual Budget Retreat, which is scheduled for January. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Donecker said he had spoken to members of Council and selected as the Council Retreat dates were Friday, January 11, and Saturday, January 12, 2019.

City Manager Mitchell said due to weather conditions, Chamber President Diane Sawyer was not in attendance tonight, but she did furnish hard copies of upcoming events and ribbon cuttings for members of Council.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the YMCA Board meeting on November 20; the NAACP Board meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on November 27; the McLaurin Good Neighbor Association meeting on December 5; and the City's Annual Employee Christmas Banquet on December 6 at Zion Baptist Church. Mayor Pro Tem Brown sincerely expressed his condolences at the recent passing of former City Council member Billy Clifton. He acknowledged that Mr. Clifton was Councilman Festerman's best friend.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said he would like to express his condolences as well to the Clifton family. He said he would also like to offer his sincere thanks to the Public Works Department, Fire Department, Police Department and those providing services during the traumatic weather this week. Councilman Hairston said he and Councilman Gorham had the opportunity to help the Police Department and the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at Walmart on November 27; attended the NAACP meeting on November 27; the Ministerial Alliance meeting on November 19; and the Ministerial Alliance Christmas dinner on December 7.

Councilwoman Walker – Councilwoman Walker said she participated in the Reidsville Christmas Parade on November 18; the cleanup of the Governor Reid House on November 20; the ABC Board meeting on November 29; the ribbon cutting for the “Big R” on Freeway Drive on November 29; the fundraiser for the Reidsville Soup Kitchen on December 1; the Annual City Employee Holiday Banquet on December 6; and the “Reside in Reidsville” event held at the Penn House on December 7.

Councilman Gorham – Councilman Gorham said he had attended the tree lighting in downtown Reidsville on November 16; the Reidsville Christmas Parade on November 18; the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting at City Hall on November 27; had assisted the Reidsville Police Department with the ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart on November 27; the Senior Men’s Fellowship lunch at Golden Corral on November 27; the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on November 27; and the ribbon cutting for the “Big R” on Freeway Drive on November 29.

Councilman Festerman – Councilman Festerman said he appreciated the kind words shared about his longtime friend Billy Clifton. He commented the funeral would take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Main Street Methodist Church.

He then asked the City Manager when Love’s Travel is scheduled to open? City Manager Mitchell referred the question to Community Development Manager Donna Setliff regarding the certificate of occupancy. Setliff reported the certificate for occupancy was issued for or around December 20, 2018.

Councilman Festerman asked that the City Manager and Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka clarify the recent change the State made from Tier Two to Tier One regarding the economy of Rockingham County. City Manager Mitchell stated the change is actually a correction and is not to be viewed as a step backward. He and Garstka detailed the advantages and disadvantages of both tiers. The discussion reflected the grant opportunities and other project funding possibilities made available to more “distressed” counties. Garstka reiterated the ranking as Tier One should not be viewed as a negative, but as potentially financially and economically beneficial. Councilman Festerman asked how often the re-evaluation takes place? Garstka said the ranking is adjusted yearly in December. He indicated the correction will ultimately give us more tools with which to work. City Manager Mitchell said it is a very exciting turn of events.

Councilman Festerman expressed his confidence that the Reidsville High School Rams would be victorious at the State High School Football Championship on Saturday. He also acknowledged that when shopping recently, he purchased a shirt with a label that “boasted” it was made of Unifi’s Reprieve fabric. He noted that this fabric was manufactured here in Reidsville, and he wished the label could read “Made in Reidsville.” He said it made him proud that the local UNIFI is doing well.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Donecker asked City Clerk Angela Stadler to announce the Boards and Commission appointments.

City Clerk Stadler announced that Bobby W. Powell of 642 King Street had been unanimously appointed to a ninth term on the Firemen’s Relief Board. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Mayor Donecker said he would like to officially announce that he appointed Mr. James Broadnax to the New Reidsville Housing Authority in November.

Mayor Donecker – Mayor Donecker added items of interest from the Chamber of Commerce report and questioned the listing of a ribbon cutting for Love’s Travel/McDonald’s on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11 a.m. and a ribbon cutting/grand opening listed for Saturday, January 20, as well. Staff will confirm those dates with the Chamber and let Council know.

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

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 7:06 p.m.

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk