

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman James K. Festerman

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager –
Administration/Finance Director
Haywood Cloud, Assistant City Manager –
Community Services
Donna Setliff, Community Development
Manager
Pat Knowles, Sanitation Superintendent
Quintin Robertson, Athletics & Teen Center
Coordinator

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

TEENS WHO COMPLETED THE COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM THIS SUMMER AT THE REIDSVILLE TEEN CENTER.

Assistant City Manager Haywood Cloud came forward and shared his enthusiasm for the recent addition of activities and programs at the Reidsville Teen Center. He detailed some of the programs and asked Athletics and Teen Center Coordinator Quintin Robertson to come forward and explain the Counselors-In-Training program. Robertson said the City offers a six-week

summer camp, which hires counselors each year. He stated the Counselor-In-Training program offered and encouraged six teens from the community to give back and get involved by mentoring these youth attending summer camp by lending their leadership, communication and life skills.

One of the participants, Celine Snipes, joined Assistant City Manager Cloud, Parks and Recreation Director Fred Thompson and Quintin Robertson and detailed aspects she enjoyed regarding the program. She said she and her peers had a great time and gained a greater respect for the individuals attending the camp. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity. Members of Council expressed their appreciation to the Parks and Recreation staff and the Counselors-In-Training participants for their dedication and concern for Reidsville's youth and for the continued success of the Teen Center.

JAMES LEWIS POTTER, 2019 NACA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAMPION.

Mayor Donecker asked James Lewis Potter to come forward and accept a certificate of recognition for his recent accomplishments as the 2019 NACA National Golf Tournament Champion. (A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The Mayor commented that Potter graduated from Community Baptist School in Reidsville and will be continuing his education on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. Potter added that upon completion of his studies, he will graduate with a degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Resort Management.

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 JULY 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the July 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RECOGNIZE WIRELESS FEES RECEIVED AND TO APPROPRIATE RELATED FUNDS FOR WIRELESS SERVICES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 to recognize wireless fees received for reasons outlined in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff's August 5, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) She noted that she had received modification applications from three wireless vendors requiring review: SBA for AT&T at 1053 Freeway Drive; SAC for Sprint at 503 Vance Street; and Bluewave for T-Mobile at 835 Way Street.

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 19, 2019 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2019-2020; 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 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 19, 2019 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3346-0000, Wireless Fees, be increased by \$2,550.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4910-4300, Wireless Reviews, be increased by \$2,550.00.

This the 13th day of August, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

- **End of Consent Agenda** -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1520 SOUTH SCALES STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL-12 (R-12) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB). WOODMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OWNS THE PROPERTY AND SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION.

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that Woodmont United Methodist Church owns property at 1520 South Scales Street, formerly First United Methodist Church. The church is asking the property to be rezoned from Residential-12 to General Business. Setliff said it appears the building was constructed around 1960 and was always used as a church until it closed around 2014-15. Woodmont United Methodist Church opened a mission center within the building, holding services on Monday evenings; therefore, Planning and Zoning continued to classify the building as a church. Churches are permitted in all of the City's Residential Zoning Districts, the Community Development Manager added.

However, the church now wants to expand allowable uses for the building. As the building is adjacent to General Business, this classification would be a continuation of that zoning, she said. Setliff said the properties to the north are zoned GB and R-12, properties to the south are R-12 and Residential-20; properties to the east are GB and to the west are R-12 and R-20. She added that this property faces South Scales Street; therefore, it is visually compatible with the commercial area there.

Setliff said the property is located in an Urban Growth Area according to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Strategies for this area are: develop a strong small business environment in Reidsville; encourage the adaptive reuse of vacant structures; and encourage care facilities at the neighborhood level. She noted that this rezoning is supported by the objectives and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval for the rezoning request, she concluded, adding she had included a suggested motion if Council agreed.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. With no one coming forward to speak in favor or against the rezoning request, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Councilwoman Walker then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved in a 6-0 vote, that based on the information provided in the staff report and verbal evidence presented during the public hearing, this request is reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and other adopted land use plans. Therefore, she made the motion that the rezoning recommendation to City Council be approved.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS BY VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY .24 ACRES OF NON-CONTIGUOUS LAND AT 1018 NORTH WILLOW STREET. (A2019-04)

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff reported that the attached is a fully executed request by I&A Unlimited, LLC, to voluntarily annex their rental property at 1018 N. Willow Street. The property, which is approximately .24 acres and is non-contiguous, does meet the statutory requirements for annexation since the nearest point of the property is not more than three miles from the corporate limits and is not closer to another municipality than it is to Reidsville, she said. Staff finds this petition to be valid and recommends approval of the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate limits following the public hearing, Setliff stated. The annexation would become effective October 31, 2019, she added.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. With no one speaking in favor or against the annexation request, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits for 1018 N. Willow Street.

The Ordinance as approved by Council follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
1018 North Willow Street**

A2019-04

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-58.1 to annex the area described below; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, after due notice by publication on Sunday, July 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit;

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three (3) miles from the corporate limits of the City of Reidsville;
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another municipality than to the City of Reidsville;
- c. The area described is so situated that the City of Reidsville will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits;
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation;
- e. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Reidsville and of the area proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area described;

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, the following described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as October 31, 2019:

Beginning at an iron in the north margin of Willow Street, said iron being South 71 deg. 26 min. East 250 feet from an iron in the southwest corner of Lot #113, said iron also being the southeast corner of Lot No. 109; thence with the east margin of Lot #109, North 18 deg. 34 min. East 200 feet to an iron, the northeast corner of Lot No. 109; thence South 71 deg. 26 min. East 50 feet to an iron, the northwest corner of Lot. No. 107; thence with the west margin of Lot. No. 107, South 18 deg. 34 min. West 200 feet to an iron in the north margin of Willow Street; thence with the north margin of Willow Street, North 71 deg. 26 min. West 50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and being Lot No. 108 as per map of Willow Street Extension, Property of Mrs. F. B. Kemp, as made by A.N. Mattocks, Surveyor, in January 1946, to which map reference is hereby made.

Being that parcel of land conveyed to D & L partnership from J.W. Wagoner Properties, LLC by that Deed dated 12/22/98 and recorded 01/05/99 in Deed Book 1001, at Page 1206 of the Rockingham County, NC Public Registry. See also Book 1244, Page 618.

Section 2. Upon and after October 31, 2019, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

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

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2019.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ _____
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney

- End of Public Hearings -

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DAN RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE AND THE ACCOMPANYING BOA.

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager of Community Services Haywood Cloud noted that Council members had in their packets the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dan River Basin Association and his memo, which was pretty much self-explanatory. (A COPY OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CLOUD'S MEMO DATED AUGUST 2, 2019 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He explained that the purpose of the MOU was to provide the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) working capital to construct the trails that had previously been talked about at Lake Reidsville. Assistant City Manager Cloud asked if Council had any questions.

Mayor Donecker noted that they had been discussing this project for the past several years. There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dan River Basin Association. (THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips then discussed the Promissory Note, labeled as Exhibit A, which is part of the MOU, and a related Budget Ordinance Amendment. He stressed that in order to maximize the grant, which is all reimbursement for work done, this gives DRBA the working capital. At the end of the project, DRBA will reimburse the City the money given on the front end, he said. Phillips said this is a promissory note, which is considered a short-term loan. He pointed out that in the BOA it says expenditure rather than a loan but that is because there really isn't a process to do a BOA for a loan. However, we wanted to make it clear the City is authorizing this money for this purpose, he said, adding that once the money is given back to the City, it will go back into the Fund Balance.

Mayor Donecker asked about the timeline for this project? Phillips said 18 months had been discussed, but it is believed it can be done more quickly than that. He added that they asked DRBA to try and get it done by June 30, the City's fiscal year end, so there is no receivable note hanging out there beyond the end of the City's fiscal year. The Finance Director said that is the City's wish and that has been communicated to DRBA.

The Mayor asked Jenny Edwards, Program Manager of DRBA, who was in the audience, if that was possible. Ms. Edwards replied, weather permitting, yes, they think they can get it done by the end of June 2020. She said the deadline is November 2020, but they plan to get it done by June 30 to fit the City's fiscal year, depending on the weather.

Councilman Hairston made the motion to approve the Promissory Note and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2, which was seconded by Councilmember Scoble and approved by Council in a 6-0 vote. (A COPY OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 19, 2019 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2019-2020; 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 related to trails being built in conjunction with DRBA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 19, 2019 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 10-4910-4300, Planning – Contracted Services, be increased by \$30,000.00.

This the 13th day of August, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSIDERATION OF REIDSVILLE GREENWAY/BUEWAY PLAN UPDATE.

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff came forward stating that preparations began in 2017 to update the Reidsville Greenway Plan. She reminded Council that staff informed Council of the planned update at the January 2018 Council Retreat, at which time members of Council supported these efforts. She continued that the original 1997 plan only addressed greenways and that the proposed updated plan includes the development of a Blueway/Greenway System. The goals and objectives remain pretty much the same as in 1997, she added. Setliff referred to her August 1, 2019 memo, which details goals and strategies to expand the current trails with proposed trails and include Lake Hunt, Lake Reidsville and the Haw River. **(A COPY OF SETLIFF’S AUGUST 1, 2019 MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)** She noted that the updated plan does include the blueways, based on Lake Reidsville, Lake Hunt and the City’s proximity to Haw River, as well as a new trail type, natural trails.

Setliff detailed specifics of the plan, including the trail along Lake Reidsville; the extension of the Jaycee Trail; the extension of the Sherwood Trail; the Lowes Greenway Trail; the Liberty Greenway Trail; and the Lake Hunt and the Northern Greenway Trails. She also discussed in greater detail the three blueways involving Lake Reidsville, Lake Hunt and the Haw River. She noted that the Haw River is not inside the City so such a project would be done in conjunction with the County and/or Dan River Basin Association (DRBA).

Setliff noted that City Manager Mitchell had included in the May City Council packets information on public comment meetings on the plan. She added that the plan had been presented to the Reidsville Appearance Commission and the Reidsville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and had received positive feedback. She added that the plan had also been recommended and presented to the Planning Board, which had been unanimously recommended for approval to the City Council.

Councilmember Scoble asked upon completion, how many miles of trails will there be? Setliff said roughly 18 miles of trails.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown then made the motion that City Council approved the updated 1997 Blueway and Greenway Plan as presented by the Community Development Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gorham and approved by Council in a 6-0 vote. (A COPY OF THE UPDATED GREENWAY AND BLUEWAY PLAN IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

CONSIDERATION OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE AND THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE ACCOMPANYING BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips noted that in the last State budget cycle, Representative Bert Jones secured a \$50,000 grant for the City for downtown revitalization and/or beautification. No match is required for the grant, which is in addition to \$100,000 the City received about three years ago, he said. At that time, the City renovated the parking lot at the corner of Morehead Street and Martin Luther King Drive, Phillips noted. This \$50,000 will be used to complete that same parking lot with curb and guttering.

Phillips informed Council that tonight the Council needed to 1) accept the award, which is included in the attached contract agreement; and 2) approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, which receives the \$50,000 grant and appropriates it to the parking lot improvements.

Councilwoman Walker then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to accept the award and agreement. (A COPY OF THE AWARD/AGREEMENT DATED JULY 19, 2019 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #3.

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 3

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 19, 2019 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2019-2020; 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 a State budget allocation and to appropriate those funds for parking lot repairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 19, 2019 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3441-0001, Enhancement Grant, be increased by \$50,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4260-5806, Capital Improvements – Parking Lots, be increased by \$50,000.00.

This the 13th day of August, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSIDERATION TO SELECT THE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEM ASSET INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips noted he was on a committee formed by Public Works Director Chuck Smith, who could not be here tonight. Therefore, as a representative of that committee, he was here to present their recommendation. He said the City had received two AIA (Asset Inventory and Assessment) grants, one for our Water System and the other for our Sewer System. The Sewer System grant had already been approved some months ago, he noted, and the Water System grant was received during this last cycle. The required budget amendments have already been approved for the \$150,000, but we now have to select an engineering firm following a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The engineering firm will receive the \$150,000 for the work, which includes water modeling, etc., he explained.

Phillips said the City sent out a RFQ and received five responses. All five firms were qualified, he noted, and the City staff was pleased to receive that many responses, he said. After compiling the scores of the committee members, the group selected WithersRavenel, Phillips stated, adding that the City has worked with them in the past and WithersRavenel is working on the sewer AIA. He discussed the synergy of having the same company work on both water and sewer in the City's utility system. Therefore, the Assistant City Manager said staff was requesting that the Council allow staff to enter into a contract with WithersRavenel to provide the engineering work for the water AIA project.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made the motion that the City award the Water System AIA project to WithersRavenel, which was seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF A RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH FOOTHILL WASTE SOLUTIONS.

In making the staff report for Public Works, Sanitation Superintendent Pat Knowles noted Public Works staff has been working with Foothill Waste Solutions to provide subscription curbside recycling to the citizens of Reidsville after Waste Management had decided not to renew the City's contract. She stated that, with agreement from Rockingham County to use the carts previously used by Waste Management, Foothill would provide the service at a cost of \$9.50 per customer per month using the 600 available carts. Knowles commented if the subscription service grows beyond the carts provided, then Foothill can supply carts at a cost of \$12 per customer. She also said that Foothill would require a minimum of 400 subscribers to enter into a contract with the City. Knowles said the contract had been reviewed by the City Attorney. She asked if members of Council had any questions or comments.

Mayor Donecker asked when a CodeRed would be sent out to share the information with the residents of Reidsville. City Manager Mitchell said CodeRed calls had gone out Thursday and Friday of last week and that the information had been shared on the City website and on social media. He reiterated that the contract would not go into effect until 400 customers have signed up.

Councilman Hairston then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to allow the City Manager to enter into the contract with Foothill Waster Solutions to provide curbside recycling within the Reidsville corporate limits. (A COPY OF THE CONTRACT WITH FOOTHILL WASTE SOLUTIONS IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

City Manager Mitchell then distributed the board and commission ballots to Council members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Downtown Handicapped Parking.

Mr. Jim Maxwell who listed his address as P.O. Box 2503, Reidsville, came forward. He reminded members of Council that he had attended last month's meeting in regard to handicap

parking on Scales Street in the downtown section of Reidsville. He detailed the inability to access the sidewalk from the middle of the block and that there were only two spaces and 36 stores. Maxwell said he had tried to contact Assistant City Manager Cloud after the meeting and was told he did not have time to discuss the matter. He stressed if the matter is not addressed, he would contact the Governor, the Americans with Disabilities and the Veterans Administration, since he is a veteran. Mayor Donecker suggested that Mr. Maxwell could park in one of the City municipal parking lots and access the sidewalk from the rear of the downtown buildings.

Speed Limit on Circle Drive.

Ms. Tiffany Crymes of 19 Circle Drive, Reidsville, came forward with a petition signed by her neighbors on Circle Drive regarding the need for the speed limit to be lowered and the addition of stop signs instead of yield signs. Ms. Grimes stated the street is very dangerous with the current speed and cars parked along the street. City Manager Mitchell said he would have Assistant City Manager Phillips take Ms. Crymes' phone number and they would check into the issue.

Ms. Tammy Crymes, also of 19 Circle Drive, came forward and said she would like to see the same issue addressed. She stressed it is more like a racetrack and that children are in danger with the existing speed limit. She added she would also like to see the street changed to a one-way. She said it would save the City money in the long run with trash collection and would be safer for school buses. Mayor Donecker assured both women the matter would be looked into.

Recreational Needs.

Dr. Jaqueline Chestnut of 450 West Morehead Street, Reidsville came forward with her concerns regarding the recent closing of the local movie theatre and the bowling alley. She asked if the City is actively pursuing alternatives to address the recreational needs of Reidsville citizens. She suggested the possibility of constructing a multifunctional facility with a bowling alley on one side and a movie theatre on the other. Dr. Chestnut commented the health and well-being of the citizens of Reidsville should be taken into consideration.

City Manager Mitchell said within the last six months, individuals from the City have met with private sector individuals regarding filling the existing facilities or the construction of new facilities. He said it would take a private sector developer to step forward and take on the project. He assured Dr. Chestnut that they had met with and approached individuals regarding the issue. Mayor Donecker stated the Rockingham Theatre needs to be preserved and it would be nice to possibly partner with UNCG and utilize it the way it was originally intended, for live performances, as well as movies. The Mayor reminded members of Council and those present that the Rockingham Theatre has closed but is still privately owned. City Manager Mitchell said the bowling alley and the surrounding property is for sale and is being aggressively marketed. He encouraged Dr. Chestnut to use her contacts as well.

Thank You from DRBA.

Ms. Jenny Edwards, Program Manager with the Dan River Basin Association, of 303 E. Main Street, Stoneville, said she would like to thank the Mayor and members of City Council for their continued support of the rivers and trails development in Reidsville. She commented how fortunate everyone is to have Lake Reidsville, which is beautiful and a hidden treasure. She

added that the work continues and that she is excited for the future of the addition of trails and activities at Lake Reidsville. The Mayor thanked her for her support and connections.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela G. Stadler announced that Mr. Jason Johnson of 709 South Main Street, Reidsville, had been unanimously re-appointed to a second term on the Reidsville Historic Preservation Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Preston Mitchell then reviewed his August City Manager's Report. (A COPY OF THE WRITTEN REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He referenced the YMCA Community Pool Report for the April-June quarter; the report on surplus sales via the Gov Deals website; the timeline as the City pursues a \$2 million CDBG-Infrastructure grant, which will require a public hearing at Council's regular September meeting as well as a special meeting in mid-September to approve the public hearing minutes and some other items, including those related to the completion of the Sewer AIA process by WithersRavenel; and upcoming events in August. In addition to the written report, he noted that behind Miscellaneous is the City's most recent Quarterly Finance Report for Council's review.

Response to Mr. Maxwell's Remarks.

Manager Mitchell then asked Assistant City Manager Cloud to come forward to respond to remarks made by Mr. Maxwell. Mitchell said he wanted to be as transparent as possible and assured those present that Assistant City Manager Cloud had spoken to Mr. Maxwell and was researching the issue reported. He added that Mr. Cloud is not the type of person to tell someone he doesn't have the time to talk with them.

Assistant City Manager Cloud came forward and said he had spoken to Mr. Maxwell after the last meeting and Mr. Maxwell asked for a deadline. Cloud said he had asked if he would allow him to check into the matter and that he would get back with him. Shortly after that, City Manager Mitchell went on vacation so no decision could be reached. Cloud said he walked the downtown section of Scales Street gathering information on the locations of handicapped spaces and accessibility ramps at the intersections, mentioning there are four on each corner. He mentioned he had spoken to Maxwell but could not provide the answers that he wanted to hear and that Maxwell again said he would contact the Governor and others regarding the issue. City Manager Mitchell said staff had looked at this issue in the past but was happy to look at it again and would in the future. He noted that the majority of the City's handicapped parking is in our parking lots and that is done for safety reasons. The City Manager also stressed that he wasn't sure that handicapped parking mid-block would not create more dangers than assistance.

The Mayor asked if Mr. Cloud had found that our handicapped spaces are usually full? Mr. Cloud said we have received no complaints about them. The Assistant City Manager reiterated that he did not tell Mr. Maxwell that he could not talk with him, but he did tell him he could not give him a deadline for an answer at that time. The Mayor talked of how good it was to have our meetings recorded so that people could assess the person's body language, etc. while speaking, which indicated to him that staff would have had a hard time speaking with the gentleman. He

added that we can't have every parking space down Scales Street accessible for handicapped parking and each individual must decide for themselves where it is best to park in such situations, the Mayor noted. He noted that we do have convenient parking behind and some businesses with entrances in the back, etc.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the check presentation by Commonwealth on July 11, and accepted the check for \$10,000 and immediately handed it to Finance Director Chris Phillips; had participated in the McLaurin Good Neighbor Association meeting on August 5; and visited various locations during the National Night Out event on August 6.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said he had attended the check presentation at Commonwealth on July 11 and was very grateful for the contribution; the groundbreaking at Biscuitville on July 17; the board meeting at Annie Penn and the Rockingham County Democratic meeting on July 18; National Night Out on August 6 and the Lodge meeting on August 12.

Councilwoman Sherri Walker – Councilwoman Walker shared that she had attended the City-sponsored Blood Drive at Fire Station #1; the Groundbreaking at Biscuitville; a tour of Eclectic Vision Art Gallery; the Chamber Ice Cream and Dinner Social; the ABC Board meeting on July 25; National Night Out on August 6 and thanked Sgt. Sharra Carter for driving them; and the Ribbon Cutting for Aspen Bakery in Wentworth. She also said she had attended two 90th birthday parties, one for Bill Simpson and one for Anne Talley.

Councilman Gorham -- Councilman Gorham said he had attended the Commonwealth check presentation on July 11; the Highland Heights and McLaurin Community Watch meetings on July 16; the Groundbreaking for Biscuitville, the Eclectic Art Studio Ribbon Cutting and the Planning Board meeting on July 17; the Chamber Meet and Greet and the For the People Forum regarding voting options at Reidsville Alliance Church on July 18; the CDBG Door-to-Door grant surveys on July 20; the funeral services for 104½-year-old Highland Heights Community Watch member Louise Mitchell Parker on July 22; the RDC meeting at City Hall on July 23; the swearing-in ceremony of Judge Erica Standfield Brandon on July 26; the Historical Community Watch meeting at the Penn House on July 29; Bronwyn Burnette's retirement celebration on July 31; the Last Don's Book Bag Giveaway at Reidsville High School on August 3 and National Night Out on August 6.

Councilmember Scoble -- Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the check presentation by Commonwealth on July 11; the Ribbon Cutting for Biscuitville on July 17; the Chamber Ice Cream Social on July 18; the Greenville SC Public Art and Vietnam Memorial event July 23-28; the Chamber Board meeting and the retirement party for Bronwyn Burnette on July 31; nine locations of National Night Out on August 6; the Ribbon Cutting for the Celebration of 10 Downtown Murals in Sanford on August 7; the Ribbon Cutting for Rachel and Steve Rakes at Aspen Bakery and the Joint Chamber event held at Steele Crest Venue on August 8; and finally the Second Downtown Friday on August 9.

Mayor Donecker -- Mayor Donecker asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to share upcoming events planned by the Chamber of Commerce. Sawyer said she is excited that the Chamber is doing so well and has 14 new members this month. She said the 27th Annual Golf “Fore” Reidsville Tournament will be held on August 21; the Summer Concert at Market Square featuring the Mason Lovette Band on August 24; the Topic @ Twelve “Struggling to Get Your Social Security Disability Benefits with Rosemary Kennedy on August 29; the Lake Reidsville Water Lantern Festival on August 31; the Chamber Coffee at the Chamber offices hosted by Highlands Residential Mortgage on September 5; Ribbon Cutting at Marco’s Pizza on September 10; Topic @ Twelve with Paychex and speaker Kristina Gross; Second Downtown Friday on September 13 and the Summer Concert Series featuring the Alter Egos Band on September 28, 2019. She thanked the City Council for their continued support.

MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(6).

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Scoble and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to go into closed session. Councilman Festerman joined via conference call but did not vote since he was on vacation.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Upon return to open session, Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve An Amendment to The Employment Agreement with the City Manager, City of Reidsville, with the following provisions: per the Manager’s Contract, he receives the 1% COLA given to all employees; and under Section I – Section 3. Termination and Severance Pay, Subsection B. Severance Pay is amended to increase all subsections to 12 months upon termination of the Employment as described in the contract or until the Employee receives comparable employment. (A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Councilmember Scoble then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to adjourn.

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk