

**Date:** April 12, 2018  
**Meeting of:** Locust City Council  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Members Present:** Mandy Watson, Michael Haigler, Larry Baucom, JC Burris, Rusty Efird, Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher  
**Members Absent:** N/A  
**Order:** Mayor Huber  
**Pledge:** Boy Scout Troop 202  
**Prayer:** Mayor Huber

**Call to order at 7:00PM**

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adopt March 2018 minutes**

Mayor Huber amended agenda – Public Comment moved up after adoption of minutes

**Public Comment:** Ms. Lynch from the West Stanly Senior Center approached Council asking for results on the Stanly County survey. City Admin informed her that results will be released on Monday 4/16 during the Stanly County Commissioners meeting. Ms. Lynch was also informed that the City Council made a commitment to provide funding for seniors, but that we're waiting on the survey results to determine the amount.

**Financials – Accepted** Both funds continue to have steady revenues and department heads are doing a good job at spending tax payers' money. Projecting to end FY with a healthy surplus in both funds.

**Mayor's Report:** Proclamation was read for National Day of Prayer. Mayor Huber thanked Boy Scout Troop 202 for the pledge.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adopt National Day of Prayer**

**Admin Report:**

1. Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed.
2. Update on Traffic Light at Browns Hills Rd. The work was awarded to Troll Contracting and Council will have more information after pre-construction meeting.
3. 2018-2019 FY Budget update: Admin informed Council that health insurance renewals came back with a 1% decrease. Admin will finalize budget to present to Council during May meeting. Budget to be adopted no later than June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. Council spoke about revised City Hall roundabout design. Instructed City Admin to speak to City Engineer and pain preliminary lines for better traffic flow.
5. Sewer Improvements: Council continued conversation on sewer improvements from May 17<sup>th</sup> Budget Retreat. Admin recommended holding off on Redah project for 6 months to bid/finance both Redah and North Basin improvements at the same time. This will result in significant savings.
6. SRO update: Chief Hartsell and City Admin to attend May Board of Ed meeting to present request. City Admin working with Dr. James to secure funding sources. Position will have to be funded up front, and City will be reimbursed. City Admin will budget this expense in 2018-2019 FY Budget.
7. Citizen for Better Representation: City Admin Informed Council for a request to make a presentation during the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Admin recommended to accommodate presentation during public comment. Council agreed on a 10 minute time limit for the presentation.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve Purchase Orders**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve Budget Amendments**

**M/S/A** Council Members Larry Baucom and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to approve North Basin sewer improvements, to hold off Redah Acres improvements for 6 months and to bid/finance Redah Acres and North Basin improvements at the same time.**

**Admin/HR:** Thank the City staff for all their hard work.

**Parks:** Continued our discussion on Special Events fees. Council agreed to remove the fees for the permit application, fireworks, tent, and street closing. But decided to keep the fee for the public safety officers working events. City Admin provided update on participants in both baseball/softball and soccer groups. Reminded public that first concert is on 4/14 as part of the summer concert series. Informed public that there are 2 more movie nights scheduled for the fall

**M/S/A** Council Members Rusty Efird and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adopt public safety fees for special events**

**Facilities:** N/A

**PW:** City is growing and flow is going good. Mr. Baucom reminded public that white goods collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and to put out their materials on the curb before 7am.

**ABC Store:** N/A

**PD/Zoning:** PD: Thanked officers for their excellent work.  
Zoning: Asked for reappointment of 4 members of the P&Z Board who agreed to serve on the board again. Mr. Hypes also spoke about the need to update our zoning ordinances to make sure they are current and relevant.

**M/S/A** Council Members Roger Hypes and Rusty Efirm **(7-0)**  
**Motion to reappoint members to the Planning & Zoning Board**

**EDC:** N/A

**Board Closing Comments:** Thanks to staff for their hard work. Good to see many new faces in the public. Council encouraged public to come out and participate in their local government.

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to go into Executive Session**

**M/S/A** Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**  
**Motion to adjourn at 9:13pm**

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Meachum, City Clerk