

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 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  
Councilmember Terresia Scoble  
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk  
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney  
Donna Setliff, Community  
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION.**

Reverend Clarence Johnson, President of the Reidsville and Vicinity Ministerial Alliance, provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

**PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:**

**RECOGNITION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ON JANUARY 15, 2018.**

Mayor Donecker read the Proclamation and asked Reverend Clarence Johnson to come forward and share details about the events that will take place in Reidsville to celebrate Dr. King’s birthday. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Reverend Johnson asked Diane Sawyer from the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce to join him and said he thought Dick Frohock from the Human Relations Commission would have been present also. He thanked Council for acknowledging the efforts made by Dr. King and added several activities that will take place starting on Sunday, January 14, 2018 with the Ministerial Alliance’s sponsored MLK service being held at West End Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Sawyer announced that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MLK Unity Fund Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 15, 2018 at Zion Baptist Church,

with Dr. Mabel Scott being the keynote speaker. Sawyer reminded those present that proceeds from the MLK breakfast provide two students from Reidsville High School with scholarships to attend Rockingham Community College. She mentioned that tickets are still available at the Chamber.

Reverend Johnson added that at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 15, a MLK march starting at the corner of Morehead and MLK Drive will take place, concluding with a MLK Memorial Service at 3 p.m. at Elm Grove Baptist Church.

**RECOGNITION OF ABRAM KING AND THE “KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM” PROJECT.**

Mayor Donecker asked Abram King and his parents to come forward while explaining that Abram had collected 124 pairs of socks for the homeless in Rockingham County. The Mayor thanked six-year-old Abram for his concern and service of those less fortunate. (A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**RECOGNITION OF CITY OF REIDSVILLE CODES INSPECTOR NEIL MCKINNEY FOR ACHIEVING HIS LEVEL II CERTIFICATION.**

Mayor Donecker asked City Code Inspector Neil McKinney to come forward. He recognized McKinney, who had recently received all three of his level II inspection certifications; plumbing, electrical, and mechanical.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD CURB & GUTTER PROJECT WITH A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR THE COUNCIL’S FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the Resolution Declaring Cost, Exclusive of Costs Incurred at Street Intersections, and Ordering Preparation of Preliminary Assessment Roll and Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Preliminary Assessment Roll. The public hearing has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COST, EXCLUSIVE OF COSTS INCURRED AT STREET INTERSECTIONS, AND**

**ORDERING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY  
ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SETTING TIME AND PLACE  
FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY  
ASSESSMENT ROLL  
(C&G2016-01)**

**WHEREAS**, the improvement to the south side of Country Club Road terminating at Parkway Boulevard was requested by proper petition of property owners filed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, duly certified as sufficient in all respects by the City Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the undertaking of the said project (curb and gutter on the south side of the street) was ordered by Resolution of this body passed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, and has been completed in accordance therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost, exclusive of costs incurred at street intersections, has been determined;

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

1. That the cost of the above described improvements, exclusive of so much of the total cost as was incurred at street intersections, has been computed and determined and is hereby declared to be \$18.00 per foot.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare a Preliminary Assessment Roll, in accordance with G.S. 160A-227, showing the individual assessments upon properties benefitted by said improvement.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to make available during regular office hours, in her office, the Preliminary Assessment Roll for public inspection from this day through the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.
4. That the Reidsville City Council will hold a public hearing in accordance with G.S. 160A-228, at 6:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, Reidsville, North Carolina, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons who appear.
5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue public notice of the above described public hearing, to be published on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, and to secure publisher's affidavit certifying the advertisement of said hearing.

6. That the City Clerk is hereby directed not later than 10 days before the public hearing to mail by first class mail copies of the notice of hearing on the Preliminary Assessment Roll to the owners of property listed thereon.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

The following City Council members voted for the passage of the above Resolution:

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The following City Council members voted against the passage of the above Resolution:

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION TO THE JUNE 30, 2017 AUDIT CONTRACT.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved a contract extension for the City's June 30, 2017 audit as outlined in Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips' January 2, 2018 memo. (A COPY OF THE MEMO AND THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT TO AUDIT SERVICES IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**- End of Consent Agenda -**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOLLOWING THE REQUEST TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX 189 BRENTWOOD DRIVE (A2017-04).**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff noted that the City had received a request from Marjorie Ann Webb to voluntarily annex 3.983 acres located at 189 Brentwood Drive. She said this would be contiguous annexation. Staff find the petition to be valid and recommends approval of the Ordinance following the required public hearing. If approved, the annexation would take place April 30, 2018, she added.

Mayor Donecker asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the annexation. Councilmember Scoble stated that, according to the Rockingham County Tax

Department, the property contains 3.5 acres. She asked if there is additional property being considered at this time. Setliff explained there is a small right-of-way adjacent to the property and that is what probably makes up the difference. She said her figures came directly from the surveyor. Scoble asked if there are were multiple dwellings on the property or if the property owner's house was the only one? Setliff said to her knowledge there was only one house on the property.

Mayor Donecker then opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. by asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the annexation request? No one came forward and the public hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the voluntary annexation of 189 Brentwood Drive.**

The corresponding ordinance as approved follows:

**A2017-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE  
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE  
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
189 Brentwood Drive**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31 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, January 9, 2018, after due notice by publication on Wednesday, December 20, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;

**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-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of April 30, 2018:

Lying and being located in Simpsonville Township, Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning at a p-k nail set in the centerline and terminus of Brentwood Drive and in the south line of lot A, plat book 70, page 90 of the County Registry; also, said beginning point being located N 01°06'05" W 184.01 feet from a p-k nail at the centerline intersection of Brentwood Drive and Lagardon Street; thence with the terminus right-of-way of Brentwood Drive and the south line of lot A, S 89°32'00"W 35.43 feet to an iron and corner with formerly Patricia A. Tuttle (now Byrd) and passing over an iron at 30.00 feet, the west right-of-way of Brentwood Drive; thence with the line of Byrd N 01°00'21"W 579.06 feet to an iron and corner with Cook (DB 1008-201); thence with Cook N 84°44'21" E 138.03 feet to an iron, corner of Cook and Craig T. Coleman (DB 1420-911); thence with Coleman S 60°31'28" E 81.62 feet to an iron, corner of Coleman with Esther Boyd; thence with Boyd S 08°11'00" E 249.61 feet to an iron; thence N 80°43'58" E 64.69 feet to an iron, corner of Boyd in the north line of lot 4, plat book 65, page 17; thence with the line of lot 4 and then lot 3, S 23°34'49" E 314.57 feet to an iron, corner lots 3 and 2, and parcel B; thence with parcel B S 52°15'32" W 37.94 feet to an iron in the north line of lot 16, plat book 12, page 95; thence with the line of lot 16, S 89°33'45" W 119.09 feet to an iron, corner of lots 15 and 16; thence with lot 15 S 89°31'00" W 209.07 feet to an iron, the northwest corner of lot 15 and the northeast right-of-way of Brentwood Drive; thence continuing with the terminus end of Brentwood Drive, S 89°32'00" W 29.97 feet, passing over an iron at 4.97 feet, to a p-k nail in the centerline of Brentwood Drive, the point and place of beginning and being lot A containing 3.585 acres, more or less, and also including the proposed unopened private road of Brentwood Drive extension as shown on the plat in book 70, page 90 of the County Registry, bringing the total acreage to 3.982 acres.

Section 2. Upon and after April 30, 2018, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William F. McLeod Jr.  
City Attorney

**- End of Public Hearings -**

**STATUS REPORT ON THE DEMOLITION ORDINANCE FOR 1626  
WITHERSEA LANE.**

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff reported that Council had granted Randy Martin a stay of demolition on the dwelling at 1626 Withersea Lane for 90 days at the October 11, 2017 City Council meeting. She commented that stay ended on January 8, 2018. Setliff said she had gotten a phone call from property owner Dorothy Martin requesting the demolition be stayed once again. Setliff stated there had been no repairs made to the property and she recommends proceeding with the process, noting that the house has major structural damage. She commented that there are two vehicles on the property that will need to be removed. Setliff concluded by mentioning that Rockingham County Social Services had been notified of Mr. Martin's situation.

Since the Council did not vote to extend the stay of execution, no other action was taken, leaving the demolition process to go forward.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS.**

Mayor Donecker announced his assignment of Council liaisons to City Boards and Commissions as follows:

- Councilwoman Sherri Walker to the Reidsville ABC Board and Appearance Commission
- Councilmember Terresia Scoble to the Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Jay Donecker to the Reidsville Downtown Corporation and the Community Pool Association
- Councilman William Hairston to the Human Relations Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission
- Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
- Councilman James Festerman to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) and serving as the PTRC NCDOT Regional alternate
- Councilman Donald Gorham to the Reidsville Planning Board and the Citizens Economic Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**MLK Activities Highlighted.**

Ms. Catherine Wilson, of 615 Maple Avenue, Reidsville, came forward and shared information regarding the upcoming activities involving area youth, which will take place on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She also mentioned area youth, who helped with production of awesome videos focusing on Reidsville's downtown. Ms. Wilson said these youth are the City's "Now" and they are using their visions and voicing their opinions, making an imprint here in Reidsville.

**Rate Increases at Lakes Discussed.**

Brian Smith, 757 Trails End, Reidsville came forward and discussed the rate increase for Lake Reidsville and Lake Hunt for senior citizens who live in Rockingham County but

outside the City. He stressed how unfair it is to charge so much for fishing privileges. Smith shared information regarding lake fees charged by Greensboro, statistics related to how many passes had been sold and the operations of Lake Reidsville and Lake Hunt. Smith asked the Council to reconsider the fee schedule, especially for seniors on a fixed income.

Mayor Donecker assured Smith that the matter will be discussed at the upcoming Council Retreat. City Manager Mitchell briefly covered the figures and explained the increase. Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown said he understands citizen's concerns and that members of Council can discuss the issue at the upcoming retreat.

Jimmy Neal, 901 Russell Avenue, Reidsville came forward and shared his concerns regarding Lake Reidsville and Lake Hunt. He reiterated that he is a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was excluded from the decision regarding the change in - and give their input this time around. Neal said he thought the citizens, especially the senior citizens, of the County would appreciate consideration on the matter.

Manager Mitchell added that it was not the intention of the Council to exclude the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and that he is sure that Tom Wiggins shared the changes with those members of the board. He stressed the decision to change the fees was a budgetary decision and was handled by the Council at last year's retreat.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Mitchell shared information included in his report. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 9, 2018 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He discussed the YMCA's quarterly report and NCDOT's proposed resurfacing and upgrades made to US 29, which hopefully will include Reidsville on the overhead signs.

Manager Mitchell went on to say there are several press releases included in the packet and mentioned the Council Retreat will be held on January 27 and will reconvene, if needed, on January 30, 2018. He concluded by reminding Council there is an invitation in their packets to the quarterly dinner for Rockingham County elected officials. He urged members if they plan to attend to notify the City Clerk so she can inform the Clerk to the Board. Mayor Donecker asked the City Clerk to request that press be present at the meeting to avoid any concerns regarding inappropriateness.

#### **BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

Ballots were distributed for the lone board appointment.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.**

##### **Mayor Pro Tem Brown.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown thanked the City Clerk for the first class swearing-in ceremony and reception held in December. He also thanked the City Manager and staff for the outstanding events held during the holidays, including the Open House held at City Hall and the Bar-B-Q held at Public Works.

**Councilman Hairston.**

Councilman Hairston said he would like to piggyback on Mayor Pro Tem Brown's comments and expressed his appreciation as well for the excellent holiday events hosted by the City. He mentioned that he and Councilman Gorham had the opportunity to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart during the holidays. He said he also attended the NAACP Christmas dinner.

**Councilwoman Walker.**

Councilwoman Walker reported she had attended the ABC Board meeting on December 13. She was excited to share details regarding her experience with the Reidsville Industrial Alliance, which included a tour of Henniges. She said it was impressive to watch all those car parts being made. Councilwoman Walker noted that Henniges is the second largest private industrial employer in Reidsville with 425 staff.

**Councilman Gorham.**

Councilman Donald Gorham said he had a short report this month. He said he had volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army with Councilman Hairston and attended the Public Works BBQ, where the food was delicious. He announced that in the near future, Love's Travel would be breaking ground at the location off of US 29. He also thanked the City staff for all their hard work in 2017.

**Councilmember Scoble.**

Councilmember Scoble also thanked City staff for their efforts hosting enjoyable events for the holidays. She said she is so proud to be a member of the Reidsville City Council.

**Councilman Festerman.**

Councilman James Festerman said he had nothing to report.

**Mayor Donecker.**

Mayor Donecker stated that the February and March City Council meetings will take place a week later than usual, due to business commitments he had scheduled. He said they will take place on February 20 and March 20, 2018.

The Mayor added that enclosure four in the agenda packets contains meeting schedules for all the boards and commissions for the coming year. He asked that members of the Council share them with citizens and ask them to participate because they could use more citizens' involvement. He stated in regard to the Reidsville Industrial Alliance, they are starting to reap the benefits of the Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka's hard work and that several manufacturers are participating. Mayor Donecker shared his feelings about how fortunate Reidsville is to have manufacturers like Henniges located here in our Industrial Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.**

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced that Ann O'Mara of 2520 Sunnycrest Drive, Reidsville, had been unanimously re-appointed to the Reidsville Planning Board for a

second five-year term. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

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

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session to discuss economic development projects following a 10-minute recess.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.**

**Upon 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 8:19 p.m. (*Councilman Festerman left during the closed session.*)**

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John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk