

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017 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, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney
David Bracken, Interim Public Works
Director
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Police Major Ronnie Ellison
Police Lieutenant Chuck Evitt
Scott Jewell, WTP Superintendent
Ben Bani, WWTP Superintendent

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order. He apologized that the meeting was starting a few minutes late as the reconvened Council Retreat being held in the adjacent conference room had run a little long.

INVOCATION.

Associate Pastor George Gunn, Elm Grove Baptist Church, 1302 Hwy 29 Business, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY.

Council members came down to the front as Mayor Donecker read aloud the proclamation for Black History Month. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) The proclamation was then presented to Jeff Crisp, President of the Reidsville Branch of the

NAACP. Crisp said it was an honor to represent the NAACP before the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council and the citizens of Reidsville. He acknowledged February as Black History Month and stated the NAACP was organized for all individuals in 1909 and is the oldest civil rights organization in the world.

RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER & WATER TREATMENT PLANTS' STAFF FOR ACHIEVING 100% OPERATIONAL COMPLIANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

Mayor Donecker called Interim Public Works Director David Bracken, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Scott Jewell and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Bani forward. The Mayor asked them to explain what is so important about 100% compliance regarding the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. Jewell said clean water affects everyone in Reidsville: industry, dialysis centers, businesses, and individuals. He said it is the molecule of life. Bani briefly explained how important the process is for cleaning wastewater. Donecker thanked Bracken for stepping in as Interim Public Works Director. Bracken shared his confidence and pride in the City's water and wastewater facilities. The Mayor presented the proclamations to the Superintendents. (COPIES OF THE PROCLAMATIONS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

RECOGNITION OF REIDSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS: REIDSVILLE POLICE CHIEF ROBERT HASSELL, "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"; POLICE LT. CHUCK EVITT, "AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR"; AND CITY MANAGER PRESTON MITCHELL, "CHAIRMAN'S AWARD".

Mitchell, Hassell and Evitt came forward and received the thanks and handshakes from the Mayor and members of the City Council. The trio had been recognized at the Chamber's recent Awards Luncheon.

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ROBERT HASSELL AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FROM THE NC ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE.

Chief Hassell came forward and said he was honored for being selected for this award by the Police Chiefs and his colleagues from all over the state of North Carolina.

RECOGNITION OF SALVATION ARMY AWARD RECIPIENTS: REIDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, "BELL RINGER AWARD"; AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF AS "2017 COMMUNITY HERO".

Major Ronnie Ellison came forward with a group of volunteers, who had helped ring the bell during the holidays for the Salvation Army. The Police Department and volunteers were presented with the Bell Ringer Award from the Salvation Army.

The Mayor also asked Community Development Manager Donna Setliff to come forward and acknowledged Setliff being named the 2017 Community Hero by the Salvation Army. Setliff said the award may have her name on it but that it should include the names of the members of her department. Councilman Festerman came forward and

complimented Setliff and the others on their recognition, their efforts and hard work. The Mayor commented how nice it is to start a Council meeting by recognizing City staff in a positive light.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council unanimously approved the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION FOR A NON-
CONTIGUOUS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AND A RESOLUTION FIXING
THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH
20, 2018, FOR 1076 WILLOW STREET, REIDSVILLE.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council unanimously approved the following Resolutions regarding the requested annexation of 1076 Willow Street, Reidsville as outlined in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff's memo (SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.):

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-58.2
1076 Willow Street

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on January 5, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-58.2 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 20th day of February, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

A18-01

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2
1076 Willow Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the non-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, March 20, 2018.

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

TRACT 1: Beginning at an iron in the northern margin of Willow St. Ext. said iron being located North 86 deg. 01 min. West 246.7 feet from the eastern margin of Everette Gilliam property as surveyed May 21, 1955 and said iron also being the southwest corner of Lot No. 13; thence along the western margin of Lot No. 13 North 3 deg. 59 min. East 127.67 feet to an iron in the southern margin of Robinson Property; thence along the southern margin of Robinson Property South 82 deg. 35 min. West 50.01 feet to an iron the northeast corner of Lot No. 11; thence along the eastern margin of Lot No. 11 South 3 deg. 59 min. West 117.79 feet to an iron in the northern margin of Willow Street Ext. South 86 deg. 01 min. East 50 feet to the point of beginning and being and containing Lot No. 12 as per survey of the property of Everette Gilliam by John B. Cobb on May 21, 1955.

TRACT 2: Beginning at a point on the north margin of Willow Street Extension, said beginning point being the southeast corner of Lot No. 12 as per map of the property of Everette Gilliam as surveyed by John B. Cobb, Registered Surveyor, on May 21, 1955, a copy of said map being recorded in Deed Book 485 at Page 328; thence with the east margin of Lot No. 12 North 3 deg. 59 min. East 127.87 feet to a point, the northeast corner of Lot No. 12; thence with the line of Harriett Robinson North 82 deg. 35 min. East 51.01 feet to a point, the northwest corner of Lot No. 14; thence with the west margin of Lot No. 14 South 3 deg. 59 min. West 137.95 feet to a point on the north margin of Willow Street Extension; thence with the north margin of Willow Street Extension North 86 deg. 01 min. West 50 feet to the point of beginning, and being Lot No. 13 of the property of Everette Gilliam as shown on the map above referred to.

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 20th day of February, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO APPROPRIATE \$566,250 IN FUNDS FROM THE COMBINED ENTERPRISE FUND RESERVES FOR CAPITAL ITEMS AS DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL RETREAT.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Budget Ordinance Amendment as outlined in the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips' memo (A COPY OF PHILLIPS' MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.):

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 8

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 13, 2017 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2017-2018; 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 Combined Enterprise Fund capital and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 13, 2017 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 61-3991-0000, Water Fund Reserves, be increased by \$188,125.00; that revenue account number 62-3991-0000, Sewer Fund Reserves, be increased by \$378,125.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 61-7121-3520, Water Distribution Maintenance, be increased by \$3,125.00; that expense account number 62-7131-3520, Sewer Collection Maintenance, be increased by \$3,125.00; that expense account number 61-7121-4400, Water Distribution Contracted Services, be increased by \$60,000.00; that expense account number 61-7121-5500, Water Distribution Capital Equipment, be increased by \$125,000.00; that expense account number 62-7131-5500, Sewer Collection Capital Equipment, be increased by \$125,000.00; that expense account number 62-7133-5800, Plants Maintenance Capital Improvements, be increased by \$250,000.00.

This the 20th day of February, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR NUISANCE
ABATEMENT AS DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL RETREAT.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Budget Ordinance Amendment as outlined in the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips' memo (A COPY OF PHILLIPS' MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.):

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 9

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 13, 2017 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2017-2018; 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 nuisance abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 13, 2017 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3991-0000, General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance, be increased by \$15,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4350-4460, Lot Cleaning, be increased by \$15,000.00.

This the 20th day of February, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARING:
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT ROLL AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD CURB & GUTTER PROJECT.

City Clerk Angela Stadler noted that this was the final step in this assessment project. The only property owner being assessed is the Pennrose Park Country Club, which requested the curb and gutter.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. No one came forward to speak for or against, and the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Resolution confirming the final step in the assessment process for curb and gutter on Country Club Road.

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT ROLL AND
LEVYING ASSESSMENTS
Country Club Road
(CG2016-01)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville has on this day held a public hearing, after due notice as required by law, on the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the improvements (curb and gutter) along the south side of Country Club Road terminating at Parkway Boulevard; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard all those present who requested to be heard, and has found the said Assessment Roll to be proper and correct;

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

1. The Assessment Roll for the improvements (curb and gutter) along the south side of Country Club Road terminating at Parkway Boulevard in the City of Reidsville, North Carolina, is hereby declared to be correct, and is hereby confirmed in accordance with G.S. 160A-228.
2. The City Council of Reidsville, North Carolina, pursuant to authority conferred by Chapter 160A Article 10 of the General Statutes of North Carolina does hereby levy assessments as contained in the said Assessment Roll, as follows:

Property Owner	PIN No.	Front Footage	Total Assessment
Pennrose Park Country Club Corp. (c/o James Lurz)	8904-14-32-0398 (formerly 8904-13-23-3086)	61.00	\$1,098.00

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver to the City Tax Collector the said Assessment Roll.
4. The City Tax Collector is hereby charged with the collection of the said assessments in accordance with the procedure established by law.
5. The City Tax Collector is hereby further directed to publish once on March 14, 2018, a notice of confirmation of the Assessment Roll, which notice shall set forth the terms of payment of the assessments.

Adopted this the 20th day of February, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Public Hearings -

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PELHAM TRANSPORTATION REFLECTING A REVISED STARTUP DATE.

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka came forward and stated that several months ago, Pelham Transportation approached the City and asked that they be allowed to purchase two City-owned parcels of property at the corner of Morehead Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. He stated there was an economic development performance agreement related to the sale of the property and through no fault of the City or the DeJournettes, the project has taken longer than stated in the original agreement. Garstka said he is asking the City Attorney to amend the contract with Pelham Transportation to reflect the revised startup date.

Councilman Gorham made the motion to amend the economic development performance agreement with Pelham Transportation to reflect the revised startup date. Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved in a 7-0 vote.

REAFFIRMATION OF CITY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY & CODE OF ETHICS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler reported that the City Council back in 2010 and 2011 had adopted a Code of Ethics and a Conflict of Interest Policy. (A COPY OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Succeeding members may not be aware of these documents so the City wants the new members to be aware of them and reaffirm the documents following elections. The three newly-elected Council members have already taken and passed their State-required ethics training. Stadler added that the School of Government recommends these policies be reviewed by boards following elections.

Stadler said no other action was required to be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Jeff Crisp, 1862 Amos Street, Reidsville, North Carolina, came forward with a complaint regarding the property adjacent to the Masonic Lodge at 610 Vance Street. He said there is a vacant lot on one side and a “zoo” on the other. Crisp requested that the City address the issue. He said members of the lodge had spoken to the owner a couple of times about the animals, which include squirrels, rabbits, goats, sheep, and pigs, among others. City Manager Mitchell said he would have someone from Community Development and someone from the Police Department followup regarding the matter.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

City Manager Mitchell referred to his monthly report, which includes the Quarterly Financial Report, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council 2017 report, the press release on the Water system’s planned preventative maintenance, the budget process being underway and events taking place in February. (A COPY OF THE FEBRUARY 20,

2018 CITY MANAGERS REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager Mitchell distributed the ballots for the boards and commissions.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported he had an opportunity to attend the Essentials of Municipal Government Conference in Chapel Hill on January 21-24, 2018, along with the City Manager and Councilmember Terresia Scoble. He commented that he was impressed that one evening Councilman Festerman made the trip to Chapel Hill just to have dinner with them so he felt like Councilman Festerman must be feeling much better. He said he would also like to congratulate Diane Sawyer and Robbie Citty on the success of the Chamber of Commerce's recent awards ceremony. He mentioned there will be a Black History Month program this coming Saturday, February 24, at Zion Baptist Church at 3 p.m. The Mayor Pro Tem also noted the recent passing of former City employee Clay Slade. He said Slade would be missed and he appreciated all he had done as a mentor to area youth in Reidsville.

Councilman Hairston

Councilman Hairston said he had attended all the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events. He said he also had attended the Reidsville Human Relations Commission meeting, the Council Retreat, Love's Travel groundbreaking, the Chamber Awards luncheon, the Police Department Awards event and the Rockingham County Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilwoman Walker

Councilwoman Walker stated she had attended the following: the RDC meeting on January 23; the Appearance Commission meeting on January 25; the Rockingham County Arts Social, also on January 25; the Rockingham County Elected Officials dinner on January 29; the Love's Travel Center groundbreaking on January 30; the Chamber Awards luncheon on February 7; and the Reidsville Police Department Awards Ceremony on February 8. Councilwoman Walker asked Police Chief Hassell to come forward and discuss the Community meeting he is hosting tomorrow night, January 21, 2018. Chief Hassell detailed the "Straight Talk" meeting, which is held quarterly and would take place at the Recreation Department on Wednesday night at 6 p.m.

Councilman Gorham

Councilman Gorham said he had attended the following: the January 23 RDC meeting as well as the Men's fellowship meeting; the Love's Travel groundbreaking on January 30; the February 3 funeral service for George Gunn Jr., who was a former student of his but also had been following in the steps of Clay Slade as a mentor to the youth of Reidsville; the Police Department's Awards Ceremony on February 8; the Black History program at the Reidsville Senior Center on February 15; and the Homeless Shelter in Eden, along

with members of his church on February 18. Councilman Gorham stressed he had to miss a few events this month due to “Pop Pop’s Daycare” being open.

Councilmember Scoble

Councilmember Scoble reported she had attended the Chamber Board meeting on January 24; the North Carolina Essentials of Municipal Government Conference on January 25-26; the City Council Retreat on January 27; the Love’s Travel groundbreaking on January 30; the ribbon cutting at Fat Mac’s BBQ on February 14; and the Reidsville Industrial Alliance meeting on February 20. Councilmember Scoble said she had missed a few events due to being in the hospital, but stressed she wanted to take the opportunity to thank Chief Hassell for all he and his department do to keep the citizens of Reidsville safe.

Councilman Festerman

Councilman Festerman said he had two items he would like to discuss, the first one being the mailboxes on North Scales Street. He said he had been so proud when that project had been completed and that it looked so good but that recently about a third of the mailboxes had been damaged. He said he didn’t expect there to be any action taken tonight but he would like to see if the City would consider taking some action on having them replaced. The second thing he wanted to comment on was his concern for the local Police Department regarding the school shooting in Florida last week. He said he felt it is very important for the Police Department to be involved in making our schools as safe as possible.

President Diane Sawyer from the Chamber of Commerce expressed her appreciation for those who attended the Chamber Awards Ceremony and Fat Mac’s BBQ ribbon cutting. She asked those in attendance to stop by Sagebrush Steakhouse and congratulate the staff on being voted the February Chamber Member of the Month. Sawyer shared several other upcoming events.

Mayor Donecker

Mayor Donecker said after tonight’s adjournment, the recessed budget retreat would recovene in the first-floor conference room. He also stressed that the groundbreaking for Love’s Travel isn’t just about that corporation and the number of individuals they would be hiring, but it is also about the ability the facility will present for trucks to easily move their products in and out of our City. He said that factor is critical for other industries to look at Reidsville as a place to locate as well as for existing businesses to expand. Mayor Donecker thanked the Planning and Zoning Department, the City Manager and the County as well as the City Attorney for all their hard work to make this a reality.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced the following appointments made by unanimous vote (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.): Reidsville Human Relations Commission (County High School Student Appointment) – Ms. Helen Thorn of 308 Mark Road, Reidsville; and

Reidsville Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – George O. Rucker of 508 Staple Street, Reidsville.

MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION UNDER G.S. 143-318.11 (4) TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER AND TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC PROSPECT.

Mayor Donecker noted the need to add to the agenda a closed session to discuss economic development prospects under G.S. 143-318.11(4).

Councilwoman Sherri Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Donald Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Upon their return from closed session, Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn the regular meeting and go back to the recessed Council Retreat in the first-floor conference room.

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk