

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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
Councilman Tom Balsley
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
Tom Wiggins, Assistant City Manager –
Community Services
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager –
Administration
Kevin Eason, Public Works Director
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development Director
Donna Setliff, Community Development
Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

The Mayor noted that the agenda had been amended to add Item No. 8, Consideration of an Authorizing Resolution allowing the City Manager to apply for grant assistance from the Economic Infrastructure Grants Program for the Love’s Travel Center Water Looping Project and a closed session for economic development.

INVOCATION.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Council then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY.

Mayor Jay Donecker called upon Rev. Clarence Johnson to come forward and accept the proclamation for Black History Month. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Rev. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. He noted Black History Month is a time we can reflect on the contributions that blacks have made in our nation, noting we don't have to go very far as he cited that the late Rev. Cecil Marcellus was the first African-American on City Council. He also said he is thankful we have three African Americans on the Council now that are making legacies of their own. Rev. Johnson also thanked the Council for naming part of Market Street as Martin Luther King Drive and recognizing the great civil rights leader as well as placing the historical marker at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Morehead Street recognizing The Block, the black businesses that used to line the street. He concluded by saying he appreciated what the City Council does to make sure we are an All-America City.

RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER AND WATER TREATMENT PLANTS' STAFF FOR ACHIEVING 100% OPERATIONAL COMPLIANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Mayor Donecker thanked Public Works Director Kevin Eason and representatives of the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants for keeping on top of issues that might affect our water quality, etc., especially in light of recent news that a California dam is about to break. He said it is not very glamorous work, but it needs to be done. He congratulated staff on making 100% operational efficiency and said he wants to see a wall of plaques. He presented the plaque for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to WWTP Superintendent Ben Bondi and the plaque for the Water Treatment Plant to WTP Superintendent Scott Jewell.

Mayor Donecker noted that it was Public Works Director Kevin Eason's birthday. Councilman Gorham led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to Eason. A picture was then taken with the Superintendents and their plaques.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Donecker asked if there were any items Council members wanted to pull from the Consent Agenda?

Councilman Gorham then 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 JANUARY 10, 2017
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 21, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING
(RETREAT) MINUTES, INCLUDING RECESSED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26,
2017 AND JANUARY 31, 2017.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 21, 2017 Special Meeting (Retreat) Minutes, including Recessed Minutes from January 26, 2017 and January 31, 2017.

**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 14, 2017, FOR 1016
NORTH WILLOW STREET, REIDSVILLE.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following two Resolutions, which were combined into one step:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-58.1
1016 North Willow Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on January 11, 2017, 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 14th day of February, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

Included in the packets was the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency:

A2017-02

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

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-58.1.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Reidsville, this 7th day of February, 2017.

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

A2017-02

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2 1016 North 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 14, 2017.

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

Lying and being in Reidsville Township, Rockingham County, North Carolina, Beginning at an iron in the North margin of Willow Street Extension, the Southeast corner of Lot No. 112; thence with the East margin of Lot No. 112, North 18 deg. 34 min. East 200 feet to an iron, the Northeast corner of Lot No. 112; thence South 71 deg. 26 min. East 100 feet to an iron, the Northwest corner of Lot No. 109; thence with the West margin of Lot No. 109 South 18 deg. 34 min. West 200 feet to an iron in the North margin of Willow Street Extension, the Southwest corner of Lot No. 109; thence with the North margin of Willow Street Extension North 71 deg. 26 min. West 100 feet to the beginning and being Lots Nos. 110 and 111 as per plat of Willow Street Extension Property of Mrs. F.B. Kemp.

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 14th day of February, 2017.

/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. 9 FOR \$20,000 FOR MARKET SQUARE SIGN AND CONSENT TO
USE A \$90,000 BALANCE FROM THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT FOR
THE DAM RAW WATER GATE REPAIRS.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 9 as follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 9

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 14, 2016 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017; 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 additional sales tax revenues and to appropriate the same for replacement of the sign at Market Square;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 14, 2016 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3232-0000, Sales Tax, be increased by \$20,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4210-5500, Capital Equipment, be increased by \$20,000.00.

This the 14th day of February, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 2605
SWALLOW ROAD FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL-20 (RA-20) TO OFFICE
AND INSTITUTIONAL (O&I)

In presenting the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff reported that the applicants are requesting a 12-plus acre tract be rezoned from Residential Agricultural-20 to Office & Institutional. The area, bordered by Swallow Road, Reid School Road and Richardson Drive, has a single-family dwelling on it. The area is a mix of office, retail, industrial and residential uses, Setliff said. Adjacent to the property is Highway Business, Light Industrial and RA-20 zoning, she said, while to the west side is a Rockingham County zoning of Residential Agricultural.

Setliff informed Council that O&I is a good transition zone between commercial, light industrial and residential zones. With limited contact with the general public, such uses have no offensive noises, odors, fumes or other objectionable conditions, she said. The Growth Management Section of the City's Comprehensive Plan has designated this area for retail, commercial and office and encourages the development of a strong small business environment, the Community Development Manager continued.

Setliff said it is staff's opinion that this request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan and is generally compatible with existing development and trends in the surrounding area. She added that the Planning Board unanimously recommended in favor of the rezoning.

Setliff reminded Council that it must make a consistency statement along with the motion. She said, if Council is in favor of the rezoning, she has prepared wording that could be used, which is included in the Council's agenda packets.

With no questions for staff from Council, Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the rezoning request? No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Councilman Hairston made the following motion: "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." The motion was seconded by Councilman Gorham.

During the discussion phase, Councilman Balsley noted that no one spoke in favor or against the request at the Planning Board, and he felt like the Council needed a reason or use for the property. The Mayor noted that the list of uses for O&I is listed, but Councilman Balsley questioned why are we doing it now? City Manager Preston Mitchell said the planned utilization of a specific project cannot be a reason to speak for or against the rezoning, and the property owner is not required to submit their planned use for the property. Setliff explained that this is a general use application and not a specific use so all of the permitted uses listed for O&I must be considered. However, she said she had been told that the location is proposed to be an assisted living facility being done by a local family.

The motion then passed in a 7-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE FOR 2605 SWALLOW ROAD, REIDSVILLE.

In presenting the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff said this is a voluntary annexation of the same property that had just been rezoned. She said this was a valid petition for a contiguous annexation involving 10.5 acres. She added that a small portion of the property is already in the City. The request meets the statutory requirements and is signed by either the property owner or the power of attorney. Staff is recommending the City proceed with the voluntary annexation.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. by asking if anyone wished to speak for or against the annexation. No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the annexation of the property located at 2605 Swallow Road.

Therefore, the following Ordinance was approved:

A2017-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
2605 Swallow Road**

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, February 14, 2017, after due notice by publication on Sunday, January 29, 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, a portion of the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of June 30, 2017:

Tract #1: BEGINNING at a new iron located in the southern margin of Swallow Road, said new iron also being located in the northeast corner of Phyllis P. Dameron (see Deed Book 1337, page 1349, Rockingham County Registry); thence from said beginning iron along the southern margin of Swallow Road S. 87 deg. 57 min. 26 sec. E. 588.12 feet to a concrete R/W monument located in the southwest intersection of Swallow Road and Reid School Road; thence along the western margin of Reid School Road S. 58 deg. 25 min. 47 sec. E. 34.62 feet to a concrete R/W monument; thence continuing along the western margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance S. 00 deg. 43 min. 02 sec. E. 490.87 feet L=532.26', R=385.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the western margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance S. 20 deg. 10 min. 24 sec. W. 234.23 feet L=238.45', R=365.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence S. 48 deg. 38 min. 07 sec. W. 44.52 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158; thence along the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158 S. 83 deg. 28 min. 30 sec. W. 250.00 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence S. 06 deg. 31 min. 30 sec. E. 30.10 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of U.S. Hwy. 158 S. 83 deg. 30 min.

13 sec. W. 342.40 feet to an existing iron located in the southeast corner of Robert H. and Nadeen Lynn Trimyer; thence along the eastern margin of Trimyer N. 04 deg. 57 min. 15 sec. E. 444.83 feet to an existing iron located in the southeast corner of Phyllis P. Dameron; thence along Dameron's eastern margin N. 04 deg. 57 min. 20 sec. E. 434.72 feet (crossing an existing iron at 423.29 feet to a new iron, the Point and Place of BEGINNING, the same being Parcel "A" containing 12.570 acres, more or less, as per Survey for R.P. Richardson Heirs dated July 19, 2016 by Obie M. Chambers and Associates, the same being incorporated herein by reference for a more accurate description.

Tract #2: BEGINNING at a new iron set in the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned), said iron also being located S. 88 deg. 45 min. 05 sec. W. 308.75 feet from a NCDOT R/W marker designated as "Jenny Et (2005 adjustment) N 941,321.01' E 1,795,831.65"; thence from said point of beginning S. 36 deg. 00 min. 38 sec. W. 88.88 feet to a new iron set in the northern margin of Richardson Drive; thence along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 81 deg. 40 min. 55 sec. W. 32.43 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 82 deg. 57 min. 07 sec. W. 109.36 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the northern margin of Richardson Drive S. 87 deg. 26 min. 05 sec. W. 144.87 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence N. 33 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. W. 24.23 feet to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the eastern margin of Reid School Road; thence along the eastern margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance N.21 deg. 54 min. 52 sec. E. 166.27 feet L=168.72', R=285.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker; thence continuing along the eastern margin of Reid School Road in an arc of a curve with Chord bearing and distance N. 17 deg. 07 min. 43 sec. E. 344.54 feet L= 352.95', R=465.00' to an NCDOT R/W marker located in the eastern margin of Reid School Road and in the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned); thence along the western margin of Old Reid School Road (abandoned) the following courses and distances: S. 31 deg. 49 min. 42 sec. E. 150.00 feet to a new iron; S. 24 deg. 14 min. 42 sec. E. 150.00 feet to a new iron; S. 18 deg. 10 min. 17 sec. E. 150.41 feet to a new iron, the same being the Point and Place of BEGINNING, the same being Parcel "B" containing 2.063 acres, more or less, as per Survey for R.P. Richardson Heirs dated July 19, 2016 by Obie M. Chambers and Associates, the same being incorporated herein by reference for a more accurate description.

Section 2. Upon and after June 30, 2017, 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 14th day of February, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

/s/ _____
William F. McLeod Jr.
City Attorney

- End of Public Hearings -

CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL LAKE PASS FEES.

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager Tom Wiggins noted that at the City Council retreat, there had been a good discussion about the facilities for Lake Reidsville and Lake Hunt. His memo tries to capture a consensus about raising the annual passes at both lakes. Passes are typically renewed in March, and fees have not been raised in at least 10 years, according to staff records, he said. He referenced page 2 of his memo where a couple of tables showing fees are shown. (A COPY OF WIGGINS' MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He discussed the two proposed options with Option 1 raising fees by \$10 annually and Option 2 raising the fees by \$20 annually, both options showing across the board increases. Wiggins explained that doing away with combo passes allows staff to track who is using which lake. He said the City typically sells about 600 passes a year with \$23,000 in revenues generated for both lakes. Option 1 will generate approximately \$9,000 in additional estimated revenue while Option 2 will generate approximately \$15,000 in additional estimated revenue. However, he added that we realize we might lose passes by increasing the price.

Councilman Festerman, complimenting Wiggins on pulling this together, made the motion to approve Option 2, with the amendment of removing the Non-City Senior Resident rate since these non-City residents do not pay City taxes or live inside the City limits. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion.

Mayor Donecker asked if everyone understood the motion, that the Non-City Seniors would be paying the \$95 like the other non-City residents as though they were younger than 65.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown, citing his "soft heart" for the seniors, asked to amend the motion to charge Resident Senior Citizens only \$10 for each lake. The motion was seconded by Councilman Festerman.

Mayor Donecker, noting that this motion was to leave the City Resident Seniors at \$10 and raise it everywhere else, expressed concern about where the City would make up the difference with this fee reduction. Councilman Festerman said it was his desire to make it up among non-City

Seniors, who would be paying the same as other Non-City Residents. Mayor Pro Tem Brown said they would know the total effect of this fee structure next year. He added that some of these Seniors are fishing to eat. It was restated that the \$30 annual fee for City Seniors would go down to \$10 while other Non-City Seniors' rate would go up to \$95 annually.

Council voted 7-0 to approve the amendment.

Council members then voted on the original motion to accept Option 2 except the rate would be \$10 for Seniors In-City, which was approved 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE LOVE'S TRAVEL CENTER WATER LOOPING PROJECT.

In making the staff report, Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka noted that the Love's Travel project is moving forward. Another advantage seen from this project is the opportunity to leverage to apply for some State monies for a water line that would benefit not only Love's but other commercial development in the area, he said. The grant is based on \$5,000 per job we apply for, and Love's has committed to a minimum of 30 jobs in the travel plaza and the restaurant they would operate. Discussions are going on with a second possible restaurant, he added. Love's has committed to buy additional acreage, and Garstka said he feels comfortable on getting 40 jobs, which would be a \$200,000 grant.

McGill Engineering, which has done work for us and other municipalities, is very much on board with helping us on this, he stated. He stressed that this redundant line would serve that area well. McGill estimates the cost for the line would be \$290,000 so a \$200,000 grant would pay for about two-thirds of the cost, Garstka said.

City Manager Mitchell noted that today staff is requesting permission to pursue the grant only. Garstka stated that the grant process is done on a quarterly basis, and we would need to apply in the summer.

Councilman Festerman asked when Love's plans to break ground? Garstka said that is still a moving target as the company is still determining what size they want the center to be – either a small, medium or large store. Originally they had been thinking medium, but they might want to do a large store, he said. He said they may break ground this summer, and construction is usually a six-month build. They are optimistic it will open in 2017, the Economic Development Director said, but added that the owner wants the company to build 50 new centers a year. Last year they only did 47 so the pressure is on, he stated.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Authorizing Resolution.

The Resolution as approved follows:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY CITY COUNCIL

City of Reidsville

WHEREAS, The Rural Economic Development Division, as authorized under N.C.G.S. 143B-472.127, provides grants and loans to local government units to support economic development activity that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville needs assistance in financing an infrastructure project that may qualify for Rural Infrastructure grant funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville intends to request grant assistance for the Love’s Travel Center Water Looping Project from the Economic Infrastructure Grants Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE:

That the City of Reidsville will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant.

That Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Reidsville with the Rural Economic Development Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a grant to assist in the above-named infrastructure project.

That Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Economic Development Division may request in connection with an application or with the project proposed; to make assurances as contained in the application; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the City of Reidsville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2017 at Reidsville, North Carolina.

/s/

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

Printed Name & Title of Chief Executive Officer

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk (Seal)

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Thank You for Support of Old School Block Celebration.

Ms. Catherine Wilson of 615 Maple Avenue, Reidsville, came forward to speak on behalf of the Old School Block Community Outreach Group, to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Donna Setliff and Angela Stadler for their participation and support, including with the process of getting the historical marker on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. She thanked those who came especially on that day to show their support and talked of how this was a community effort that shows when you come together, you can get things done. She again said she wanted to personally thank them all. Mayor Donecker thanked her for this multi-year effort and talked of how important engaged citizens are in our community. Councilman Hairston noted that this has been a dream of Wilson's and all the time she has put into it, and that while she had people to help, she was there until the very end. Councilman Gorham said for Wilson to let them know if they can do anything further.

Garbage Cans Left on Curbs.

Ms. Gail Wilson, 808 Watson Street, discussed the beautification of Reidsville, noting garbage cans are left in front of curbs for several days a week. She asked if there is an ordinance that protects against such or if not, she would like for one to be established, citing it as a problem.

Councilwoman Walker said she had discussed this matter with the City Manager. If Ms. Wilson can give them an address, they could check into it. The City Manager said we do have a City Ordinance about that if they could just be told the specific address. Ms. Wilson asked if she could be a watchdog for that? Ms. Wilson said excess garbage is not a problem in just one place. Mayor Donecker encouraged Ms. Wilson to download the Reidsville Connect app, take a picture of the offenders' garbage trucks and email to City staff or email them her concerns. The City Manager said he would follow up on it, adding that a similar type of concern was received a few weeks ago on Reidsville Connect and addressed. The Mayor said there are some who appear to leave their trash cans out all the time. Councilwoman Walker informed Ms. Wilson that the City has several vacancies on the Appearance Commission, which Ms. Wilson expressed interest in. Councilman Hairston praised the Reidsville Connect app, adding that it also lets you know where the issue is in the process and when it is closed.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager Mitchell distributed the ballots for the board and commission appointments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Preston Mitchell reviewed his Manager's Report. (A COPY OF THE REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He also referenced behind the Miscellaneous Tab the petition to rename Northup Street. There will be a public hearing at Council's March meeting, but staff wanted to make Council aware it would be coming up.

Manager Mitchell also presented the Disposal of Property Report as required of staff and the Quarterly Financial Review for Council's review. He also noted that Town Hall Day is coming up March 29 and asked which Council members are interested in going to let him know.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – The Mayor Pro Tem noted that he had attended the following events this past month: Jan. 15, gave greetings on behalf of the City at the Reidsville Ministerial Alliance Installation Service at Galilee Church; Jan. 16, attended the Unity Breakfast at Zion Baptist with fellow Council members, presented the proclamation at the Martin Luther King Drive dedication and attended the Martin Luther King Memorial Service with Councilmen Gorham and Hairston and Councilwoman Walker at First Baptist Church; Feb. 1, attended Pete's Burgers ribbon cutting; Feb. 8, attended the Chamber Annual Luncheon; Feb. 11, attended the HK on J rally in Raleigh with 25 high school students; and today, attended the soft opening of the new Senior Center, adding the new facility is very impressive.

Councilman Hairston – The Councilman said he attended the soft opening of the new Senior Center, adding that it was absolutely gorgeous and he was honored to have a small part in it. He also said he was proud of Martin Luther King Drive and the marker for the former businesses on Market Street. He said it is a great time for our city.

Councilwoman Walker – The Councilwoman, noting it has been a busy month, said she had attended the following: the Jan. 16th Martin Luther King Breakfast, The Block celebration and presented the proclamation at the Memorial Service at the Baptist Church; March 24 to Cherokee for the NCACP banquet, where Chief Hassell was honored. It was an emotional event, she noted, adding that she was proud to sit at a table with two police chiefs, Chief Hassell and Chief Festerman, with Chief Festerman recognized by several there as well. She said she also attended the Jan. 26 ABC Board meeting; Feb. 3 with the Mayor at the elected officials breakfast in Wentworth focusing on education from birth to attendance at Rockingham Community College; Feb. 8 Chamber luncheon, the largest they have ever had; Feb. 10 ribbon cutting at the bakery in Wentworth; Feb. 14th soft opening of the Senior Center and today's swearing in of three new police officers.

Councilman Gorham – The Councilman said on January 15, he provided backup vocals for Mayor Pro Tem Brown when he provided greetings at his church as part of the Males Chorus; Jan. 16, the Martin Luther King Breakfast, the plaque presentation for The Block, the Unity March by the Ministerial Alliance, and the service at First Baptist Church; Jan. 17, the first meeting of the new year for the NAACP; Jan. 18, Planning Board meeting; Jan. 24, Senior Men's Fellowship meeting and was here for the RDC meeting but none was held that day, and the Human Relations Commission and the RCC Democratic Meeting at RCC; Jan. 25, a redistricting meeting for the Rockingham County Schools; and the soft opening of the Senior

Center today. He noted that this is a fantastic state-of-the-art building. He also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and added that he also attended the ceremonial swearing in of new police officers today.

Councilman Balsley – The Councilman asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to come forward. Sawyer gave highlights from the Chamber's past year. She said they appreciated the support of those who could attend the annual banquet. She said they created a special edition recapping the video played at the banquet, but she would email the City Clerk the link for those Council members who would like to see the entire presentation. She then showed the shortened version of the testimonials taped at the Business Showcase, adding that even some of their own members didn't realize everything they had.

Sawyer then distributed handouts, including the Reidsville Visitors Center Report and the Year in Review. (A COPY OF THE HANDOUTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) She went over the various numbers of people reached at the different events, through text messaging, etc. as shown on the handouts. She told three stories of people who had visited Reidsville and the Visitors Center and the customer service they received here before concluding her report.

Councilman Festerman – The Councilman talked of how proud everyone is of the Police Chief and how his colleagues addressed him at the recent conference. He also complimented Chief Hassell who will be sworn in by the Chief Justice of the NC State Supreme Court for the NC Criminal Justice, Education Training and Standards Commission, one of the most important bodies that affects law enforcement in this state. He told Chief Hassell he was an excellent choice for the Commission and encouraged him to “keep doing what you're doing.”

Mayor Donecker – The Mayor said first, he had received a letter from Rev. Jonathan Marlowe, who was part of a group having a conversation on race. The next meeting of this group will be at Rev. Marlowe's Chapel Hill United Methodist Church on February 19 at 3:30 p.m. and will be followed up at Midway United Methodist Church. He said he had forwarded the letter to City Council members and Human Relations Commission members.

Secondly, he said local businessman Steve Scott has pulled together an excellent Junior Achievement package for local kindergartners, building on the “Leader in Me” program. He has visited South End School. They have had a discussion with the Rockingham County Educational Foundation and RAF about efforts to support Reidsville Middle School, including the possibility of having a magnet school there. He talked of how strong schools tie in with our City's economic development.

Thirdly, Lucky City Brewery Co-Op had a board of directors meeting last night and has set a goal of 200 members, he said. The Mayor then congratulated Roy Sawyers, noting that his website, Rockingham Update, has been up and running for nine years and has had over 11 million visits. We talk about communication and how to reach people and Rockingham Update is very much a part of that, the Mayor said.

Mayor Donecker, noting that Councilwoman Walker had mentioned their visit to Chief Hassell's reception as outgoing President of his State Association, said they learned that Chief Hassell's mentor was one of the first African American police chiefs in the State, and that Chief's mentor had been former Reidsville Police Chief Festerman. It was very heart warming and made him very proud to be from Reidsville to hear these unsolicited comments. He also noted they were able to present a sculpture done by local sculptor Brad Spencer to Chief Hassell, which was shown to the audience.

Police Chief Hassell came forward and said he was so proud to be our Police Chief, not just talking to his officers but for the citizens of Reidsville. He said he was talking to his mentor, retired Chief Malloy about how excited he was that several of his Council members and Manager were coming, including retired Police Chief James Festerman. Chief Malloy said he knew Festerman and talked of how Festerman had encouraged him to call him if he ever needed anything. He said that was the beginning of the mentoring done across the state by the association. Chief Hassell said the two police chief that helped develop him were Chief John Hodges in Hope Mills, who was from Eden, and Chief Robert Malloy, both who helped him move through the ranks of the association. He said it is interesting how it came complete circle. He talked of how appreciative he was for the Mayor and those who could coming to his reception. He said it was a huge responsibility to be head of the State Association but he couldn't do it without the support at home. He noted that during his year as President his focus was being the voice for those smaller departments in the State, many of which are 25 members or less.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced that Mr. Edward W. Inman of 901 Uhles Street, Apt. 2, was unanimously appointed to the Reidsville Historic Preservation Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

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

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to into closed session to discuss economic development.

Upon their return from closed session, Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Festerman and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 8:15 p.m.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk