

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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
Councilmember Terresia Scoble
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
David Bracken, Fire Chief

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Pastor James P. Tharrington of Evangel Fellowship Church, 717 W. Harrison Street, Reidsville, and a Chaplain with the Reidsville Police Department, provided the invocation.

Mayor Donecker and Council led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7-13, 2018.

Mayor Donecker asked Chief Bracken to come forward. He was joined by Captain Jerry Durham, Captain Anthony Crowder and Fire Engineer Mark Boler in accepting the proclamation for Fire Prevention Week. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Chief Bracken acknowledged the efforts of the members of his department for the teaching and training they offer the local community and the schools. He stressed the public fire education program that the firefighters share with children at a very early age in schools and daycares has a tremendous impact on the safety of these children and their families. Chief Bracken expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for this recognition.

RECOGNITION OF “PINK DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BREAST CANCER ON OCTOBER 26, 2018.

Mayor Donecker asked Councilmember Terresia Scoble to join him in acknowledging “Pink Day”, which is scheduled to be held in conjunction with Ladies Night Out in downtown Reidsville on October 26, 2018. Councilmember Scoble said she was standing in for Theresa Moore, who had a family issue arise and could not be at tonight’s meeting. Councilmember Scoble invited those present to come out on October 26th and help support and acknowledge those individuals who are fighting the battle with cancer or remembering those who have fought. She thanked the Mayor and accepted the proclamation. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

RECOGNITION OF “NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY,” WHICH WAS HELD OCTOBER 5, 2018.

Mayor Donecker asked Gidi Tenne, Plant Manager and Mike Fitzgerald, Executive Vice President for Sales representing Albaad, Jerry Scott of Tri-State Steel, and County Commissioner Chairman Kevin Berger to come forward. The Mayor expressed acknowledged National Manufacturing Day, which took place on October 5, 2018. He said he was not going to read the Proclamation but stressed the huge impact these industries have on the community and invited the gentleman to say a few words. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mr. Tenne commented how nice it is to be appreciated and to come to the meeting tonight and be recognized. He said he takes great pleasure in being able to expand Albaad’s business while utilizing an existing building in Reidsville, the former Ball Plant facility. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed and said currently they are using about one third of the facility but have high hopes of attracting nationally known businesses to the Reidsville location.

Mr. Scott shared his feelings about the decision to move his family and business to Reidsville over 30 years ago. He thanked his wife and the City for their support.

Rockingham County Commission Chair Kevin Berger said he wanted to thank all of the businesses in Reidsville and Rockingham County but especially Albaad and Tri-State Steel for their commitment.

RECOGNITION OF TRI-STATE STEEL’S 30 YEARS OF BUSINESS.

Mayor Donecker, joined by Rockingham County Commissioners Chairman Kevin Berger, surprised Mr. Scott with a plaque commending his 30 years of business in Reidsville and Rockingham County.

Mr. Scott shared the story of how he and his family decided to move to Reidsville and gave most of the credit to Ms. Plum Trent for her enthusiasm for the City.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, INCLUDING THE RECONVENED MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, AND THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 6-0 vote, the Council approved the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, including the Reconvened Meeting Minutes from September 17, and the September 19, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 5 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 the accompanying Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5 based on Community Development Manager Donna Setliff's memo dated October 1, 2018. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5 as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 5

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 12, 2018 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019; 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 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 12, 2018 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3346-0000, Wireless Fees, be increased by \$850.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4910-4300, Wireless Reviews, be increased by \$850.00.

This the 9th day of October, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL CALL FOR PROJECTS COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR SKAT BUS SERVICE IN THE REIDSVILLE AREA.

Meggan Odell, Director of Transit Services, with Aging, Disabilities, and Transit Services, came forward detailing the continuation of the grant process that allows the City to partner with ADTS for Rockingham County pertaining to skat bus services. She said if Council approves the Resolution, it would allow ADTS to apply for the \$133,000 grant with the City agreeing to provide the required 10% local matching funds, which is the same amount they had agreed to for the past two years of \$13,300. She shared numerous statistics related to ridership of the skat bus service and asked Council members if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Donecker started the public hearing at 6:21p.m. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Councilman Gorham made the motion to approve the proposed Capital Call for Projects Community Transportation Program application for SKAT bus services in the Reidsville area, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote. (A COPY OF THE APPLICATION AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

- End of Public Hearings -

PUBLIC COMMENTS.
Request for Moorish Americans Proclamation.

Mr. Lance Samuel Graves of Ballymena Drive, Reidsville, came forward to request a proclamation from the Council on behalf of Moorish American Nationals. Mr. Graves gave a brief description of the history of the Moorish people and shared examples of proclamations of support from the City of Chicago, the City of Tacoma and the City of Fayetteville. He said he would like the City Council to pen a similar proclamation. Mayor Donecker said he appreciated Mr. Graves coming before the Council with his request and that he had forwarded the request along to the City Attorney for research purposes. He said he would get back to Mr. Graves via email with his findings. The Mayor asked Mr. Graves to share his Moorish name with members of the Council. Mr. Graves said his Moorish name is Lance Samu-El Royaneh. The Mayor asked if Council members had any questions or comments for Mr. Graves. Councilmember Scoble said she found the topic interesting and welcomed the opportunity to learn more about it.

Request for Key to the City.

Ms. Catherine Wilson of 615 Maple Avenue, Reidsville, came forward and said she is representing the Old School Block Community Outreach Group. She detailed a brief history of the section of downtown Reidsville known as “The Block”. Ms. Wilson shared her enthusiasm for those individual business owners and tradesmen who had done so much for the advancement of Reidsville and its African-American population. She expressed her desire, on behalf of the Old School Block Community Outreach Group, that a Key to the City be presented to the group during “The Block” celebration, which will be held this year at the Reidsville Fall Jubilee. She also requested a proclamation acknowledging the 8th Anniversary of the group and their efforts to highlight the history of “The Block”. She displayed one of the group’s t-shirts with the logo “Unity is a Community Affair.”

Mayor Donecker thanked Mrs. Wilson for coming to tonight’s meeting and stated in the history of presenting keys to the City, no one has ever come before the Council and requested one, but as citizens of Reidsville we should all consider ourselves as “Key to the City” recipients. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the members of the Old School Block Community Outreach Group for their efforts to preserve the history of this vibrant business district in Reidsville’s past. He offered to acknowledge the efforts of the Old School Block Community Outreach Group by presenting them with a proclamation on October 20th at the Fall Jubilee. He said he would like to see the memories of Booker T. Washington High School preserved as well, noting that perhaps the two groups could work together.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

City Manager Preston Mitchell referred to the items addressed on his October 9, 2018 City Manager’s report. He noted the Reidsville Fall Jubilee will be held October 20 and invited those in attendance to join the celebration. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER’S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) City Manager Mitchell referenced in his report budget transfers, carry forward as well as the City Clerk’s “Roaming around Reidsville” article on the Fall Jubilee and numerous October events listed in his memo.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the YMCA Board of Directors meeting on September 17; the Parks and Recreation Commission Advisory Board meeting on September 18; and the NAACP Board of Directors meeting on September 25.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said he had attended the S&K Preemie Love Foundation Fundraiser on September 27; the Human Relations Commission meeting on September 25 and the Lone Star Lodge Prayer Breakfast on September 29.

Councilmember Scoble – Councilmember Scoble stated she had attended the ceremony on September 12 at the Reidsville Police Department for the swearing in of Officer

Joshua Farmer and promotions for Sgt. Brent Hatfield and Sgt. Walter Joyce; the City Council meetings on September 17 & 19; the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and the Human Relations Commission meeting on September 25; the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on September 26; the Reidsville Industrial Alliance at Annie Penn Hospital on September 27; “Coffee with a Cop” at Sip Coffee House on October 3 and the Chamber Coffee at the Cat’s Meow on October 4, 2018.

Councilmember Scoble asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to give her Chamber report. Sawyer said she would like to start by congratulating October Member of the Month, Debbie’s Restaurant and Catering, for their hard work supplying over 1,200 meals for those assisting with the damages from Hurricane Florence. She detailed the times and location of the upcoming 2018 Reidsville Business Showcase, which will be held October 11-12 at the Salvation Army Community Center on Barnes Street; the November Chamber Coffee, which will be hosted by Annie Penn Hospital at their Outpatient Rehab Center located at 730 S. Scales Street on November 1, at 8 a.m.; the ribbon cutting for the Fine Arts Festival on October 18 at 5:30 p.m.; Reidsville’s Fall Jubilee on October 20, from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; the ribbon cutting for Zack Hall/Urgent Care on October 30 at 12:30 p.m.; the ribbon cutting for the naming of the Chamber lobby area as the HomeTrust Bank Lobby & the new SCORE Center on November 13 at noon; the ribbon cutting for Dewey’s Holiday Bakery on November 15 at 11 a.m. at Hospice of Rockingham County; Small Business Saturday on November 24; and a photo shoot for VF/Wrangler being made at locations throughout Reidsville on October 25.

Councilman Gorham – Councilman Gorham listed the events he had attended as; the *Last Dons* Second Chance Scholarship event at Market Square on September 22; a “drive-by” with his granddaughter at the Eric & the Chill Tones concert on September 22 because of the rain; the RDC Board meeting at City Hall on September 25; the Men’s Fellowship meeting at Golden Corral on September 25; the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on September 25; the NAACP meeting at First Baptist Church on Hubbard Street on September 25; Black Family Day at Market Square on September 30; the Wentworth Street Community Watch meeting on October 1; and the Community Celebration of Christ at First Baptist Church on Main Street on October 3, 2018.

Councilman Festerman – Councilman Festerman complimented NCDOT on the new plantings at Harrison Street and Freeway Drive. He said it looks nice as you enter the City. Councilman Festerman also commented that he had recently observed the increase of young professionals relocating here and purchasing some of the older stately homes that have been on the real estate market for a while. He said it is a testament that the economy is getting better and expressed his gratitude to City Marketer Judy Yarbrough. Councilman Festerman added someone he knows is considering moving to Reidsville and is looking at the Carter Ridge neighborhood.

Mayor Donecker – Mayor Donecker asked for clarification regarding the timeline for fixing the road next to Courtland Park. City Manager Mitchell stated the City had to

obtain State and Federal permits regarding the project, which took longer due to the possibility of the level of impact the project could have with increased flooding on downstream properties. Manager Mitchell said the last permit had been obtained today and the bidding process is already taking place. He said the funding for the project is already in the current budget and that the project should be underway soon.

Mayor Donecker commented that the Reidsville Downtown Corporation seems to have rejuvenated itself with projects underway like the mural, which is going up at the corner of Scales and Gilmer and the downtown painting of the fire hydrants. He said he would like to see more people get involved with the RDC and these types of projects.

Councilman Gorham said he would like them to include fire hydrants all over town.

Councilwoman Scoble added how nice the bridge is on Richardson Drive.

**MOVE TO FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CLOSED SESSION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 143-318.11 (A)(4) TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ITEMS
RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to go into closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Upon return to open session, Councilmember Scoble made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 6-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk