

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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
of Community Services
Kevin Eason, Public Works Director
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

Reverend Bernard Florence of Galilee Greater International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 224 Pennsylvania Avenue, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY U.S. ARMY VETERAN PETE CARTER.**

U.S. Army Veteran Pete Carter led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance after members of the Reidsville Fire Department presented the flags.

RECOGNITIONS:

**RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER AWARD SHAMICA
MCCOLLUM AND MYRNA WHITE.**

Mayor Donecker asked Shamica McCollum and Myrna White, both volunteers at the Reidsville Police Department, to come forward, at which time he read a letter from North Carolina Congressman Mark Walker. The letter recognized McCollum and White for the numerous hours spent volunteering throughout the community. The Mayor presented White with a framed certificate and a bronze medallion while White received a certificate and a gold medallion.

Ms. White expressed her gratitude to the Reidsville Police Department for allowing her to volunteer there and said it is a joy to serve the people of Reidsville. She laughed and said she spends more time there than she does at home. Ms. McCollum said she wished she had time to do more but noted that she works as a Probation Officer.

The members of the City Council came down and had their picture taken with the recipients.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PERRY G. GRAVES FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Mayor Donecker called Perry Graves forward and read a Certificate of Appreciation citing Graves' military service, as well as the countless hours Graves has spent mentoring and encouraging area youth to realize their potential and grow up to be productive citizens. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Mayor complimented Graves on his "can do" attitude and asked if he would like to say a few words. Graves expressed his gratitude to fellow members of the community, like Councilmen William Hairston and Tom Balsley, who have helped youth by offering their tutoring skills. Graves said children are our future.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO RECOGNIZE RECEIPT OF A WIRELESS FEE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A WIRELESS REVIEW.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 5

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 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 13, 2017 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 14th day of November, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN UPDATED FAIR HOUSING PLAN FOR CDBG COMPLIANCE PLANS.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Resolution updating the Fair Housing Plan for CDBG compliance:

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE
TO ADOPT UPDATED FAIR HOUSING PLAN
FOR CDBG COMPLIANCE PLANS**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC), upon receiving a successful, complete application from the City of Reidsville for funding, agrees to provide to the City of Reidsville the Community Development Block Grant assistance under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-383) authorized by the DOC funding approval, the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant administrative rules, applicable laws and all other requirements of DOC now or hereafter in effect; and,

WHEREAS, HUD's State CDBG program has many federal performance requirements, including the required implementation of compliance plans that have previously been adopted by Reidsville City Council and are effective as of April 12, 2016, and will remain in effect until otherwise agreed upon by City Council:

- Fair Housing Plan

- Analysis of Impediments and Assessment of Fair Housing – Piedmont Triad Council, DATED September 2014
- Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan
- Section 3 Plan
- Equal Opportunity Plan
- Procurement Plan
- Citizen Participation Plan
- Language Access Plan
- Section 504 Plan
 - Section 504 Self-Evaluation Survey
 - Compliance Officer/Grievance Procedure
 - Policy of Nondiscrimination Based on Handicapped Status
 - Policy of Reasonable Accommodation

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Plan quarterly activities need to be extended through the end of 2019 so that the plan can be implemented throughout the duration of the anticipated CDBG Downtown Redevelopment Fund grant,

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

That the City of Reidsville, candidate for CDBG-Downtown Redevelopment Fund funding, upon receiving a grant contract for funding will adopt and place into effect the updated Fair Housing Plan with quarterly activities extending through 2019.

Adopted this the 14th day of November, 2017, in Reidsville, North Carolina.

/s/ _____

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

Attest:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION FOR A CONTIGUOUS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AND A RESOLUTION FIXING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2018, FOR 3.983 ACRES AT 189 BRENTWOOD DRIVE.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Resolutions:

A2017-04

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
 TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
 UNDER G.S. 160A-31
 189 Brentwood Drive**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on October 10, 2017, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 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 November, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

A2017-04

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31
189 Brentwood Drive**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the 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, January 9, 2018.

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

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 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 November, 2017.

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

ATTEST:

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

- End of Consent Agenda -

CONSIDERATION FOR COUNCIL TO ADOPT A SERIES OF CERTIFICATIONS OF MUNICIPAL DECLARATION TO REPEAL AND SET SPEED LIMITS ALONG SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF FREEWAY DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (ENCLOSURE #1) – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEVIN EASON

Public Works Director Kevin Eason came forward and stated that NCDOT is in the process of rerouting US 158 where it is now to the new route. He discussed the current route versus the new route as noted in his accompanying memo. (A COPY OF EASON’S MEMO DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2017 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He noted that Council needs to approve a municipal concurrence agreement, adding that the request basically repeals several speed limits and set new limits along this section. However, this is a “paper change” only and that no actual speed limit changes are requested. Eason said there are eight agreements that need to be certified by the City Clerk, and he is requesting City Council to authorize the City Clerk to execute these agreements and return them to NCDOT.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve. (A COPY OF THE DECLARATIONS AS APPROVED ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZED BY SENATE BILL 155, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “BRUNCH LAW,” ALLOWING BUSINESSES HOLDING APPROVED ABC PERMITS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. ON SUNDAYS. (ENCLOSURE #2) – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DONNA SETLIFF

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff stated it has been proposed, with local approval, that convenience stores, restaurants, etc. be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages at 10 a.m. on Sunday instead of 12 noon if they have the required ABC permit. She cited the June 2017 North Carolina General Assembly Senate Bill 155, commonly known as the “Brunch Bill”, which must be put in the Code of Ordinances to do this. Setliff said the City had received several inquiries at a local level, as has the Chamber of Commerce. Both boards of the Chamber and RDC discussed this issue, and both support making this addition to the City Code of Ordinances.

Setliff said the ordinance is before Council for approval. The City’s Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka and Chamber of Commerce President Diane Sawyer are also on hand for any questions, she added.

Councilman Tom Balsley made the motion that Council approve the Brunch Law bill that groceries, restaurants can sell alcoholic beverages beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Councilman James Festerman seconded the motion, which resulted in a unanimous 7-0 vote by Council.

The Ordinance as approved by Council follows:

**AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 5, BUSINESS LICENSES, TAXES AND REGULATIONS
ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL
SECTION 5-45, SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE NOON ON SUNDAYS AT LICENSED
PREMISES**

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 155, entitled “An Act to Make Various Changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Laws”; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Ratified Senate Bill 155 authorizes city and county governments to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10 am on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, Ratified Senate Bill 155 signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on the 30th day of June, 2017 and became effective on that day (Session Law 2017, Chapter 87); and

WHEREAS, by enacting Senate Bill 155, North Carolina joins 47 other State in allowing alcohol service before noon on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will allow the hospitality community and retail merchants in our community to meet the needs of their customers; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will benefit our business community, bring people into business districts earlier in the day, and generate increased tax revenues; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina, that the City of Reidsville Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Part I. That Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-45, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages before Noon on Sundays at Licensed Premises is inserted as follows:

Pursuant to the authority granted by S.L. 2017-87 any establishment located in the corporate limits of Reidsville, NC and holding an ABC permit issued pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001 is permitted to sell beverages allowed by its permit beginning at 10 A.M. on Sundays.

Part II. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of November, 2017 by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina.

/s/ _____
John M. Donecker
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO MOVE THE DUMPSTER
CURRENTLY LOCATED NEAR BACK STREET ARCHERY.**

City Manager Mitchell referenced the written report on this subject, which had been studied in the fall of 2016. At that time, an administrative decision was made not to move dumpster but upon request of the Mayor, the issue was studied again. Assistant City Manager Tom Wiggins prepared a report at that time, which is included along with relevant materials and an unsolicited letter. (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION IS HEREBY INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Noting that public comments were heard last month about the issue, Mayor Donecker stated that there would be no public comments tonight.

Councilman Festerman made the motion to accept the recommendation of the City staff and leave the dumpster as is. He complimented staff on their research.

Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion, which was approved in a unanimous 7-0 vote.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

The ballots were distributed for the lone Board appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Apostle James Haven discusses injustices.

Apostle James Haven came forward and stated he has been in Reidsville for seven months and has found there has been much misappropriations, misjustices and persecution of his faith. He stated he is an ordained minister and a strong Christian, who has been trying to rent a place to live. He said he is not allowed to have Bible study in his home and that now he is living in a hotel. Mr. Haven stressed he went to the Rockingham County Department of Social Services and they said they have helped him as much as they can. He asked why he is getting shot down and his faith persecuted? He stressed he had gone to the Salvation Army for help and had gotten the cops called on him because he didn't have the address on his State ID. He continued by saying constantly everywhere we go, something is not right and asked what Council can do about it? Mr. Haven stressed he is basically homeless because he only has his SSI check and pays what he can. He commented that he is not judging anybody, but he heard the prayer at tonight's meeting offered to the God of Heaven and said everyone knows what the Bible says about helping the poor.

Mayor Donecker suggested Mr. Haven continue to go through the County's Department of Social Services and asked him to realize the County staff are the experts and to listen to their instructions closely. The Mayor added there is no safety net here in the City of Reidsville for the issues he brought up and advised him to continue a conversation with the County.

Mr. Haven replied that this is your town and you should approach the Salvation Army and make these people do the right thing. Mayor Donecker said he had done what he said he would do and reiterated that Mr. Haven should seek help through DSS and let them help to the best of their ability. He thanked Mr. Haven for coming to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced that James 'Jimmy' C. Setliff had been unanimously reappointed to the Reidsville ABC Board in an unanimous 7-0 vote. She added that with Mr. Setliff's re-appointment, the ABC Board is full. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councilman Festerman.

Councilman Festerman thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their love and support over the course of the past five months during his absence. He noted he had received numerous calls from the City Manager and expressed how much all of the concern expressed meant to him. Councilman Festerman said it is with a sense of sadness that he will no longer be able to serve with his friend Tom Balsley and that their relationship goes back a long time. He said if you look in the dictionary under warm, kind and caring, there would be Tom Balsley. Councilman Festerman wished Balsley and his wife, Martha, the very best and said he loves him like a brother. In addition, he offered his congratulations to Mayor Donecker, Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Councilwoman-Elect Terresia Scoble on their election victories. He said he looks forward to the opportunity to work with them again.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he would like to echo Councilman Festerman's remarks but would like to wait until next month when the official "toasting/roasting" would take place. He thanked everyone for their support over the past several weeks, adding it was a good race and a clean campaign. The Mayor Pro Tem mentioned that Brian Smithwick and Hemco Pathakar are here tonight, and he was glad to get the chance to meet them. He continued by congratulating Terresia Scoble on her election. He said she worked very hard, and he also congratulated Mayor Donecker. Mayor Pro Tem Brown commented that he was glad, and it touched his heart to see Councilman Festerman back and that he had missed him.

Councilman Hairston.

Councilman Hairston said he would like to piggyback on what Mayor Pro Tem Brown had said regarding congratulations to everyone and a welcome back to Councilman Festerman.

He then continued by reporting on his attendance at the following; Oct. 16 and Nov. 6, a countywide coalition of pastors of every denomination and race to discuss race relations in Rockingham County; Oct. 17, the NAACP cabinet forum at First Baptist Church; Oct. 19, Candidates Forum; Oct. 20, served lunch to senior citizens at RCARE from Lone Star Lodge #3; Oct. 21, Reidsville's Fall Festival. He said it was a great day and that people loved the t-shirts and that they were very impressive, the food was great, and everyone had a great time. Continuing, he noted attending the following: Oct. 25, the Rockingham County Project Safe Call-In; Oct. 29, the Reidsville Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Fundraiser; Nov. 4, was Master of Ceremonies at the NAACP banquet held at Zion Baptist Church, where he and Mayor Pro Tem Brown received the President's Award, which was a surprise to him and a great honor. He said he appreciates NAACP President Jeff Crisp and the NAACP for that award. Lastly he offered congratulations to the Reidsville Police Department and the Reidsville Human Relations Commission for "Best in Show" at the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase.

Councilwoman Walker.

Councilwoman Walker said she had attended the following; Oct. 16, meeting with State Board members from the ABC Coalition at Pennrose Park Country Club who gave a talk at the Rotary Club lunch; on Oct. 21, Reidsville's Fall Festival; two candidates forums, one hosted by the Chamber and the other by the NAACP; Oct. 24, the RDC meeting; Oct. 26, ABC Board meeting and the Appearance Commission meeting; Oct. 31, Citywide employee salad and stew; and Nov. 4, the NAACP Annual Banquet. Walker said she would like to welcome Councilman Festerman back and that she had missed his ribbing.

The Councilwoman asked Assistant City Manager of Community Services Tom Wiggins to come forward and recap information related to a recent program offered at the Reidsville Teen Center. The program involved one of the area banks, which sponsored a class on balancing checkbooks and financial budgeting. Wiggins came forward and reiterated the benefits of the budgeting career readiness and career planning workshop held at the Teen Center sponsored by First Carolina Bank. He said they had a good turnout with participants ranging in age from 8 to 60. He thanked Parks and Recreation Supervisor Quinton Robertson and Teen Center Supervisor Portia Parris for their help with the event.

Councilman Gorham.

Councilman Gorham said he wanted Councilman Festerman to know they have been making their reports "extra long" for him. The Councilman said he had attended the funeral of Major Ronnie Ellison's brother, James Ellison, who was a big volunteer and community worker; on October 13, he attended the Chambers Business Showcase; Oct. 14, the Class of 1972 reunion where he spoke but had to let them know the Class of '71 was the best; Oct. 17, the Highland Heights Community Watch; Oct. 17, the NAACP

Candidates Forum; Oct. 18, the filming of The Block script; Oct. 20, he attended the 10th Annual Senior Citizens luncheon and on the same day a presentation by one of our firefighters John Worley; Oct. 21, the Reidsville Fall Jubilee; Oct. 22, McLaurin/Duke Neighbor Rally at Galilee Holiness Church; Oct. 23, Chamber Candidates Forum; Oct. 28, Free Clinic Rocktoberfest; Oct. 31, employee luncheon; Oct. 31 trick or treat day with his grandchildren; and Nov. 4, the NAACP banquet.

Councilman Balsley.

Councilman Balsley stated he was worn out by James Festerman's long report, but seriously, noted how happy they all are to have him back. He stressed that Festerman was the one who got him involved in this business about eight years ago and what a pleasure it has been being on the Council and serving with all the good people who are here. He said he wanted to thank Brian Smithwick, Terresia Scoble, and Hemo Pathakar for putting themselves forward and looking at serving and helping our City. The Councilman said it is not easy to tell people things they don't want to hear, and he appreciated them wanting to sign up to serve. He said he knows the next Council will be in good hands.

Councilman Balsley also added one of the things he feels so good about in Reidsville is the Chamber of Commerce and our relationship with them. He stated he was thankful for all of the good things they do all the time. He asked Chamber President Diane Sawyer to share what's ahead.

Sawyer said she hoped Councilman Festerman had gotten her call and stressed they were going to miss Councilman Balsley as their liaison. She thanked the City for its participation in the Business Showcase and thanked City staff for its help at the showcase, especially meeting with the students. She then listed several upcoming events: the McDonalds ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. Nov. 17; that same evening at 6:30 p.m., the downtown tree lighting; Shop Small Business on Saturday, Nov. 25; the last event will be the Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, Dec. 9. Lastly, she thanked those who came out to the Candidates Forum, which not just physically attended but also streamed and watched online. She congratulated the Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Donecker and Terresia Scoble on their wins.

Councilman William Hairston asked Police Chief Robert Hassell to briefly discuss "No Shave November," another great thing our Police Department is doing.

Councilman Festerman (continued).

Councilman Festerman said he failed to tell mention that he cut the ribbon for the newly renovated Police Training Center, which was an extremely well attended event. He said he was proud of what Chief has been able to accomplish down there. He noted his 65-year association with that property, and that his dad had worked down there. He complimented the Chamber's involvement and said the food was good. Councilman Gorham, noting his vehicle "Old Blue" wouldn't crank, asked about getting a tour of the facility in the future.

Mayor Donecker.

The Mayor thanked all those who voted. He said when people complain, ask them if they voted? If not, just walk away from them. He thanked those who voted and worked the polls, adding it takes more than one horse to have a horse race. He listed all those who ran and then said he was looking forward to Terresia Scoble joining the Council. He said we need to continue to move forward from what has already been accomplished.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

City Manager Preston Mitchell went through his written report (A COPY OF THE WRITTEN REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He said he appreciated the City staff that helped with the Business Showcase, sharing a story of one student who asked to hug the employee telling them about future career possibilities.

MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION UNDER G.S. 143-318.11(A) (1) & (4) TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER AND TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC PROSPECT.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Upon their return from closed session, Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn.

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk