

MAYOR

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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November 05, 2015

7:00 PM

The Randleman Board of Aldermen met on the above date with the following members present:

Bucky Jernigan)	Mayor
Melissa Blalock)	Mayor Tempore
Ray Hudson, Jr.)	Aldermen
Clifford Bowman)	
Mike Dawkins)	Absent
Nick Holcomb)	City Manager
Bob Wilhoit)	Attorney
Zack Hewett)	Finance Director

Prayer

Gary Betts, Sr. led the group in prayer before the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda – Minutes-Investments –Departmental Reports

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes, Investments, and Departmental Reports placed on the Consent Agenda.

MeterSys Radio Read Meter Presentation

Andy Honeycutt and Lauren Brown from the MeterSys group gave an informative presentation concerning a transition to radio read water meters.

His group is analyzing technology and our data to offer the proper solution for our City. MeterSys will recommend meter companies that would provide the most efficient, and serviceable meters to maximize benefits for our City operations and customers.

To demonstrate their Program Management (**DBIM**) was used; **D**esign, **B**uild, **I**mplementation, and **M**anage. Vendor accountability and longevity of products are one of the major selling points along with enhanced customer service.

No action was taken by the Board, hopefully the new technology could be implemented by the summer of 2016.

Public Comment

Mr. Raymond Wall, 741 Holly Grove Drive, a non-resident, stated that the Board should not fill the vacant seat or vote on any contracts. He felt decisions should be made by the incoming elected Board members.

Mr. Greg Scotton, 215 Commonwealth Street, a city resident for 28 years expressed his concerns in reference to the future of Randleman. He would like for decisions to be made by the newly elected officials. He also voiced his concerns regarding the lack of transparency in our City government.

Mr. Fred Pack, 106 River Park Road, a city resident, has continued to request a vote on "In God We Trust" National Motto to be placed on the Council Chamber building. He expressed his displeasure with the Board for not placing it on the agenda for a vote.

Mayor Jernigan gave Mr. Pack his word that the City would find a suitable place for the motto.

Mr. Keith Fogleman, 103 Fogleman Lane, a city resident and newly elected Board member, thanked all those that voted for him. He praised Alderman Hudson for being an honorable man and running a clean campaign.

Ms. Renee' Bryant, 417 South Stout Street, a city resident and newly elected Alderwoman, thanked Alderman Bowman, and Alderman Hudson for their service

to the City. She also thanked Alderman Dawkins, in his absence, for paving the way for her successful election.

Mr. Charles Byerly, 109 Holder Street, a city resident, yelled from the back “we had microphones at one time, we cannot hear”.

Ms. Gloria King, 434 High Point Street, a city resident, thanked the present Board for their service. She stated that this had been the dirtiest campaign, filled with lies and rumors that she had ever experienced. She asked the Board to remove her name from consideration for the Ward 3 seat. “If I can’t trust you or believe you, I don’t want to work with you!”

She wished Nancy Henderson good luck, and added you are going to need it.

The Mayor closed the Public comment section

Attorney Contract – Resolution -Bob Wilhoit

The Board of Aldermen obtained Mr. Wilhoit as General Counsel in February 1999. Mayor Bruce Moore refused to sign the contract at that time. Mr. Wilhoit has been with the City for 16 years.

Mr. Wilhoit advised the Board that he worked for four (4) other cities and he worked at the pleasure of this Board, continuing to provide priority services for our city. This agreement will continue in effect until cancellation by written thirty (30) day notice of either party.

A new contract and resolution was presented for approval. No major changes were noted and no increase in the \$850.00 monthly retainer fee.

Alderwoman Blalock thanked Bob for his 16 years of service and added that Bob had always told her what she needed to know, even if she did not agree with his advice or expertise.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson and unanimously carried to approve the contract and resolution as presented.

Insert:

All American Associates Contract – Ron Niland

The Board initially voted on a contract with All American Associates in June, 2015. Suggested changes were requested by the Board and should have been re-submitted for Board approval in August.

Ron Niland, Consultant requested the contracts be shortened to extend through December 31st, 2016.

Attorney Wilhoit advised the Board that the contract without a term out clause could obligate the City to pay the entire sum of the contract (\$84,000.00 per year, \$7,000.00 per month) even if Mr. Niland is terminated at the first meeting of the new Board.

Alderman Blalock replied that she would like to see the projects finished that Mr. Niland had started such as; Food Truck Festival in June, Market and Music and the Greenway project. She requested assurance that these projects would continue. Alderman Hudson echoed her concerns.

The discussion escalated and the audience started responding from the floor. Charles Byerly interjected that in the 4 years he was a Board member working with Mr. Niland not 1 grant was received.

Ms. Renee' Bryant, Alderman elect continued to raise questions concerning the monetary elements of the contract. She observed that the contract for grant services was increasing from \$2000.00 per month to \$3,500 per month, and inquired what additional services the City would receive for the increased amount.

After much discussion from the audience and the Board, Alderman Blalock felt that an eight month term out clause be added to the contract.

Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve a one year contract with an eight month term out clause and sought after a second for this motion. Alderman Hudson responded by seconding the motion. She advised Mayor Jernigan a motion and second was on the table and she implored him to call for the vote, citing "Roberts Rules of Order".

Mayor Jernigan called for the vote and it was unanimously carried.

Insert:

Extension and Execution- Fentress Property – Option to Purchase

The option to purchase the Worthville Beach property along with 156 acres was part of the recent PARTF application. The grant was approved by the Board, but a contract was never executed.

If either of the parties wish to opt out of the land purchase, the City will be responsible for the 3 acres at Worthville beach with a cost of \$15,000.00.

By extending the option for 1 year this would enable us to accumulate funding, grants or private donations. The owners of the property have agreed to the 1 year option at no cost, hopefully the property would be used as a future park.

A motion to approve the extension and to execute the option to purchase was made by Alderman Hudson, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously carried.

Asheboro Water Purchase Agreement

A water purchase agreement contract with the City of Asheboro was reviewed. The contract term will be for 10 years. The purchase price will be 68% of Asheboro's inside rate. This will allow the City to purchase a minimum of 125,000 gallons per day. This is needed to supply the south side of Randleman.

If the City Council of Asheboro approves the purchase agreement contract, this will allow us to approve the agreement at the December 8th, 2015 meeting.

Vacant Council Seat – Ward 3

At the last Board meeting two interested residents of Ward 3 gave a presentation on their qualifications and goals for the City of Randleman. Ms. Gloria King removed her name from consideration. Ms. Nancy Henderson is the remaining candidate.

A motion to appoint Ms. Henderson to fill the Ward 3 seat was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

Manager's Report

Randolph Building Supply Neighborhood Truck issues

Library Roof Problem Worsening

Veteran's Ceremony Randleman High School, November 10th, 2015

Christmas Parade/Bike Giveaway/Tree Lightning/ Elementary Chorus
December 3rd, 2015, 7:00 PM

Mulch Sale November 14, 2015 City Shop

Parks and Recreation Polar Express Movie coming in December

The Mayor allowed Mr. Cale Hines, 417 South Stout to inquire about the sale of lumber from the soccer field clearing site at the Stout Street Park. He requested information in reference to the amount of money received by the City for the sales.

City Clerk Melody Hancock informed him that a receipt for \$950.00 was on her desk.

Closed Session – Personnel Issue – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6)

A motion for Closed Session was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

Open Public Meeting

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Bowman to re-open the meeting.

Special Meeting

Melissa Blalock, Mayor Pro-Tempore requested a Special Meeting for Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 105 West Naomi Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish a Personnel Contract for Nicholas G. Holcomb, City Manager.

A motion to hold the Special Meeting was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock and unanimously carried.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Hudson and unanimously carried.

Mayor Bucky Jernigan

Melody R. Hancock CMC-NCCMC City Clerk