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August 04, 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
Mike Dawkins)	
Cliff Bowman)	
Eric Ward)	
Nick Holcomb)	City Manager
Bob Wilhoit)	Attorney
Zach Hewett)	Finance Director

Reverend Bunn, New Salem Methodist Church gave a prayer before the meeting was called to order.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes June 2nd, and June 30th 2015, Investments and Departmental Reports

A motion was made by Alderman Hudson, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes, departmental reports, and investments.

Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Keith Fogleman, 103 Fogleman Lane proceeded to thank City Manager, Nick Holcomb and Public Works Director, Don Peeler for all their efforts in maintaining the city. He also stated that the City is very fortunate to have a good group of employees working hard for their residents.

He voiced concern over issues pertaining to infrastructure and the neglect of our aging water and wastewater systems.

He urged the Board to focus on the children of our community, the park and ball fields would be a good start. He finished up by adding that our children are and should be our number one priority.

Recognition of Boy Scout Troup #531

Scout Troop # 531, leader Brian Hayes and several parents were in attendance wishing to fulfill their "God and Community Merit badge.

They were recognized by the Board and presented City seal pins. Mayor Jernigan mentioned that our greenways, ball fields and parks might lead to a great Eagle Scout project in the future.

Purchase of Police Vehicles (2)

Although these vehicles were accounted for in the Budget for 2015-2016 approval by the Board is necessary. Each vehicle will cost \$23,797.00, and the two oldest vehicles in the fleet will be sold for \$7,500.00 per vehicle. This is the same procedure that has been utilized in the past.

A motion was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase.

Police Department – Roof Repair

The Police Department roof is leaking. The existing roof at 101 Hilliary Street would not meet code today. This problem could be corrected by using metal mechanical seamed standing roofing. The total cost of all issues concerning the up-fit could cost in the area of \$20,000.00. John Dunlap, Special Projects would remove the existing roof. One bid was submitted.

Mayor Jernigan and Board members requested that all roofing should match the others we have in place at Commerce Square.

After some discussion the consensus of the Board was that additional bids should be acquired, and submitted for consideration.

A motion to table the Police Department roof repair was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried.

Re-design Naomi Street Streetscape Project

Previously a Public Hearing was held and residents of Naomi Street chose a streetscape reduction for their street. Sidewalks, planted medians and on street parking were requested by the residents.

After the NC Department of Transportation reviewed the original plan, the City was advised the chosen plan would require new wedging and shifting of the road's crown.

The City is proposing to replace the sidewalks, and keep the road and on street parking as is. This will simplify the project, and the estimated cost of \$70,000.00, will come from Powell Bill.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director, advised the Board that this estimate was approximately \$20,000.00 more than the original cost of the project. The overage would allow for sidewalks on both sides of the street, and new curb and guttering would be added.

The project should be started within the month, and once completed, Jennifer Britt with the NC Department of Transportation, committed to repaving the Naomi Street area.

A motion to approve the project design was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

Downtown Storefront Improvement Grant

The City has allocated funds in the amount \$10,000.00 dollars to encourage businesses in the downtown area to upgrade the exterior of their buildings.

The improvement grants will be awarded to 4 recipients each in the amount of \$2,500.00. This will be a dollar for dollar matching grant to the property owners. Written cost estimates for all aspects of the façade improvement project from licensed contractor are required with the application.

The City Manager has sole discretion of grant approval. Applications are due by September 1, 2015, and there is no appeal process. Applications can be acquired at City Hall.

Grant funds will be paid upon completion and satisfactory evidence that all contractors have been paid by the applicant.

A motion was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve the Storefront Improvement Grants.

Amendment of Capital Project Ordinance – (Stout Street Park Renovations)

The City's largest recreational need at this time is soccer fields, moving \$250,000.00 from the fund balance would allow this to happen quickly.

Estimated cost for a complete soccer field, grading, and a parking lot extension would be approximately \$184,500.00.

After the initial construction, a much more accurate figure could be ascertained, at which time more input will be requested to allocate the remaining funds.

A motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance (Stout Street Park Renovations) was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried.

Inset:

Amendment of Capital Project Ordinance - (Animal Awareness Sanctuary)

This \$3,000.00 amendment to the Capital Project Ordinance for TAAS is necessary in order to pay City/County taxes on the 613-B East Brown Street property. The Greene's portion was paid at the closing on the property.

A motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance (Animal Awareness Society) was made by Alderman Ward, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

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Amendments to TAAS Lease Agreement and City Managers Authorization to Execute

At the request of the Mayor a spokesperson was enlisted to answer some questions and concerns that he had. Ms. Michelle Dawkins agreed, and proceeded, fielding questions from the Mayor and Board members.

The original lease agreement was approved by the Board of Aldermen at the June 30th, 2015 Board meeting, TAAS had concerns with the lease. Ron Niland and TAAS negotiated the changes.

The **NEW** lease agreement is for 8 years and the initial payment should be received by December 1st, 2015 at the rate of \$750.00 per month. City Manager Nick Holcomb, is the official designee for the City and will execute the lease agreement.

After much discussion, a motion to approve the lease agreement was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins and unanimously carried.

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Budget Amendment No. 1 – 2015-2016

This Budget Amendment is necessary to satisfy Capital Project Ordinances (Stout Street Park Renovations and TAAS). This will move the monies from our fund balance.

A motion to approve the Budget Amendment was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Ward and unanimously carried.

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Manager's Report

The Water line replacement on the "Problem areas" on Naomi, Worthville, and Back Street will be corrected. Don Peeler has contracted with Terry's Plumbing and along with the Public Works Department the necessary repairs will be completed in a timely manner.

The Surplus vehicle sale netted the City \$24,720.00 dollars.

Advised the Board that 24,000 people visited our Library during June and July.

Adjourn

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Alderman Hudson, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried.

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

**Melody R. Hancock, CMC-NCCMC
City Clerk**