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January 05, 2016

7:00 PM

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

Bucky Jernigan)	Mayor
Gary Betts)	Mayor Pro-Tempore
Melissa Blalock)	Alderwoman
Nancy Henderson)	
Renee Bryant)	
Keith Fogleman)	Alderman
Nick Holcomb)	City Manager
Zack Hewett)	Finance Director
Bob Wilhoit)	City Attorney

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda – Minutes – Investments – Departmental Reports

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

Public Comment

Michael and Jackie Thompson, DTS Manufacturing, LLC, 166 Regal Drive, gave a presentation on NVIROCLEAN, a spill remediation product they are promoting. This is an environmentally safe product that is reusable, and instantly cleans.

Sheryl Pugh, a city resident and owner of Studio 601, updated the Board on feedback concerning downtown improvement ideas. The majority of the comments were positive and Facebook reflected 626 likes.

This is an ongoing process and she will continue to work with our existing merchants to hopefully attract new merchants, as well as bring business to the downtown area.

Gail Norris, a city resident of 325 East Brown Street, thanked Don Peeler, Public Works Director and his staff for going above and beyond to always give priority service to the citizens of Randleman. She said she was always pleased with the courteous service she received.

Jeff Freeman, Executive Director, Randleman Chamber of Commerce, advised the Board of several upcoming events sponsored by the Chamber.

January 21, 2016	Seminar	Martin Brossmon/RCC
February 4, 2016	Grand Opening	DWI Services
March 13, 2016	Wedding Expo	Teresa Ferguson/Chamber
March (TBD)	Grand Opening	State Farm Insurance

Jeff spoke about all the positive things that happened during the tenure of the previous Board, and challenged the sitting Board to continue with positive and profitable things to enhance the Quality of Life for the City.

Alderman Fogleman urged Jeff to use Geoff Brooks and the Free-Bee to promote Commerce Square, stating that Geoff was his friend and he had been good to our City.

Mayor Pro-Tempore, Gary Betts informed the group that Chris Mintz (a former Randleman resident) had been chosen “The Man of the Year” in Oregon for his acts of bravery during the school shooting where he attended.

It was noted that the City of Randleman should honor him as well when he returns home for a visit.

The Mayor closed the Public Comment Session.

Amend Agenda – Budget Amendments- #3 - #4 - #5

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Alderwoman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Fogleman, and unanimously carried.

Zack Hewett, Finance Director explained the amendments noting these were general housekeeping to reconcile accounting.

A motion to approve the amendments was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson, and unanimously carried.

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Festival Budget – Grant Projects – Consultant Update

Mr. Ron Niland, All American Associates, presented his proposed budget for the Summer of '16 concerts and festivals. In addition to festivals he also presented a possible budget for the Worthville Project, Economic Development, and grant projects.

He expressed the desire for an alternate replacement sooner than later and would like to pass the festival planning onto someone else. He will continue to gain grants and donations and hopefully the Food Truck State Championship will provide entertainment and be successful.

Alderman Fogleman stated there had been no discussion about these matters and he would like a workshop scheduled to talk about all the ongoing projects Mr. Niland was involved with.

After much discussion by the Board, noting that the only fixed dates were June 17th, and 18th, 2016 for the Food Truck State Championship, and that other dates could be decided, the consensus of the Board was to approve \$10,000.00 maximum for the concerts and Food Truck State Championship.

A motion to approve \$10,000.00 maximum was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Niland continued to provide information on the Grants that could possibly be awarded to the City in regards to the Worthville Project.

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US Motto Action Committee – “IN GOD WE TRUST”

The US Motto Action Committee made a presentation at the May 2015 meeting. Mr. Fred Pack and other residents, on three occasions, have expressed the desire to designate a City owned building to place **“IN GOD WE TRUST”**. The group would fund the project at no cost to the City.

Alderman Fogleman explained that Mr. Pack was very anxious to have our City display the motto.

City Attorney, Bob Wilhoit advised the Board that steps should be taken to maintain control of the project, citing design, placement, and materials should be considered and the Board should give final approval.

Alderman Betts suggested that a committee should be formed to guide the selection process. All Board members agreed that this would be the most suitable way to proceed.

A motion to form an **“IN GOD WE TRUST”** committee was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

Fireman’s Relief Fund Board Appointment

The local Fireman’s Relief Board consists of five members. Finance Director, Zach Hewett’s appointment has expired and a re-appointment is necessary. The duties of the Relief Board is to approve Relief Fund payouts.

A motion to reappoint Zach Hewett was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

Academy Street Pedestrian Crossing

Citizens have expressed the need for designated crosswalks connecting various points within the downtown district. This would improve the safety of our pedestrians. One point of interest is the interior pathway of Commerce Square to the sidewalk in front of Betty’s Kitchen (mill stone fountain).

Greg Patton, Planning Director advised the Board that connections across Naomi Street will be difficult to obtain due to NCDOT rules and regulations (State maintained). The establishment of crosswalks could be obtained on City streets and parking lots without incurring problems.

A motion to establish a pedestrian crosswalk in front of the mill stone fountain was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Randolph Street – Businesses Truck Entrance

In 2010 in a response to complaints from the few residents that reside on Randolph Street the Board of Alderman took measures to alleviate the truck traffic generated by Mr. Shaw's Warehouses and Randolph Building Supply.

The trucks were routed onto the city maintained entrance to our Community Center. This allows goods to be delivered to Randolph Building Supply, Randolph Rentals and Shaw Warehouses.

With no access to Randolph Street from Academy Street this creates two issues:

- 1) Trucks use the narrow entryway to our Community Center and library (high pedestrian traffic).
- 2) Using High Point Street to access Randolph Street the trucks cannot back out or make the left turn onto Ferree Street (Randolph Rentals).

Randolph Building Supply and Randolph Rentals have new owners and the nature of the business has changed and added more lumber trucks delivering materials.

Mr. Holcomb addressed the Board and voiced his concerns stating that the high volume of pedestrian traffic has increased (Senior Center, Library and Community Center). More vehicle traffic points to the issue of maintaining the pathway and the cost to the City.

To alleviate these business related issues, his recommendation along with Police Chief, Steve Leonard, was to open Randolph Street to truck traffic, and rely on our Police Department to make sure that traffic laws are obeyed. He noted that the speed limit had already been lowered to 20 mph. The need for a Public Hearing was acknowledged.

A motion to hold a Public Hearing on February 2nd, 2016 at the regularly scheduled meeting was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously carried.

Radio Read Meters – Request to Pursue Financing

The request to seek financing options for the radio read project would allow Zack Hewett, Finance Director to begin the gathering of information necessary to make an informed decision by the Board.

The Radio-Read meters would increase accuracy, avoid human error and enhance customer service.

One of the major meter vendors has quoted a project cost of \$882,416.00. A 15 year loan would be one of the possible ways to finance this project. It was noted that Archdale and Greensboro already had the new technology and Asheboro was phasing in the meters now.

Alderman Fogleman said that he had read an article concerning the possibility of radiation and radio read meters.

Alderwoman Bryant asked if a field trip could be scheduled.

A motion to seek funding was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously carried.

Manager's Report

Mr. Holcomb asked the Board if they would be in favor of agenda workshops before each meeting to provide additional information and seek guidance with the items placed on the agenda. This should reduce the time our Board meetings are currently taking.

The consensus of the Board was favorable and after schedules were checked a motion was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously carried to hold monthly workshops on the last Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Holcomb advised the Board that the Stout Street ball fields should be ready for use by June or July of this year. Baseball season begins on March 19th, 2016.

Board photographs will be made at the February meeting (02-02-16).

Don Peeler, Public Works Director advised everyone leaf pick-up would end on January 22nd, 2016, and leaves would need to be bagged.

Mike Glass, WWTP ORC jokingly stated that his number 1 priority was taking care of everyone's number 2. All in attendance found this hilarious.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

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