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*City Clerk / Purchasing Coordinator*

March 08, 2016

7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Randleman Board of Aldermen was held on the above date with the following members present:

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

**Prayer**

Rev. Don Hurlburt, First Wesleyan Church led the group in prayer.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes, Budget Amendments #8, #9, #10, #11, Financial Report, and Departmental Reports placed on the Consent Agenda.

**2015 Audited Financial Statement Presentation**

Mr. Ben Ripple with Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P. was on hand to deliver the details of the year ending June 30, 2015 Audit.

The firms unmodified Opinion verified the statements were free of material misstatements and a “Clean” opinion was issued. The firm found no significant, unexpected entries during the audit and all proposed entries were recorded, and no uncorrected misstatements.

Mr. Ripple advised the Board that our cash is down over the past 2 years, not to alarm anyone, but the City should keep this in mind while planning any future spending.

He noted the change in the finance department and the birth of Zach’s child affected the completion of the audit. He indicated the goal of the firm is to finish the 2016 audit by October 31, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and unanimously carried to approve the audit as presented.

Alderwoman Bryant gave Zach, a thumbs up and a good job well done.

**Insert: 2015 Audited Financial Statement**

**All American Associates - Ron Niland**

Gary Niland (Ron Niland’s Brother and associate) read a prepared resignation statement citing the health of Ron Niland as the major factor with their decision to terminate their services to the City effective March 31, 2016.

Gary noted some of the accomplishments the relationship All American has shared with pride over the past several years with our City.

NC Food Truck Championship

Market and Music

New City Hall

New Library

New Police Station  
Commerce Square

New Public Works Building  
Farmers Market

**Insert:**

His letter praised the many dedicated employees the City was lucky to have in their employment.

Members of the Board relayed their thanks to Ron for all the efforts put forth by All American Associates.

**Insert: Resignation Letter**

**Public Comment**

Ms. Beverly Coble, 113 Evans Trail has voiced her displeasure with the City about her neighborhood for the past 3 to 4 years. Her property is being devalued by the surrounding neighbors. She commented that some of her neighbors had sold their homes at a significant loss, she will stay and fight.

She suggested that more stringent ordinances with fines should be applied to urge people to keep the neighborhood and other areas in the city free from unsightly conditions.

She commended Alderwoman Bryant for aiding with the situation. She indicated that Renee had done more in a short time span than had been done in the past 3 years.

Mr. Randy Coble, 113 Evans Trail stated that the violators were repeat offenders. He advised the Board that he had continually discussed the situation with Greg Patton citing the issues in his neighborhood, and the issuance of letters was not enough.

He would like to see more bite put into our ordinances with civil and monetary penalties to be issued. He brought attention to all of the City that had issues with

clutter and unsightly areas, he would like to see more involvement to beautify Randleman.

Mr. Mike Santoro, 108 Evans Trail complained of disabled vehicles on blocks, SUV in disrepair, parking on lawns and no grass in yards. He is proud of his home and the existing conditions present an eyesore to him as well as his guests.

Alderwoman Bryant suggested that Greg Patton, and Nick Holcomb, look into ordinances in other neighboring towns and evaluate measures they have in place.

### **Randolph Street Truck Route**

A Public Hearing was held at the February meeting and tabled to gather more information. Residents' voiced concerns regarding the enforcement of 20 mph speed limit, centerline marking and safety of the children that live in the area.

Chief Leonard stated over a 24 day period officers were stationed on Randolph Street and traffic counts were conducted. 15 trucks and 428 passenger vehicles were observed. Fastest passenger speed was 37 mph and fastest truck speed was 24 mph. He noted that marked patrol cars equaled slower speeds.

Alderwoman Blalock questioned changing the speed limit, Alderman Fogleman praised Chief Leonard and his officers, and Alderwoman Henderson warned against children playing in the street. All Board members were in consensus that truck traffic using the Community Center driveway should not be allowed.

A motion to open truck traffic to Randolph Street was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderwoman Bryant and was unanimously approved.

### **Library Roof Bids**

The City received 3 bids, 1 dismissed (quote equaled whole building, not interested with just library) McRae Roofing at \$49,781.00 and Allied Roofing at \$43,880.00. Both quotes furnished a 20 year Firestone manufacturers' labor and workmanship warranty. Both companies supplied good references that were contacted.

Alderwoman Henderson asked about the gutters and Alderman Fogleman noted that the gutter work should go along with the roofing procedure and both companies could perform the service, an estimated amount of \$3,000.00 was

explored. Alderwoman Bryant questioned a start date and she was given 2 weeks for Allied, and 30 days from McRae.

A motion to approve Allied Roofing bid at \$43,880.00 was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderwoman Henderson and unanimously carried.

A motion to amend the Budget by \$50,000.00 for Library roofing and include the gutter work by Allied Roofing was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously approved.

### **Water and Wastewater - Industrial Rate**

Industries with water usage that average 9 million gallons or more per month beginning on April 01, 2016 will be available for an industrial take-or-pay rate with our City.

The industries will be invoiced \$45,000.00 per month (\$35,000.00 wastewater /\$10,000.00 water).

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

### **Ordinance to Amend and Close out Capital Project-Library Renovation**

The contractual obligations for the project have been satisfied and the Budget Amendment will return \$2,800 back to our General Fund.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and was unanimously approved.

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### **Manager's Report**

Nick met with Randolph County officials to discuss service areas, environmental impact, and water consumption over the next 20 years. This area has been identified as a growth corridor and Randolph County has water in excess to be purchased.

Hughes Furniture has requested a right turn lane on Stout Street (DOT maintained road). The NCDOT has given Hughes an estimated \$80,000 to complete the

desired turn lane. Mr. Hughes has asked the city to try and help with the situation. They are an excellent corporate partner.

Alderwoman Bryant mentioned that DART and Timken were also in the area and this would be beneficial to them as well.

The Randolph County Arts Guild is in need of a facility to hold a rummage sale. Mayor David Smith of Asheboro had no room, but suggested that the group contact us to inquire about the Firestone Building. They will be using the facility on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, this will bring patrons to our downtown area. This serves as a win- win for all involved.

Nick reminded everyone that our Budget Retreat would begin at 9:00 on Wednesday, which is tomorrow morning.

### **Mayor's Remarks and Department Heads**

Donna reported that the Library had 17 active leaks and 155 children were at the last Story Hour.

Robin announced that Parks and Rec. would be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Stout Street Park and 8,000 eggs had been purchased.

Greg Patton relayed to the Board that a new Auto Zone would be coming soon and it would be located at 631 West Academy Street.

Alderman Betts reminded everyone that on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Chris Mintz a Randleman native, would receive the "Congressional Medal of Honor Society Citizen Honor Award" at Arlington National Cemetery.

A motion was made by Alderman Betts to proclaim Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as "Chris Mintz Day" in Randleman, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a "Randleman Leadership Academy" With a start date of APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

A Wedding Expo will be held at the old Library on Sunday, March

The Mayor presented copies of the current Thrive Magazine to all Board members. Our own Alderwoman Melissa Blalock was recognized as one of the “Important Women in Randolph County. It just so happened one of the editors, J.D. Walker was present at our meeting. The Mayor asked J.D., Courier-Tribune reporter to elaborate on the article.

J.D. said the article spotlighted Ladies in Randolph that had made strides in the goals they had pursued. All had a wonderful dedicated outlook and perspective on the roles that they held and celebrated the good things that allowed them to lead and be an inspiration to others.

The Mayor complimented “Thrive” as an excellent magazine that had won several awards.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock to adjourn the meeting.

**Bucky Jernigan, Mayor**

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

**City Clerk**