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June 7th, 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 |
| Zach Hewett |) | Finance Director (Absent) |
| Bob Wilhoit |) | Attorney |

Prayer

Reverend Jason Stanley, Level Cross United Methodist Church led the group in prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Amend Agenda

A motion to amend the agenda by moving item number seven (PTRWA Contract) to number four was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the Public Comment session.

Ms. Kaye Koplin, 4946 Mandarin Court, (Mallard Woods subdivision) Randleman, NC asked the Board to install stop signs in her neighborhood. She has concerns regarding the children riding bikes in the area and fears for their safety.

Mayor Jernigan introduced her to Chief Steve Leonard and asked him to look into the matter and advise the Board.

Colleen Mitchell Downey, Knoll Road, Randleman, NC enjoys the Community Center and Commerce Square and is thankful that the City has taken a proactive approach to our citizen's health.

Ms. Downey thanked City staff for their help and extended an invitation to join her at a Health and Wellness Initiative to be held on Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 12:00 to 1:30 at the Old Library Building to help in the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Close Public Comment Session

Mayor Jernigan closed the session.

Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority – Contract

The City of Randleman has a 2.1% ownership in the PTRWA. We are invoiced for 1 million gallons per day at \$0.975 = \$975.00 per day on a monthly schedule.

The amended joint agreement has been revised to address three main areas as follows:

Clean up and clarify language to accurately reflect billing and payment management

Additional language to cover expansion over the original 12 mgd water treatment plant will be at a 25% take or pay amount

Updated to reflect the fact that the City of Archdale and Randolph County have agreed to the sale of 500,000 gallons of raw water capacity

Greensboro has requested an additional 1.46 mgd, Jamestown .375 mgd, and Archdale .859 mgd.

Mr. Greg Flory, P.E. Executive Director PTRWA was on hand to elaborate and answer the Boards questions.

Alderman Bryant was assured by Mr. Flory that no additional cost would be assessed to the City related to the new allocations.

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

Sammy Phillips Outdoor Lighting Contract

The revised contract is for 55 lights and payments began on November 01, 2013 in the amount of \$3,320.00 per month and will cease on November 01, 2018.

Nick advised the Board that the warranty would no longer be in effect, and the three remaining lights would be installed when the area was paved and ready.

Alderwoman Bryant made a motion to approve the contract with the stipulations that included restating the contract for 5 years not 10 and continuing with monthly installments of \$3,320.00 per month. A second was made by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Ordinance to Amend Capital Project Budget – Wastewater Improvements

In order to be in compliance with all generally accepted accounting principles the water and wastewater Capital Project Budget (\$2,537,000.00) from Fiscal year 2011-2012 should be amended by \$15,000.00.

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

Insert:

Ordinance to Close Capital Project Budget – Wastewater Improvements

The Wastewater Improvements Capital project was completed in March 2015 and all contractual obligations to date have been satisfied. In order to be in compliance with all generally accepted accounting principles the Ordinance to close the Capital Project Budget (Wastewater Improvements) should be approved.

Alderwoman Blalock made the motion to close out the Capital Project Budget (Wastewater Improvements), seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Insert:

Budget Overview – City Manager – Nick Holcomb

Nick assured all present that the Budget Draft was prepared without any tax increases. This is the second year of implementation of the Pay and Classification Study, thus being the second step.

He added that all department heads were remaining steady with their bottom lines and requests.

The Budget Draft is suggesting increases in the Water/Wastewater rates which have not been increased since 2008, and another garbage rate increase.

Major issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and pump stations require immediate attention. Also, filters need to be replaced in the near future.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director withdrew his requests for repairs on Hinshaw, Mill and Back Streets this fiscal year due to the necessary upgrades needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Don stated that in 2014 – 2015 13,000 feet of new water lines were installed (Hillcrest, North Coble, South Coble, Stevenson, Randolph, New Salem, Fox, Freeman, Spencer and Ferree).

Nick advised the Board that if more discussion concerning the adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget was needed another meeting could be scheduled.

Open Public Hearing – Budget

A motion to open the Budget hearing was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Ms. Winona Wentworth, 105 Smith Street, Randleman, NC moved to our city last year, and stated that her neighbors could not afford water increases. She challenged the Board to try and live on the monthly income she received.

Ms. Vicki Terill, 323 High Point Street, Randleman, NC spoke on behalf of the Randleman Chamber of Commerce, and read a letter penned by Jeff Freeman. To reference the letter; Mr. Freeman had seen the proposed Budget and was disappointed with the contribution the City had allocated to the Chamber.

Mr. Keith Fogleman, Jr., 804 East Naomi Street, Randleman, NC voiced his concerns, and stated that we elected you and we can remove you from office. He urged the Board to do their jobs and stop wasting our money.

Ms. Mamie Fogleman, 804 East Naomi Street, Randleman, NC said people were having a hard time making ends meet, and advised everyone to save their pennies.

Ms. Mary Ann Hobson, 102 Main Street, Randleman, NC said the water bills were too high.

Ms. Dawn Ingram, 5 Bradsher Court, Randleman, NC voiced her displeasure with the Budget. She referenced the PTRWA increase, Graphs and Charts used were like comparing apples to oranges.

Mr. Kevin Franklin, Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, thanked the City for considering the continued support and investment the City makes in the EDC. He added that Hughes Furniture would be adding a 300,000 foot warehouse in the West Randleman Industrial Park.

Mr. Tony Lowe, 105 Weaver Street, Randleman, NC voiced his concerns in reference to the over spending and lack of leadership of the current Board. He

stated that in his 20 years of service (8 years Mayor, 12 years Alderman), as a Board member never had spending been so rampant. He wants the spending to stop and concentrate on our aging infrastructure with no water, sewer, and garbage increases.

Mr. Tony O'Neal, 137 Spencer Street, Randleman, NC does not want water rates to increase.

Ms. Sharon Hinshaw, 3585 Applewood Road, Randleman, NC noted that Randleman is a small town with very few wealthy people and their lack of funds were obvious. Simply put they cannot afford any increases. She informed the Board that she had been on line and found at least 20 Wastewater grants and this is where the City should look for additional funding.

Mr. Jonathan Dayton, 185 Moore Ave. Lot 19, Randleman, NC feels the rates are too high.

Mike Glass, Wastewater Treatment ORC, provided insight into the situation at the WWTP. He has been advised by the NC-DENR that our rates are too low and increases would need to be implemented to continue basic services. It is possible that if new industries needing wastewater service were interested in locating in our City, issues could arise.

Close Public Hearing

A motion to close the Public Budget Hearing was made by Alderman Fogleman, seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

Alderman Betts reiterated that funding for radio-read meters was not included in the proposed budget, and our infrastructure needed improvements. He also addressed the Chamber of Commerce request and would like the amount to remain \$5,000.00, adding this would not burden taxpayers.

He advised those in attendance that he will continue to be proactive and do what he feels is best for our City, and not for re-election purposes.

Alderwoman Blalock stated that she did not like increases of any kind, however, since 2008 when Springstead did our water rate study suggesting increases, no

increases were approved. She commented on our trash service being far below commercial rates.

Alderman Fogleman said he would not vote for any increases. He campaigned on this promise and he meant to keep his word. He questioned the City's ownership of 44 pieces of property and stated that we should not be in the real estate business.

Table Budget

After more intense discussion, Alderwoman Bryant made a motion to table the budget and schedule a meeting on June 21st, 2016 and another on June 27th, 2016, seconded by Alderman Fogleman and unanimously carried.

Closing Remarks – Mayor, Board and Staff

Mike Glass, ORC WWTP, is in the process of installing new telemetry to the pump stations, with major savings to the City.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director, invited everyone to the Food Truck Championship.

Donna Toomes, Library Director, said summer enrollment was already at 200 for the summer reading program.

Robin Hughes, Parks and Recreation invited everyone to "Dirty Dancing" movie night on June 24th, 2016 in commerce square, and July 5th in commerce square for fireworks, food and Red Line Band concert.

Alderwoman Bryant thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to continue to come.

Alderman Fogleman said he thought the meeting was good.

Adjourned

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

Bucky Jernigan, Mayor

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