



CITY OF RANDLEMAN

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CLARENCE JERNIGAN, MAYOR

ALDERMEN

Melissa Blalock, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Cliff Bowman
Eric Ward
Ray Hudson, Jr.
Michael L. Dawkins

Nicholas Holcomb, Interim City Manager

February 3rd, 2015

7 PM

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

Bucky Jernigan) Mayor
Melissa Blalock) Alderwoman
Ray Hudson, Jr.) Aldermen
Mike Dawkins)
Eric Ward)
Cliff Bowman)
Nick Holcomb) Interim City Manager
Ron Niland) Consultant
Bob Wilhoit) City Attorney

The Mayor gave a prayer before opening the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes of January 6 & 20th 2015, Investments, and Department Reports

Alderwoman Blalock requested a correction to the minutes of January 20th, 2015. She stated that the minutes stated Mattie Rich as speaking at the public hearing, but she knew the person to be Tammy Wood.

After a correction to the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes, investments, and department reports was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried.

Public Comments

The Mayor opened the public comment section. No one was present wishing to speak, therefore, the Mayor closed the public comment period.

Randolph County Economic Development Corporation Annual Report 2014

Bonnie Renfro, President of the RCEDC, was in attendance and gave the annual report.

The report included: The majority of Randolph County companies visited by EDC staff in 2014 reported stability, moderate growth, and a general sense of optimism about the improving economic situation. Several businesses experienced record growth in 2014 and several closed their doors, but these high and low points were not indicative of the business climate as a whole. Despite the announcement that Arrow International would be transferring production overseas over the next several years, 2014 was a good year overall for existing industry with expansion announcements made by Technimark, AEC Narrow Fabrics, Kennametal, Hughes Furniture, Thomas Build Buses, and H & H Furniture. Also in 2014, Kayser-Roth and Jowat Corporation both completed construction on expansion projects which were announced in 2013. As evidenced by this list, growth is taking place across a wide variety of sectors including plastics, textiles, metals/machining, transportation, and adhesives.

Commerce Square Alcohol Policy

The City is in need of a comprehensive alcohol policy for city festivals, farmer's market, and private events to be held in Commerce Square.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing for March 3rd, 2015 to consider an amendment to the Randleman Code of Ordinances concerning alcohol.

Budget Amendment

A budget needs to be created for the upcoming NC Food Truck Festival. It was requested to add \$25,000 to the Park & Recreation Budget's "Special Event" line item for this purpose. These expenses would be used for summer concerts and June's food truck festival. These extra expenses would be accounted for by \$25,000 increased revenue received from the NC Commerce cultural resources grant that the City has been awarded.

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

Insert:

Brownfields Cleanup RFQ

The City is interested in issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) so that a firm can be selected to assist in developing a Brownfields Program for the city. The firm would prepare a grant application to EPA for up to \$400,000. There is no cost to the city and the firm is paid with grant funds once awarded.

This federal money would be used to:

- Assess potential Brownfields (contaminated sites) in the city
- Cleanup contaminated sites (industrial waste, gas tanks, etc.)
- Conduct limited planning efforts
- Result in (hopefully) additional economic development by removing barriers to developing vacant, idle, and underutilized sites throughout the city.

A motion was made by Alderman Hudson to obtain a grant writing company to apply for the grant. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

Manager's Report

Nick Holcomb reported on the following items:

The Board Retreat will be held on March 10th

The Library interior has been completed

Unfinished projects to be discussed at the board retreat:

New Library parking & landscaping

Old Library function & budget

Finishing parking areas behind Farmers' Market & Council Chamber

Electronic signage

Adjourn

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

Clarence R. Jernigan, Mayor

Peggy N. Hinshaw, CMC, NCCMC

Clerk to the Board