



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

December 2nd, 2014

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

Pastor Joyce Bunn of New Salem Methodist Church gave a prayer.

Meeting Called to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes of November 4th, 2014, Investments, and Department Reports

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes, investments, and department reports.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Jeff Freeman, Director of the Randleman Chamber of Commerce, thanked the city for their help with Nascar Day. He also stated that the Chamber hosted the Embers concert which was well attended.

Recognition of City Employee

Ruth Allen, Finance Director, was recognized as the employee of the month. Ruth will be retiring at the end of December.

Wooten Company, Parks & Recreation Updates

John Grey from the Wooten Company presented the results from the community recreation survey and how the park planners have begun to incorporate the citizen's requests.

Open Public Hearing- Parks & Recreational Plans

A motion was made by Alderman Ward, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing was to seek comments on the development of a Master Plan for Randleman's section of Deep River Trail State Park.

The City is in the process of conducting an inventory of current parks and recreation facilities and programs as part of developing the jurisdiction's comprehensive system-wide parks and recreation plan, as well as master plans for specific park areas. The City plans to improve Stout Street, Applewood Park, the Community Center, and Deep River Trail.

The City conducted a recreational needs survey as part of community involvement in development of plans. Approximately 300 hardcopies of the survey were distributed to Randleman City Hall, the Randleman Community Center, Randleman Public Library, and Randleman Chamber of Commerce. Of those hardcopies, 48 were returned. Thirty-three survey responses were collected online for a total of 81 surveys completed. The survey was advertised in the Courier Tribune in November, and was available online.

When asked what recreational activities household members would **like to participate in within** Randleman the top 5 responses were: attending special community events, Dog Park, swimming, yard games, fitness courses, walking, biking, picnicking, and nature/wildlife education.

When asked to **list the most needed recreational programs in Randleman**, the top 5 responses were: Swimming, walking, youth programs, biking, and senior programs.

When asked to list **the most needed recreational facilities in Randleman** the top 5 responses were: swimming/splash pad, walking/running trails, improve/expand indoor facilities for sports and non-sports programs, enhance safety/security/upkeep of existing facilities, biking trails, soccer fields.

Those speaking at the public hearing were:

Jeff Freeman, Randleman Chamber of Commerce Director. Mr. Freeman stated that he was pleased with the vision of the proposed plans for recreation needs in Randleman and that this is much needed in our area. He also stated that this is an excellent example of where Randleman should be headed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried.

Purchase of Skid Steer

The Public Works Department is in need of a skid steer. Acquiring this piece of equipment would be crucial in the construction on the greenway nature trail as well as a number of other tasks.

Don Peeler, Public Works Director, informed the Board that he had received three bids for the purchase of the skid steer and that he preferred CAT.

A motion was made by Alderman Dawkins to approve the purchase of the skid steer from CAT along with a maintenance agreement. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Blalock, and unanimously carried.

NC Commerce Cultural Grant

Ron Niland, Consultant, informed the Board that the NC Commerce has a set of grants available for rural areas that are working on economic development. This includes ten grants of \$25,000 dedicated for Cultural and/or Performing Arts

Grants that may lead to increased economic activity and cultural enrichment within the community.

A motion was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution and pursue applying for the grant and to authorize Nick Holcomb the authority to sign the application.

Manager's Report

Nick Holcomb reported on the following items:

Library – the new library is well under way in being completed.

Christmas Parade – Christmas Parade will be Dec. 3rd at 6:30 pm. The Christmas Tree lighting and bike give-a-way to follow after the parade.

Downtown Canopy – The Firestone Store awning has been removed and plans will need to be discussed on what improvements can be made for the remaining awnings of Main Street.

Mayor Jernigan thanked everyone for their donations to the bike give-a-way and stated that twenty bikes will be given away this year.

Closed Session N.C.G.S. §143-318-11(5)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to go into closed session.

Re-Open Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Dawkins, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried to re-open the regular meeting.

Condemnation of Property N.C.G.S. §40A-40

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Ward, and unanimously carried to authorize Attorney Bob Wilhoit to send a notice of intent to institute condemnation of the property owned by Manuel Velazquez (parcel ID 7764970532) located on Russell Walker Ave. in Randleman.

Adjourn

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

Clarence R. Jernigan, Mayor

**Peggy N. Hinshaw, CMC,NCCMC
Clerk to the Board**