

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 3, 2018

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton.

Mayor Hatley called the meeting to order and asked the members present from Boy Scout Troop 73, of First United Methodist Church, to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members in attendance were:

SMITH BLACK EADDY JETTON

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved the REGULAR AGENDA as presented.

Councilman Black made the motion unanimously approved the CONSENT AGENDA as follows:.

- Approved regular meeting Minutes from April 5th

REGULAR AGENDA:

APPLICATION FROM BILLY WEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE REZONING FOR 2.73 ACRES LOCATED AT 944 W NC HWY 150 (PIN: 22706) AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST HIGHWAY 150 AND HILLTOP ROAD FROM R-25 TO CONDITIONAL USE – GENERAL MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL (CU-GMC) TO ALLOW MANUFACTURING OF SMALL HOMES:

CUZMA-1-2018

Mayor Hatley opened the Public Hearing. He noted the applicant withdrew the request for a conditional use rezoning after the public hearing was advertised, therefore the hearing had to be opened and then a motion to close the hearing was necessary. Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved to close the Public Hearing.

PRESENTATION TO LINCOLNTON PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION – RECIPIENT OF SHARP AWARD FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Hatley called on Debbie Rogers-Lowery, the City's Safety Consultant, to introduce Cherie Berry, the Commissioner of Labor for the NC Department of Labor.

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Mrs. Berry told Mayor and Council that receiving this award was quite an honor as only select units in North Carolina meet the criteria/components to qualify for such an award. With our Distribution and Collections Division maintaining over 300 miles of water lines, she credited the entire department personnel for their part in being successful in the safety, health, achievement recognition program. Employees from the Distribution and Collections Division, the Street and Solid Waste Divisions were on hand to receive the award on behalf of the City.

Mayor Hatley concluded thanking Mrs. Berry for attending and for personally presenting this award to the employees. All in attendance came forward and had a photo taken for the local paper as well as the state publication from the NC Department of Labor.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2018-19 LINCOLNTON STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor Hatley called on Mrs. Jill S. Eaddy, Advisor to the Lincolnton Student Advisory Council, to come forward and recognize the 2017-18 members. Jill reviewed the list of students who currently serve on the Lincolnton Student Advisory Council, they were as follows:

EAST

Thomas Holmes
Samantha Bartlein
Maggie Grey
Johnny Pike
Cole Johnson
Emma White

LINCOLNTON

Charles Robinette
Miller Brogden
Mauricio Lozano
Hundley Rhyne
Alexandria Bynum
Ashlyn Rhyne
Simon Wisenhorn

WEST

Chloe Saine
Jade Carpenter
Sadie Flowers
Dylan Smith
Mattie Wyant

NORTH

Emma McLaughlin
Westley Hunter
Adam Henderson
Grady Bartro
Allison File

LINCOLN CHARTER

Joseph Vargas
Rebecca Quesada

Mrs. Eaddy said this Council has met once monthly since September of 2017 and have identified issues of concern that they have worked on through subcommittees, addressing as many issues as possible, while finding out the governmental process for City, County, State, Federal as well as School system related items.

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Students presented their accomplishments as well as items they are still working on that may also be carried over to next year's Council to pursue. . Mauricio Lazono reported for the Business Committee. He referenced the recruitment of the Chick-Fil-A as an example of multiple SAC's working on for the past three years. He also said he and other SAC members met with a restaurant located in the Denver area that may be interested in placing a restaurant in Lincolnton, discussions may continue into the fall of this year.

Charles Robinette told Council that he had met with the NC Department of Transportation to discuss the repainting of the lines around the court square and they have told him that work would take place later this fall.

Thomas Holmes and Allison File, spoke on behalf of the Schools Committee addressing their accomplishments and ideas for improving security and updating technology in our schools.

Chloe Saine and Jade Carpenter spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Committee, noting the Valentine Card project, where cards were personally taken to the Brian Center and distributed to the residents by SAC members. The Angle Tree project where 30 children were given Christmas gifts as a result of the SAC adopting an angel through Lincoln County Department of Social Services. She also noted that a blood drive is scheduled for May 27th at Betty Ross Park, where donations to the Red Cross will go to the Wounded Warriors as the drive is being held on Memorial Day Weekend.

Mayor Hatley thanked these students for serving on this year's Council noting it is a honor to be able to attend and assist the students with various project they are considering working on. He thanked Mrs. Eaddy for her continued involvement in serving as advisor to the Council as she is in her twenty-sixth year working with the Lincolnton Student Advisory Council.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE LINCOLNTON-LINCOLN COUNTY AIRPORT:

Joe Tate, Manager of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, presented a draft of the proposed budget on behalf of the Airport. He noted that this process was different this year, as the FAA ruled in February 2018 that both the City and County are the must approve the operating budget for the airport. Therefore the City and Lincoln County are both required to hold public hearings for consideration of approving a budget, in accordance with NC General Statutes. City Manager Steve Zickefoose said a public hearing would be held at our June 7th Regular City Council meeting to formally consider approval. He also noted that in the City's proposed budget he did not include any matching grant funds for the L-LCRAP as City Council discussed at their annual Planning Retreat in March,

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with consensus of the majority, to not be responsible for future grant matches. Another point Mr. Zickefoose made was that while Mr. Tate included \$ 60,000 as revenue from the City, he said this amount may need to be adjusted according to any pending funding arrangements between the City and County regarding the Airport. The total operating budget for the airport for FY 2018-19 was proposed to be \$ 932,000.00.

UPDATE FROM THE LINCOLNTON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – PROJECTS AND FINANCIALS:

Carol King, LTDA Chair, reviewed the following activities and expenditures from the LTDA during the 2017-18 fiscal year thus far:

- Construction on gateway signs will begin any time or may have begun already
- Construction is nearing completion on the Ramseur's Mill battleground monument
- New panels were ordered to replace unreadable ones for the information stands in the battleground area
- Promotional materials are in the works for the battle weekend and ghost walk – please promote and attend this event which is unique to Lincolnton. Also plan to attend “Thunder Over Carolina”. We hope to promote in Our State in the future pending growth and volunteer response
- We continue to add information to our app, “the Linc”, which now includes the historic downtown building tour, the quilt trail, and our mural trail.
- Assistance in purchasing the Christmas tree which was a big hit
- Holiday banners were purchased
- River launch project. We would like to see more attention focused on the river in the future ...clearing brush to see it in more locations; maybe picnic areas; trails along the river; maybe a river district in the future
- Lincoln Quilt Trail is growing. Watch “the Linc” for more photo additions. Children painted a total of 80 4x4 wooden quilt squares at Meet Me At The Trail and Earth Day events
- Rotary program and BPW program were given on the role and activities of LTDA
- Rotary program given on the Lincoln Quilt Trail – several expressed an interest
- Application for membership in the Appalachian Mural Trail was submitted

She concluded noting that the LTDA and our community appreciates the support of the Lincolnton City Council. Carol said, “We try to share information and tourism ideas to give residents and visitors alike many good reasons to stay here, move here, and invest here.” The LTDA by-laws state an update to City Council

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should be done quarterly. Reports are available for City Council quarterly, upon request, and the Chair currently presents updates twice per year at a City Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

(C-07-18)

Robert Pearson, Water Resources Director, held a bid opening on April 17th at the Water Treatment Plant. He received eight bid packets for chemicals. He reviewed the proposed bids for chemicals for both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. They were as follows:

Water Treatment Chemicals

Liquid Alum 8.23% - Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC @ \$0.6619 per liquid gallon

Caustic Soda 50% - Brenntag Mid-South @ \$2.34 per liquid gallon

Chlorine - JCI Jones Chemicals @ \$600.00 per cylinder

Hydrofluosilicic Acid 23% - Brenntag Mid-South @ \$1.3566 per liquid gallon

Liquid Sodium Bisulfite – Brenntag Mid-South @ \$105.00 per drum

Activated Carbon – Univar USA, Inc. @ \$31.40 per 50 lb. bag

Wastewater Treatment Chemicals

Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite 10% - Univar USA, Inc. @ \$0.595 per liquid gallon

Liquid Sodium Bisulfite 38% - Brenntag Mid-South @ \$1.47 per liquid gallon

I recommend that you and City Council approve these companies to do business with the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. I also ask the City Clerk to please place my recommendations on the May agenda for approval.

He concluded recommending approval of the above stated vendors for a period beginning July 1st, 2018 through June 30th 2019.

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved to award the chemical bids as recommended.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING BIDS FOR UPGRADES TO BETTY ROSS PARK - RIVER LAUNCH PROJECT:

(C-08-18)

Nathan Eurey, Recreation Director, told Council that a bid opening was held on April 23, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Planning Department conference room at Lincoln City Hall. Below is the listing of companies who submitted bids based on the four (4) project focus areas which are as follows: Site Development and Improvements, Overlook and Launching Decks, Fishing Deck, and an Open Area Shelter. He recommended the following:

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Site Development & Improvements

Deal Construction, Inc. of Lincolnton, NC - Deal Construction, Inc. was the only company to bid on this project focus area. Their proposed bid amount came in at \$56,200.00.

Overlook and Launching Decks

Renegar Construction Company of Denver, NC – Renegar Construction and Chapman Construction and Remodeling, Inc. were the only two companies to submit bids for this project focus area. Their respective bids are as follows: Renegar Construction’s proposed bid came in at **\$40,600.00**. Chapman Construction’s bid came in at \$72,000.00.

Fishing Deck

Renegar Construction Company of Denver, NC – Renegar Construction and Chapman Construction and Remodeling, Inc. were the only two companies to submit bids for this project focus area. Their respective bids are as follows: Renegar Construction’s proposed bid came in at **\$36,560.00**. Chapman Construction’s bid came in at \$42,800.00.

Open Area Shelter

No Recommendation

Chapman Construction and Remodeling, Inc. and Carolina Recreation and Design were the only two companies to submit bids for this project focus area. Their respective bids are as follows: Carolina Recreation and Design’s proposed bid came in at \$32,905.58. Chapman Construction’s proposed bid came in at \$36,560.00.

Nathan said that due to project budget constraints, it is recommended that action on this project focus area be delayed until further options can be researched and funding secured. He noted that the tennis court renovations would be done at a later date. He concluded recommending City Council consider approving the above stated bids as requested.

Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approve to award the bids to the above said low bidders as recommended.

OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2018-19 BUDGET – PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE – BUDGET MESSAGE – (NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT OUR JUNE 7TH MEETING WHERE COUNCIL COULD CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH WOULD ADOPT THE FEE SCHEDULE):

Steve Zickefoose, City Manager, officially presented the proposed 2018-19 FY budget which totaled \$ 27,735,740.00. He reviewed the budget highlights and the purposed fee schedule and offered to answer any questions from Council regarding the proposed budget. (*City Council received the budget one week prior to the Council meeting*). Steve said, “I am recommending no change in property the tax rate, the water, sewer and electric rates will also stay the same in the budget I have proposed.”

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A copy of the proposed budget will remain on file in the City Clerks Office, in accordance with state statute until the scheduled Public Hearing which will be on June 7th.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT & OVERTIME REPORT:

Steve Zickefoose, City Manager, reviewed the following report:

May 2018 Council Meeting
Executive Summary
March 2018 Year-To-Date

General Fund		Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	% of Budget	Budget 16-17	Actual 16-17	Difference
Fund 10	Revenues	10,252,739	8,320,473	75%	10,662,262	8,038,462	282,011
	Fund Balance	785,301	-	-	1,366,107	-	-
		<u>11,038,040</u>	<u>8,320,473</u>		<u>12,028,369</u>	<u>8,038,462</u>	<u>282,011</u>
	City Manager/Clerk	333,365	213,375		309,730	149,668	63,707
	Human Resources	235,030	153,342		215,848	136,398	16,944
	Finance	279,012	40,484		273,609	21,078	19,405
	General Expense	809,520	657,075		878,154	446,667	210,408
	General Debt Service	463,524	65,845		425,535	57,677	8,169
	Police	3,344,770	2,427,134		3,153,942	2,276,317	150,817
	Fire	2,030,690	1,554,097		2,206,450	1,483,581	70,516
	Public Works	181,356	35,200		246,538	20,519	14,681
	Street	1,229,141	464,174		1,534,891	632,213	(168,039)
	Equipment Services	132,120	85,787		157,819	104,538	(18,751)
	Solid Waste	718,328	417,697		820,485	522,601	(104,904)
	General Services	-	-		212,559	146,050	(146,050)
	Plannin/Zoning	277,060	189,244		276,258	164,678	24,566
	Bus & Comm. Dev	132,454	134,277		160,693	80,110	54,167
	Recreation	871,670	702,913		1,155,858	523,284	179,629
	Expenses	<u>11,038,040</u>	<u>7,140,643</u>	65%	<u>12,028,369</u>	<u>6,765,379</u>	<u>375,265</u>
	Difference		<u>1,179,830</u>			<u>1,273,084</u>	<u>(93,254)</u>
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Water & Sewer Fund		Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	% of Budget	Budget 16-17	Actual 16-17	Difference
Fund 61	Revenues	7,449,995	6,318,207	81%	7,867,135	6,190,078	128,129
	Fund Balance	390,000	-		1,265,399	-	-
		<u>7,839,995</u>	<u>6,318,207</u>		<u>9,132,534</u>	<u>6,190,078</u>	<u>128,129</u>
	Water Treatment	1,501,500	821,230		1,476,528	756,060	65,170
	Dist & Collection	1,356,250	987,480		2,390,175	1,681,486	(694,007)
	Wastewater	1,537,900	717,470		1,648,076	752,731	(35,261)
	W & S Intangibles	3,444,345	982,092		3,617,755	1,140,069	(157,977)
	Expenses	<u>7,839,995</u>	<u>3,508,272</u>	45%	<u>9,132,534</u>	<u>4,330,346</u>	<u>(822,075)</u>
	Difference		<u>2,809,936</u>			<u>1,859,732</u>	<u>950,204</u>
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Electric Fund		Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	% of Budget	Budget 16-17	Actual 16-17	Difference
Fund 63	Revenues	7,791,714	5,684,959	73%	8,000,000	5,684,107	853
	Fund Balance	-	-		79,000	-	-
		<u>7,791,714</u>	<u>5,684,959</u>		<u>8,079,000</u>	<u>5,684,107</u>	<u>853</u>
	Electric Dept.	7,791,714	5,470,542		8,079,000	5,236,278	234,264
	Expenses	<u>7,791,714</u>	<u>5,470,542</u>	70%	<u>8,079,000</u>	<u>5,236,278</u>	<u>234,264</u>
	Difference		<u>214,417</u>			<u>447,829</u>	<u>(233,412)</u>
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Overtime	80+ hours		272,306			247,660	24,646

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. John Hall, newly appointed Director of Hesed House of Hope, introduced himself to mayor and City Council and thanked them for their continued support. He said they now, with funding from both the City and Lincoln County, are bale to keep the shelter open year round, rather than having to close on May 1st as they have in the past. He told Council that 106 people came through the shelter this year thus far, and he feels things are working positively for those individuals who have utilized the shelter.

NEWS MEDIA:

Wayne Howard, of the Lincoln Herald, reported that he is trying to organize a meeting of a group of ministers to discuss "common ground" issues of event goers in downtown Lincolnton.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)(5)(6) To discuss property and contractual agreement and to discuss personnel.

Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approved to return to Regular Session. There was no action to report from the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made the motion unanimously approved to Adjourn the meeting.

DONNA C. FLOWERS, MMC
CITY CLERK

ED HATLEY
MAYOR