REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 3, 2016

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton, NC.

Mayor Hatley asked that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of former Lincolnton Police Chief Tom Burgin.

Mayor Ed Hatley called the meeting to order. Boy Scout Troop 75 members (Jake Bauer, Tyson Berg, Cater Kincaid, Jadon Rhyne and Luke Scronce) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council members were in attendance:

RHYNE BLACK EADDY JETTON

Councilman Rhyne made the motion unanimously approved the REGULAR AGENDA

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved the CONSENT AGENDA as follows:

- Approved of the following minutes:
  January 27, 2016 – Special Meeting
  February 4, 2016 - Regular Meeting
  February 18, 2016 – Special Meeting
- Approved (APPT-05-16) appointing Councilman David Black as liaison for the City on both the ABC Board and the Lincolnton Housing Authority *(Mayor Hatley will represent the City on the Library Board replacing Councilman Cloninger)*
- Approved (P-04-16) Amendment to Utility Accounts Policy/Procedures, extending the due date and default date

REGULAR AGENDA:

CUP-2-2016 – APPLICATION FROM TOWERCOM REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 244 FOOT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE RESIDENTIAL-25 (R-25) DISTRICT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HILLTOP ROAD APPROXIMATELY 0.25 MILES NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF HILLTOP ROAD AND SOUTH GROVE STREET EXTENSION. (457 HILLTOP ROAD, PARCEL ID 17929):

(NOTE: Planning Board tabled consideration on this item at the request of the applicant at their March 15th meeting, therefore the Mayor would open the Public Hearing and ask for a motion to continue the hearing until the April 7th regular City Council meeting)

Laura Elam, Planning Director, told Council that the applicant had requested that Planning Board table this item at their March 15th Planning Board Meeting. She recommended based on the action of the Planning Board that City Council table this item and continue the public hearing until the April 7th City Council meeting.

Councilman Black made the motion unanimously approved to continue the Public Hearing to the April 7th meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE UP TO $ 1,025,000: (R-05-16)

Steve Zickefoose, Interim City Manager, recommended Council approve a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Carter Bank & Trust to make installment payments and additional payments for the purchase of one fire engine and two garbage packers, not to exceed $ 1,025.000. If Council approves this resolution the Council would then approve entering into a contract for the financing.

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved to adopt the resolution as submitted and recommended.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GILBERT ENGINEERING CO.IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 724,185.00 FOR PUMP STATION REPLACEMENTS FOR HWY 150 AND RHYNE MILLS: (C-03-16)

Steve Zickefoose, Interim City Manager and Steve Peeler, Director of PW&U spoke to Council regarding this item. Steve said bids were opened on January 27th 2016 for the installation of pumps for the Highway 150 and Rhyne Mills pump stations.

Mr. Peeler said the lower bidder was Gilbert Engineering Co. at a price of $ 851,185.00. The original budget for this project was $ 624,770. He and Mr. Zickefoose negotiated with the contractor to bring the total bid to $ 724,185.00. This still allows for increased capacities of the pump stations and provides the mandated emergency generators. The City would delay the six inch force main from the river to the WWTP until the actual necessary capacity would be needed.

He concluded recommending Council accept the bid, awarding the contract to Gilbert Engineering Co. for the above said amount and to appropriate the additional $ 100,000 from the Water and Sewer Fund Balance to complete the project.

Councilman Black made the motion unanimously approved to award the contract as recommended.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING THE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT – FINANCING UP TO $ 1,025,000 AT 1.65% WITH CARTER BANK & TRUST :

(C-05-16)

Steve Zickefoose, Interim City Manager, told Council that proposals were received on February 11th for the RFP for Installment Financing of one fire truck and two garbage packers. The maximum amount to be financed would be $ 1,025,000.

Steve said after reviewing the proposals Cater Bank and Trust was the lowest apparent bidder with a financing rate of 1.65%. Their bid met all proposal requirements and offers the lowest overall cost to the City. He concluded recommending approval of the installment purchase contract.

Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approved to award the contract to Carter Bank & Trust as recommended by the Interim City Manager.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING BID TO ATLANTIC COAST FIRE TRUCKS (SMEAL FIRE APPARATUS CO.) TO PURCHASE A 2016 SPARTAN METRO-STAR TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER IN THE AMOUNT OF $ $468,275:

(C-06-16)

Ryan Heavner, Fire Chief, told Council that bids were received on February 7th for the above said fire truck. Two packets were sent out to vendors, with one being returned for a bid. He said Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks, representing Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. submitted a bid of $ 468,275.00. If the bid is awarded the truck would be delivered within 270 to 360 calendar days. He recommended that Council award the contract as stated above.

Councilman Rhyne made the motion unanimously approved to award the contract to Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. to contract, to be constructed within the said timeframe, a 2016 Spartan Metro-Star EMFD/Smeal Customer Pumper.

CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EAST COAST PYROTECHNICS FOR THE 2016 FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

(C-07-16)

Donna Flowers, City Clerk, recommended that Council enter into a contract with East Coast Pyrotechnics for the 2016 fireworks display. She told Council that Ritchie Haynes, Recreation Director has agreed to Chair the July 4th Celebration Committee this year. Lincoln County has budgeted $ 6,000 to assist with funding this event according to the County Manager. She noted the City has worked with this fireworks company for many years and has had very successful displays with little to no incidents. The proposed contract would provide a 15 to 18 minute display.

Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approved to enter into the contract as recommended.

Mrs. Flowers also told Council that the City had an option to hold this year's celebration on Saturday, July 2nd, Sunday July 3rd or Monday, July 4th. The fireworks company confirmed that the East Lincoln Betterment Association had moved their display and festivities to June 25th, which will be held at East Lincoln High School. After some discussion, Councilman Black made the motion unanimously approved to hold this year's celebration on Sunday, July 3rd.

Councilman Eaddy confirmed that the existing committee members would determine who additional committee members, if any, would be to assist with this event.

REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION TO ADD A PROGRAM TO THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION PRIOR TO THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

Dale Punch, representing the American Legion, appeared before Council to request that a program be reinstated at the LHS stadium for this year's Independence Day Celebration. He said he feels a program honors the men and women that have served and fought for the freedom America has today. He said this year's celebration could honor the deployed National Guard Unit who is expected to return home within the next month.

This item generated some discussion. Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approved to add a program back to the festivities for the 2016 Independence Day Celebration.

Councilman Eaddy reiterated that the Committee members would determine the timing of the program as well as any additional members that may be added to the committee.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE CURRENT FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SIGNAGE (CURRENTLY SIGNAGE IS INELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED):

And Lynn & Erika Thompson, representing the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Committee, appeared before Council to request modifications to the current façade grant, (storefront rehabilitation) to include signage.

The only change to the current façade grant wording would be to add, “signage” to be eligible for reimbursement through façade improvements, and removal of the word “signage” from the exclusions.

They presented a proposed draft of the faced grant requirements noting the revision. After some discussion, Councilman Black made the motion unanimously approved to amend the façade grant requirements as suggested.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT/OVERTIME REPORT:

Steve Zickefoose, Interim City Manager, provided the following financial report for the month of March:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol King reported on behalf of the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority that she has been in contact with the NCDOT regarding potential gateway signage at the exit ramps off of Hwy 321 onto East Main Street. She said the meeting was very encouraging and she presented them with a visual design drafted by Dennis Williams of the monument type signage suggested. A rough estimate cost per sign was $ 20,000. She will keep Council abreast of the progress of this project.

Carol also provided suggestions for the use of the recently received $ 97,000 grant funds. She hopes the City will consider revitalization efforts in the downtown area such as new light poles, resurfacing main street and upgrading medians. Councilman Eaddy recommended forming a committee to decide the look for downtown Lincolnton. He commended Carol for her ideas and was excited about these improvements, and possibly infrastructure improvements for the downtown area.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Rhyne made the motion unanimously approved to enter into closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.

Councilman Rhyne made the motion unanimously approved to return to regular session.

NEWS MEDIA:

There were no questions from the news media.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Rhyne made the motion unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

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DONNA C. FLOWERS, MMC — **CITY CLERK**

ED HATLEY — **MAYOR**