

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 1, 2019

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton, NC.

Mayor Ed Hatley called the meeting to order. Members from American Legion Post # 30 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members were in attendance:

WHITE WATSON EADDY JETTON

Councilman Watson made the motion unanimously approved the ***REGULAR AGENDA***.

Councilwoman White made the motion unanimously approved the ***CONSENT AGENDA*** as follows:

- Approved Minutes of the June 27th 2019 – Regular Meeting
- Approved the following Call to Public Hearing for the September 5th meeting:
ZMA-6-2019 – Application from Jesse Claye Helms requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.472 acres from Office Institutional O-I to Rural Residential (R-25). The subject property is approximately 468 feet north of the intersection

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION MR. LARRY CLINE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #30 - SEPTEMBER CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY MONTH:

Mayor Hatley called on the members in attendance from the American Legion Post # 30 to come forward so he could present a framed copy of the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been a staunch advocate for veterans and their families since 1919; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded on the four pillars of care for veterans, a strong National defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and

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WHEREAS, The American Legion has played a leading role in initiatives and breakthroughs that have affected the lives of Americans in every community, from U.S. Flag code to the GI Bill; and

WHEREAS, Post 30 has fulfilled the Legion's mission since 1919 through programs such as the Rudisill-Tar Scholarship, the Student Trooper Program and Boys State. The Post also sponsored their first women's fast-pitch softball team and support Lincoln Charter School's Junior Shooting Program team. Events and ceremonies like Veterans Day and Fourth of July parades are supported by the Post; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is celebrating its centennial in 2018-2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ed Hatley, Mayor of the City of Lincolnton, N.C., do hereby proclaim **September** as "**American Legion Centennial Month**" in Lincolnton;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of The City of Lincolnton on this 1st day of August 2019.

Photos were taken of those American Legion post # 30 members in attendance with Mayor Hatley. Members thanked the Mayor and City Council for the work they do for the community.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT- CAPITAL PROJECTS IN PROGRESS – SMART METERS; POLICE BUILDING:

(BA-05-19)

Steve Zickefoose. City Manager ask Council to consider adopting a budget amendment to make the necessary adjustments for moving monies for the Smart Meter Project and the Police Building renovations. The budget amendment approved a total carryover of \$ 1,705,000.00 to the Water & Sewer Fund, for the Smart Meter Project, and a carryover of \$ 1,350,000.00 from the Electric Department for the Police Building.

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved the budget amendment as presented by the City Manager.

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REQUEST/PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD (CRESTVIEW, TAIT AND WENDOVER DRIVE) REGARDING SPEEDING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Ms. Abby Swengros, 219 Rock Creek Drive, who made the original request to appear before Council was not in attendance for the meeting. The City Manager said based on Mrs. Swengros request they have been monitoring the speed limit in this area and could be ready to make a recommendation at an upcoming Council Meeting. Currently no speed bumps have been installed on City Streets, but there are other alternatives, like rumble strips that could be considered.

Councilman Eaddy made the motion unanimously approved to table this item until staff could report their findings and hold a public hearing for a possible ordinance amendment.

CONSIDERATION OF SIDEWALK ON PINE STREET:

Steve Zickefoose, City Manager, told Council that he would be in favor of extending sidewalk along East Pine Street as he feels it is a public safety issue. He said, "Staff has looked at this and this is an area that was identified in 2016, where sidewalks were necessary, it was just not budgeted." "Extending sidewalk along this area would enable a large number of pedestrians to access the neighborhood", he said.

Councilman Eaddy said based on the automobiles traveling on Pine Street, he feels pedestrian safety is an issue and putting in sidewalks would be assist with pedestrian safety in that area.

Councilman Jetton asked for clarification that sidewalk would be extended from Flint Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive along East Pine Street. The City Manager confirmed that is the targeted area being considered. Councilman Jetton said, "It's forty years overdue in my opinion."

Councilman Jetton then made a motion unanimously approved to obtain pricing for sidewalk installation for this area. Councilman Watson said he feels this is a good project and would hope the cost would not exceed \$ 150,000.00

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Mr. Zickefoose said he would come back at a future meeting to get Council approval of a contract price for this project, once quotes were received.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED DOG PARK:

Steve Zickefoose, City Manager, told Council he is working with David Ledford to obtain engineering services for a Dog Park. He has a quote for a Cadillac version which would cost \$ 200,000.00. Steve said he would like to do this project in phases with the first phase estimated to cost \$ 96,800.00.

Councilman Eaddy asked for a timeline for this project. Steve said he should be back at the September City Council meeting with an update and or approval of a contract for this project.

Councilwoman White made the motion unanimously approved to proceed with this project and bring back hard cost estimates at the September City Council meeting.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT/OVERTIME REPORT:

Steve Zickefoose, City Manager gave the following financial update:

Mayor Hatley ask Council to set a date for the state required Ethics training for elected officials. Mayr Hatley, Councilmen Watson, Eaddy and Councilwoman White all agreed to meet at City hall on Thursday, August 15th at 8:30 am to view the Ethics webinar. The City Clerk will obtain signatures and forward a copy of their completed training to the Secretary of State's Office as required.

Mayor Hatley also reminded Council of the National Night Out event that will be held Tuesday, August 6th. Those that can attend need to meet at the Lincolnton Police Department at 5:45 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke under the public comment portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Jetton made the motion unanimously approved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)(5) to discuss Property Acquisition.

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Councilwoman White made the motion unanimously approved to return to Regular Session.

NEWS MEDIA:

There were no questions from the News Media.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

**ED HATLEY
MAYOR**