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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – February 15, 2010  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 7:00 P.M.  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:**

**Council Present: J. Johnson, Steele, Matthews, Gregory, Eisele, Huggins,  
M. Johnson**

**Staff Present: Fugett, Pressley, Currier, Smyth, Gaines, Salmon, Billings,  
Davis, Cranford, Hites, Miller, Anderson**

**Media Present: J. McNally – Record & Landmark  
D. Vieser – Charlotte Observer**

**Visitors: 9**

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by the City Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scouts from Troops #10724, 10536, 10516 and 10204.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Kutteh explained during the second meeting of each month, citizens are invited to speak about matters not on the current agenda. Mayor Kutteh stated that Jane Srail wished to speak and directed her to state her name and address for the record.

Jane Srail of 1818 Kenmore Drive expressed the importance of preserving healthy trees, particularly willow oaks. Ms. Srail advised the rezoning of Highway 115 would endanger 16 healthy willow oak trees due to increased traffic, less soil, water and space around them.

Mayor Kutteh stated the completion of the Unified Development Ordinance could address some of these issues.

**CONSENT AGENDA – All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered with the other items listed in the Regular Agenda.**

- A. Approve minutes of the pre-agenda meeting of January 28, 2010, and Council meeting of February 1, 2010.**
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an ordinance to condemn the structure at 442 Salisbury Rd. as unfit for human occupancy. (Ord. #08-10)**
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an ordinance to condemn the structure at 1001 8<sup>th</sup> St. as unfit for human occupancy. (Ord. #07-10)**
- D. #S12-2008 Street name revision/approval for Greylin Ridge Apartments.**
- E. Receive report of capital purchase in the Electric Utilities Department.**
- F. Approve the replacement of one full time Fire Prevention Specialist with the position of one full time Educator/Administrative Assistant in the Fire and Life Safety Division of the Fire Department.**

Upon a motion by Council member Matthews, seconded by Council member J. Johnson, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **Present 2009 Mayor's Cup Award to John and LeAnda Barnard.**

The Barnards were selected for their property "Barnard/Lippard Building" located at the corner of North Center Street and Water Street. The Mayor's Cup is given each year by the Community Appearance Commission to the person or organization that has made a significant contribution to improving the appearance of Statesville. Mayor Kutteh presented the Mayor's Cup to John and LeAnda Barnard.

Mayor Kutteh thanked the Community Appearance Commission and staff member Lynn Miller for all their hard work.

### **Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the condemnation of 915 Goldsboro Ave. and pass an ordinance to condemn the structure as unfit for human occupancy.**

Planning Director David Currier stated this property is owned by Mid Atlantic Investors, LLC. The uninsured house caught fire on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and was totally destroyed.

In September the owner advised City staff he had hired an individual to start demolishing the house. As of this date no work has been started, the owner did not attend the condemnation hearing and staff has received no further phone calls from him. The house is in a very unsafe condition and there are numerous violations of the City's Minimum Housing Code.

Repair costs would exceed \$25,000.00; tax value of the house is \$12,410.00. As the repair costs exceed fifty percent of the existing value of the house, it meets the legal requirements for demolition. Real Estate Taxes are due for 2009 in the amount of \$189.34.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers, Mayor Kutteh closed the public hearing and asked for a motion from Council.

**Upon a motion by Council member Eisele, seconded by Council member Gregory, the request by staff to pass first reading of ordinance to condemn the structure at 915 Goldsboro Avenue as unfit for human occupancy was unanimously approved.**

**Request to purchase two vehicles not to exceed \$16,000 for each. The funds will come from the Drug Seizure Fund and the existing vehicles will be used for trade-in. Request approval of Budget Amendment #36.**

Chief Anderson requested that funds, not to exceed \$32,000.00, be made available from the Police Department's Drug Seizure Fund to purchase two investigative vehicles, not to exceed \$16,000.00 each, for use in the Narcotics Division of the Police Department.

The two vehicles to be replaced are a 1997 Ford Taurus and a 2002 Dodge Stratus. Both vehicles have been used for a number of years in various undercover capacities and are well known by the criminal element within Statesville.

**Upon a motion by Council member J. Johnson, seconded by Council member Eisele, the request to purchase two vehicles, cost not to exceed \$16,000 each,**

using funds from the Drug Seizure Fund, trade-in existing vehicles, and approval of Budget Amendment #36 was unanimously approved.

**Other Business**

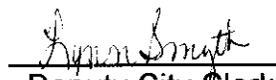
Mayor Kutteh announced that Boy Scout Caleb Crouce was attending this meeting to earn a "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

Mayor Kutteh reminded everyone the Council Retreat meeting was next Thursday and Friday.

**There being no further business, upon a motion by Council member Steele, seconded by Council member Matthews, the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

  
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Mayor

  
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Deputy City Clerk