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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – August 01, 2011  
IREDELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – 7:00 P.M.  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:**

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

**Council Absent: Stallard, Steele**

**Staff Present: Hites, Fugett, Cox, Salmon, Pressley, Davis, Cranford, Cornelison, Reagan Dudley, Bullins, Currier, Halliburton**

**Media Present: Dave Veiser-Charlotte Observer, Jim McNally-Record & Landmark**

**Others: 3**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order and asked that everyone rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by the City Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kutteh.

Mayor Kutteh announced one item, "Consider approval of the purchase of real estate" (Item VIII) will be added to the Regular Agenda.

**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 the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 06, 2011, and the Pre-agenda meeting of June 16, 2011.**
- B. Receive a report for a capital purchase of a split AC unit for the main floor in the City Office building.**
- C. Authorize the rollover of outstanding purchase orders and approve BA# 02.**

**Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Regular Agenda**

**Accept a \$25,000 grant from the N.C. Forest Service. A Budget Amendment for this item will be submitted for approval at a later date.**

Shawn Cox reported Statesville has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the NC Forest Service Fire Wise Program to carry out a Forest Management Plan at the Third Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant. The City has a cash match of \$22,000 and an In-King Match of \$15,500. \$22,000 has been previously budgeted for the cash match from the City and labor from City forces as well as volunteers from different civic groups such as scout troops and 4-H clubs will be used to generate the In-King Match. The project title is Third Creek Community Forest and funds from this grant are to be used for site preparation and planting Loblolly Pine on approximately 130 acres. Other areas will be managed for natural hardwood production. This project will be the first of its kind and used a benchmark and guide for other cities.

**Council member Matthews made a motion to accept the \$25,000 grant from the NC Forest Service, seconded by Council members J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Receive comments on a sign design and location for the Statesville Business Park.**

Mayor Kutteh stated that City Council had agreed at the Pre-Agenda meeting on a vertical sign design and for staff to present the necessary text amendments for approval.

Council member Matthews asked if the font on the sign will be the same as the font on the new logo. Mr. Hites stated this photo is only a mock-up and Council will review textures, colors, fonts, etc. for final approval.

Council member Gregory asked if the highway department will allow a new business built at this location to erect a sign. Mr. Hites replied a way-finding sign would be allowed and the business could have a sign on their building in accordance with the HI zoning code but a separate free-standing sign would be restricted.

**Approve the amended Capital Improvements Plan.**

Mayor Kutteh explained that Council has reviewed and commented on this previously and staff has made changes based on comments made at that time.

**Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the amended Capital Improvements Plan, seconded by Council member Gregory.**

Council member M. Johnson stated he approved of this plan with the understanding that this is not the entire plan and is for informational purposes only. He clarified that by adopting this plan, City Council is not voting to implement any of these projects.

Mayor Kutteh agreed and explained this is only a road map to guide staff and Council as to when a project contained in the plan may be undertaken.

Mr. Hites stated the first draft of the CIP for the next fiscal year will be included in the Retreat Agenda.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Approve the purchase of real estate located at 105 S. Oakwood Drive.**

Mayor Kutteh stated the City has been approached to purchase the rear portion of the property located at 105 S. Oakwood Drive, independent of the dwelling. The rear lot has not yet been surveyed, but the owner has indicated it is 20,000-25,000 square feet. Staff has negotiated a purchase price of \$22,000 for the property. Staff has determined this property will hold over 300 burial plots.

**Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve staff to enter into a contract and to purchase this property for \$22,000, seconded by Council member M. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**

Reagan Dudley confirmed that Mr. Gaines had negotiated the purchase price for \$22,000.

Mr. Hites stated additional funds will need to be approved to fund the survey for the property. Ms. Salmon stated a Budget Amendment would be needed (BA #3) and the funding source would be Fund Balance Appropriated. Ms. Salmon recommended the Budget Amendment total not exceed \$25,000 which would cover the survey and any other costs.

**Council member M. Johnson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #03 in the amount of \$25,000 for the previously approved land acquisition and associated costs, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business, Council member Matthews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Fugett, City Clerk