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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – January 09, 2012
STATESVILLE CIVIC CENTER-ROOM B – 7:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

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

Council Absent: West

Staff Present: Gaines, Hites, Fugett, Davis, Smyth, Pressley, Currier, Salmon, Hutchens, Harrell

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

Others: 4

Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by the City Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kutteh led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment - During the second meeting of each month citizens are invited to speak about matters not on the current agenda.

There were no speakers.

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 Pre-Agenda meeting of December 15, 2011 and the City Council meeting of December 19, 2011.**
- B. Consider approving 2nd reading of an ordinance to condemn the structure located at 124 E. Bell Street as unfit for human occupancy.**
- C. Receive and concur with the financial report of the Statesville Convention and Visitors Bureau as of September 30, 2011.**
- D. Receive the Statesville's Convention and Visitor Bureau's Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.**
- E. Consider a request from the BalloonFest Committee to continue the lease of airport property for the use of a storage shed.**
- F. Approve a request from the Statesville Police Department to apply for a grant from the NC Governor's Crime Commission valued at \$75,000 including a 25% cash match, and authorize Captain Joe Barone to manage the project on behalf of the City of Statesville.**
- G. Consider approving first reading of an ordinance to establish a stop intersection at Avondale Drive and Chestnut Lane.**
- H. Appoint three members to the Historic Preservation Commission.**
- I. Consider a request from Phil McLain to continue a lease with the City, for property located at the Statesville Regional Airport.**

COUNCIL MEMBER STALLARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER J. JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Kutteh advised that Item VIII had been removed from the Regular Agenda by staff.

Regular Agenda

Conduct a public hearing relating to a proposed CDBG application.

Rob Hites stated this is the second of two public hearings to solicit public comment for the proposed application by the City of Statesville for a Community Development Block Grant for Pate Dawson, Inc. The grant will provide \$466,000 in funds for a three year forgivable loan for infrastructure improvements to a building that Pate Dawson, Inc will purchase from Keith Corporation. The purpose of the improvements will be to improve the facility so they may start their distribution operation within the City limits. After hearing public comment on this item, should Council wish staff to apply for this grant, the next item on the agenda is to approve a resolution giving staff permission to submit the application.

Mayor Kutteh clarified that no action from Council was needed for this item, only on the following item. Mr. Hites agreed that was correct.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open and asked if there was any present who wished to speak for or in opposition of this item. There being no speakers present, Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing closed.

Consider approval of a resolution permitting the City to submit a formal application for CDBG funding for Pate Dawson, Inc.

Rob Hites stated a copy of the resolution was included in Council's packet and he would answer any questions Council may have.

COUNCIL MEMBER M. JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE CITY TO SUBMIT A FORMAL APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING FOR PATE DAWSON, INC., SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STALLARD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Consider a request from Carolina Aviation Technical Services (C.A.T.S.) to operate as a limited service fixed base operator (FBO) and assignment of the Evernham Lease.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BY STAFF.

Consider approving 2nd reading of Text Amendment TA11-10 filed by the City of Statesville to amend Article 6-Development Standards, Section 6.07 Sign Regulations, Table 6-13 Permitted Signs, I. Exempt signs and O. Non-Conforming Signs.

David Currier stated this Text Amendment contains four separate issues. Two are clean-up items; one involved a recommendation from the Board of Adjustment to go from a 6' ft. monument sign to an 8' ft. monument sign. This change was not recommended for approval by the Planning Board and Council agreed. The fourth part of this Text Amendment reflects Council's direction to staff at the 1st reading of this item. Currently the code states that if a business changes its name or logo on its sign, then it must conform to the new sign regulations. Council directed staff to omit the portion that states if a business changes its "logo" on its sign face, then it must conform to the new sign regulations. The revised ordinance states that if the "business" name changes, then the business must conform to the new sign regulations.

Council member Eisele asked how staff is dealing with signs that are non-conforming and are still up. Mr. Currier stated the business must only change their sign if there is a change. Council member Eisele clarified the signs had been taken down but the poles are still standing. Mr. Currier stated he did not think City Code requires them to be taken down. Mr. Hites stated that staff will research this and bring a presentation back to Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER STALLARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 2ND READING OF TEXT AMENDMENT TA11-10, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUGGINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF STREET SIGN MAKING EQUIPMENT (VINYL CUTTER), SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STALLARD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approve a resolution concurring with NCDOT's request to repeal a 1969 ordinance establishing a 25 mph speed limit from West End to Water Street due to an error in description and concurring with the State to establish a 25 mph speed limit from West End to Water Street ending at the intersection of Water Street and Davie Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTHEWS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH NCDOT'S REQUEST TO REPEAL A 1969 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT FROM WEST END TO WATER STREET DUE TO AN ERROR IN DESCRIPTION AND CONCURRING WITH THE STATE TO ESTABLISH A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT FROM WEST END TO WATER STREET ENDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET AND DAVIE AVENUE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

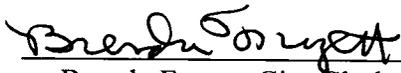
Mayor Kutteh advised there would be an open house held at the renovated City Hall building on February 5, 2012 from 2:00-5:00 and the next City Council meeting will be held at City Hall on February 6th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCIL MEMBER STALLARD MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER J. JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk