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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – March 18, 2013
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 7:00 p.m.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Constantine H. Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, Eisele, West, M. Johnson, Matthews, Huggins, Stallard, Gregory
Council Absent: 0
Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Collins, Salmon, Smyth, Gaines, Billings, Hodges, Watts, Harrell
Media Present: Jim McNally-Record & Landmark, Dave Veiser-Charlotte Observer
Others: 6

Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by the City Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop #10642.

Public Comment

Mayor Kutteh explained that during the second meeting of each month citizens are invited to speak about matters not on the current agenda and asked if there is anyone present who wished to speak. There were no speakers.

Mayor Kutteh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Adjustment regarding the Love's Truck Stop item will be Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers and will be televised on Cable Channel 20.

Mayor Kutteh read a letter received by the Statesville Electric Utilities Department from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo thanking them for their assistance after Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Kutteh explained that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by 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. Mayor Kutteh read the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approve the minutes of the Pre-agenda meeting of February 28, 2013 and the City Council meeting of March 04, 2013.**
- B. Request permission to pursue a grant via the Ford Motor Company's Community Grant Program in the amount of \$9,200, and to authorize Sergeant Daniel Miglin to manage the grant on behalf of the City of Statesville**
- C. Receive and concur with the financial report of the Statesville Convention and Visitor Bureau as of December 31, 2012.**
- D. Consider approval of a resolution declaring listed equipment surplus and authorize the disposal of said property by resolution.**
- E. Consider approving a request to close a portion of Center Street and Broad Street to traffic on Sunday, May 19, 2013, from 9 a.m. to noon for the filming of a community video involving the Chamber of Commerce.**

- F. **Receive a report of a capital purchase in the Public Works/Water & Sewer Maintenance Division.**
- G. **Receive a report of a non-depreciable capital purchase in the Public Works/Water & Sewer Maintenance Division.**

Mayor Kutteh asked Council members if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that a Council member wished to be moved to the Regular Agenda. There being none, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Regular Agenda

Approve one appointment of a City of Statesville hotel owner/operator/representative to the Statesville Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

Mayor Kutteh stated this request was submitted by Mr. Andy Briggs, Chairman of the SCVB Board of Directors. The SCVB Board recommends Jay Patel for the appointment and there is a second applicant, Bharat Desai.

Mayor Kutteh asked for nominations for the appointment to the SCVB Board of Directors.

Council member Stallard nominated Jay Patel.

Council member Huggins made a motion to approve the appointment of Jay Patel to the SCVB Board of Directors, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City of Statesville to enter into a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation-Division of Aviation, consider approval of Budget Amendment #28, and a Work Authorization for the Blast Pad.

Phil Collins reported this Grant Agreement, from the NCDOT – Division of Aviation, is in the amount of \$234,000 and is intended for the construction of a Blast Pad at the 28 end of the runway. City Council has previously certified the availability of local funds and as you may recall, this grant is a result of remaining funds from the Grants used for the Runway Strengthening and Rehabilitation project. Grant funds must be used by July 1, 2013 or sent back to NCDOT-DOA.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City of Statesville to enter into a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation-Division of Aviation, consider approval of Budget Amendment #28, and a Work Authorization for the Blast Pad, seconded by Council member Stallard. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider approving Phase II of the Streetscape project which encompasses W. Broad Street up to and including Meeting Street, Professional Services Agreements for W. Broad and Meeting Street improvements and approve Budget Amendment #29.

Larry Pressley stated that as requested at the retreat, staff is pleased to provide a recommendation to move forward with West Broad Street/Meeting Street improvements as presented at the retreat and enter into professional services agreements for the design and construction phase. Staff recommends entering into an agreement for professional services with McGill Associates for \$156,750.

This includes the following:

Survey:	28,000.00
Design Phase Services:	77,000.00
Bidding Award:	7,500.00
Construction Administration:	30,000.00
Contingency: (10%)	14,250.00
Total:	\$156,750.00

Staff also recommends entering into a professional service agreement with Progressive Engineering for electrical design. Their fees are \$26,400 which includes a 10% contingency as well.

To summarize, staff recommends awarding the professional services contracts to McGill Associates in the amount of \$156,750 and to Progressive Engineering in the amount of \$26,400 and approving Budget Amendment #29.

Council member M. Johnson made a motion to approve Phase II of the Streetscape project and the estimated \$2.3 million accompanying budget of which Budget Amendment #29 will be for Professional Services from McGill & Associates in the amount of \$156,750 and for Electrical Design Services from Progressive Engineering in the amount of \$26,400 and to approve Budget Amendment #29, seconded by Council member Stallard and West.

Council member J. Johnson stated he is still opposed to this in recognition of the opposition to the project that has been voiced to him by his constituents.

The vote on the motion made by Council member M. Johnson was as follows:

**Ayes: M. Johnson, Stallard, West, Gregory, Eisele, Matthews, Huggins
Nays: J. Johnson**

Council member West thanked the Master Plan Committee and all stakeholders involved in the Streetscape project for the work they have done in getting the project to this point.

Consider approving a contract for the purchase of the Reid property for the eastern portion of the South Parallel Taxiway at the Statesville Regional Airport.

City Attorney Edmund Gaines stated the City's agent, Mr. Hunter, has presented a contract to purchase from Danny and Margaret Reid property at 429 Old Airport Road. This is a home and approximately 1.7 acres. This is the last track that is needed for the South Parallel Taxiway project. The contract price is \$200,000 and includes the property as well as the replacement housing payment. The property appraised at \$113,500 and the replacement housing allowance is estimated at \$86,500 so that is right at the \$200,000 purchase price that has been agreed to. There will be an additional payment owed for moving expenses to be paid at the time of moving in the amount of \$17,918. Mr. Gaines noted that the State has not officially approved this purchase. He asked that if Council wishes to approve the contract that the motion to approve be subject to state approval of the purchase.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve a contract for the purchase of the Reid property subject to State of North Carolina approval of the purchase, seconded by Council member Gregory. The motion carried unanimously.

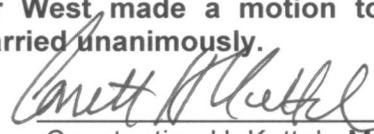
Mayor Kutteh advised there are grant funds remaining for property acquisition at the airport that must be used by June 30, 2013 and staff is working diligently to use it.

Consider approving funding for the expansion of the City Hall Council Chambers audio system for a price not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Pressley presented a proposal from Technical Innovations to install four microphones in the City Hall Council Chambers in the amount of \$4,171.68. He advised that the City Manager's office has already authorized this in order to get the project finished prior to the Board of Adjustment meeting on March 26, 2013.

Council member Matthews made a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$4,171.68 for the expansion of the City Hall Council Chambers audio system, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Council member West made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Eisele. The motion carried unanimously.


Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor



ATTEST:


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk