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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – August 04, 2014
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS– 7:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, M. Johnson, Huggins, Watt, Morgan, Phifer, Schlesinger, West

Council Absent: 0

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Billings, Hutchens, Gaines, Watt, Ashley, Salmon, Harrell, Styers, Hudson, Barone, Anderson, Houpe, Cornelius

Visitors: 6

Media Present: John Hamlin-Statesville Record & Landmark, Jim McNally-Statesville Record & Landmark

I **Call to Order**
Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

II **Invocation**
The Invocation was given by the City Clerk.

III **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Kutteh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV **Consent Agenda** – All items below 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.

A. **Consider approving the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Pre-Agenda meeting and the July 14, 2014 City Council meeting.**

B. **Request permission to adjust the scope of a grant from the NC Governor's Crime Commission.**

C. **Consider approving a request to appropriate insurance money in the amount of $897 and increase the vehicle maintenance and repair account of the Police Department and approval of Budget Amendment #04.**

D. **Consider approving 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12, Article V, Division 1, of the City of Statesville Municipal Code to prohibit parking at all times in the 200 block of South Mulberry Street.**

E. **Consider approving a request from the Rucker family to close Jefferson Street from its intersection with Rickert Street and Washington Street on Saturday August 23, 2014 between 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to host an end of summer/back to school celebration.**

F. **Consider approval of Budget Amendment #07 to appropriate $4,382 for tax and tags for two trucks budgeted for in the 2013-2014 budget year.**

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

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

Regular Agenda

V **Receive updates from Council member Michael Johnson on the CONNECT Our Future Consortium and the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization.**

Council member Michael Johnson gave an update on the CONNECT Our Future Consortium and the Charlotte Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CARTPO) and asked Council for their guidance regarding how he should vote on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan later this month. He reported that the Phase II I-40/I-77 interchange project has been put on hold by NCDOT because the project was reclassified from the state to the regional tier which lowered its priority rating and that the cost of the project also exceeded a ceiling imposed by NCDOT that no one project can use more than 10% of the region's entire budget. Council briefly discussed how to get this project back on track and agreed to take the matter up again at the August 18th Council meeting.

VI **Consider authorizing the rollover of outstanding purchase orders and other encumbrances and approve Budget Amendment #08.**
Lisa Salmon stated this is the annual request to authorize the rollover of outstanding purchase orders and incomplete capital projects as of June 30, 2014 and to amend the 2014-15 budget accordingly. She briefly explained the process.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to authorize the rollover of outstanding purchase orders and other encumbrances and approve Budget Amendment #08, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

VII **Consider approving a request by the Fire Department to purchase computer software with existing funds.**
Chief Hutchens stated this software is designed for accredited departments to better track data needed for maintaining accreditation status and that it would also provide the data requested by Council related to medical response. The Department has two personnel that have received training in the use of this product. Cost for software is $1,495 with annual costs of $225 for updates and support and the funds are available in department operating budget.

Council member Schlesinger made a motion to approve the request by the Fire Department to purchase computer software with existing funds in the amount of $1,495, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII **Consider award of the Fourth Creek WWTP Improvements Project contract to MB Kahn Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of $3,966,615 contingent upon approval from the NCDENR Division of Water Infrastructure, approve a project budget in the amount of $4,214,945, a resolution and Budget Amendment #09.**
Larry Pressley stated that staff has received bids for the Fourth Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. The project is within budget and the contractor has presented the appropriate post bid documents. Several alternates were bid to allow flexibility in award of bids in the event the project had been over budget. The total of $3,966,615 reflects selection of the alternates that are in the best interest of the City. Therefore staff recommends award of bid to MB Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $3,966,615 contingent upon approval of NCDENR Division of Water Infrastructure, approval of a project budget in the amount of $4,214,945, approve Budget Amendment #09 and approve a resolution giving the City Manager authorization to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City.

Council member M. Johnson made a motion to award the Fourth Creek WWTP Improvements Project contract to MB Kahn Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of $3,966,615 contingent upon approval from the NCDENR Division of Water Infrastructure, approve a project budget in the amount of $4,214,945, a resolution giving the City Manager authorization to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City and Budget Amendment #09, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

IX **Consider award of the East Front Street Waterline Replacement Project contract to Bell Construction, Inc. of Statesville, NC in the amount of $339,931.49 with a project budget of $355,000, and approval of Budget Amendment #05.**
Scott Harrell stated the existing 2" galvanized water lines in the East Front Street area have been the subject of frequent maintenance and repair calls. Staff received bids for replacing the water lines in this area on July 9, 2014. The proposed work consists of replacing the existing water lines with a combination of new 6" and 2" PVC, providing improved water service to approximately 58 residences. The bid results are as follows:

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the low bid from JBL Communications, Inc. for the labor and material for the construction of Phase II C&D of the Fiber Project in the amount of $195,480.05 and a contingency of $11,219.95, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

XII **Consider approving a professional services agreement with Bizzell Design and authorize the purchase and installation of way finding signs totaling $162,394.00 and approve Budget Amendment #06.**

Sherry Ashley stated that staff has worked with the Downtown Master Plan Committee to develop a prototype way finding sign which is installed on East Broad Street near Hop's Place. Mrs. Ashley stated the feedback received so far regarding the prototype is that the back of the sign is too plain and needs some type of image on it, and the colors of the bloom are not very distinctive and do not match the colors on the brand. Buzz Bizzell was here this morning and put an image on the back of the sign and redid the bloom however I still think there still needs to be some tweaking to get the bloom just right. Staff is working with him to correct this. To move forward with the way finding sign system staff proposes a total of 21 signs, 11 downtown signs (36" x 48") and 10 perimeter signs (5' x 7.5'). In addition to the fabrication and installation of the signs, staff suggests having Bizzell Design complete the technical work at a cost of $13,850. The estimates for the signs are as follows:

Downtown signs - 11 signs x $4,640.00 per sign = $ 51,040.00
Signs at perimeter - 10 signs x $6,800.00 per sign = $68,000.00
Parking Identification signs - 4 double sided signs x $4,000.00 = $16,000.00
Subtotal $135,040.00 + 10% Contingency of $13,504.00 = Total $148,544.00

Bizzell Design's agreement provides for the review of placement and messages to ensure a high quality fabrication and installation of the way finding sign system. Therefore staff recommends approval of Bizzell Design Professional Services agreement for $13,850.00, a sign budget of $148,544.00 for a total of $162,394.00 and approval of Budget Amendment #06.

Council member J. Johnson stated that this it too much money and that as he recalled the amount to do this was supposed to be around $80,000.

Council member M. Johnson further explained what work Bizzell Designs will do and added that he thought the number of needed signs will decrease from the estimate which will lower the total cost.

Council member M. Johnson made a motion to approve only the Professional Services Contract with Bizzell Designs in the amount of $13,850 and Budget Amendment #06 to be revised to that amount, seconded by Council member Watt.

Council member Watt suggested that a committee be appointed to work with staff and Mr. Bizzell. Mayor Kutteh said he was told today that Mr. Bizzell is capable of doing this without a committee and Council can make the final decision as a committee of the whole. Council member M. Johnson pointed out that the Downtown Design Review Committee must review the plan and make a recommendation to Council.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: M. Johnson, Watt, Morgan, West, Huggins, Schlesinger
Nays: J. Johnson, Phifer
Motion carried: 6-2

Council member West made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Fugett, City Clerk

1.	Bell Construction Co., Inc.	$339,931.49
2.	Locke-Lane Construction, Inc.	$352,299.64
3.	Davis Grading	$388,975.00

Staff recommends a project budget of $355,000, which will provide approximately 5% contingency. Bell Construction, Inc. has successfully completed similar projects here and in surrounding areas and their work has been satisfactory. Permitting for this project also included replacement of water lines on Lincoln and Wagner Streets; this work will be performed by City forces with funds from the operating budget. Staff recommends award of the East Front Street Salisbury Road Sidewalk Improvements contract to Bell Construction, Inc. of Statesville, NC in the amount of $339,931.49 with a project budget of $355,000, and approval of Budget Amendment #05.

Council member Morgan asked when work would begin on the project. Mr. Harrell replied in September.

Council member Schlesinger asked how many homes were in this area. Mr. Harrell answered there are 58.

Council member West asked if the contractor will be taking crews away from the working on the downtown streetscape to do this project. Mr. Harrell replied they would not.

Council member Huggins asked what are the next water lines scheduled for replacement. Mr. Harrell explained.

Council member Morgan made a motion to award the East Front Street Waterline Replacement Project contract to Bell Construction, Inc. of Statesville, NC in the amount of $339,931.49 with a project budget of $355,000, and approval of Budget Amendment #05, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

X **Consider authorizing paving of Wagner Street.**

Mr. Harrell stated that the work underway by PSNC/SCANA to remediate and improve the parcel at the corner of S. Center and Chambers Street includes improvements to the Rutledge and Bigham mortuary parking lot. The rear driveway of the mortuary parking lot will be widened, increasing the potential use of Wagner Street, which runs behind the mortuary from Chambers Street to Garfield Street. Wagner Street is currently No. 51 on the unpaved street priority list. The lower half of the street was previously patched with asphalt to reduce rutting and washing of gravel into Garfield Street. The upper half remains gravel, with insufficient right-of-way to meet City standards of a 20 ft. minimum width. PSNC/SCANA has agreed to donate right-of-way to provide adequate width for the future paving of the upper portion of Wagner Street. Should the paving of this portion of Wagner Street, approximately 150 feet in length, be included in the current year resurfacing project, the cost is estimated to be $11,000. Adequate funds exist in the Division Y contingency to accommodate this work. Staff recommends approval of the paving of Wagner Street.

Council member Schlesinger asked if the lower portion of the street hold up. Mr. Harrell replied that it would be brought up to City standards as well.

Council member West made a motion to approve paving Wagner Street, seconded by Council member M. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

XI **Consider approving the low bid from JBL Communications, Inc. for the labor and material for the construction of Phase II C&D of the Fiber Project in the amount of $195,480.05 and a contingency of $11,219.95.**

Kent Houpe stated Phase II C&D of the Fiber Project will connect Substation 6 to Delivery 2 and Delivery 3 and the Fitness Center. Staff received "No Bids" from Irby Construction Company and Pike Electric. JBL Communications submitted the bid of $195,480.05. Staff recommends acceptance of JBL's bid. Funds are available in Capital Outlay Other Improvements account to fund this project.

Council member Schlesinger asked if the fiber will be below or above ground. Mr. Houpe replied most would be above ground.