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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – February 02, 2015
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS– 7:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, Watt, Morgan, Schlesinger, West, M. Johnson, Williams, Phifer (arrived 7:16 p.m.)

Council Absent: 0

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

Visitors: 5

Media Present: John Hamlin-Statesville Record & Landmark, Dave Veiser-Charlotte Observer

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order. He announced that the quasi-judicial hearing for the Love's Travel Plaza site plan will be held on February 16, 2015. The site plan will be available for review each day from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Planning Department. If those hours are not convenient, please contact the Planning Department to set an appointment.

Mayor Kutteh stated that Susan Klutz, Secretary for the Department of Cultural Resources, will be at City Hall on Thursday, February 5th at 11:00 a.m. to lead a rally in support of the restoration of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.

Mayor Kutteh announced that John Hamlin, the Statesville Record & Landmark reporter that has been covering City meetings, is becoming a reporter for the Raleigh News and Observer. Mayor Kutteh wished Mr. Hamlin well in his career.

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 January 08, 2015 Pre-Agenda meeting and the January 12, 2015 City Council meeting.**
- B. Consider approving the renewal of a lease agreement with Donnie Pennell for the old Brittain Lumber property.**
- C. Consider approving a request from the Iredell Arts Council to install a sculpture on the property at 203 S. Meeting Street.**

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

Regular Agenda

V Present the 2014 Mayor's Cup Award to LeRoy Plyler.

Mayor Kutteh presented the Mayor's Cup Award to LeRoy Plyler stating that this award is most frequently given for one specific accomplishment during a particular year or sometimes for a course of accomplishments, but this is for a lifetime of accomplishments and in recognition of LeRoy Plyler's lifetime of work serving downtown Statesville as both a retailer and an advocate for revitalization.

VI Downtown Statesville Development Corporation (DSDC) Board of Directors requests that the City of Statesville adopt a resolution supporting North Carolina's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program to help restore the tax credits.

Marin Tomlin stated the state legislature did not renew historic preservation tax credits in 2014, and the program expired on December 31. Leaders from across the state, including Governor Pat McCrory, have called on the legislature to introduce a bill to bring back the program. The Downtown Statesville Development Corporation (DSDC) Board of Directors requests that the City of Statesville adopt the attached resolution supporting North Carolina's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program to show the city's support in restoring these tax credits. The Historic Tax Credit Program is an important tool needed to attract private investment in the redevelopment of our downtown properties that will help grow the vitality and function of our downtown as well as expand uses and support continued retail and commercial growth in downtown. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your support of Downtown Statesville.

Council member Morgan made a motion to approve a resolution supporting North Carolina's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program to help restore the tax credits, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

VII Consider accepting a Smart Communities Grant in the amount of \$4,000 and approve Budget Amendment #27.

Brent Cornelison stated Council approved applying for this grant at the December 15, 2014 meeting. The grant funding will be used to relocate overhead power lines and a pole at the new E. Broad St. parking area.

Council member West made a motion to accept the Smart Communities Grant in the amount of \$4,000 and approve Budget Amendment #27, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII Consider approving first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the City Code to allow for sidewalk displays in the downtown area.

This item was removed from the agenda by staff.

IX Consider approving the award of Runway 28 Grooving and design work for the Precision approach Path Indicator and Runway End Identifier Lights, Consider Certification of local funds for the projects, and consider approving Budget Amendment #29.

David Currier stated the remaining recaptured grant funds total \$303,755.00 and the required matching local fund amount is \$33,750.00. The bids for the pavement grooving came in over estimates. In order to get the low bid of \$382,020.20 within the cost scope, change order number one removes the reflective and non-reflective pavement markings from the low bid of \$104,100.00. The adjusted contract price will be \$277,920.20 and the pavement markings will be done by NCDOT through their pavement maintenance program. The balance of the money will allow for the design work for the PAPI and REIL's. Future grant funds will allow for the purchase and installation of the navigational equipment.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the award of Runway 28 Grooving and Design Work for the Precision Approach Path Indicator and Runway End Identifier Lights, the certification of local funds for the projects, and approval of Budget Amendment #29, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

X Consider approving Budget Amendment #28 for the Airport Layout Plan and Environmental Assessment for the South Parallel Taxiway.

Mr. Currier stated the grant from the NCDOT is in the amount of \$261,540.00. The matching funds from the City of Statesville and Iredell County are in the amount of

\$29,060.00 (10%, \$14,530.00 each). The total project budget is set at \$290,600. The contract has been fully executed by the City and NCDOT.

At the request of Mayor Kutteh, Mr. Carrier explained where these grant funds come from.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #28 for the Airport Layout Plan and Environmental Assessment for the South Parallel Taxiway, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

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




Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

Attest:


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk