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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – November 02, 2015  
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 6:00 P.M.  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:**

**Council Present:** J. Johnson, Schlesinger, Morgan, Williams, West, Watt

**Council Absent:** Phifer, M. Johnson

**Staff Present:** Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Davis, Ferguson, Cornelison, Harrell, Hutchens, Barone, Houpe, Gregory, Currier, Styers, Triplett, Cornelius

**Others:** 0

**Media Present:** Jim McNally-Statesville Record & Landmark

**I Call to Order**

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order. He asked for Council members' to check their availability for a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive the consultant's electric rate study, with December 2<sup>nd</sup> being the alternative date. Council members present advised they were all available. Mayor Kutteh instructed the City Clerk to contact Council member M. Johnson and Phifer regarding their availability. He stated the consultant will give their formal presentation at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Kutteh stated the annual planning retreat has been tentatively set for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. He asked that Council members let the Clerk know their availability for that day.

Mayor Kutteh advised an Executive Session will be held following the Pre-Agenda meeting to discuss an economic development matter, a land acquisition matter, to consult with the attorney and to preserve the attorney client privilege for all.

**II 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 October 19, 2015 Pre-Agenda meeting, and October 19, 2015 Council meeting.**

**B. Receive and concur with the financial report of the Statesville Convention and Visitor Bureau as of September 30, 2015.**

**C. Consider approving a request from the Statesville Fire Department to apply for three FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG).**

Mayor Kutteh stated this is a matching grant with the City of Statesville holding responsibility of a percentage match. Staff is requesting permission to submit three separate applications for this grant of various amounts, but not exceeding a total of \$220,000 with a potential 10% match of \$22,000 contribution from the City of Statesville, if all applications are awarded. The final amount maybe less than these figures depending on funding priorities from FEMA. Examples of equipment to be purchased upon reward of AFG are: Thermal Imaging Cameras (Meets NFPA Standards) - \$15,000 each, Upgrade of Confined Space Communications System - \$17,700, E-Draulic Tools - \$33,000, Radio Headsets for Apparatus - \$30,000, and a SCBA Fill Station - \$45,000

**D. Consider approving the low bid from Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purchase of six solid state protective relays in the amount of \$24,324.**

Council member West asked why the low bid was not accepted for this. Kent Houpe explained that the low bid submitted by Beckwith was incomplete and had several exceptions.

**Regular Agenda**

**V Receive an update of the Statesville Housing Authority programs and future goals from Darbah Skaf.**

- VI Consider approving 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Aviation; Article II, Statesville Regional Airport; Section 4-28(b), Municipal Airport Commission of the City Code related to the number of members on the Statesville Regional Airport Commission.

Council member Morgan made a motion to postpone this item until the final Marketing Study and Airport Layout Plan is presented by the consultants, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

- VII Appoint two new members to the Airport Commission.

This item was removed from the agenda due to the tabling of Item VI.

- VIII Consider approving the construction of a dog park and restroom at Grace Park, the regulations, rules and fees associated with the dog park and to allow staff to apply for a Lowe's Hometown grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the construction of a dog park and a restroom.

Mayor Kutteh explained that this item is simply to approve the location, regulations, rules and fees, and to allow staff to apply for the grant, not a motion to approve building the park.

- IX Consider approving the use of contingency funds from the Phase II Streetscape Project in the amount of \$12,500 to purchase the main sculpture for the new pocket park.

Mayor Kutteh stated the Community Appearance Committee has chosen a sculpture that would be the main piece of art for the pocket park. The cost of the piece is \$12,500 including installation. Contingency funds are available in the Phase II Streetscape Project and can be used to purchase the sculpture. The Design Review Committee unanimously approved the sculpture. Staff recommends approving \$12,500 from Phase II Streetscape Project contingency funds for the purchase of the sculpture.

- X Consider approving a request from Ms. Mary Cook for a water tap to serve a parcel at 2934 Newton Drive.

This item has been removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

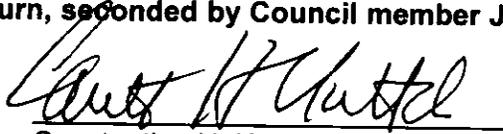
- XI Consider approving a request from Mr. Jesse Hedrick for a water tap to serve a parcel at 2425 Shelton Ave.

Mayor Kutteh stated Mr. Hedrick indicates the well at this property is having problems. The property is located on Shelton Avenue, approximately two miles south of the existing contiguous City limits. The nearest City sewer is approximately 6,900 feet north of the property. The property currently has City electric service. Staff recommends Council approve a water connection subject to inside rates and System Development Fees, contingent upon receipt of a petition for voluntary annexation.

Council member Schlesinger made a motion to move to Executive Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss an economic development matter, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss a land acquisition matter, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the attorney and to preserve the attorney client privilege for all, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session Mayor Kutteh stated an economic development matter, and a land acquisition matter were discussed and Council consulted with the City Attorney. No action was taken.

Council member West made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

Attest:

  
Brenda Fugett, City Clerk

