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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – April 18, 2016
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 6:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: Schlesinger, Morgan, Williams, Watt, M. Johnson, J. Johnson

Council Absent: West, Phifer

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Davis, Smyth, Currier, Harrell, Watt, Cornelius, Cornelius, Gregory, Houpe, Staley, Shelton, Styers

Media Present Nina Mastandrea-Statesville Record & Landmark

Others: 4

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh stated an executive session will be held following the Pre-Agenda meeting to discuss a personnel matter, an economic development matter and a contract matter.

Mayor Kutteh asked Attorney Gaines to give a brief update on the group respite home.

Attorney Gaines gave a brief background and stated that the Board of Adjustment unanimously upheld Mr. Currier's decision regarding the rezoning and that the parties that appealed the case had no standing to bring the appeal. This decision can be appealed to the Superior Court.

II Invocation (Only at Council Meeting)

III Pledge of Allegiance (Only at Council Meeting)

IV Public Comment - During the second meeting of each month citizens are invited to speak about matters not on the current agenda. (Only at Council Meeting)

V Consent Agenda

Mayor Kutteh stated that 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 low bid from Siemens Industry, Inc. for purchase of three (3) reclosers from section one of the specifications in the amount of \$64,168.**
- B. Consider approval of the audit contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.**
- C. Item C was moved to the Regular Agenda.**
- D. Consider a request from David Edwards for a water tap to serve 2474 Shelton Avenue.**

REGULAR AGENDA

C. Consider approving an extension of Camden Road.

VI Receive an update from Power Cross

VII Swear in Council member William Morgan as the Governor's appointee to the NC Literacy Commission.

VIII Consider a motion to approve a Preliminary Development Agreement with Richard Angino of Third Wave Housing.

City Manager Pressley instructed the dates on the agreements to be changed to coincide with City Council meeting dates.

IX Adopt the 5-year Technology Master Plan.

Mayor Kutteh noted that the first year of this plan will get the city in place for the AMI program.

X Consider a proposal from Jewell Engineering Consultants for a stormwater utility study and approval of Budget Amendment #17

Mayor Kutteh recalled that at the February 11, 2016 Council retreat, Council asked staff to receive proposals for this. Staff has received a proposal from Jewell Engineering Consultants to study the potential development of a stormwater utility enterprise fund. The proposal consists of three phases. At this time, staff recommends proceeding with Phase 1 of the study which consists of identifying the stormwater program components to be funded by the utility, and assembling relevant data. Phase I is estimated to take four to six months to complete. Jewell Engineering Services proposes to complete this work on a time and expense basis, not to exceed \$52,950. It is anticipated that a Stormwater Utility Advisory Board will be established during this time, to help evaluate the Phase 1 results and to prepare recommendations to Council. The entire study (all three phases) is anticipated to take twelve to fifteen months, at a cost of \$125,000 to \$150,000.

XI Consider approving a policy allowing adjustments to water bills after a leak in a customer's water service.

Mayor Kutteh said that on February 1, 2016 Council approved a policy by which adjustments may be made to a customer's water bill in the event of a leak associated with a backflow prevention device. During that discussion Council asked staff to research the possibility of offering adjustments for all water leaks. Mayor Kutteh briefly reviewed the policy staff has proposed stating that Mr. Harrell will report on this item in depth at the Council meeting.

XII Consider providing annual testing and maintenance services for backflow prevention devices.

Mayor Kutteh stated that at the February 1, 2016 regular meeting, Council discussed whether the City should provide testing and maintenance services of backflow prevention devices. Council requested that staff confirm whether similar policies are in place at other municipalities. Staff's proposal is to offer these services to eligible customers, who will be billed on their monthly utility bill. Customers can elect to enroll or discontinue the service at any time.

There being no further business, Mayor Kutteh asked for a motion to retire into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, an economic development matter and a contract matter.

Council member J. Johnson 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)(6) a Personnel matter, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) a contract matter, and [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege for all, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kutteh advised that during the executive session there was no action taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Kutteh asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council member M. Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk




Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor