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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – October 16, 2014
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 4:30 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

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

Council Absent: Phifer

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Currier, Salmon, Davis, Hutchens, Smyth, Watts, Ashley, Styers, Poole, Shelton, Hudson

Others: 3

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

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order and advised one item would be added to the agenda: Receive a report on ICATS from Ben Stikeleather, Iredell County Transportation Director.

Mayor Kutteh reviewed the procedure Council will follow to appoint a new member for the vacant Ward 6 Council seat.

Nancy Davis reviewed the new television equipment that was installed in the 3rd floor conference room.

Mayor Kutteh reviewed the agenda as follows:

A. Consider approving the minutes of the October 02, 2014 Pre-Agenda meeting and the October 06, 2014 City Council meeting.

B. Consider approving second reading of an amendment to the City Code, Chapter 20 – Streets and Sidewalks, Section 20-83, Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter Required, to allow use of an alternate industrial street standard.

C. Consider re-appointing David Pope to the ABC Board.
Mayor Kutteh advised there are no other applications currently on file for this board.

D. Consider reappointing Joe F. Blevins to a two-year term on the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees and appointing David Rogers to a two-year term on the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees.
Mayor Kutteh stated this is a routine board appointment that must be formalized every two years by Council.

E. Consider appropriating insurance money in the amount of $10,166 and additional funding in the amount of $20,000 to the Capital Outlay Equipment account of the Police Department and approve Budget Amendment # 21.
Mayor Kutteh stated the combined funding amount of $30,166 will enable the Police Department to replenish the vehicle fleet. The insurance appraiser determined that vehicle #182 was a total loss so it will not be retained for salvage purposes.

F. Approve a Resolution declaring certain equipment and materials as surplus and authorize the disposal of said property.
Mayor Kutteh asked Lisa Salmon to provide Council with the total sales amount of surplus items that have been sold on Govdeals.com for the last ten years. Mrs. Salmon explained how items end up on the Surplus List.

G. Consider approving second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Sections 2-117(a) and Section 2-118(c) of the City Code.

Regular Agenda

Add Receive a report on ICATS from Ben Stikeleather, Iredell County Transportation Director.

III Conduct a public hearing and receive a closeout report on the City's 2012 Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development for the Pate Dawson Company.

Mayor Kutteh stated the project consisted of the expenditure of $466,000 in Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds for acquisition, improvements and equipment from Pate Dawson Company of over $9 million. As a result of the project, 67 new jobs were created with at least 60% benefitting persons of low and moderate income.

IV Consider approving a resolution to support the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Plan as developed by the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group.

Joe Hudson introduced representatives from the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group, Barry Gullett, Mark Oakley, and Kevin Mosteller. Mr. Hudson explained the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group and its 19-members (including the City of Statesville) have been working for over 3-years on a comprehensive Water Supply Master Plan for the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. Given future water demand forecasts, the current record of drought, and planned operating conditions, the Catawba-Wateree River Basin and the 11-reservoirs that comprise it, are expected to reach capacity limitations by mid-century. As such, the CWWMG has completed this Water Supply Master Plan with a focus on extending the available water yield in the basin. An outside Stakeholder Advisory Team was assembled to provide input into the planning effort. The Water Supply Master Plan includes recommendations for the region that will increase the available water yield into the next century (~ to the year 2105+), including water use efficiency measures by the water utilities. Having a long-term, sustainable water supply plan is important to our current and future customers, and gives our region a competitive advantage over others. This resolution does not legally obligate the City of Statesville in anyway, but gives notice to the public of the City's support for the plan.

V Consider approving the purchase and installation of way finding signs totaling $95,563.00 and approve Budget Amendment #22.

Mayor Kutteh stated that based on the information provided by Bizzell Design, Inc., staff recommends the purchase and installation of Option 2 for 25 signs at a cost of $95,563 and approval of Budget Amendment #22. Staff also recommends requesting NCDOT to correct the signs located at Exit 49 off I-77.

Mayor Kutteh asked staff to provide information at the Council meeting regarding Mr. Bizzell's justification for locating a particular sign in a particular location, and whether or not he has data showing that using these signs has been successful in other places.

Mayor Kutteh asked if the Parking Banners that are currently being used would be an acceptable way to save money instead of using Mr. Bizzell's suggest Parking Sign.

Council member Schlesinger pointed out that a sign is needed at the Highway 21 and Interstate 40 intersection directing traffic to downtown and that signs should not be used for sites that could potentially move.

VI Consider approving work authorizations for the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the south parallel taxiway.

Mayor Kutteh reminded Council members that the work authorizations for the ALP and EA were approved by the City Council on March 3, 2014 and sent to the Division of Aviation. The DOA has approved the scope and fee for the projects, and the Airport Commission unanimously recommended approval of the work authorization. The budget is for a maximum of $290,000. Vision 100 funds will cover the 10% local match of $14,530 each maximum (5% City – 5% County). If the City Council approves the work authorizations, the next steps will include a grant application submittal and certification of local funds.

Mr. Currier added that the Division of Aviation determined during their review that a full Environmental Assessment was needed instead of an Environmental Overview, which increased the budget by approximately $40,000.

Council member M. Johnson said he did not understand the purpose of this and that the issue should be what we want the airport to become. He asked if the goal is to become an overflow airport for Charlotte-Douglas. Mr. Currier replied there are benefits to that and the key components on the ALP towards that will be the running extension, safety overruns, and hangar keeping space. He explained that the Statesville Airport has been very successful in receiving funding and it was his understanding that Monroe has just reached the same capabilities of the Statesville Airport.

After some discussion, Council instructed staff to research what the criteria is to become a designated overflow airport for Charlotte-Douglas and compare that against the ALP.

VII Receive a report from the Fire Department on medical response research and consider a recommendation from department staff to include full emergency medical response as part of fire department services.

Mayor Kutteh stated that Fire Department staff collected additional information on emergency medical response within the City for the months May through August. From the information gathered staff evaluated call volume, time on scene, fuel/mileage questions, and actual skills used during medical response. Information sources included Iredell County ECOM CAD reports, Statesville Fire incident reports, and fuel invoices. Results revealed that simultaneous calls were minimal, occurring 27 times during May-August period. Projected annual fuel usage increase is 2,445 gallons and the projected fuel cost increase is $7,335. Call volume for all four stations combined would nearly double. January-April total responses averaged 5.5/day compared to 10.2/day during May-August. During May-August Statesville Fire units arrived on scene first 73% of the time. Staff's recommendation is for Council to authorize the Fire Department to respond to all emergency medical calls within the City.

Council member West asked when it was determined in the process whether or not to dispatch the Fire Department on a call. Chief Hutchens explained the dispatcher has a series of questions to ask in an attempt to determine what medical personnel to send.

Council member Schlesinger asked Chief Hutchens to explain the data for simultaneous calls. Chief Hutchens explained that none of these calls were in the same jurisdiction during this time this data was collected but that is not to say that would not happen at some point in the future and there are back-up plans in place for that.

Council member M. Johnson questioned Chief Hutchens as to what treatment Fire Department personnel can provide for patients before EMS arrives.

There being no further business, Council member West made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Fugett, City Clerk