

MINUTES

City Council
Pre-Agenda Session
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Members Present: Bert Lance-Stone, Mayor; Roger Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem; Council Members: Lewis Dorsett, John Glass, Robert (Trey) Gray, and Larry Warlick.

Members Absent: Tim Williams.

Others Present: Zeb Holden, City Manager; Beth Koonce, City Attorney; Shannon Craddock, Police Chief; Lori Nurse, Finance Director; Jason Miller, Planning Director; Brian Clodfelter, Parks & Recreation Director; Rob Welborn, Human Resources Director; John Harrison, IT Director; Matthew Wells, Planning Administrator; DJ Señeres, Stormwater Manager, and Susan Swaim, City Clerk.

Media Present: A/T News.

Mayor Stone asked if there were any additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda as presented. Being none, Manager Holden discussed several items with Council. He shared that Trinity High School has invited Council to purchase an 1/8 page add for their yearbook at the cost of \$13.58 per Council member. He mentioned that the NCLM is offering training for newly and/or existing elected officials on March 5th and 12th in Mebane and if anyone interested in attending please let him know.

Manager Holden shared that staff is reviewing the possibility of adding monitors in the Council Chamber for easier viewing of information shown on the large screen located behind Council members. He further shared that the current AV system is not conducive to an “easy” fix, therefore additional research is needed before a recommendation will be made regarding such.

Manager Holden advised that NCDOT will require engineered drawings of the right-in/right-out intersection at Main Street and Rand Boulevard and that contact has been made with Jamestown Engineering to produce that information. He stated that the Plan Archdale events have been very successful and materials from those meetings are in the conference room for review. Manager Holden mentioned that ongoing issues surrounding recycling will be discussed during the upcoming retreat and suggested that a representative from our contracted recycling provider attend to discuss the current state of the recycling industry. Council agreed with that suggestion.

Mayor Stone congratulated Manager Holden on receiving the 2020 Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award at the A/T Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Jocelyn Moon with Archdale Parks & Recreation was also recognized for being awarded the Extra Mile Award.

With no further discussion, Mayor Stone adjourned the January 28, 2020 Pre-Agenda session.

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Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked Chief Craddock to see that their attendance was registered.

Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stone gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Stone recognized two boy scouts in attendance tonight and presented them with a City of Archdale lapel pin. She also recognized Jane Redding, an Asheboro City Council member as well as a candidate for District Court Judge, who is in attendance tonight.

Item 3. Council Action to Accept or Amend the Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsett and was approved unanimously.

Item 4. Consideration of Consent Agenda: These items are considered routine, non-controversial, and are considered and approved by a single motion and vote.

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting.
- B. Financial Summary Report.
- C. Public Event Request for Disc Golf Tournament.
- D. Parks & Recreation Co-Sponsored Public Event Policy.
- E. Proclamation proclaiming March 1-7, 2020 as Women in Construction Week.

- F. Resolution designating January 28, 2020 as United Way Day.
- G. Appointment of Donna Osborne and Brad Acquilin to the Stormwater Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dorsett and was approved unanimously.

Item 5. Public Comment Time.

Chandra Sookdeo, 141 Dove Meadows Dr., addressed Council. Ms. Sookdeo stated that she was in attendance to ask for help with the flooding of her property. She provided Council with pictures of her property showing flooding during and after rainfall. Ms. Sookdeo stated that she had previously spoken to DJ Señeres about this issue and was told that the City is not allowed to come onto private property. She is concerned with the amount of stormwater which flows onto her property and is asking Council if there is anything that the City can do to help with this issue.

Mayor Stone thanked Ms. Sookdeo for her concerns.

William Frazier, 3201 Lawrence Drive, addressed Council. Mr. Frazier shared that he participated in the Plan Archdale sessions and believes the City is headed in the right direction.

Mr. Frazier stated that he and his neighbors are continuing, after 2 ½ years, to have noise nuisance issues with Thomas Built Bus. He shared that they have addressed these issues with Thomas Built Bus but their attention has faded and the nuisances have re-evolved and are becoming unbearable. He stated that they are not blaming anyone, not asking anyone to spend a dime, not asking anyone to stop doing anything, but that he and his neighbors only wish to be treated with common courtesy and respect. He stated that discussions with his Council representative have begun and would appreciate the opportunity to work with any Council members that are interested. Mr. Frazier further stated that he would like to request a 15 minute Council agenda time slot to present information for public record and consideration.

Mayor Stone thanked Mr. Frazier for his comments.

Beverly Nelson, President, A/T Chamber of Commerce addressed Council. Ms. Nelson shared that she was in attendance to personally present Manager Zeb Holden with the 2020 Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award which was awarded to him during the A/T Chamber Annual Meeting last week. Manager Holden was out of town and unable to attend the meeting in person.

Matt Theil, United Way of Greater High Point, addressed Council. Mr. Theil thanked City staff for their continued support of the United Way. He shared that the City of Archdale had 100% participation for this year's campaign and thanked staff for their generosity.

Mayor Stone thanked Mr. Theil for his comments.

Manager Holden stated that he is proud of City staff for having 100% participation in the United Way Campaign and also for participating in other charitable programs throughout the year.

Item 6. Public Hearing: Request by Farmers & Merchants Bank to annex property located at 1633 Kersey Valley Road and 6950 Cecil Farm Road, being Guilford County parcel #s 7729333881 & 7729433412.

Jason Miller, Planning Director, addressed Council on this item. Mr. Miller stated that Farmers & Merchants Bank has petitioned to annex property they own into the City of Archdale. He further stated that the property is approximately 11.06 acres and is contiguous to the current City limit boundary. Mr. Miller shared if this annexation is approved, the property will be rezoned at the March 2020 City Council meeting.

Mayor Stone then opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in attendance to speak in support or opposition of the proposed annexation.

With no one to speak, Mayor Stone closed the public hearing and turned the matter over to Council for discussion and possible action.

With no further discussion, Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the request by Farmers & Merchants Bank to annex property located at 1633 Kersey Valley Road and 6950 Cecil Farm Road, being Guilford County parcel #s 7729333881 & 7729433412. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell and was approved unanimously.

Item 7. Order to Demolish a dwelling at 3803 Archdale Road owned by R.L. and Effie Cecil, due to violations of the minimum Housing Ordinance.

Matthew Wells, Planning Administrator, addressed Council on this item. Mr. Wells advised that City staff have received comments and concerns regarding this property since July 2019. He further advised that the owners of the property are deceased, and water and sewer have been cut off. Mr. Wells stated that a Notice of Violation for Solid Waste was sent in August 2019 as well as a Notice of Violation for High Grass sent in September 2019. He advised that there are no clear heirs to the property and no active Will or Estate.

Mr. Wells stated that if an Order to Demolish is approved, staff will obtain bids to demolish the property and present findings and proof of the lowest bidder to Council. He further stated that staff believes it is in the best interest of the City and the public health and safety of citizens to authorize the removal of this home.

Councilman Dorsett shared that he believes that this home has become a haven and meeting place for undesirable activity and believes it is in the best interest of the City to demolish the home.

With no further discussion, Councilman Dorsett made a motion to approve the Order to Demolish a dwelling at 3803 Archdale Road owned by R L and Effie Cecil, due to violations of the Minimum Housing Ordinance/Building Code. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell and was approved unanimously.

Item 8. Ordinance to Vacate a dwelling at 3103 Archdale Road owned by Jacob and Sandra Cliett, due to violations of the Minimum Housing Ordinance.

Matthew Wells, Planning Administrator, addressed Council on this item. Mr. Wells shared that he had previously brought concerns regarding this home to Council in November 2018. He advised that multiple Notice of Violations have been sent with no response. Mr. Wells indicated that the owners of the property are deceased, and water and sewer was cut off in December 2018.

Mr. Wells stated that during the September 2019 City Council meeting, Council passed an Order to Demolish and a 45 day Notice was sent to the owners of record, their known heirs, the mortgage holding company, and to the occupants of the home. He shared that the City Attorney advised staff to file an Ordinance to Vacate before beginning the formal eviction process. Mr. Wells advised that staff believes it is in the best interest of the City and the public health and safety of citizens for City Council to authorize the vacating and removal of the home.

With no further discussion, Councilman Gray made a motion to adopt the Ordinance to Vacate a dwelling at 3103 Archdale Road owned by Jacob and Sandra Cliett due to violations of the Minimum Housing Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Glass and was approved unanimously.

Item 9. Parks & Recreation Participation Report.

Brian Clodfelter, Director of Parks & Recreation, addressed Council on this item. Mr. Clodfelter presented the 2018-2019 Archdale Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report to Council. He highlighted several items in the report such as members of the Advisory Board, attendance numbers for special events, program participation numbers, and revenue goals. Mr. Clodfelter outlined several of many accomplishments including the replacement and relocation of a small picnic shelter, repaving of the parking lot, addition of 2 shelters near the large playground, construction of 2 sand volleyball courts, updated tennis court restrooms, a new outdoor basketball court, and improved acoustics inside the gym.

Mr. Clodfelter thanked Council for their continued support of the Parks & Recreation Department and is grateful for the level of support his department has received from other City departments.

Mayor Stone thanked Mr. Clodfelter for his report and expressed her appreciation for the wonderful job his staff performs on a daily basis for the community.

Councilman Dorsett thanked Mr. Clodfelter and his staff for their dedication and for taking the Park "to another level".

Item 10. Renewal of Recycling Processing Services Agreement.

Manager Holden addressed Council on this item. Mr. Holden indicated that the City's recycling processing agreement has expired and is due for renewal. He shared that the City has researched other options and vendors for disposal of recycling materials but at this time, he recommends a six-month extension of the contract with Republic Services

for recycling processing. Mr. Holden advised that recycling processing will be a topic discussed at the upcoming retreat.

With no other discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell made a motion to approve a six-month renewal of the Recycling Processing Services Agreement with Republic Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gray and was approved unanimously.

Item 11. Additional Items.

There were no additional items.

Item 12. Adjournment.

With no further business, Mayor Stone adjourned the Tuesday, January 28, 2020 City Council meeting.

ATTEST:

Bert Lance-Stone, Mayor

Susan T. Swaim, City Clerk