

MONDAY-7:00 P.M.

MAY 23, 2011

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City held its second regular meeting of the month on the above date and time in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building with Mayor R. A. McLean presiding. City Council Members in attendance were: J. M. Baker, M. E. Brooks, L. M. Hill-Lawrence, L. A. Hummer, R. E. King, B. S. Meggs, J. A. Stimatz and J. B. Walton. City Staff members attending were: City Manager R. C. Olson, City Clerk D. S. Pierce-Tamplen, City Attorney W. H. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk V. D. White, Public Utilities Director P. A. Fredette, Planning Director J. C. Brooks, Inspections Director S. E. Ward, Human Resource Director K. W. Felton, Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White, Finance Director S. E. Blanchard and Police Chief C. E. Crudup.

Mayor McLean established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. He called upon Bishop Ernest Sutton for the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given.

1} APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor McLean called for approval of the prepared agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer ask to add to the Consent Agenda ***a call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building for consideration of the proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget***, as well as adding to the Regular Agenda ***discussion of changes to the proposed budget and a letter to Representative Bill Owens***.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the prepared agenda to include the above noted items. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

2} COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. June Gibbs, Providence Road, Elizabeth City spoke regarding the proposed hours of operation of the Internet Sweepstakes Cafés. She asked Council to approve the proposed hours.

Ms. Linda Gibbs, 307 Rhode Island Avenue, Elizabeth City also spoke in favor of the proposed hours of operation for the Internet Sweepstakes Cafés in Elizabeth City. She asked Council to vote in favor of the proposed new hours.

Mr. Hezekiah Brown, 106 Terrilynn Way, Elizabeth City spoke regarding the increase in gas prices in our community. He asked that the City use its influence in helping individuals to conserve gasoline.

Mr. Earnest Sutton, 1722 Edgewood Drive, Elizabeth City also spoke in regards to the high prices of gasoline in our area.

3} APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mayor McLean called for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the May 9, 2011 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilwoman B. S. Meggs to approve the May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Meggs, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, King, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

4} PRESENTATIONS:

a} Certificates of Appreciation – Mayor’s Redistricting Committee:

Mayor McLean presented to each member of the Mayor’s Redistricting Committee a Certificate of Appreciation for all their hard work on the Redistricting issue in Elizabeth City.

b} Proclamation – Safe Boating Week – May 21-27, 2011:

Councilwoman J. M. Baker read the proclamation on behalf of Mayor McLean proclaiming the week of May 21-217, 2011 as “**Safe Boating Week**” in Elizabeth City. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Tom Spaggle, US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He made brief remarks.

5} CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor McLean called upon City Manager R. C. Olson to read the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Councilwoman B. S. Meggs to approve the following Consent

Agenda as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Meggs, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a} Approved the following Budget Amendment:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT
NUMBER 2011-10
MAY 23, 2011**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following amendments be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011:

SECTION I. That the NC Department of Transportation Reimbursement (413490.1000) and Engineering Expenditures (415610.0400) be increased by \$830,000.

(To record engineering costs for Elizabeth Street Utility Relocation Project that will be reimbursed by NCDOT.)

SECTION II. That the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Reimbursement and ECO Park Expenditures (106200.7310) be increased by \$23,932.

(To record ECO Park expenditures to be reimbursed by DENR.)

ADOPTED, this 23rd day of May 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

b} Approved the Proposed Airport Authority's Budget as presented.

c} Authorized the City Manager to execute Municipal Agreement 35742.1.1 for dewatering operations associated with NCDOT TIP U 4438.

d} Approve the Award of Chemical Bids as follows:

Univar USA, Inc., Suffolk, VA	Aqua Ammonia	\$395.00/18 Tons
Jones Chemicals, Milford, VA	Liquid Chorine	\$451.00/50 Tons
	Sulfur Dioxide	\$100.01/55 lb bag 25 qty
SNF Polydyne, Riceboro, GA	Liquid Polymer	\$499.50/55 gal Drum/62 qty
	Dry Polymer	\$93.50/55 lb bag 25 qty
AirGas Carbonics, Dallas, TX	Liquid Carbon Dioxide	\$264.50/50 Tons
Chemical Lime, Ripplemead, VA	Hydrate Lime	\$176.42 /980 Tons
GEO Specialty, Little Rock, AR	Liquid Aluminum Sulfate	\$379.00/200 Tons
Brenntag Southeast, Durham, NC	Sodium Hexametaphosphate	\$55.71/50 lb bags 90 qty.
Amerochem, New Bern, NC	Hydrofluorosilicic Acid	\$183.32/55 gal Drum/40 qty

e} Adopt the following resolution approving holding a public auction for the sale of property located at 822 Price Street.

**RESOLUTION 2011-13
AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
AT PUBLIC AUCTION
822 Price Street**

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-270(a) allows the City Council to sell real property at public auction upon adoption of a resolution authorizing the appropriate official to dispose of the property at public auction and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has recommended that the property listed on below be sold at public auction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sell by public auction on August 10, 2011 at 10:00 am, in the City Council Chambers of the

Municipal Administration Building located at 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC, the following parcel:

Property Map #22-L-20: That certain lot known and designated as Lot # 20 as delineated on the plat of the plan of lots of the Southern Extension Subdivision of Elizabeth City, NC, plat of which was prepared by W. F. Pritchard, Sr., Surveyor, dated May 15, 1916, said plat recorded in Deed Book #43, Page 102 in the Public Registry of Pasquotank County, said lot fronting approximately 40' on Price Street and extending back between parallel lines a distance of approximately 100'. Reference is made to said map for further description. Also reference is made to that certain deed from Willie P. Pope and wife, Clara M. Pope to said Paul Hocutt in Deed Book 134, Page 343, same Public Registry and being the same property conveyed by Paul Hocutt to Olivia A. Hocutt by deed dated December 1, 1961 and recorded in Book 240, Page 68 of the Pasquotank Registry.

Further reference is made to deed dated October 31, 1974 by Olivia A. Hocutt to George W. Armstrong, unmarried and duly recorded in Deed Book 356 at Page 445 of the Pasquotank County Public Registry. Reference is made to Deed Book 506, Page 586 in the Pasquotank County Public Registry. Current address of said property is 822 Price Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minimum bid to be considered will be \$5,000. Terms of the sale shall be net cash. The City Manager or his designee is directed to publish at least once and not less than thirty days before the date of the auction, a copy of this resolution or a notice summarizing its content as required by North Carolina General Statute 160A-270(a). The City reserves the right to reject all bids.

ADOPTED, this 23rd day of May 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

- f} Authorized the City Manager to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the construction of the Water Street Intersection Improvement Project.
- g} Approved calling for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building for consideration of the proposed FY2011-2012 Budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA:

6} REGULAR AGENDA:

- a} Text Amendment TX-01-11:

Mayor McLean called upon Planning Director J. C. Brooks for comments. Ms. Brooks stated the Code Amendment before you tonight was tabled at the last Council meeting. At the request of City Council, staff contacted the two other Internet Sweepstakes operators, Mr. Jim Sutherland and Mr. Bob Luther. Both of them are satisfied with the current hours of operation that we presently have. A memo is in your packet from Chief Crudup concerning the hours of operation. Staff met with the two Ms. Gibbs this week for clarification on the hours of operation. Staff is of the opinion that allowing an operation from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekdays and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. as suggested by Councilman Walton is an acceptable solution.

Councilman Brooks asked what the hours of operation that the owners wanted were.

Ms. Brooks stated they were: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday open 24 hours and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Mr. Brooks said he has some issues. First of all he thinks it is ludicrous to tell an adult how long they can stay out. At the last meeting he asked the Chief if there had been any incidents at the cafés and the answer was no. Then he was reading in the memo from the Chief and he said there have been seven calls for police service at 1016 West Ehringhaus Street and a total of nine calls at 1871 West Ehringhaus Street. There have been no incidents at the Pastimes café. Before Wal Mart moved out to its location now, it was 24-hours. Other stores that are open 24 hours have incidents of police having to go to them. It is not up to this Council to determine how a person's demeanor is going to be in a certain setting. He has a problem with that. In essence what we are telling grown adults is that we have a curfew for you. He thinks that is ludicrous within itself. As far as increasing police calls as the Chief stated that is part of police work. You can't forecast whether there is going to be an increase in calls or not.

We can use statistics and they can read whatever you want them to read. Because they apply to one area doesn't necessarily mean they will come out to another area. He has a big issue with that. He said most incidents happen during the late hours. If he recalls correctly Gateway Bank was robbed at 12:00 noon. People don't rob banks at night they rob them during the day. All these fabricated reasons are not something that we can say are going to happen. We must be mindful of this on Council that we as Council can approve the extended hours of operation but if we have high incidents of police presence we can also take them away. He thinks it is very wrong to tell adults that they have a curfew. All these excuses as the reason not to have adults socialize, talk to their love ones on the internet and stay up later than their grandkids is ludicrous. The 200 signatures that wanted this change we are thumbing our noses at them. The people had a good argument. If there is a 24-hour operation then the City will benefit. We had no problem raising their fees but we have a problem letting adults stay out later than their grandchildren. It doesn't make any sense.

Councilman King asked if the call for services were inside or outside.

Chief Crudup replied there were one or two calls inside without saying what they were. He believes if the businesses are allow staying open all night we will be taxed with trying to secure those locations and respond to calls for police services.

Councilwoman Baker stated she is not opposed to letting them stay open later. She is opposed to all night for a gambling atmosphere establishment. She doesn't think it is a curfew and it is not keeping people from going out. It is not about letting adults stay out. It is about letting businesses stay open where people gather socially, like bars and night clubs which are open until 2:00 a.m. She doesn't have a problem with starting to phase it in. Change the hours to two o'clock instead of twelve o'clock and see if it increases police activity. See if it is enough for people. She is a late night person herself but she is on her porch. She understands people wanting to go out and be with other people it is great but let's just try it out at 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Councilman Stimatz stated that out of the three internet sweepstakes operators survey only one wanted the 24 hours and the other two were against it.

Mayor McLean stated he wanted to ask a question. Cook Out is open 24 hours. He knows this is something that is different but how is it that they are able to open 24 hours a day and not have to come to Council and we regulate the hours of operations.

Mr. Olson said this is still an illegal use under NC State Law. There are three court orders that have been issued allowing these individual places to operate.

When we did the zoning text amendment a year ago we had a great deal of discussions concerning what types of regulations we wanted to put on them. One of those was the hours of operation. That is what Council approved at that time. These are Conditional Use Permits also. Under a Conditional Use Permit you can put a number of different conditions on them and one of the conditions is their hours of operation.

Mr. Morgan said there are a number of court challenges to the restrictive laws that prohibit these from operating and the Appellate Courts have not yet ruled. One Superior Court across the State allowed these to operate as long as the games were changed so that they were not consider as gambling oriented as some of the earlier games were. It is pretty much an open question that has yet been determined. The current laws are not being enforced because of the questions pending before the Courts. Under the current rulings they are allowed to operate.

Mr. Brooks said you are saying they are legal until the Appellate Court rules. It doesn't matter what the other sweepstakes operators want their hours to be. If three people were selling the same product and one wanted the operation hours from 9:00 to 3:00; and the others wanted theirs from 9:00 to 6:00 that is their option. If one wants to stay open longer than the other that is ok. We are making something difficult out of nothing. You have people that are just in opposition to them being open and they are fighting against what. We as Council have the authority under NC General Statutes to extend the hours of operations and if we get too many police calls we can also revoke the hours. He is trying to figure out what in the world we are talking about. It sounds more like a personal thing. We have the authority to extend or revoke the hours. Wouldn't it be more feasible to give them the hours and if they mess it up then so be it.

Councilman King said he does not have a problem with staying open 24 hours. The only problem he had when he asked that this item be tabled was the Sunday hours. He just wanted to see the hours. These are adults that we are talking about. If you want to play the internet you can do as you please. You are adults. If you can pay your light bill and go into there too then he doesn't have a problem. He isn't going to put a restriction on any adult. He is in favor of the 24 hours as long as Sunday is 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said she has lived in cities where operations are open 24 hours and her experience has been that there is less crime during those hours. She thinks it is because people are tired. They are not selling alcoholic beverages so you don't have that to contend with. She doesn't have any problems with the hours.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker that we approve the increase hours of operation to be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday with hours of operation for Sunday be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Councilwoman B. S. Meggs seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Brooks</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Stimatz</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Meggs</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hummer</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hill-Lawrence</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>no</i>

McLean voting no thereby the motion failed.

Mayor McLean stated the reason why he voted against the motion was he has heard a lot of what happens at these places but as you know we just increased their fees from \$100 per location to \$2,000 per location and we also increased the fee for each terminal.

A motion was made by Councilman M. E. Brooks, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the hours of operation of the Internet Sweepstakes Cafés to the following:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

***8:00 a.m. - 24 hours for Friday, Saturday until 8:00 a.m. Sunday
2:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. – Sunday***

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Hill-Lawrence -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>King -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Baker -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Walton -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hummer -</i>	<i>nay</i>
<i>Meggs -</i>	<i>nay</i>
<i>Stimatz -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Brooks -</i>	<i>yes</i>

Motion carried.

b} "No Parking" Signs on 900 Block of Colonial Avenue:

Mayor McLean called upon City Manager Olson for comments.

Mr. Olson stated on March 9th he authorized the installation of "no parking" signs in the 900 block of Colonial Avenue. To accommodate parking on both sides of a street with two way traffic ideally a width of 42" is required. Many streets in Elizabeth City as this Council is well aware of do not meet that requirement. After the posting of the signs we did realize that there was an increase of 3 mph of the average speed on Colonial Avenue which does cause a concern. Under Section 46-11.4 Sub 6 an individual cannot park within 20 feet of an intersection. Staff is requesting that you allow parking to take place in the 900 block of Colonial Avenue once again but increase the site triangle to 30 feet on the side street and 40 feet on Colonial Avenue as you approach the intersection. This should accommodate up to 17 parking spots according to the study the Public Works Department did.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer stated that now that the study has been done and the results are in she would like to make the following motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman M. E. Brooks to authorize the removal of the "No Parking" signs in the 900 block of Colonial Avenue and install "No Parking from Here to Corner" signs 40 feet from the intersection along Colonial Avenue and 30 feet on the adjacent side streets. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Brooks, Baker, Hill-Lawrence, King, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Stimatz stated he is assuming consistent with previous policy that was reiterated by the City Manager on the 23rd of January 2006 and February 6th, 2006 and by our vote tonight that in the future all "no parking" sign action will be brought to Council for action.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer said she would like to see them taken down as soon as possible.

c} Cancellation of Scheduled Work Session for Tuesday, May 24, 2011:

Mayor McLean called upon Mayor Pro Tem Hummer for comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer stated that the Finance Committee in a meeting with the City Manager felt that after this morning's Finance meeting at which time we covered most of the large departments that there just wasn't enough time to get everything put together to go ahead with this scheduled budget session. So that is why we are recommending canceling the Budget Meeting scheduled for May 24, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilman J. A. Stimatz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer to cancel the scheduled Budget Meeting for May 24, 2011. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Stimatz, Hummer, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, King, Meggs and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

d} Changes to the FY2011-2012 Budget:

Mayor McLean called upon City Manager Olson for comments.

Mr. Olson said this is just a way since we are not having the budget meeting tomorrow night to provide you the most up to date work that has been done by the Finance Committee. It is to keep the Council informed of the changes that the Finance Committee has made to the Manager's budget which was presented in April. It is more just a public information item so you know where the Finance Committee is and in what direction they are heading.

e} Letter to Representative Bill Owens:

Mayor McLean called upon City Manager Olson for comments.

Mr. Olson stated this morning Mayor McLean and Commission Lloyd Griffin met with an individual to discuss a number of statewide political issues dealing with the budget which is presently under consideration by the Governor. They are requesting that a letter be drafted to Representative Bill Owens. After a great deal of discussion instead of a letter city staff would like to propose that we put this letter in a form of a resolution and send it to our respective legislators. We would be happy to do that if that is something the Council so desires. He doesn't think there are any issues in this letter that this Council has not already addressed such as the Golden Leaf Funds, the need for additional monies for public education, growing commitments to the health and well-being of North Carolinians, additional funding for colleges and retraining workers, additional monies to the UNC system, etc. What we would like to do is take this letter and put it in the form of a resolution and then send it out to the Governor, Stan White and Bill Owens.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Councilman M. E. Brooks to authorize staff to create a resolution to be sent to the individuals as stated by the City Manager. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Brooks, Baker, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

7} COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

City Manager Olson stated we have started work on the relocation of the utilities under Contract II. We are working through a number of issues with some of the business owners downtown. We started changing the traffic patterns today on a number of streets. We did receive several phone calls and we are trying to accommodate those individuals on a case by case basis. There is a pre construction meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. where a number of these issues will be worked on or discussed at that meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer stated that the Mayor and she yesterday attended the First Baptist Church 225th celebration. It was a very nice service and we had the opportunity to present them with a certificate recognizing their church's anniversary. We appreciate them inviting us. It was a very nice day.

Councilwoman Meggs stated several of us attended the Change of Command at the USCG Base. It was sad to see Commander Bennett go but it was happy to meet and see the new commander.

Councilman Stimatz said you know you are old when your kids are retiring. He was Carol Bennett's class advisor and now she is retiring with 30 years of service. It makes you feel old but it makes you feel proud. He would like to say that the production of Aladdin, Jr. at AOA was absolutely fabulous. If that is the kind of creative spark that we have in this area then it is an incredible thing. Great acting by our young people. He would like to thank and commend the City Manager on the new mobility accessible bathroom on the second floor. It looks fabulous. His only comment is in keeping with Mr. Sutton and Mr. Brown's comments to go green can we put a motion detector light switch in there and our other bathrooms so that when people leave the lights will go out. He can't believe we didn't put one in to start with.

Councilman Brooks stated he had no further comments.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence stated she would like to piggy back on what Tony just said about the AOA. She thinks that we should give Ray Meggs and Billy Cradle some type of recognition. They have done an awesome job. She thinks the City should recognize the really good work that they are doing with our youth

in this City. The other thing is that some others of us were at the Potato Festival as well. She saw Tony there, Jean was there and she was there working as well.

Councilman King stated he had two things. One is we know that Memorial Day is coming up next Monday. He is asking Council to join us at Mariner's Wharf at 9:00 a.m. so that we can lay a wreath for Memorial Day. He is also asking Council to be at Westlawn at 1:00 p.m. so that we can lay a wreath there also. Ms. White will have a schedule by Wednesday so that we can take a look at it. He thinks that we need to purchase another wreath because we don't want to have to take up the wreath that we just laid in order to lay it at the next ceremony. He thinks it would be appropriate to have one at Mariner's Wharf while we have our flags flying. The next thing is he was with Mr. Sutton and Dr. Brown the other night and we need to try to do something to conserve on fuel as a city. He doesn't know if it comes with the travel of public works but we need to try to do something to try to conserve energy because gas prices are way too high.

Councilwoman Baker stated she would echo what everybody else has said about the Arts of the Albemarle production of Aladdin. It was fabulous. Great kids from six to fifteen years old. Great voices great dancing and our 50-70 year old Dancing Divas are unbelievable. You would think you are in Radio City. If you haven't been to the AOA lately make an effort to attend. The Potato Festival with 30,000 people was unbelievable. Port Discovery has got great programs coming up. The Museum has great programs coming up. A lot of this stuff is free. Please don't say there is nothing to do for our kids. There is a lot to do and a lot of it is free.

Councilman Walton stated he concurs with Councilwoman Baker but there are some kids if they were to go and see the play they would probably say they could do that but they don't have that \$10 to go see that. There is some good in all the kids. You would be surprised at what they can maintain. It was an awesome program. He wasn't going to do it at first but Ray and Billy have a vision and when you have vision anything can happen. He would like to commend Council for being so tolerant this time with the budget process because he has learned so much that he didn't know about the City. He is sure that some of you have learned more also. Anytime you put a program out there and you have people that support it then it will be successful. Let's try to put out there as many programs as we can, support them and it will be successful.

Councilwoman Meggs said to our Public Utilities Department. They had the nicest lunch and we enjoyed it and ate more than we should but we did appreciate it. Also, thank the Public Utilities for what they did in the Potato Festival. We really do appreciate them.

Councilman King said he forgot to mention Juneteenth. It is coming up on the 18th. He needs to know if their \$1,000 check has been sent to them. He remembers last year we gave them \$1,000. He thought we didn't have to go through this every year.

Councilman Stimatz asked to comment. At the time we said that Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Day should fall under the CRC and the CRC needed to come back to us with a budget and we have never seen that. There is no budget.

Mayor McLean said we would put that on the agenda for Finance Committee's agenda on Friday.

Mr. Walton said we are not doing anything for the Fish Court. We need to attack that issue as well. We don't own it but it looks bad.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said she hopes we support Juneteenth as we supported the Potato Festival.

Mayor McLean stated the Potato Festival was a great event. Tim and Cindy Williams deserve a lot of credit for all their hard work. Rebecca Cross and the City staff all did a wonderful job. There were a lot of people there. He saw all the joy on the faces of the kids that were there. They didn't care what you called it they were just glad to be there. Captain Carol Bennett is in his Rotary Club and we want to wish her well. He went to Willie Mae Overton's retirement from the Albemarle Hospital. She celebrated 50 years of service with the hospital. He heard a group called the Silver Bells. They were a great group. The Arts of the Albemarle's play was great. He wants to give out a shout to his granddaughter Mercedes who went to every practice. It was a great play. The First Baptist Church celebrated 225 years. The Relay for Life that was held at Northeastern was a tremendous event. You have these types of activities that really lift your spirit and he wants to congratulate all of those who put on the Relay for Life event. He would like for everyone to plan to attend the Memorial Day events on Monday. He wants to give a shout out to Penny Leary who retired from the Dismal Swamp Welcome Center. We need to make sure we support the Juneteenth celebration. It is a culture event. He wants to thank the Council for all you do as we do meet a lot but he sees us getting a lot done. He wants to thank the staff for supporting what we do as well as our good citizens who have chosen to stay with us tonight.

8} CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor McLean entertained a motion to retire into Closed Session.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L.A. Hummer, seconded by Councilwoman J. M. Baker to retire into Closed Session for consultation with the City Attorney as per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3). Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, King, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

9} RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Closed Session, Mayor McLean entertained a motion to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilwoman B. S. Meggs to return to regular session. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Meggs, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, King, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

10} JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING:

Mayor McLean stated that every fifth Monday we meet with the County Commissioners for a Joint Meeting. May 31st is our day to meet. This is a Tuesday but that Monday is Memorial Day so we are going to move it to Tuesday. This is the Agenda that has been put forth.

- 1} Appearance by Mary Sharpe, Community Relations Committee
- 2} Consideration of an amendment to Parks and Recreation Interlocal Agreement
- 3} Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member – To find out who is to make the first appointment
- 4} Discussion of Parks and Recreation Budget – To make sure we are on target in terms of what they are going to put in.
- 5} Discussion of Sheriff Department/Police Department transport of mental challenged people to hospital
- 6} All joint funded items

11} ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor McLean called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman J. A. Stimatz, seconded by Councilwoman J. M. Baker to adjourn. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Stimatz, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence,

Hummer, King, Meggs and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

Roger A. McLean
Mayor