

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City held its second regular meeting on the above date and time in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building with Mayor R. A. McLean presiding. 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, Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White, Finance Director S. E. Blanchard, Human Resource Director K. W. Felton, Electric Director K. F. Clow, ECDI Director R. Cross, Police Chief C. E. Crudup and Inspection Direction S. E. Ward.

Mayor McLean established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. He called upon Reverend Vickie Joyner for the invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

1} APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor McLean called for action regarding the prepared agenda.

Councilman J. A. Stimatz asked ***to remove Item #8f – No parking signs from the Consent Agenda and move it to the Regular Agenda for discussion.***

Councilman R. E. King asked to ***remove Item #10-a – Fish Courts from the agenda.***

Councilman M. E. Brooks asked to ***add an update on 1165 Highway 17 South.***

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

2} COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

City Clerk D. S. Pierce-Tamplen advised that no one signed up to speak under this section of the agenda.

3} APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

a} Joint City/County Meeting – May 31, 2011:

Mayor McLean called for action regarding the May 31, 2011 Joint City/County meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the minutes of the Joint City/County meeting held on May 31, 2011. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

b} City Council Meeting – September 12, 2011:

Mayor McLean called for action regarding the September 12, 2011 City Council meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the minutes of the Joint City/County meeting held on May 31, 2011. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

4} PRESENTATION:

Mayor McLean called upon Gregg Stafford, Commander of the VFW Post 6060 who presented a picture to the Mayor and City on behalf of the Post 6060.

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 Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer to approve the following Consent Agenda. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Hummer, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a} Approved the Annual Report of the Historical Preservation Commission.
- b} Approved the following Budget Amendment:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT
NUMBER 2011-15
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, 2012:

SECTION I. That the US 17 South Sidewalk Grant (103490.5701) be increased by \$85,000, the Powell Bill Fund Balance Appropriated (103990.0010) be increased by \$10,615 and the US 17 South Sidewalk Expenditure (105700.7305) be increased by \$95,615.

(To record US 17 South Sidewalk Grant.)

SECTION II. That the Community Support Grants (106620.6000) be decreased by \$48,500 and the following be increased by:

Pasquotank/Camden Library	106620.4540	\$ 1,000.00
River City CDC	106620.5840	1,500.00
Food Bank	106220.4610	6,000.00
Port Discover	106620.5866	5,000.00
Northeast Coalition	106620.5879	10,000.00
ECSU Community Music	106620.5880	1,000.00
Highway 17 Assoc. of NC	106620.5881	1,000.00
Arts of the Albemarle	106620.5810	10,000.00
Girls, Inc.	106620.5864	1,000.00
Albemarle Hospital Foundation	106620.5875	10,000.00
Meads Recreation Center	106620.5882	<u>2,000.00</u>
		\$ 48,500.00

(To record contributions to outside organizations.)

SECTION III. That the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Police Grant (103490.5113) and the JAG Grant Capital Outlay (105100.7408) be increased \$14,781.

(To record balance of funds to be received from JAG Grant.)

ADOPTED, this 26th day of September 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

c} Awarded the construction bid for Contract III Utility Relocation South of Elizabeth Street to T. A. Loving Company in the amount of \$3,665,441, contingent upon NCDOT approval; and authorized the City Manager to execute the required contracts/agreements and adopted the following Budget Amendment for proper funding.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT
NUMBER 2011-16
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following amendment be made to the Elizabeth Street Project Budget Ordinance:

SECTION I. That the CDBG Grant (413490.2000) be increased by \$950,000, the Other Financing Source (413980.0000) be increased by \$210,370 and the Water and Sewer Utility Relocation Contract III (415610.7303) be increased by \$1,110,370, and Transfer to General Fund (415610.9100) be increased by \$50,000.

(To record Water and Sewer Utility Relocation for Contract III of Elizabeth City Street project.)

ADOPTED, this 26th day of September 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

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City Clerk

d} Awarded construction bid for Raw Water Transmission Main to ELJ, Inc. in the amount of \$670,000.

e} Adopted the following Resolution designating Applicant's FEMA primary agent as Sarah Blanchard and secondary agent as Richard Olson.

**RESOLUTION #2011-16
NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT
AND SECONDARY AGENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that Sarah E. Blanchard, Agent and Richard C. Olson, Secondary Agent are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the City of Elizabeth City for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorize to represent and act for the City of Elizabeth City in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreement and the assurances printed in Grant Agreement;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorized to act severally.

ADOPTED, this 26th day of September 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

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City Clerk

f} Approved the Renewal of a Franchise Agreement with Waste Management for a five-year period.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6} PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor McLean called upon Planning Director J. C. Brooks for comments.

Ms. Brooks stated that the City of Elizabeth City Police Department is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to establish an outdoor shooting range on a 34-acre tract of land located on the north side of Wellfield Road. This property was obtained and annexed into the City approximately two years ago. The applicant seeks to relocate their outdoor shooting range from the developing area in Tanglewood to a more isolated location. This site will be approximately 4500 feet from the Tanglewood Apartments. As proposed, there will be 18 pistol lanes and one rifle lane. The site is designed to meet NRA standards. A classroom building will be constructed at a later date. The use permit has been reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommends approval with fourteen (14) conditions. Both Staff and Planning Commission recommended that the weapon firing be limited from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., however, Chief Crudup submitted a request that the hours of cease firing at midnight. The City's Noise Ordinance regulates noise levels with the reductions between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Based on data provided, staff recommends that City Council accepts the conditions approved by the Planning Commission with the modification that the hours of operation comply with the Noise Ordinance.

Discussion was given by various members of Council and staff concerning standard sound levels, types of weapons and distances from residential dwellings.

Mayor McLean declared the meeting into public hearing. Since there was no one who wished to speak for or against the proposed Conditional Use Permit, Mayor McLean declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Councilman J. B. Walton to approve recommendation from the

staff to relocate the City's outdoor shooting range with the following fourteen conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and Planning staff. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Walton, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Meggs and Stimatz. Against: None. Motion carried.

CONDITIONS

- 1} Application of all Ordinance regulations for Conditional Use Permits (as per §4-10-15):**
- 2} Submit a copy of all permits:**
 - a} Stormwater Permit**
 - b} Erosion & Sedimentation Control/Permit**
 - c} EC Electric Department Load Letter**
 - d} ARHS Septic Permit/Approval Letter**
- 3} Refuse must be disposed of off-site (County dumpster location or City-authorized dumpster location);**
- 4} The property owner and/or applicant shall provide separate refuse containers for plastic bottle recyclables (as per NCGS 130A-309.10 (f));**
- 5} Recyclables (glass, plastics, etc.) must be disposed of off-site at County dumpster location (as per State GS 130A-290);**
- 6} On-site containers/receptacles must be stored indoors or if stored outdoors, must be screened;**
- 7} No provision is made in the existing Ordinance for adjoining incomparable land use screening for recreational-to-residential uses; following the standards in Ordinance §11-3.3, the screening standard for this permit shall be: if the natural vegetation is removed by the subject and/or adjacent property owner or their agent, a vegetative screen shall be planted as replacement whenever the firing/shooting range use is located so that the principle building, accessory building(s), outdoor use areas, parking and loading areas, or property lines are within 100 feet of a lot which is used for residential purposes or which is zoned for residential use, the firing/shooting range operation shall provide screening along or immediately adjacent to the Ordinance-required 300 foot buffer with the following standards:**

a} A minimum 25-foot perpetually maintained planted buffer yard, using plant selections that will create an opaque vegetative visual screen, shall be provided along all property lines adjacent to the residential use and/or zone.

b} The buffer yard shall contain 3 canopy trees and 5 understory trees per 100 linear feet of buffer yard. Canopy trees shall be a minimum of 8 feet in height and 2 inches in caliper (measured 6 inches above grade) when planted. When mature, a canopy tree should be at least 40 feet high and have a crown width of 30 feet or greater. Understory trees shall be a minimum of 4 feet high and 1 inch in caliper (measured 6 inches above grade) when planted.

c} The buffer yard shall also contain 25 shrubs per 50 linear feet of buffer yard. All shrubs shall be of a species which can be expected to reach a minimum height of 36 inches and a minimum spread of 30 inches within 3 years of planting;

d} All portions of the buffer yard not planted with trees or shrubs or covered by a wall or other barrier shall be planted with grass, groundcover, or natural mulch of a minimum depth of 3 inches;

8} Exterior lighting shall be located, angled, shielded, or limited in intensity so as to cast no direct light upon adjacent property and to avoid the creation of a visual safety hazard;

9} Adequate provision shall be made for on-site emergency and/or fire safety. The following items shall be perpetually located on site and in good working order; fire extinguishers, automated external defibrillator (AED) and first aid kit;

10} The operation of the facility (i.e. gun and weapon fire and testing) shall be restricted to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; all non-use-related activity shall cease by 10:00 p.m.;

11} All State and City Code regulations and Ordinance-required conditions shall be satisfied prior to permit issuance and maintained in property standing thereafter;

12} Physical address numbers shall be readily visible on or over the primary entrance;

13} The property owner shall install "\$250 Fine" disable/handicap parking signs; and

14} The applicant shall complete development strictly in accordance with the plans submitted to and approved by Council; the property owner shall have recorded the Conditional Use Permit and all conditions attached thereto with the Pasquotank County Registry of Deeds within ten (10) business days of approval; the record owner of the property shall provide documentation to the Zoning Administrator that the permit has been recorded and indexed under the record owner's name as grantor (as per §4-11 (B)).

7} REGULAR AGENDA:

a} No Parking Signs on Second Street:

Mayor McLean called upon Councilman Stimatz for comments.

Mr. Stimatz said he also wanted an update on the status of the enforcement in accordance with Council's direction to expedite the installation of the required fencing and buffer specifically along the south side if not other places.

Mr. Olson stated he would like to address those items. June Brooks and he visited the site on September 14th and discussed the operations with the resident manager, Mike Lusk and voiced our concerns about what we saw as Hayes Iron and Metal encroaching upon the right-of-way for Second Street. He showed a number of pictures of what the site looked like before we spoke with him and what it looks like at the present time. We also expressed our concerns regarding the traffic flow. There are no defined driveways going in or out of that place. You have forklifts and other heavy equipment going back and forth on Second Street. What we are trying to do now is through a request to have "No Parking Signs" put on each side of the road to try and channelize traffic and keep a line of vision open for those individuals traveling up and down Second Street as well as the customers of Hays Iron and Metal. We sent a Notice of Violation to Charlie Wright, who is the manager of Hayes Iron and Metal and stationed in Providence, North Carolina giving him until September 21st to bring the site into compliance. City Staff went out today and a lot of the right-of-way has been cleaned up. They have not put up the fence that they are required to put up yet. It is on order and the fence that was in an earlier picture was destroyed when they tried to move it. They have a contract in place to have the new fence put up. City Staff is requesting official action from the Council to go ahead and authorize us to put up the no parking signs as indicated.

Discussion followed regarding the operations of Hayes Iron and Metal as well as potential relocation of their operations.

A motion was made by Councilman J. A. Stimatz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer to authorize City staff to install, "No Parking" signs on the east and west side of Second Street from its intersection of Ward Street approximately 200 feet in a southerly direction. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Stimatz, Hummer, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, King, Meggs and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

b} Update on 1165 Highway 17 South:

Mayor McLean called upon Councilman Brooks for comments.

Mr. Brooks said the reason he keeps putting this item on the agenda is because prior to NCDOT saying that they would fix the problem the City Council voted unanimously to fix the erosion on Mr. and Mrs. Barclift's property by placing riffraff there. That is what we voted to do. It was a unanimous vote by this Council. That was prior to June 29th. On June 29th we got a letter from Gretchen asking for a copy of the drainage easement secured by DOT. She wanted to make sure it was a permanent easement and not just an easement secured by construction process. On August 5th we received a memo saying that NCDOT will stabilize the bank next to Ms. Barclift's home utilizing the cobblestone being salvaged from the Elizabeth Street Improvement Project. The surveyors were supposed to come out and design the project. Although it looks like we are throwing the responsibility on DOT alone he thinks it is only fitting that the City Manager and we as Council keep up with the concerns of a taxpaying citizen. He knows how quickly things can get washed down the drain and forgotten about. We don't know what the status is of the property at this time. We don't even know if DOT has done anything yet. He has asked that this item be placed on the agenda each meeting until the matter is resolved.

Mr. Olson advised that the cobblestones are being stored out at the Wellfield site. We will be ready to move them out to Highway 17 South when DOT gives us permission to go ahead and dump them on their right-of-way. DOT has completed all of the hydrologist studies relating to this property and they have been sent to the Attorney General's office for some interpretation of a couple of things. He would hope by the middle of October this can be completed but he really doesn't know for sure. The Attorney General's offices sometime have very heavy workloads.

8} COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

City Manager Olson stated he had no further comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer she would like to thank City Staff for the hard work they did cleaning up after the storm and the street sweeping. Unfortunately, people still sweep their grass clippings and pine straw in to the storm drain and with all the heavy rain it causes it to back up again. She doesn't know the answer to that. Responsibility is the answer. Also, we need some more mosquito control. They are really bad again.

Councilwoman Baker said she just has a couple of events that are going on in town that she would like to mention. One this weekend is the pirate's jamboree, remembering the Nags Head Casino. It is a fund raising dance that is going to benefit the Museum of the Albemarle. There is a pirate costume; it is like a costume party. You dress as a pirate and they have live entertainment. They have game room prizes. It is \$30 a person. It was \$20 a person before today and after today it is \$30 at the door. That is a big event. Last year's Nags Head Casino event was very big for the museum. As you know they need all the fund raising they can get because they are not getting a lot from the state. That is one thing and the next weekend is the annual Ghost Walk. It is the fifteenth annual Ghost Walk. She has chaired this event for twelve of the fifteen years. This year is the 110th anniversary of the murder of Nell Cropsey. There recently was a community read where about 80 people read the Nell Cropsey book and the author make comments at the McGuire Theater and it was a well attended and really popular event. The book is out there about the murder of the beautiful Nell Cropsey. This Ghost Walk has seven sites that all surround the murder of Nell. The Miles Clark house will be one of the popular sites and the Cropsey house itself will be one of the sites to visit. We will have Nell in the cemetery. They will have a town meeting in the Center and there will be another event at the Courthouse. So it is a lot of things to see. We will have actors doing performances within each of the houses or sites that you go too. It is not spooky, it is not Halloweenish, and it is a history lesson with a twist. It is the evenings of October 7th and 8th from 5:30 to 9:30. The headquarters are in the Center, Arts of the Albemarle. A local artist is doing a fabulous pen and ink drawing and he is doing a special portrait on a fan, that will be a fan of Nell Cropsey and there will be 500 of them. He has done a special rendition of this event so that will be nice to pick up for a couple of dollars. Elizabeth City Downtown is doing a fund raiser for themselves in that they are providing dinner for \$8, fried chicken and barbeque plates and they are doing them from 5:00 to 8:00 each evening of Ghost Walk. You can buy tickets in advance where the Ghost Walk's tickets are being sold. You might want to put that on your calendar. That has been a very popular event. There will be free transportation between the sites and it will be mostly Main Street and Riverside.

Councilman Brooks stated he had no further comments.

Councilman King said he wanted to thank Ms. Baker for bringing that up. Back in 2004, he played Moses Grandy and it was very good. He thinks it is something for the citizens to really see. But, on part of that when you travel 35 miles from here and go to Virginia you see a Moses Grandy trail. Moses Grandy actually came from here. He thinks that Council should put together something to find some type of roadway, or street or something named Moses Grandy. He really thinks we owe this man that much. That is something for the Council to think about, not tonight but he thinks that is something that Council should really think about.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said she is very happy tonight to have the Student Body from Elizabeth City State University here in our council meeting. We have the SBA President and his Sergeant at Arms here. We are working very hard to get ECSU students politically astute to the processes of our City Council. She will be attending the Legislative Action Committee of the NC League of Municipalities tomorrow. She has asked that members of Council forward to her a list of five items that you would like for her to present to the Committee. If you still have a list please give it to her tonight.

Councilwoman Meggs said we are having dinner during Ghost Walk at the Arcade and she has twenty tickets that she hasn't sold any yet. If anyone would like a ticket she would certainly like to sell it to you.

Councilman Stimatz said the item that he passed on to Ms. Hill-Lawrence about was an on-going issue and it has to do with how insurance rates are distributed across the State. There is a large consensus in twenty counties that is called NC20 that is concerned about the commercial/residential rates that are extremely inflated and do not bear any relationship to the actual payout by the insurance agencies. A couple of years ago when the Insurance Commissioner was here he said to him, why don't we have a standard loss model and/or require the insurers to provide us their model so that we can validate their assumptions and calculations. He really didn't get an answer on that question. He guessed it was a little too politically explosive to deal with; however, it is still an issue for us. When you hear that a \$150,000 home in Raleigh is insured and it costs one third of what it costs here in Elizabeth City, we are not talking on the Outer Banks, we are talking about here in Elizabeth City and that is a real burden on our property owners. It is a real burden on our renters and any developers that want to come in here. We tried to get it in last year to the Goals and Objectives meeting and we were a little bit late for that and that is why he gave it to Lena because he thinks it is something that needs to be worked on. Quite frankly, if he was in a central or western city he wouldn't support it because the rates might go up when ours go down but there is definitely some evidence that we don't get all the benefits for all that we pay verses other places. They have bigger payouts with less paid in. Hopefully, we will get some relief and hopefully before he dies,

in the next twenty-five or thirty years. In any event, insurance relief is a big issue. It is another problem even if you are a renter because if you get renters insurance you have to pay. He just came back from an extended trip and part of that trip was to attend the 30th homecoming reunion for our class that he was advisor too. He only brings it up because he had to reflect on his own life. He didn't grow up with a lot of money. We were poor and when it came to going to college he had no options. He saw an ad on the TV about the Coast Guard Academy his senior year. He was sixteen at the time. He went an applied and he had one other opportunity that came along a little bit later but when it came time and making a decision the following spring, he went to the Coast Guard Academy. If he hadn't, he would probably be one of those -names on the Wall up in DC because he would have been eighteen years old the following December, caught in the draft, sent to Viet Nam and who knows what. It was a tremendous opportunity; all the service academies are but in particular Coast Guard Academy because it is competitive. It is not a political appointment. So if you know a young man or young woman who is interested in a career that he thinks offers tremendous challenges and opportunities that the other services don't. They don't even come close in some ways. He would recommend that you get them to think about the Coast Guard Academy and if they want to talk with him he is always available to do that. He thinks it is something that we need to be doing in this town is encouraging our kids to shoot high.

Councilman Walton said the word that is going around town now is civil. Council is usually not this civil to one another. All year long you see a different side. It is a lot of fun. This is election season. He wants to complement the Mayor because when we go to forums and things you can tell the character of a person by not what they do in front of you, but it is what they do in the dark. They have been blogging and doing all these other types of things. Our Mayor is taking it all with character because he is really trying to not hit back. Politics is not as easy as you think it is and it can be worst than this. He will tell you one thing. If you go to a meeting with twelve people he will guarantee there will be one Judas in that group. He will be there. He will show up sooner or later.

Mayor McLean said he wanted to give a shot out to two veterans and the Daughters of the American Revolution War for the fine program that they did about two Sundays ago. He wants to give a shot to Maurice and Sherry Harrington who were remarried this past weekend. Also to COA on their 50th Anniversary celebration and their picnic which was a fine picnic. Also, to Bishop Kem Brown who celebrated twenty-one years of ministry in his two churches with over 6,000 in membership. On Saturday morning he played ten holes of golf and his team won first place. He also wants to thank the staff. There is something that he would like to say tonight. He is not a person that normally writes or reads the blogs; however, I have received numerous calls and comments from citizens who are concerned about the actions of one of our

council persons who felt it was necessary to slander their Mayor for only reasons known to him. I will specially talk about three points made by this council person. 1} One point is that I have never had a meeting with the Boys and Girls Club leaders. I wish to respond by saying that almost since day one of being Mayor I have had several meetings with Mr. Jeff Dixon, who met with me on two occasions in my office on Ehringhaus Street and at least one time at the Boys and Girls Club. He met Jeff and Jeff reminded me I met him at the picnic at COA on Thursday and he reminded me that we had had numerous conversations about ways in which the City could assist in developing programs that would create operations where youth had the ability to not only participate in afternoon programs but could also take advantage of recreations programs that included basketball, football, baseball and etc. My record in support of the Boys and Girls Club remains clear as I was honored by the Boys and Girls Club of America with the presentation of the Man and Boy Award. The second point is he would not follow the Mayor out of a burning building. This particular analogy did bother me to a great extent in light of the fact that in this country people and our brave firefighters experienced death situations every day while trying to lead citizens from buildings in order to save their lives. In fact only last week we had two families and some businesses that were displaced because of an unfortunate fire in our downtown area. But most of all this Country just honored and recognized all of our innocent citizens who lost their lives 10 years ago because of evil individuals who did not respect life. We had citizens who died because they could not be lead to safety and firefighters who died attempting to lead individuals to safety. But most of all if the analysis used was attempting to display his dislike for the Mayor I just believe that other analysis could have been used that would have been more sensitive to the loss of many lives because of burning buildings. Finally, it is no secret that this council person prefers to have a mayor that will simply just sit down and shut up as he indicated to two individuals on last week. Fortunate for the citizens of Elizabeth City I have never been that Mayor and have no plans to be a Mayor that will not take a leadership position or make leadership decisions while working with this Council on behalf of all the fine citizens of Elizabeth City.

9} ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

Roger A. McLean
Mayor