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A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred, NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

November 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Rev. Jay Robison, Pastor, Viewmont Baptist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
 - A. Rev. Susan Smith Walker, Catawba Valley Interfaith Council, Community-Wide Service Commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 2015.

Rev. Susan Smith Walker discussed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She requested that the City of Hickory join them in this important work by issuing a proclamation commemorating December 10, 2015 as Human Rights Day to commemorate and honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Dignity.
 - B. Mr. Billy Sudderth, 821 1st Street SW, addressed City Council on behalf of his community. He discussed concerns regarding the lack of investment in the Ridgeview Community and in other parts of the City. He observed a moment of silence for the people of Paris, France. He discussed the need for a Multipurpose Resource Center in the Ridgeview Community and requested a feasibility study be conducted in the Ridgeview Community to determine what investments can and will be made to enhance its growth.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - NA** A. Regular Meeting of November 3, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
 - NA** B. Special Meeting of November 3, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.B.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
 - A2** A. Approval to Amend the Speed Ordinance for Roadways In and Around Lenoir-Rhyne University. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval to Retire Police Canine Bachak and an Agreement to Allow Police Canine Bachak to be adopted by Handler MPO Matt Williams. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Approval of Community Relations Council Fall Grant Recommendations. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

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A2 D. Consideration of the Sale of Five City-Owned Properties Located on F Avenue SE. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

A2 E. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 9. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

A A. Special Events Activities Application, A Very Vintage Christmas, Caleb Haworth, Operations Pastor, Vintage City Church, Union Square, December 24, 2015 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

A B. Approval to Close Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and Ridgeview Library on December 18, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Staff Development Workshop, and Closing Ridgeview Library for Carpet Installation on a Date to be Determined. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Library staff, both full-time and part-time, interact on a daily basis with the public and, therefore, need periodic opportunities to participate in staff development training to re-energize and motivate themselves, acquire new skills, and learn to work together as a team. To ensure that this happens, it is necessary to schedule the training during a workday. Staff determined that the afternoon of Friday, December 18, 2015 is a date that the libraries could be closed and that would create as little disruption as possible in service to the public. Staff requests approval to close Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and Ridgeview Library on December 18, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Staff Development Workshop.

Library staff also requests approval to close Ridgeview Library, on a date to be determined, for the installation of carpet. Although an effort will be made to have as much of the work as possible done after normal operating hours, it may be necessary and more efficient to close the building to the public while the new carpet is installed. Staff recommends approval of closing Ridgeview Library as required for carpet installation.

PH C. Call for a Public Hearing – For Consideration of Text Amendment (TA) 15-01. **(Authorize Public Hearing for December 1, 2015) (Exhibit VIII.C)**

PH D. Call for a Public Hearing – For Consideration of Amending Chapter 18, Article VI, Sections 18-119 and 18-136 of the Hickory City Code. **(Authorize Public Hearing for December 1, 2015) (Exhibit VIII.D.)**

A E. Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 28, 2015. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

A F. Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

The following requests were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on November 5, 2015:

➤ *Keondra Allred was approved for recommendation to City Council for first-time homebuyer's assistance to purchase a house located at 1010 33rd Avenue Loop NE, Hickory. She had requested \$10,000 for assistance with down payment and closing costs. The First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Loan is zero interest, no payments and repaid upon sale, refinance or payoff of first mortgage.*

➤ *David & Anna Gruver was approved for recommendation to City Council for first-time homebuyer's assistance to purchase a house located at 1031 33rd Avenue Loop NE, Hickory. They have requested \$7,500 for assistance with down payment and closing costs. The First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Loan is zero interest, no payments and repaid upon sale, refinance or payoff of first mortgage*

Each of the following applicants are being recommended for approval for assistance under the City of Hickory's 2015 Urgent Repair Program. This program provides qualified low income citizens with assistance for emergency-related repairs not to exceed \$8,000.

- Donna Arbogast, 1527 11th Avenue SW, Hickory
- Belinda Clark, 207 8th Avenue Drive SW, Hickory
- Geraldine Suddreth, 428 2nd Street SW, Hickory

The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned requests for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.

- A1** G. Acceptance of the Bid and Award to Asheville Ford Lincoln in the Amount of \$71,455.44 for the Purchase of Replacement Service Vehicles for Public Utilities. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

Staff requests City Council's approval to accept the bid and award to Asheville Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$71,455.44 for replacement service vehicles for Public Utilities. These service trucks are being proposed as a component of the Public Utilities Department's normal capital replacement program and are budgeted in the FY 2015/2016 Capital Budget. Public Utilities will remove replacement vehicles from inventory to control fleet growth. Asheville Ford Lincoln was the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$71,455.44 for the purchase of one full size standard cab half ton 4x2 pickup, and two full size extended cab half ton 4x4 pickups. Staff recommends City Council accept the bid and award the purchase of three pickups from Asheville Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$71,455.44.

- A1** H. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 3. **(Exhibit VIII.H)**

1. To adjust budgeted line items for closure of Brownfield Assessment Grant 95499212. Council accepted the grant on 10/16/12. Grant project period ended 09/30/15. Federal funding in the amount of \$400,000 was spent in full to conduct community-wide assessments at Brownfields sites potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum products.

- A1** I. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 10. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

1. To recognize as revenue an insurance payment of \$9,830.00 to compensate the City for replacement of a traffic signal cabinet destroyed in October due to a vehicle wreck.
2. To recognize \$30.00 in Library donations given in memory of Margaret Lavin by Hannah Owen for the purpose of purchasing children's materials.
3. To recognize \$500.00 in revenue from the Walmart Community Grant Program (23884953) for the purchase of a wireless game buzzer system which will be used when teaching fire and life safety classes. The class will be called "Buzzing for Safety" and is designed to be a fun and interactive way to teach fire and life safety lessons.
4. For the Hickory Police Department to purchase the following items with Department of Justice funds: a) Lights for weapons \$13,435.80; b) Holsters for weapons with light \$11,984.70; c) Batteries for lights \$529.20; d) SureFire LED weapon lights \$4,399.35; and e) Shipping & Handling for all the above \$475.00.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports:

A1 1. Splash Pad Update at Kiwanis Park

Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment 11 which established a budget for the splash pad project at Kiwanis Park.

A1 2. Approval of a Landscape Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by Lakeview Land Development Located at 716 4th Street SW in the Amount of \$2,500. **(Exhibit XI.B.2.)**

City Council created the Landscape Grant program in 1999 to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of non-residential properties located within the City. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$2,500. The applicant, Lakeview Land Development, LLC provided two bids for the installation of new landscape material around the perimeter of an existing commercial office complex. Both estimates are in excess of \$5,000 and would qualify for the full \$2,500 grant. The Community Appearance Commission voted unanimously (7-0) at their October 26, 2015 regular meeting, to recommend funding of the requested grant in the amount of \$2,500.

A1 3. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by the Hickory Elks Lodge Located at 356 Main Avenue NW in the Amount of \$5,000. **(Exhibit XI.B.3)**

City Council created the Community Appearance Grant program in 1999 to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of properties located within the City's designated urban revitalization area. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$5,000. The applicant, Hickory Elks Lodge, provided two bids for renovations of an exterior wall elevation. These improvements include the removal of aged and weathered pebble board, bricking in the areas where the pebble board was removed, and the clean-up of electrical wiring on the building's exterior. Both estimates are in excess of \$10,000 and would qualify for the full \$5,000 grant. On October 26, 2015 at their regular meeting, the Community Appearance Commission voted (6-0-1) with one members abstaining, to recommend funding for the requested grant in the amount of \$5,000.

A1 4. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by the ADEMNC, LLC Located at 509 11th Street NW, in the Amount of \$5,000. **(Exhibit XI.B.4)**

City Council created the Community Appearance Grant program in 1999 to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of properties located within the City's designated urban revitalization area. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$5,000. The applicant, ADEMNC, LLC, provided two bids for replacement of windows, painting of portions of the building's exterior, the replacement of wooden siding, and the replacement of metal roofing. Both

estimates are in excess of \$10,000 and would qualify for the full \$5,000 grant. On October 26, 2015 at their regular meeting, the Community Appearance Commission voted (7-0) to recommend funding for the requested grant in the amount of \$5,000.

NA 5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Other Minority VACANT

Other Minority VACANT

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)

(Appointed by City Council)

Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008

Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)

(8) Positions VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Minority VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 2 VACANT

Ward 3 VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Nominates) VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Hickory Career Arts Magnet VACANT

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

City Attorney John Crone commented that he and Alderman Meisner go way back, and he is going to miss him. He commented that he had done such a good job for the City and he knows Alderman Meisner personally and he is a good person, a good Council person, and that he truly cares about the City. He commented that he loved him a lot and that everyone is going to miss him.

Alderman Meisner advised that it had been a labor of love. He commented that he can't say enough about the staff that the City has. It is incredible how well they make Council look. The amount of information that Council is given and the response time is incredible. He felt that he was not just speaking for himself, but for all of his fellow Council members. In all, the 32 years had been wonderful for him. He will miss each and every one of them very much. He commented that he is not going away.

Alderman Guess commented that he would save his comments for the next meeting. He reiterated what Attorney Crone had already said, they will miss him and appreciate him. He had been a great example and a mentor to him.

Alderman Seaver commented that he would miss going to Alderman Meisner for advice. This means that he is now going to be the senior member.

XIV. Adjournment

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