

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Brad Lail	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Deisy Zavala Vazquez and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Councilmembers were present.
- II. Invocation by Reverend Jill Isola, Northminster Presbyterian Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Farewell to Fire Chief Fred Hollar

Mayor Guess recognized former Mayor Jeff Cline and former Councilmembers Phil Yount, Bruce Meisner and John Watts. He welcomed them to the meeting and thanked them for their previous service. He asked Councilmembers and Staff to the podium as well as Fire Chief Fred Hollar and his wife.

Fire Chief Fred Hollar introduced his wife, Donna. He advised his granddaughter, son and daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and sister and her husband were present.

Mayor Guess advised that Chief Hollar had the distinction of being the longest serving coworker in the City of Hickory. He mentioned prior to that Mrs. Margaret Baucom had 44 and a half years of service. Chief Hollar had 51 years, so he has the distinction of, not being the oldest coworker, but having served the longest of any City coworker in the City of Hickory. He knew a lot had been said about Chief Hollar since he announced his retirement and a lot of jokes about him being with the City, and how long. He joked and asked Chief Hollar if they gave him his bucket that he had when he started to put fires out with.

Chief Hollar commented they didn't, and he did not lead the horses.

Mayor Guess sincerely thanked Chief Hollar for his years of dedicated and loyal service to our community. He advised that Chief Hollar had two jobs prior to being at the fire department. He started out as a cook and a curb hop at the Southern Pig BBQ. He also worked at Southern Desk for about two years before coming to the City of Hickory. He thanked Chief Hollar for his years of dedicated service. He also thanked Chief Hollar's wife Donna, and his family. Mayor Guess thanked God for Chief Hollar's health and the fact that he still looks as young as he did the day he started. Mayor Guess commented he loved him, and appreciated him and thanked him. He presented Chief Hollar with a very special key to the City. The key was crafted in Hickory, and was made of Hickory wood. He read the inscription: "Chief C. Fred Hollar, the Hickory City Council would like to thank you for 51 years of dedicated service, 2018". He read and presented Chief Hollar with a Proclamation from City Council. Chief Hollar was given a standing ovation. Mayor Guess read and presented Chief Hollar with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Governor Cooper.

City Councilmembers offered congratulatory remarks and thanked Chief Hollar for his service.

Chief Fred Hollar thanked everyone for being present. He thanked his family. He had left home in the middle of the night, from the dinner table, from shopping and the grocery store. He came close to leaving his wife Donna at church one Sunday morning, but she drew the line there. He commended the fire department staff. He may have come up with some of the ideas, but the fire department staff made it work. He was really proud of that. He was going to miss this. He joked, maybe not Tuesday nights, not so much. He commented the good Lord had been good to him. He had given him his health and gave him something to do for 51 years that he really enjoyed. He stated every time he put on the badge it meant something to him, and it still does. He thanked everyone. He was given a standing ovation.

- B. Presentation of Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Mayor Guess asked Interim Fire Chief Steve Moore and Staff from the Hickory Fire Department to the podium. He read and presented them with a Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week. He thanked them for their service.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

A. Mr. Robert Russell, 5960 Willowbottom Road, Hickory, Progress of Kudzu Cleanup, Evacuation Plan and Telephone Poles

Mr. Robert Russell addressed City Council. He advised he was a native of Asheville and a resident of Hickory, he lived in the Mountain View area, but he owns property in the Hickory area. He discussed some matters which he had brought before City Council several weeks ago, in reference to the kudzu problem and the telegram poles and the cleanup that he sees as a problem. There was a problem with his property and he looked at other properties within the City of Hickory. He realized it was not only a problem in his area, but it is a problem all over Hickory. He mentioned he had discovered in 1876 there was an expo in Philadelphia. The nation was recognized for its 100th birth. One of the Japanese representative came to Philadelphia and brought a plant called kudzu to the 1876 centennial, the 100th anniversary of the birth of our nation. At that time it was seen as an ornament, a plant that was beautiful. It was not a nuisance plant, or a plant that would do anything to harm the environment. In fact, it was something to enhance the environment. It did for a while and then the Federal government got involved in the late 1930s and they saw it as a way to help the soil from being eroded. They planted it on hills and on farms, etc. to make the farmers have more fertilized soil. Later on, as it expanded to two million acres it covered the southern area and started spreading it around. Kudzu is good for several things. It feeds pigs, pigs love it. Chickens love it. Hogs love it. All kinds of animals eat off the kudzu. We have been inundated with the kudzu problem. There are pros and cons as to what kudzu can do. Some people look at it as a way of making money. There is some research out there. He wanted to get some assistance, instead of getting to the eradication of it, some of it needs to be eradicated, and some of it needs to be looked at as potential cultivation for several other uses. He requested an amount of money to start and research investigation as to how it can be used. Other than that, on the City's property there is a humungous amount of kudzu that is all over the City and it has created a nuisance. It grows over telegram poles and telegram wires. In the City of Hickory there are telegram poles all over Hickory. He knew there was easements for telegram poles, but when you have trees 40, 50, 60 feet tall, there should be a tree ordinance for that. He didn't know if there was a tree ordinance in Hickory that would cut some of the tops of the high trees off. In case we have a major storm like Florence, which hit the eastern part of North Carolina, if we have that with the rivers, the creeks and the high trees, the kudzu and all of that, we would have a major problem with no evacuation plan, which he is aware of, in place. Not only that, we have so many potential dangers with the trees hanging over the powerlines. When we leave that undone we leave a major problem to be on someone else's hands. In 2014, the late Mayor came to his church, Christ United Memorial Methodist Church, and gave them a whole list of things that the City would do with the \$40 million dollar bond referendum. It was going to be something to beautiful the whole City, beautify the community. That has yet to be done. There is no beautification. No modifications on the areas that was designated to get some of the benefits from the \$40 million dollar bond referendum. You can't even go down one street because you are afraid that a tree may fall over your head and there are people who have died as a result of overgrown trees. He prayerfully hoped that the City Council as trustees and overseers over the resources of the City would look into that, prayerfully, and think about doing something constructive. Not only that, address his letter that he had sent to City Council in reference to what this problem has created.

Mayor Guess thanked Mr. Russell. He knew that Mr. Russell had a meeting with the City Manager early this morning, and he had discussed some of those things. They would be discussing them as they meet with the City Manager.

Mr. Russell commented that he would like to get some feedback as to what transpired as the result of the previous statement that was made in reference to the problem. He also wanted to know if there was an Ordinance about the length and height of a tree. The telegram poles are 40 feet tall, all down certain streets in this community. Forty feet tall. There are trees that are 100 feet tall. And you have got that type of problem you have got a major issue on your hands. He wanted everything to be addressed.

B. Mr. Don Baldwin, 4008 Pinecrest Drive NE, Hickory addressed City Council. He represented the Hickory Aviation Museum. They had a B17 Flying Fortress at the airport last week for a week. Over that week they had over 800 people sign the guest book. There were some that came through on the sideway and never signed the guest book, but came into the airport. It is obviously growing. The Crosswinds Café had a 50 percent increase in sales this week. He invited everyone to come out. It is really a great museum in this building. He thanked Airport Manager Terry Clark for the new sign that they put up that shows where the FBO is, the Museum, Crosswinds Café, and the terminal. That is really nice. He addressed a concern that he had discussed with Council at a previous meeting, which was quite a while ago after the Hickory Well Crafted signs were put up. He was told there was going to be another round of signs put up which would have the Hickory Aviation Museum direction on them. He thought that any place that was L.P. Frans Stadium should also show Hickory Aviation Museum. They have 16 aircrafts, one in

restoration. They have the only XF15CS experimental fighter 15C, the only one in the world. There were only three made. The first one crashed, the second one was destroyed and we have the third one. They are talking about possibly getting an F16 Blue Angel, which would be nice too. This draws people to Hickory. It is good for the airport and good for the City. He thanked Council and hoped they followed up on the signs. He was honored to be present with fire personnel and the first responders. They always have a special place in his heart too. He thanked Council.

- C. Ms. Daria Jackson addressed Council and advised them for the fourth of July she thought that the City should have one designated big firework display like Lenoir-Rhyne. She advised on the fourth of July she got back into town and she wanted to see fireworks. She called her friends and they were sitting at the lake waiting to see some fireworks. As she was headed to the lake there was people lined up to see the fireworks at the Crawdads. She advised it was on the third, they had missed that. She said there were 100s of people lined up still waiting for fireworks as she was passing through. She advised Lenoir-Rhyne was shooting off a wonderful firework display and they had been doing it for the last couple of days. She thought that needed to be made one citywide designated place, so people don't have to be going around town and chasing down fireworks. People could take their family, Lenoir-Rhyne would be a great place for it.

Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak. No one else appeared.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of September 18, 2018 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Amending the Traffic Ordinance Designating the Speed Limit as 25 MPH on 9th Street NW between 6th Avenue NW and 9th Avenue NW. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- B. Amending the Traffic Ordinance Designating the Speed Limit as 25 MPH on 7th Street NW and 13th Avenue Place NW between 12th Avenue NW and 6th Street NW. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- C. Budget Revision Number 3. (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.

Mayor Guess requested that Item "B" be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Lail moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item "B". The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approved a Resolution Authorizing Preparation of Assessment Rolls and Public Hearing on Preliminary Assessment Roll for Street Improvements Petition Number 17-01 (Curb and Gutter for 1440 8th Street NW). A petition was submitted on December 8, 2017, approved by City Council on December 19, 2017, and the project was completed on August 24, 2018. (Authorize Public Hearing for October 16, 2018.)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-31
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL AND
PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL
NO. 17-01

WHEREAS, the curb and gutter project along a portion of 1440 8th Street NW, Hickory has been completed and it has been determined that the project consisted of 236 linear feet of curb and gutter at \$24.75 per linear foot excluding driveway cuts and \$49.75 per linear foot of driveway apron measured at its narrowest point. There was also an agreed upon extra charge in the amount of \$200 for additional concrete in the driveway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the property whose owners that have not paid their proportionate part of the project shall be assessed at the rate of \$24.75 per linear foot excluding driveway cuts and \$49.75 per linear foot of driveway apron measured at its narrowest point;

THAT, the Clerk be and she is hereby ordered to prepare an assessment roll or ledger to show the names of persons assessed as far as they can be ascertained, the amount assessed against them, respectively, with a brief description of the lots or parcels of land assessed, and

THAT, the clerk shall file the Preliminary Assessment Roll in the City Clerk's Office available for public inspection and shall publish and notify property owners of the public hearing as required by North Carolina General Statute 160A-227.

THAT, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, on the 16th day of October, 2018, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons who appear with respect to any matter covered by the Preliminary Assessment Roll.

- B. Removed from Consent Agenda and Considered under "Item IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda" Discussed and Approved the Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC in the Amount of \$326,380.19.

Staff requests Council's approval the Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC in the amount of \$326,380.19 for relocation of overhead powerlines and poles necessary for construction of City Walk. The City Walk project is a component of the City of Hickory bond program that is being designed for construction. This project involves the installation of a multi-modal path, landscaping and enhancements to the road right of way along Main Avenue NE/NW. Due to this planned construction the existing utilities and roadway will have to be modified to accommodate the planned improvements. Duke Energy is directly affected in three specific locations as a part of this project that will require relocation. Duke Energy directly contracts and constructs all relocations for their infrastructure of projects. Staff requested a Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the construction necessary to accommodate City Walk. The agreement addresses the points of conflict that Duke Energy must relocate infrastructure to address. Duke Energy's relocation is estimated to cost \$326,380.19 per the agreement. This estimate was prepared by Duke Energy and recognizes all expenses they anticipate for the necessary construction. This project is budgeted as a component of the City Walk project and will be funded from bond sale proceeds. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC in the amount of \$326,380.19 for relocation of overhead powerlines and poles necessary for construction of City Walk.

- C. Accepted the Donation of a SCBA Air Compressor System from Johnson Control Fire Protection Company to the City of Hickory Fire Department.

Johnson Control Fire Protection has a 28-year old SCBA air compressor fill station that their company has declared as surplus. The unit is still in good working order, and Johnson Control would like to donate this equipment to the Hickory Fire Department with no-kind or monetary reciprocity. The equipment being offered to the City of Hickory Fire Department is a SCBA filling station with a compressor. The system is an Ingersoll-Rand model BAPT 10 TCI with a manufactured date of 10/18/90. The air system is being donated to Hickory Fire Department by Johnson Control Fire Protection. If the donation is accepted, this unit will be installed and maintained at the Headquarters Fire Station. Staff recommends City Council's approval to accept the donation of the air system from Johnson Control.

- D. Accepted a North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant 36237.NPE.18 (Non-Primary Entitlement Funds) in the Amount of \$150,000 for Airport Improvements.

Staff requests City Council's acceptance of Grant 36237.NPE.18 (Non-Primary Entitlement Funds) awarded by the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in the amount of \$150,000 for future airport improvements at the Hickory Regional Airport. The North Carolina Department of Transportation, by letter dated September 7, 2018, has allocated FAA Non-Primary Entitlement funds under the State Block Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 for the Hickory Regional Airport. Said funds are to be used for airside safety needs first with consideration of other needed airport projects. These funds are to be expended no later than May 30, 2022. The NCDOT has allocated Federal funds via Grant 36237.NPE.18 with the Federal share of \$150,000 and the local share of \$16,667 for airport improvements. This grant will assist in the continuation of the airfield improvement program as recommended by the Airport's Task Force. Once City Council accepts said grant, any future proposed projects that fall under the guidelines of this grant will be brought back to Council for approval. Staff recommends City Council's acceptance of Grant 36237.NPE.18 in the amount of \$150,000 from the North Carolina Department of

Transportation.

- E. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 4.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-31
BUDGET REVISION NO. 4

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the Transportation Fund within the FY 2018-19 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	25,000	-
TOTAL	25,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Transportation Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	25,000	-
TOTAL	25,000	-

SECTION 2. To establish Grant Project Ordinance #650028 "ALP/Master Plan Update" within the Transportation Capital Project Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Transportation Capital Projects	250,000	-
TOTAL	250,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Transportation Capital Project Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	225,000	-
Other Financing Sources	25,000	-
TOTAL	250,000	-

SECTION 3. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

City Manager Warren Wood discussed the Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC in the Amount of \$326,380.19. He advised this was an agreement with Duke Energy referencing moving utility poles along what would be the City Walk in anticipation of building the City Walk. They would see activity along Main Avenue and beyond in regards to moving utility poles. In addition to that, at the first meeting in November, Staff would be presenting a similar contract to Council for removing water and sewer lines along City Walk. They are starting to pave the way for the construction of City Walk. In the weeks and month to come they would start seeing a lot of activity out there.

Mayor Guess asked if there was any further discussion on Item "B" which was removed from the consent agenda.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of Item "B" on the Consent Agenda, (Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC). The motion carried unanimously.

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

- A. Public Hearings

- B. Departmental Reports:

1. Approved Greater Hickory Tennis Association's Requests to Name the Upper Level Tennis Courts at Hickory City Park – Presentation by Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod.

In April of 2015, the City of Hickory entered into a priority use agreement with the Greater Hickory Tennis Association for improvements to the tennis complex at Hickory City Park. The improvements included a new restroom/picnic shelter/meeting room facility, a parking lot expansion from 20 parking spaces to 122 parking spaces, and a new entrance road into the park. The Greater Hickory Tennis Association agreed to contribute \$125,000 towards the improvement project. The \$125,000 commitment was paid in full on August 23, 2018. The priority use agreement allows the Greater Hickory Tennis Association to sell facility naming rights at Hickory City Park with the following approved available naming rights opportunities: 1) Naming rights to the entire park = \$200,000; 2) Naming rights to each of eight (8) tennis courts = \$10,000 per court; 3) Naming rights to the restroom/picnic shelter/meeting room facility = \$28,000.

The Greater Hickory Tennis Association has requested the following naming rights to the first four (4) upper level tennis courts at Hickory City Park based on having obtained the required \$10,000 per court funding level: Court #1 – Kathy Kim / David and Elaine Myers; Court #2 – Steve White Motors, Inc.; Court #3 – Benefit Solutions, Inc. / Linney Teague; and Court #4 – Corning Inc. Foundation. These naming rights would be valid for a twenty (20) year period, per the stipulations contained within the priority use agreement. On September 11, 2018, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended City Council consider the Greater Hickory Tennis Association's tennis court naming requests. Staff recommends approval of the Greater Hickory Tennis Association's requests listed above. There will be a short ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the City's Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod to the podium to present Council with Greater Hickory Tennis Associations' tennis court naming requests for upper level tennis courts at Hickory City Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod presented a PowerPoint presentation. He advised for Council's consideration was a facility naming request by the Greater Hickory Tennis Association. He referred to April of 2015, and advised the City entered into a Priority Use Agreement with the Greater Hickory Tennis Association for tennis complex improvements at Hickory City Park. The improvements included a new restroom, picnic shelter, meeting room facility, a parking expansion from 20 spaces to 122 spaces, and then a new entrance road. He showed a picture of the old parking lot with 20 spaces and the old entrance road. He showed a picture of the restroom portion of the restroom/picnic shelter facility which was built in the 1974-75 timeframe. He showed another photo of what was the former restroom/picnic shelter. He showed a photo of the pathway that lead from the parking lot down and the restrooms down to the existing tennis courts. He showed a picture of the new park entrance and the new parking lot which had been expanded to 122 parking spaces. He showed a photo of the new picnic shelter portion of the building. He showed a photo of the restrooms and the meeting room. He showed another photo of an exterior shot of the new facility. The Greater Hickory Tennis Association agreed to contribute \$125,000 towards the improvement project. Their \$125,000 commitment was paid in full on August 23, 2018. The total project costs was a little more than \$989,000. The Priority Use Agreement allowed the Greater Hickory Tennis Association to sale naming right opportunities at the park. Those naming right opportunities were stipulated within the Priority Use Agreement. Those were naming rights to the entire park, the naming rights to each of the eight tennis courts, and the naming rights to the restroom/picnic shelter and meeting room facility. The Greater Hickory Tennis Association has now met their funding commitment and had requested naming rights for the first four upper level tennis courts. Court #1 being named Kathy Kim/David and Elaine Myers; Court #2 – Steve White Motors, Inc.; Court #3 – Benefit Solutions, Inc. / Linney Teague; and Court #4 – Corning Inc. Foundation. Part of the stipulation of the Priority Use Agreement was these naming rights would be valid for a period of 20 years. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the upper tennis courts. He pointed out courts 1 through 5, which the ones named would be the first four courts from left to right. On September 11, 2018, at the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, they unanimously recommended consideration of the tennis court naming requests to City Council and staff also recommended approval of the Greater Hickory Tennis Association's requests for naming rights. He commented on behalf of the City of Hickory and the Greater Hickory Tennis Association, he invited everyone to a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Hickory City Park. They will celebrate the improvements. He asked Council for questions.

Mayor Guess asked if there was a plaque on each court.

Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod responded yes sir. There will be plaques. The Greater Hickory Tennis Association will be taking care of those plaques of the names that will be placed on them. They had agreed to take care of that.

Mayor Guess asked if there were any further questions. He thanked Mr. McLeod. He asked for a motion to approve.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of the tennis court naming requests for Hickory City Park. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 2 (C. Williams Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
African-American (Council Appoints) VACANT
Caucasian (Council Appoints)(Katherine Newton Resigned 8-13-18) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Burke County (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from County) VACANT
Caldwell County (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from County) VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
(3) Position VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
At-Large Minority (1) (Council Appoints) VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 1 (Lail Appoints) VACANT
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Mayor Appoints) (Lisë Swensson Resigned 9-13-18) VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

The Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Makes the Following Recommendations for Appointment to the Youth Council:

At-Large Representative VACANT
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Fred T. Foard Representative Lana Foss

Alderman Seaver nominated Lana Foss as the Fred T. Foard Representative on the Youth Council.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Addition of One Councilmember to Serve on the Audit Committee. Currently Mayor Guess and Alderman Lail are serving on this Committee.

Mayor Guess advised there are still a few vacancies and he encouraged citizens to look at the vacancies and see if they have an interest. There are forms online on the City of Hickory's website. You can pull up all of the Boards and Commissions

and read about them, when they meet, and how often they meet. If there is a vacancy and citizens are interested there is an application online as well. They can fill out the application and speak with their Councilmember about filling one of those vacancies. He encouraged citizens to do that.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli approval of the above nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Guess advised that Ms. Julie Owens, the President Elect of the Hickory Downtown Development Association was present, and with her was Mr. Douglas Stewart. Within the last 48 hours the Board named him as the new Executive Director of the Downtown Development Association. He welcomed him to Hickory and to his first City Council meeting. He was sure he would have an opportunity in the future to address Council. He wanted to say thank you and welcome to Hickory. Mayor Guess mentioned that this weekend was the Lenoir-Rhyne homecoming game. It would be this Saturday and Oktoberfest would be next weekend. Those are two huge events which they look forward to each and every year.

Alderwoman Williams welcomed her class from Lenoir-Rhyne University. They had been studying public process and this community. They came to witness Council in action. She advised this was the Lenoir-Rhyne Community Studies Class.

Mayor Guess thanked the class for being present.

City Manager Warren Wood advised that Mr. Douglas Stewart was a native of Hickory, attended Hickory High School, a red tornado, and also a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University. He was moving back home from Birmingham, Alabama where he worked in city center issues.

Mayor Guess commented as soon as he found out he had a job he was here.

Mr. Douglas Stewart commented it didn't take much to convince him to come back.

XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderman Lail to go into closed session to consider the items listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of July 17, 2018 and September 4, 2018 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
2. Discussion of a Personnel Matter - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6)

Council convened into closed session at approximately 7:43 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:03 p.m.

No action was taken upon return to open session.

XV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk