

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	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, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.
- II. Invocation by Alderman Williams
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Catawba County Teen Court Program – Presentation by Christopher White, Restorative Practices Coordinator/Program Manager, Licensed Mediator NCDRC

Mayor Guess asked Christopher White to the podium to present Council with information regarding the Catawba County Teen Court Program.

Restorative Practices Coordinator/Program Manager, Licensed Mediator NCDRC, Christopher White presented a PowerPoint presentation. He was accompanied by Executive Director of the Conflict Resolution Center Cathy Starnes. He advised their services were mostly court related services, and they had been around for 20-plus years. They serve Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties, and were located in Hildebran, basically western Hickory was where their offices were. He highlighted their new program they rolled out in March of this year, Catawba County Teen Court. It was funded by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council under the Department of Public Safety. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a photo which was one of the courtrooms they use, Courtroom 10, in Newton. He thought the photo was their first case.

Mr. White explained Teen Court was a process where juveniles with criminal charges between 13 and 17 years old could be deferred from Juvenile Court to their program. The decision was made by Juvenile Intake Counselors to defer to them. They get all types of offenses, but these kids were given an opportunity to have their charge dismissed if they come through the Teen Court Program. It was a good opportunity both for the offender and for the students that were involved in running Teen Court. Teen Court was run exclusively by teenagers with the exception of the Judge. They have some local attorneys that fill in for the Judge and it was very scripted, so the Judge basically was there to kind of keep things moving along. As far as the roles teenagers can participate in, Clerk, Bailiff, prosecuting and defense Attorney and then of course the jury. The hearing itself was not an establishment of guilt to be eligible for the program. The juveniles had to admit to their crime. It was just a sentencing hearing. The jury of peers, literally a jury of peers, other teenagers, figure out what consequences these teens face for their criminal charges. There were a couple of automatic requirements, one of which was community service and the other was jury duty. The kids were required to participate in 4 to 20 hours of community service depending on what the jury verdict said and then also serve on 1, 2 or 3 juries as well. Their jury pool was roughly half former defendants. It was a really neat opportunity for them to say, "I have been there, done that", and then help another kid out as well later down the line. They had a couple of kids who enjoyed the process well enough that they were actually part of the Teen Court Team now, former defendants, so that was pretty cool. Teen Court was based on a concept called restorative justice and it looks at justice a bit differently, in that they look at who was harmed, who caused the harm, and how to repair it. How do they make things right? They hold kids accountable for their behavior but find ways to support them and come to their needs. If it was a drug referral, it was an automatic referral to Cognitive Connections for example. Most of their referrals came from Juvenile Justice. They have another program too where they could get school referrals for behavior that was not necessarily criminal, but with Teen Court, everything coming through the system would be for a criminal charge. He reiterated as he mentioned, mostly Juvenile Justice, they could get school referrals as well from School Resource Officers, Counselors, Principals, and whatnot. One of the nice things about it is it was an opportunity for these kids to have their charge dismissed, but it also helps Juvenile Justice a lot. He worked with the Court Counselors on a daily basis, and they really appreciate programs where they could refer out and not send them on through the system. That being said if they do not do what they were supposed to do, what the jury dictated that they do as part of their sentencing, then they were approved for court. It was kind of like in lieu of a charge based on that diversion referral. It teaches accountability for their actions and that was kind of the restorative justice piece here as well.

Mr. White referred to the PowerPoint and displayed photos of Heather Higgins, a local Attorney, she sits in as a Judge pretty much every month. It was only once a month; it was

every first Tuesday of the month in Newton. He pointed out a photo of a Catawba County cadet, he was one of their Bailiffs, and Judge Mullinax who helped them with their mock trial back in March. They had a mock trial for the kids to run through the thing. He showed photos of kids on their team, some defense attorneys, and the jury. He noted the United Way of Catawba County and Hickory Museum of Art had partnered with them as well and they helped sponsor them in a way to where they could get t-shirts out to the kids, kind of advertise that school and they get more kids involved with the program. He gave a big thanks to both of those organizations as well. He asked for any questions.

Alderwoman Patton asked what type of charges, up to what kind of level were they eligible to be in their program.

Mr. White advised they get all kinds of things. Most of their referrals were technology based, in that it starts with social media. A fight ensues, a threat ensues, that sort of thing. He and his intern were actually in the process of developing a workbook to help kids' kind of learn how to navigate social media in a healthy way. They see everything. They had a boy last month that had three charges, one for shoplifting or concealment of goods, he got caught in the process of stealing from a Dillard's store here in town. Then they also found some marijuana and a pipe in his bag at the same time. That was the first one they had, a kid with several charges. He had even seen a sexual battery case. Typically, it was a lot of affrays, fighting, and communication of threats.

Executive Director Cathy Starnes interjected damages to property.

Mr. White commented vandalism. They see all kinds of stuff. It was interesting, it was like a real court.

Ms. Starnes commented it was low level charges, and maybe they do not have anything else on their record. Normally they would be an A, B, or C student. They had a poor decision, bad judgment, in one moment in time and got caught doing something they should not have been doing. And the DJJ, the Juvenile Justice Court Counselor would send them to them in an effort to fix that behavior. They also offer conflict resolution education classes which teaches them different ways to handle conflict and they could take a 4-to-6-hour class with an Anger Management Specialist. They have all kinds of things that they could help the kids with.

Alderwoman Patton asked if the parents were involved.

Ms. Starnes replied yes.

Mr. White commented yes, they have to be involved. That was at the intake Counselor's discretion to refer to them to divert from Juvenile Court. It was usually like first time offenders. It was like "hey, you made a really poor choice, let's not do that".

Alderwoman Williams asked who guided the jury members. Were they given some kind of education in terms of the parameters of the different consequences.

Mr. White advised there was training involved for everyone that was in the program. There was an hour and a half training to be in the jury, there was an additional hour and a half and then a shadowing process for Attorneys, Clerks, and Bailiffs. Then they also have sentencing guidelines that they could follow similar to in a regular courtroom where there were some of these guidelines for judges, but in this case the jury considers those and also each kid has a defense level of 1, 2, or 3 depending on the severity of the charges.

Ms. Starnes commented usually 15-, 16-, and 17-year-olds were level threes. Then their level one and level two were anywhere from 13 to 15 if they were not quite 15 depending on the charge. A simple assault would probably be a level 1 for a 13-year-old, it would be a level 3 for a 15-year-old. It follows some guidelines that they had gotten from the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. White commented in addition to the automatic sanctions of jury duty and community service as well, as he had mentioned there was an automatic referral for drug charges and that sort of thing, but they could also, and usually do, put in additional things such as they would see this evening. They had a case where a couple of individuals damaged City property and the jury, after reading a letter from City Manager Warren Wood that was sent to them as a victim impact statement to represent the City, the jury found that they should come to Council to apologize. They were present to do that this evening.

Mr. White asked the juveniles to the podium.

Juvenile Abisai greeted Council and introduced himself. He read a prepared letter to Council. Dear City of Hickory, I Abisai am writing this letter to apologize for my actions that night and I hope to learn from my experience. I should have not taken the signs down nor pulled the pole out of the ground. It was very immature of me to do that. I hope by

completing my community hours, I can help repair the damages I caused. I will learn from my mistakes and not continue to partake in immature actions in the future. Sincerely Abisai.

Juvenile Jennifer greeted Council and introduced herself. She read her letter. Dear City of Hickory. I am sincerely sorry for the damages I have caused. I promised to make up for the damages by doing community service and paying out of pocket. I have realized that what I have done was wrong and will never happen again. Please accept this apology. Sincerely, Jennifer.

Mayor Guess commented on behalf of the Council, they accept their apologies, and it was very admirable that they would take the time out this evening to not only go through this program but to come here in person and apologize. That meant a lot to Council. They appreciated them for not only putting the program on, but their sincerity and the fact that they came here to apologize. That meant a lot.

Ms. Starnes advised they also help with their School Justice Partnership with the City's public schools. The School Justice Partnership allows the Resource Officers at their schools to send something to them, like where the kids were behaving badly, where it may not be a criminal charge, to their juvenile mediation, where they could sit with the kids and let them work out their problems themselves or send them to a six-hour conflict solution education class. Those kids never even see the juvenile justice people at all. They come straight to them through that School Justice Partnership. They have found that if a child comes to them before they go to DJJ their percentage of being incarcerated goes down about 30% because once they get in the DJJ wheel, they were on a wheel that they cannot get off. They were trying to reach out to as many people as they can to let them know that this service exists for their kids, for young people, because they were their future.

Alderwoman Patton asked how many children or young people have been through their program.

Mr. White advised now they have four cases a month, when they started, they were just taking two. He advised roughly 40, somewhere around there, not quite 40 because they were not 10 months in. Approximately, they would have 48 kids come through every year unless they expand again. They went from one courtroom after just a few months to two right away. The more referrals they get the more courtrooms they were going to need.

Council members thanked Mr. White and Ms. Starnes.

Alderman Wood asked on the flip side of it, were they seeing interest from some of these young people in pursuing careers in the justice system or in legal fields. Were they seeing that?

Mr. White asked from defendants in particular or just people in the program.

Alderman Wood commented people in the program.

Mr. White advised three of their attorneys right now plan to go to law school and they were juniors and seniors in high school. They have one kid that was in it last year, he was at Chapel Hill now in political science. He has lofty goals and wants to be a U.S Senator. It was a great opportunity and a lesson in civics, a lesson in law, law enforcement, and just giving back to your community really. The empathy piece and trying to hear people's stories and encourage them to make better decisions, find their value, and maybe even established some goals. The kids in the program were getting a great benefit out of this especially once they apply to college, that was really nice to have on their application.

Ms. Starnes mentioned they send a letter of recommendation.

Alderman Wood thanked Mr. White and Ms. Starnes.

Ms. Starnes commented two of their kids that were in their court staff, scored in the top 3% in the nation on the A.C.T. that they just passed. They were high-flyers. They have high aspirations, high goals. They want to encourage them to do those things, and this gives them a chance to see if it was a good fit for them before they get into college, and the debt, and whatever they were taking on to see if it was really what they want to do.

Alderman Seaver asked if they were seeing many repeat offenders, and do they get to come back to the program.

Mr. White advised there were repeat offenders, of course, with Juvenile Justice Services. He thought they were so new that, for one thing they just started in March, so they had not seen any repeat offenders. They had only had one kid that did not complete the program. He got petitioned to Juvenile Justice.

Alderman Seaver commented it would be interesting to hear as they build up more data as how the program was working.

Mr. White thought once they come through the program, if they get charged again it was probably unlikely, they were going to refer them back to them. They would probably just go ahead and go for adjudication.

Mayor and Council members thanked Mr. White and Ms. Starnes and Mayor Guess commented it sounds like a wonderful program.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of November 1, 2022.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of November 1, 2022 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Joint Meeting November 9, 2022.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams that the Special Joint Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022 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.

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

A. Budget Revision Number 9. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

B. Consideration of Text Amendment 22-01 to the Land Development Code. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

C. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 22-12 for Approximately 300-Acres of Property. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. 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.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Approved on First Reading Amending the Traffic Ordinance by Reducing the Speed Limit Along 4th Street SW/NW (SR1358) from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Staff requests Council's approval to amend the Traffic Ordinance by reducing the speed limit along 4th Street SW/NW (SR 1358) from 35 mph to 25 mph. In an effort to make the speed limit consistent along 4th Street SW/NW and to help with pedestrian safety along City Walk, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting the speed limit ordinance be amended to post a speed limit of 25 mph between the north and south one-way pairs. NCDOT has evaluated speeds along 4th Street SW/NW in the areas affected by this request and has determined that 25 mph is appropriate. Public Services Traffic Division has worked with NCDOT regarding the new ordinances and agree to the speed limit adjustments along 4th Street SW/NW (25 mph) between 1st Avenue SW and 3rd Avenue NW. Staff will change/install speed limit signage along this roadways reflecting new speed limits, as needed, at the request of NCDOT. Reimbursement per the Municipal Maintenance Agreement will apply from NCDOT for the sign installation. Staff recommends Council's approval to amend the Traffic Ordinance by reducing the speed limit along 4th Street SW/NW (SR 1358) from 35 mph to 25 mph.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-43
AN ORDINANCE OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED IN THE
HICKORY CODE OF ORDINANCES – ARTICLE III, SECTION 18-81

WHEREAS, Article III of the City of Hickory Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended through the modification of the official maps authorized therein as follows, to wit:

Amend the Traffic Ordinance by reducing the speed limit along 4th Street SW/NW from 1st Avenue SW to 3rd Avenue NW to 25 mph.

All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code of Ordinances which are not in conformance with the provisions of the Amendment occurring herein are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

- B. Called for a Public Hearing to Consider the Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by the City of Hickory, Containing 172.10-acres, Located at 1777, 1795, 1875, 2015, 2057 Deitz Road, and two unaddressed parcels, Catawba County PINs 3701-19-51-3290; 3701-19-51-7487; 3701-19-61-4849; 3701-15-73-4171; 3701-15-63-6164; 3701-15-73-1634; and 3701-16-84-4836. (Authorized Public Hearing for December 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

RESOLUTION NO. 22-69
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31 AND/OR 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition from the City of Hickory requesting annexation of an area described in a petition was received on November 3, 2022 by the City Council of the City of Hickory; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 and G.S. 160A-58.1 provide that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

THAT, the Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I, Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31 and/or G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended:

Property of City of Hickory Located at 1777, 1795, 1875, 2015, 2057 Deitz Road, and two unaddressed parcels, Containing approximately 172.10-acres, more or less, PINs 3701-19-51-3290; 3701-19-51-7487; 3701-19-61-4849; 3701-15-73-4171; 3701-15-63-6164; 3701-15-73-1634; and 3701-16-84-4836.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Hickory this 3rd day of November, 2022.

/s/ Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 22-70
RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION,
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 OR G.S. 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory has, by Resolution, directed the clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Clerk as to the sufficiency of said petition has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

Section 1: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 2: The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Property of City of Hickory Located at 1777, 1795, 1875, 2015, 2057 Deitz Road, and two unaddressed parcels, Containing approximately 172.10-acres, more or less, PINs 3701-19-51-3290; 3701-19-51-7487; 3701-19-61-4849; 3701-15-73-4171; 3701-15-63-6164; 3701-15-73-1634; and 3701-16-84-4836.

Section 3: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-71
A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CERTAIN PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF HICKORY AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory are the owners of certain real property as described herein, which property is located at 1777, 1795, 1875, 2015, 2057 Deitz Rd and two unaddressed parcels; containing approximately 172.10-acres, more or less, PINs 3701-19-51-3290; 3701-19-51-7487; 3701-19-61-4849; 3701-15-73-4171; 3701-15-63-6164; 3701-15-73-1634; and 3701-16-84-4836;

WHEREAS, such property is currently located in the City's extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex such property into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory as authorized by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-31; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hickory City Council, sitting in open session this 15th day of November, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of said Council, duly called and posted in accordance with the statutes of the State of North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1: That the Hickory City Council does determine that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex the property described hereinafter into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.

Section 2: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 3: The same being that property reflected on maps entitled City of Hickory, Voluntary Satellite Annexation, Map 1, Current City Boundary, subject property outlined in red; City of Hickory, Voluntary Satellite Annexation, Map 2, 2017 Aerial Imagery, subject property outlined in red; City of Hickory, Voluntary Satellite Annexation, Map 3, Current Zoning, subject property outlined in red.

Section 4: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in *The Hickory Daily Record*, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

C. Called for a Public Hearing to Consider the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by McDonald Road Properties LLC, Containing 2.316-acres, Located at the Southwest Corner of McDonald Parkway, and 13th Avenue Drive SE, Identified as PIN 3711-08-89-8554. (Authorized Public Hearing for December 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

RESOLUTION NO. 22-72
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31 AND/OR 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition from McDonald Road Properties LLC requesting annexation of an area described in a petition was received on November 3, 2022 by the City Council of the City of Hickory; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 and G.S. 160A-58.1 provide that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

THAT, the Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I, Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31 and/or G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended:

Property of McDonald Road Properties LLC, containing approximately 2.316-acres, more or less, PIN 3711-08-89-8554, located at the southwest corner of McDonald Parkway and 13th Avenue Drive SE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Hickory this 3rd day of November, 2022.

/s/ Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 22-73

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION, PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 OR G.S. 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory has, by Resolution, directed the clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Clerk as to the sufficiency of said petition has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

Section 1: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 2: The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Property of McDonald Road Properties LLC, containing approximately 2.316-acres, more or less, PIN 3711-08-89-8554, located at the southwest corner of McDonald Parkway and 13th Avenue Drive SE

Section 3: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-74

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY MCDONALD ROAD PROPERTIES LLC AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, the McDonald Road Properties LLC are the owners of certain real property as described herein, which property is located at the southwest corner of McDonald Parkway and 13th Avenue Drive SE, containing approximately 2.316-acres, more or less, PIN 3711-08-89-8554.

WHEREAS, such property is currently located in the City's extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex such property into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory as authorized by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-31; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hickory City Council, sitting in open session this 15th day of November, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of said Council, duly called and posted in accordance with the statutes of the State of North Carolina, as follows:

- Section 1: That the Hickory City Council does determine that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex the property described hereinafter into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- Section 2: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.
- Section 3: The same being that property reflected on maps entitled McDonald Properties, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation, Map 1, Current City Boundary, subject property outlined in red; McDonald Properties, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation, Map 2, Aerial Photography, subject property outlined in red; McDonald Properties, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation, Map 3, Current Zoning, subject property outlined in red.
- Section 4: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Done this 15th day of November 2022.

- D. Approved the Citizens' Advisory Committee's Recommendation for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs.

The following applicants were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on November 3, 2022:

- Patricia Sullivan, 1014 16th Street SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of up to \$8,058 under the City of Hickory's 2022 Urgent Repair Program.
- Larry & Marta Rockett, 1211 11th Street NE, Hickory, was recommended for approval up to \$8,236 under the City of Hickory's 2022 Urgent Repair Program.
- Barbara Byrd, 117 8th Avenue Drive SW, Hickory, was recommended for approval up to \$7,739 under the City of Hickory's 2022 Urgent Repair Program.

Funds are budgeted for these items through the City of Hickory's former Housing Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2022 and/or program income received through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned requests for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.

- E. Approved a Permanent Utility Easement with North Carolina Department of Transportation for Property Located at the Intersection of Clement Boulevard NW and US 321 NW.

Staff requests City Council's approval of a right of way settlement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for property located at the intersection of Clement Boulevard NW and US 321 NW. As part of the US 321 widening project, NCDOT is purchasing right of way and utility easements on several City properties. This property is located at the intersection of US 321 and Clement Boulevard just north of the Pizza Hut. The parcel is further identified as PIN 2793-12-75-6227. A portion of the property was sold to NCDOT for intersection improvements related to the US 321 widening project in September 2021. An update to the design of the project has necessitated that NCDOT acquire an additional permanent utility easement on the remainder of the property. The utility easement was appraised for \$2,725. The parcel previously housed landscaping and a "Welcome to Hickory" sign that was removed several years ago. The property is currently unbuildable, and the remnant will remain unbuildable. The lot can continue to be used as a location for gateway landscaping. Staff recommends approval of the right of way agreement with NCDOT in the amount of \$2,725.

- F. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 10.

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, 2023, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2022-23 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Culture & Recreation	12,231	-
Public Safety	9,818	-
TOTAL	22,049	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	9,818	-
Sales and Services	12,231	-
TOTAL	22,049	-

SECTION 2. 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 – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by Trivium Corporate Center Inc., Containing 3.54 Acres, Located on Trivium Parkway, Identified as a Portion of PIN 3721-17-12-4395 - Presentation by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Staff requests consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of 3.54-acres of property located on Trivium Parkway. This property is identified as a portion of PIN 3721-17-12-4395. The applicant has petitioned for the voluntary contiguous annexation of 3.54-acres of property located on Trivium Parkway. The annexation is being requested to obtain City services. The property is unincorporated and within Catawba County’s jurisdiction. The property is currently zoned R-20 Residential, where residential uses are permitted at two dwelling units per acre. The subject property is currently vacant. Future development plans are not currently known. Surrounding properties are zoned Industrial - Conditional (IND-CZ) and R-20 Residential. The properties zoned IND-CZ are either vacant or occupied by industrial uses, while the property zoned R-20 is occupied by a church. The tax value of the entire parcel is \$659,900. The tax value of the annexation area is estimated to be \$104,989. In its current state, annexation of the property would generate \$659 in additional tax revenues. Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommends approval of the petition.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on November 4, 2022.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the City’s Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present Council with a request for voluntary contiguous annexation of property owned by Trivium Corporate Center Inc., containing 3.54-acres, located on Trivium Parkway.

Planning Director Brian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation. He advised the applicant was Trivium Corporate Center. A voluntary continuous annexation right off of Trivium Parkway, containing approximately 3.5-acres. The current development was vacant, future development would be for business for the Trivium Corporate Park. Annexation was being requested to obtain City services. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the annexation area, the subject parcel, the City ETJ, extra-territorial jurisdiction, the City of Hickory limits, and Catawba County. He displayed an aerial ortho and pointed out the property in question, Startown Road, Trivium Parkway, Robinwood Road, and the subject property. He advised there was a transaction between Trivium Corporate Center and Discovery Church for that 3.5 acres that would line this property up for future development.

He displayed the current zoning map and pointed out the County R-20 zoning, City NC zoning, PD zoning, the Trivium Corporate Park IND conditional zoning district, the industrial area, and the three parcels that were recently annexed into the City and rezoned for the trucking firm. Mr. Frazier discussed the findings and recommendations. The voluntary annexation petition complied with all State applicable statutes. Adequate services were available in sufficient quantities and the annexation of the subject property would not cause available public services to fall below acceptable levels. Based upon these findings Staff recommended approval of the requested annexation. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions. He explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess closed the public hearing.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli approval of the voluntary contiguous annexation of the property owned by Trivium Corporate Center Inc., located on Trivium Parkway. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 482
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (CONTIGUOUS)
Trivium Corporate Center, Inc.

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO
GENERAL STATUTES 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED (CONTIGUOUS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory desires to annex the area described herein, under G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of said annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the sufficiency of said request, and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of November, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory further finds that the area described therein meets the standards of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit:

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three miles from the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another city than to the City of Hickory.
- c. The areas described are so situated that the City will be able to provide services on the same basis within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits.
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory does hereby find as a fact that said petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign and all other requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the annexation is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Hickory and of the areas proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, as amended, the following-described contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 30th day of November, 2022;

CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION
OF THE PROPERTY OF
TRIVIUM CORPORATE CENTER, INC.

Trivium Lot 5 Addition

Commencing at a found 2" iron pipe located at the common corner of N/F Discovery Christian Fellowship Church and N/F David L. and Mary S. Ritchie and running along the common boundary of said properties, S 49°03'16" W, 833.24' to a found #5 rebar, said #5 rebar being the place and point of beginning; thence running along the common boundary of N/F Discovery Christian Church and N/F Trivium Lot 5, S 69°12'58" E, 715.39', to a found #5 rebar; thence along the common boundary line of N/F Discovery Church and N/F HICLOG1 LLC. The following two calls: S 38°18'34" W, 174.66' to a found 1" iron pipe; thence. S 81°38'56" W, 72.71' to a found #4 rebar with cap; thence running through the lands of N/F Trivium Lot 5 the following 3 calls: S 81°34'06", W 93.41' to a point; thence, S 81°38'54" W, 231.09' to a point; thence, N 21°12'44" W, 476.76' to a found slick rod; thence running along the common boundary of N/F Trivium Lot 5 and N/F David L. and Mary S. Ritchie, N 49°03'16" E, 6.51' to a place and point of beginning, containing 3.54 acres more or less.

Section 2. Upon and after the 30th day of November, 2022, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the City of Hickory and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Hickory. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10, as amended.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory described herein shall become part of Ward No. 3 of the City of Hickory.

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Hickory shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Catawba County, and in the Office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

B. Departmental Reports

1. Quarterly Financial Report – Presented by Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller

City Manager Warren Wood advised the departmental report from staff tonight was the quarterly financial report to be presented by Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller. He would have one simple item of action for City Council at the end of his presentation. They need to extend their audit agreement about one month so they could get everything wrapped up. It was supposed to be done in December, but they were requesting to go to the end of January. The State required them to do that.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller presented a PowerPoint. He advised the quarterly financial report was July 1st through September 30th of fiscal year 2022 - 2023. He referred to the PowerPoint and advised the first slide showed the City's general fund activity for the first three months of the fiscal year. The general fund was the City's main operating fund of the City. The budget was a little over \$70.5 million dollars. Through the first three months of the fiscal year the City had received in revenues about \$14.5 million dollars. Expenditures, a little over \$17 million dollars which showed a negative number of revenues under expenditures by \$2.7 million dollars. This was common for this period of time. The City's property tax revenue, which was the largest source of revenue, the bulk of that does not come in until December and January. He noted in his second quarter report that he would do in January, they would see that those numbers should flip because the property tax revenues would have come in by then. Compare that to last year, not as bad, the City's revenues were lower last year at this time, so they were higher than last year, but yet still they were behind the City's expenditure activity for the year so far. Speaking of property tax revenue, they would see that those revenues had continued to increase over the last several years. Two primary reasons for that were they had raised the tax rate in fiscal year 2020, and fiscal year 2022, that was the 6.1 cents that they did as a result of the \$40 million dollar bond referendum, and all those projects being under design or under construction. The budgeted revenues for the City's property taxes were a little over \$34 million dollars. They could see they had collected almost \$10 million dollars this year. That numbers were up a bit and Mr. Crone was probably the result of some of that,

in his practice. With all the sales of homes occurring property taxes get paid and settled with those home sales. The City had gotten a lot of revenue the first quarter of their fiscal year as a result of those home sales and property taxes being paid. That had been a benefit or a windfall for them this year. The second slide was the City's second largest source of revenue, sales tax. Sales tax revenues continued to do well. They City had a \$14.35 million dollar budget for sales tax revenues, they were at \$4.3 million dollars. He was able to get all three months in this slide because of his tardiness in his financial report to Council. Maybe he would do that more often so they could see three months of activity. He pointed out the City's sales tax revenues had increased. Obviously, they would see on a later slide all of the activity, both residential and commercial, especially on the commercial side, those sales tax revenues continued to increase.

Mr. Miller discussed the City's water and sewer fund. Obviously, this was an enterprise fund, it was self-supporting. There were no property tax or sales tax revenues included in this fund. He referred to the slide and pointed out the City's total revenues were almost \$7 million dollars through September. They had spent about \$4.3 million dollars. Their revenues were in excess of their expenditures. He pointed out they could actually see they were doing a little bit better than last year at this time as well. He noted that this fluctuates. Throughout the year water and sewer sales would fluctuate and the City's biggest water sales obviously would be in the warmer months, May, June, July, and August.

Mr. Miller discussed building permit activity. He noted they would see their residential number of permits had increased quite a bit, 48% in just number of permits. Commercial permits had also gone up. The value was certainly the most important because that value then was where the property tax was generated from. He pointed out in residential value; they had hit \$13 million dollars in residential building permit activity for the first three months. Commercial was almost \$100 million dollar for three months. They had heard him and City Manager Warren Wood in the past say that they traditionally, except for the last few years, they were receiving about \$100 million dollars in permit activity for the whole year. As they could see through three months, they were already at \$111 million dollars in value. Hopefully that was a good sign to come for the rest of the year. On the PowerPoint slide he mentioned some of the projects that were in there. and noted under the building activity section, he had counted those up and there were 17 residential projects that were significant on the screen that he was able to report that were currently under construction. He commented that had not happened since he had been here, and he would imagine it had probably been a couple of decades before they had that type of residential building activity. They were certainly thankful for that. The rest of the areas were commercial activities. He mentioned there were three Starbucks underway so that's certainly a boon for the City's citizenry. He pointed out that some of the projects in Trivium, that Mr. Frazier was showing earlier on his slide, those projects were almost complete. American Fuji Seal was one, Corning both the King and the Queen building, MDI, to the City's north, in Caldwell County, they were having an expansion as well. He pointed out projects for the future. They were told that there were two hotels that were pending that they had seen some version of plans for. ITM was the last project that had been announced in Trivium, and they hope that it would begin sometime after the first of the year.

Mr. Miller discussed some challenges. As they had probably heard or seen on the news, inflation had been a challenge this year. Through October the CPI (consumer price index) was 7.7% overall, the core CPI, the core means that they had taken out energy, and food. Energy and food typically fluctuated more than the rest of the services. The core CPI was 6.3% that was actually down from the month before. But here were the areas of concern they have as a City; construction, gasoline, electricity, natural gas, all of those at double-digit increases from last year. New vehicles, obviously they had to replace the City's fleet periodically. That was difficult for them going forward. PVC pipe that they use in utilities, 56% increase from 2020. That was pretty significant. Public Utilities Director Shawn Pennell informed them today that the three-quarter inch water meters price had increased 30% just since April of this year. Those were some challenges they were facing. He commented from a national perspective, they were hearing the supply chain was improving. They were hearing that the chips that go in cars were starting to get through the pipeline. The question mark was, was inflation tapering off. That was just one month of a decline from the month before. Some of the pundits were saying that inflation may be tapering off, which could be a good thing. The Fed's goal was 2% as they could see, they were at 6 or 7%, depending on which measure they were looking at. They still have a long way to go. What were the Feds doing about it? The Federal Reserve, they have had six interest rate hikes so far this year. They had a 75-basis point hike just this month and they had now established a 3.75 to 4% interest rate target range. The projections in December were for another 50-basis point hike. Then they think that

they can cap the Fed fund rates around 5% for next year in most economists' minds. That then with the US job growth, we had 537,000 new jobs in July this summer. That had been cut in half to 261,000 in October. He thought what the Feds were doing was they were trying to slow the pace of this inflation and slow down the economy. The annual US wage growth similarly decreased to 8% in September, it was up to 11% in February. They certainly had seen that in the City's hiring practices. There was just more competition for less workers. The healthcare, retail, education, accommodation industries really got hit hard during Covid. Some of those folks just had not come back to the workforce, or when they do, they were demanding higher wages.

Mr. Miller referred to the PowerPoint and advised these were Hickory numbers for housing. They had seen some new listings come down; they were off about 10% from January through September. Pending or closed sales of homes in Hickory went from a little over 2,100 to about 1,800 in September, down 13%. However, the average sales price did go up for those homes, they could see they started at \$265,000 in January. It was up to almost \$300,000 for the average sale in September.

Mr. Miller discussed the City's investment report. As mortgage rates had increased and inflation, it actually had been a help for the City's investments. He hated to stand in front of Council at prior quarters and show them a pitiful return on their investment. It was still not gangbusters, but he would take a percent and a half after where they had been. That was what the City's average yield currently had on their securities. Finance Officer Melissa Miller and her team does a great job investing the City's idle funds. They had actually gained or received over \$400,000 in interest income for the first three months of the year. He referred to the PowerPoint and showed the City's investments on the screen. He explained the symbols were US Agencies securities, which cities were able to invest in to get a higher yield. They City had the bulk of their funds in those agencies' securities, which was why they had received those interest dollars. He pointed out all of the general obligation bonds had now been issued and spent. All of the City's 18, 19, and 21 bond series had been spent on the bond projects. They do not have any of that money in the bank. They have \$85,000 left in ARP Funds that they received last year. That was the \$8.2 million they received. The \$85,000 was interest on that. They would have to decide how and when to spend the interests left over on the ARP Funds.

Mayor Guess asked if there was a deadline on that.

Mr. Miller confirmed there was a deadline. He could not tell them exactly what that was, but they would definitely spend that before the deadline. In fact, they would probably spend that by the end of the year. He elaborated a little bit on what City Manager Warren Wood had said. Typically, at this time of year they would have had an audit committee meeting. There were three Council members on the City's audit committee. They had not had that meeting because the audit was not complete. They got word from their auditors last week that it would not be finished. They want until January 31, 2023 to have that time. There was a number of factors for that. One of the main reasons was there was a GASB, the government accounting standards board, that had implemented GASB 87 which had to do with leases of real property. That was a major standard that had affected units all across the State. That was the primary reason. He explained what that meant for the City. City Council contracts with Martin Starnes as their audit firm. That was their contract. This contract mentioned a date that it had to be done by and that would not be finished by December 1st. The action tonight would be to ask Council to consider amending their audit contract with Martin Starnes with an audit deadline of January 31, 2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute that change of contract. He advised he had a contract if they wanted to see it. Nothing else in the contract changes except for the date.

Mayor Guess asked if there were any ramifications with that as far as them extending it or not?

Mr. Miller replied no. It was a requirement by the Local Government Commission that if they do not have it by December 1st, they had to have a change in contract.

Mayor Guess asked if it was no fault of City staff or anything that they had done or anything like that.

Mr. Miller did not know that fault was the correct word. He thought the City was slow on some schedules, just like the audit firm had some staffing challenges. He thought that it was a combination of factors. Those factors plus the GASB implementation and the fact that the City was implementing a new ERP system

here at the City, so folks were torn to different areas but there were no repercussions from the Local Government Commission.

Mayor Guess commented no penalties or fines, or anything.

Mr. Miller replied no sir, no additional fees. It was just changing the date of their contract.

Mayor Guess asked for any other questions.

Alderman Wood commented that Mr. Miller had said that all the bond monies had been spent at this point, so any expenditures from today forward he assumed were coming from grant funding that they received, or monies that they raised.

Mr. Miller commented grant funding or regular City money.

Alderman Wood commented because there was a lot to be done on the projects, the bond related projects.

Mr. Miller confirmed that was correct.

Alderman Wood asked if he had seen an appreciable change in delinquencies on accounts like water/sewer, those types of things given the pressures of inflation, those types of things.

Mr. Miller advised they had not at this point. He thought it would take a while for that to kind of filter in as people start deciding what they were going to cut back on. If they decide to cut back on their water bill, then certainly they would try to work with those individuals, but ultimately, they want to make sure that the City gets made whole.

Alderman Williams commented during COVID they got rid of the late fees, had that changed or had they reverted back.

Mr. Miller did not know that they took away the late fees during COVID. They City actually had a grant, if they recalled that they used the Cooperative Christian Ministries that would help folks get back on their feet and pay those fees, but late fees were still implemented. The City was charging late fees now. Yes ma'am. And cutting off water if they have to. Unfortunately, it was an every week occurrence.

Mayor Guess asked for any other questions pertaining to his presentation. He thanked Mr. Miller.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval to amend the contract with Martin Starnes for the deadline for the audit to January 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)
Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County) Robert Weaver Resigned 9-26-2022 VACANT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Licensed Architect (Council Appoints) VACANT

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (Mayor Appoints) (Mark Thomas Resigned 11-3-2022) VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

VACANT

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large Not Including ETJ (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Mayor Guess reminded those in the audience if they were interested in any of the vacancies that were on the City's Boards and Commissions, to please reach out to himself or one of the Council members and they would be glad to assist them with that.

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

Alderwoman Patton reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade, Friday, November 18, 2022, at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Guess added and Christmas tree lighting. They hope for weather that was better than this evening.

Alderman Seaver asked what time they had to be on the float.

Mayor Guess advised him to see the email that was sent out. There was a schedule. He thought everybody had an email and there was a schedule on there.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk