

Salisbury, North Carolina
June 14, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem, Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Councilmen William (Bill) Burgin; William (Pete) Kennedy; and Mark N. Lewis; City Manager David W. Treme; City Clerk, Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Kluttz and City Council met at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2007 to hold a community-wide meeting titled "Salisbury-Rowan United: Creating an Action Agenda for a Safer Community and a Positive Future for Our Youth." Mayor Kluttz and County Commission Chairman Arnold Chamberlain welcomed the participants. The Honorable Bryan Beatty, Secretary of North Carolina Crime Control and Public Safety, and Salisbury Police Detective Todd Sides spoke to the audience regarding gang and youth violence.

Approximately three hundred fifty (350) citizens were in attendance at the Salisbury Civic Center, with approximately one hundred fifty (150) in attendance at the Salisbury Depot, which had been reserved for overflow seating. Those attending the meeting were divided into various groups such as civic groups, churches, local government, youth, parents, schools, law enforcement, service providers, and neighborhood associations. Facilitator Warren Miller led the participants through different exercises to determine where the groups felt the community can focus its efforts to combat gang violence and how each group can assist. Mr. Miller stated that he will compile a report from the information provided from each group and make a final presentation to City Council at its July 3, 2007 meeting.

The community meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. No action was taken by Council.

Mayor

City Clerk