

## RECESSED MEETING OF MAY 22, 2007

Continued  
May 31, 2007  
10:00 a.m.

The City Council of the City of Salisbury met at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007 in Council Chambers at City Hall pursuant to the recess of the regular meeting May 22, 2007, with the following members being present and absent:

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

ABSENT: City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther.

Mayor Kluttz called the meeting to order. City Manager David Tremé provided the invocation.

City Manager David Tremé presented Council with revised figures for Special Community Efforts Groups, Special Projects and a revised Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Tremé informed Council that the Management Team reviewed capital outlay items to determine those that can be delayed. They also ranked the items to determine in which order they will be added to the budget if additional funds are received in October. He noted that by using these capital funds it will allow for a balanced budget since the dollars for the identified items will not be spent until additional revenue is received. He stated that this created a zero tax increase budget at a tax neutral rate of \$0.59 including a 2.92% increase in water/sewer rates.

Mr. Tremé stated that under the Special Community Efforts Groups appropriations, \$5,000 for the North Carolina Transportation Museum and \$10,000 for the one-time capital request from Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center have been included. He stated that he has also included a \$10,000 Council discretionary fund for Council to appropriate for special initiatives at a later date. He pointed out the Salisbury-Rowan United Gang Summit to be held June 14, 2007 and noted that Council indicated there might be initiatives developed from the Summit that it would like to fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson asked if new tennis courts at City Park are still included in the budget. Mr. Tremé responded that he has included this as one of the one-time capital projects to be funded through refinancing to take place in December 2007 and January 2008. He added that there were several projects identified by Council and he felt this might be the most appropriate way to fund these capital needs.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt a Budget Ordinance of the City of Salisbury for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 to provide for a tax neutral rate of \$0.59 and will also fund the safety and crime prevention programs and continue the City's official financial policies. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Mr. Burgin offered an amendment to include the 2.92% increase in water/sewer rates. Mr. Woodson seconded the amendment. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 21, at Page Nos. 130-146, and is known as Ordinance No. 2007- 28.)

### DANGEROUS DOG APPEAL

Mayor Kluttz announced that Animal Control Officer Ann Frye has issued a declaration of dangerous dog for a dog owned by Whitney Smith. Ms. Smith has filed a written appeal and in accordance with Salisbury City Code Chapter 5, Article IV, Section 5-116 City Council must designate a board to hear the appeal. She stated that Councilman Burgin, Risk Manager Richard Kelly and Dr. Cindy Almond of Rowan Animal Clinic have agreed to hear the appeal May 31, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room and asked for a motion to formally appoint the committee.

Thereupon Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to appoint Councilman Burgin, Risk Manager Richard Kelly and Dr. Cindy Almond to hear a dangerous dog appeal from Whitney Smith. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members agreed unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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City Clerk