SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen Kirks Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie

Blackwell, Council Members William Brian Miller, Kenneth L. Hardin and David B. Post, City Manager W. Lane Bailey, Deputy City Clerk

Kelly Baker and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther

ABSENT: City Clerk Myra B. Heard

Mayor Alexander and members of City Council participated in a review of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU). SRU Director Jim Behmer, SRU Engineering Manager Jason Wilson, and SRU Senior Engineer Jeff Jones reviewed several of the large projects incorporated in the CIP plan including floating reservoir covers, improvements to the Grant Creek pump station and headworks, Crane Creek lift station and force main, Town Creek access road, and High Rock Lake Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for nutrients.

It was noted that SRU's infrastructure is an average age of 46 and 48 years old, and staff is assessing the sewer lines to determine those areas that need replacement.

Councilmember Miller stated it would be helpful if staff provides the cost of different options for projects, as well as the cost of not taking action. City Manager Lane Bailey indicated the CIP is a useful tool for budget and grant planning.

Councilmember Post clarified that Council will have the ability to vote on any rate increase each year. Mr. Bailey indicated Council would have an opportunity to vote on rate increases as part of the budget process each year.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to approve the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. 5-0

Mr. Bailey distributed information regarding the General Fund CIP for review and noted Council can meet at a later date to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Blackwell seconded by Mr. Miller. All Council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Kirks Alexander, Mayor

Myra B. Heard, City Clerk