

Salisbury, North Carolina  
September 6, 2011

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Councilmen William (Pete) Kennedy, William Brian Miller and Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Interim City Manager Doug Paris; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

**ABSENT:** None

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Woodson.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kluttz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Kluttz welcomed all visitors present.

## **RECONGITION – SALISBURY-ROWAN UTILITIES PLATINUM 7 AND SILVER PEAK PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) Director Jim Behmer informed Council that SRU has been recognized by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies for Outstanding Record of Compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for 2010. He noted the Salisbury-Rowan Wastewater Treatment Plant was one of only 133 facilities nationwide, and one of six in the state of North Carolina, to receive the Platinum Award. He explained the award signifies five or more years of 100 percent NPDES permit compliance. He commended the employees with plant operations in the Environmental Services Divisions for

their success. Mr. Behmer noted this is the third Platinum Award SRU has received, and it is a Platinum 7 Award in recognition of more than seven years of 100 NPDES permit compliance.

Mayor Kluttz presented the Platinum Award to Mr. Martin Trexler, Wastewater Treatment Operations Manager and Operator of Responsible Charge for Salisbury-Rowan Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Behmer announced SRU also received the Silver Award for the Second Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained this award recognizes facilities that have received no more than five permit violations per calendar year. Mayor Kluttz then presented the Silver Award to Mr. Charles Wood, Senior Operator and Operator of Responsible Charge for Second Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Behmer asked members of SRU staff to stand and be recognized for these accomplishments.

Mayor Kluttz congratulated the staff of SRU, and thanked Mr. Behmer for his leadership. She commented SRU continues to make Council proud.

### CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2011 and the Special Meeting of August 29, 2011.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Sale of Equipment

Adopt a budget **ORDINANCE** amendment to the FY2011-2012 budget in the amount of \$37,000 to appropriate proceeds from the sale of equipment.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 63, and is known as Ordinance 2011-29.)

(c) Temporary Street Closure for Community Day

Close a portion of the 700 block of West Horah Street on Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for Outreach Christian Ministries' Community Day.

(d) Temporary Street Closure for September 11 Memorial Service

Close South Main Street from Old South Main Street to "A" Avenue Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for the Salisbury Fire Department September 11 Memorial Service.

(e) Temporary Street Closure for OctoberTour

Close the 300 block of West Bank Street from South Jackson Street to South Fulton Street from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2011 until 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 9, 2011 for Historic Salisbury Foundation's OctoberTour.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

**CLOSING AN ALLEY LOCATED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH LEE STREET**

(a) Engineering Director Dan Mikkelson addressed Council regarding closing an alley located in the 100 Block of South Lee Street. He displayed an aerial map and pointed out the alley's location on South Lee Street, between East Fisher Street and East Innes Street. He noted the alley runs through the middle of a parking lot and is surrounded by buildings. He noted if closed, the alley will convert to private property which will allow the property owner to combine two parcels into one large parcel.

Mr. Mikkelson noted North Carolina General Statute 160A-299 states that closing the alley must not be contrary to the public interest, and no individual shall be deprived a means of ingress or egress to their property. He indicated staff believes no individual will be deprived of reasonable ingress or egress to their property, but the finding regarding public interest is less apparent. He informed Council staff has determined this block will require upgraded utilities if improvements are made to the surrounding buildings, and the alley could provide the installation route. He informed Council the petitioner hosted two neighborhood meetings to develop a common vision for this area, but the neighbors were unable to reach an agreement. He stated the petitioner met with Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) and the Salisbury Fire Department and tentatively agreed to donate utility easements if the alley is closed. He stated staff concluded, once the City obtains the easement it will satisfy the finding regarding the public interest.

Mr. Mikkelson asked SRU Director Jim Behmer to address Council regarding emergency access. Mr. Behmer informed Council there are existing alleys and a partial fire loop in this block. He noted staff is working with the property owner to extend the fire loop through one of the existing alleys, and for the petitioner to donate additional easements so the City can maintain the area. He informed Council this easement will provide a fire loop for all of the surrounding properties which will allow the City to provide improved fire protection.

Councilman Miller asked about the location of the easements. Mr. Behmer referenced an aerial map and pointed out the existing alley-way and proposed fire loop access, noting a portion of the fire loop is already in design and has been submitted to the State for permitting. He noted additional easements will be needed to provide fire access through the existing alleys. He stated once the permit is received from the State, the City will work with the property owner to determine easements for the fire loop.

Mr. Mikkelson stated staff thinks that once the easements are provided the requirements will be met, and closing the alley will not be contrary to public interest. He recommended Council conduct a public hearing, but defer adoption of the Resolution and Order until the easements are finalized.

Councilman Miller asked if the petitioner or adjacent property owners will grant the easements. Mr. Behmer replied the petitioner will provide the easements and noted the majority of construction would be completed in the alley.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding closing an alley located in the 100 Block of South Lee Street.

Mr. Glenn Ketner, 121 East Kerr Street, and Mr. Victor Wallace, 1110 Confederate Drive, stated they favor closing the alley. Mr. Ketner noted this alley has been abandoned for decades, and closing it will not impact the adjoining owner's ability to access their property. He noted he does not feel this is contrary to public interest and indicated utility easements will be granted. Mr. Wallace stated the improvement plan is a compromise solution that includes street trees, low shrubs, mulch, improved street lighting and pedestrian walk areas. He stated the parking lot will not be repaved at this time but will be seal-coated and reconfigured to create additional parking spaces and handicapped parking. He stated the upgrades will be modest but are needed for new businesses in this area.

Mr. Todd Steinman, Steinman Properties and owner of the Hardiman Building, indicated he supports closing the alley in the 100 Block of South Lee Street and feels this will help promote downtown businesses.

Mr. Gray Stout, 5 Acorn Lane, stated he served on the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. Parking and Traffic Committee for six years and worked to increase parking spaces in the downtown area. He noted closing the alley in the 100 Block of South Lee Street will help provide additional parking spaces and will help to beautify the area. He asked Council to support closing the alley in the 100 Block of South Lee Street.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

Mayor Kluttz stated Council received two emails in opposition to closing the alley.

Councilman Woodson stated this plan will be a great improvement to the current parking lot, noting additional parking will benefit the City. He explained that since the alley has not been used in the last 50 to 60 years he did not feel closing it would impact the public. He stated he supports the project and hopes the easements will be worked out.

Councilman Kennedy stated he supports closing the alley once the easements are in place.

Councilman Miller asked how long it will take for the easements to be completed. Mr. Behmer stated the plans were submitted to the State three weeks ago, and if there are no significant changes, SRU can draft documents to be included in the landscaping plan.

Councilman Miller asked if the pavement will be sealed as is or if grading work will be done to the existing pavement. Mr. Mikkelson replied no grading will be done and the seal-coating will be placed on top of the existing asphalt.

Mayor Kluttz asked if the easements can be completed by Council's next meeting so it will not delay the process. Mr. Mikkelson noted before the property owner can make any physical changes, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approval is required, which is independent of the alley closing process. He stated Council can take action without a determination of action from the HPC.

Councilman Miller noted there is no public use of the alley, and he is not opposed to closing it. He added he can support closing the alley today, knowing there are other steps that have to be completed, with the understanding that they will be completed. He noted this will create needed parking, and although he would like to see more than a top dressing, he understands the economic issues must prevail. He commented he wants to make sure the City receives the required easements without delay or cost.

Councilman Woodson stated he supports closing the alley, and added closing the alley will not affect anyone because the alley is not in use.

Councilman Miller noted the emails Council received in opposition to the alley closing indicated a need for the parking lot to be improved, and that is what is being contemplated.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked if the City owns the alley. Mr. Mikkelson stated the rights to the alley have been offered for public use. He explained there is no record stating the City accepted the offer, so the property is not operated or maintained by the City, but is available for public use. City Attorney Rivers Lawther stated the City does not own the alley, but the public has the right to use it, and the City has the authority to close the alley under the General Statutes. He noted if the City closes the alley, the adjoining property owners will become the owners to the center line of the alley. He added in this case one property owner is on both sides, so the parcel will become one lot.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked if no one owns the alley. Mr. Lawther stated the public owns the right to use the alley.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated this alley is being taken over by a viable business whose purpose is to make money, and she feels the business should make a written offer for the alley in order to benefit the citizens.

Mayor Kluttz asked Councilman Miller if he would be interested in a motion contingent upon receipt of the easements. Mr. Miller stated he does not want to delay the property owner just to go through the process. Mr. Behmer stated the City can work with the property owner to make sure the easements are acquired.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked Mr. Lawther if the City is allowed to ask for a written offer based on fair market value since it does not own the land. Mr. Lawther stated, in his opinion, the City cannot ask for a written offer because the City does not own the alley. He added it is a public alley and if public interest is not being served by closing the alley, the City could request something that protects the public's interest.

Mr. Kennedy stated he thinks the public interest will be protected once the easements for fire protection are received. Mayor Kluttz agreed with Mr. Kennedy and stated the enhanced appearance of the parking lot and improvements to the alley will benefit the citizens of Salisbury.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the acceptance of an offer of dedication for public use of the alley in the 100 Block of South Lee Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE and Ms. Blackwell voted NO. (4-1)

**RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF AN ALLEY IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH LEE STREET.**

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 14 at Page No. 24, and is known as Resolution 2011-24.)

Mr. Miller stated he believes the two findings required for closing the alley have been met and that no individual will be deprived a means of ingress or egress to their property, and the closing will not be contrary to the public interest.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Order closing an alley in the 100 block of South Lee Street contingent upon execution of easements to accomplish a fire loop in the block. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE and Ms. Blackwell voted NO. (4-1)

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL</b>
		<b>OF</b>
<b>ROWAN COUNTY</b>	*	<b>THE CITY OF SALISBURY</b>
	*	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	*	
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<b>CLOSING OF AN ALLEY IN</b>	*	<b>ORDER CLOSING AN ALLEY</b>
<b>THE</b>		
<b>100 BLOCK OF SOUTH LEE</b>	*	<b>PURSUANT TO GENERAL</b>
<b>STREET</b>	*	<b>SECTION 160A-299</b>

**THIS CAUSE**, coming on to be heard and being heard before the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, at the regular meeting of said Council held on September 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., in the City Office Building at 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, and it appearing to the Council that all persons, firms and corporations owning property adjoining the alley described in the Petition filed in this cause are



### AWARD CONTRACT – AMINO TECHNOLOGIES

Interim Director of Broadband Services Jim Behmer addressed Council regarding the purchase of 5,000 Amino SD/HD set-top boxes for use in the City's Fibrant broadband utility. He explained the City's current supply will be depleted by January or February 2012, and the City can save 17.5 percent buying directly from Amino Technologies. He added software compatible with the City's Fibrant network will be preloaded on the set-top boxes prior to shipping. He stated this purchase is included in the projected budget for FY2011-2012.

Councilman Woodson asked how many boxes the average home uses. Mr. Behmer estimated the average home uses two and one-half set-top boxes. Mr. Woodson noted the purchase of the set-top boxes is within the City's budget and is an indication Fibrant is expanding. He added these boxes are better than the set-top boxes initially purchased. Mr. Behmer explained the City is saving approximately \$153,000 by purchasing the set-top boxes directly from the manufacturer.

Mayor Kluttz commented the \$721,572 price is under budget and will save 17.5 percent, and is needed to expand the Fibrant utility.

Councilman Miller asked how much will be saved by purchasing directly from Amino Technologies. Mr. Behmer responded the City is saving approximately \$153,000. Mr. Miller stated the City needs to order the set-top boxes now in order to meet the consumer demand for Fibrant.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of Amino SD/HD set-top boxes for Fibrant in the amount of \$721,572. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AMINO AD/HD SET-TOP BOXES FOR FIBRANT.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 14 at Page No. 25, and is known as Resolution 2011-25.)

### CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE RELATED TO SECOND CREEK WASTEWATER PLANT ELIMINATION PROJECT

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) Engineering Manager Jason Wilson addressed Council regarding receipt of a \$600,000 grant from the Clean Water Trust Fund. He explained Council approved the award of a contract not to exceed \$100,000 to McKim & Creed, Inc. at its August 16, 2011 meeting. He noted as a follow-up, staff would like to formally set up a Capital Project Budget Ordinance to allocate the grant money.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt a Second Creek Wastewater Plant Elimination Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of \$100,000 since Council previous agreed



to this expense. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

## SECOND CREEK WASTEWATER PLANT ELIMINATION CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 64, and is known as Ordinance 2011-30.)

### AWARD CONTRACT – CAROLINA SITEWORKS INC.

Urban Design Planner Lynn Raker and Traffic Operations Manager Wendy Brindle addressed Council regarding Jersey City Neighborhood Intersection improvements. Ms. Raker noted this project is located at the intersection of Mocksville Avenue, North Caldwell Street and West Cemetery Street. She explained in 2003 the Jersey City Neighborhood revitalization plan identified this intersection as a future gateway into the neighborhood that needed improvements for appearance and safety reasons.

Ms. Raker reviewed other improvements to the area:

- New infill housing
- Housing renovations
- Demolition of problem rental property
- Sidewalk installations
- Streetlight improvements
- Park improvements

Ms. Raker noted this project was presented to Council at its May 3, 2011 meeting, and at the recommendation of Council a “test drive” of the new intersection was conducted. She displayed photographs showing a fire truck and an 18-wheel delivery truck on the proposed layout. She stated a paver truck apron was added to the project to allow trucks to run over the curb if necessary. She noted the paver truck apron narrows the walk length for pedestrians making the sidewalk safer.

Ms. Brindle stated the intersection of Cemetery Street and Caldwell Street at Mocksville Avenue will need to be closed for construction. She explained that during the construction phase the City will set up barricades for local traffic only. She informed Council she received a call from Mr. Paul Bardinias with Freirich Foods asking the City to post detour signs because truck drivers from common carriers may not be aware of the street closure. She pointed out trucks leaving Freirich Foods may have problems with cars parked close to the intersection. She stated if this happens parking will not be allowed during the construction phase to allow tractor trailer trucks more room.

Councilman Kennedy asked if the City has worked with Carolina Siteworks, Inc. in the past, noting they are almost \$40,000 lower than the closest bid. He stated he wanted to make

sure Carolina Siteworks, Inc. will do the work for the quoted price. Ms. Raker explained the City has met with Carolina Siteworks, Inc. and the company is comfortable with their bid for the project.

Ms. Raker stated she and Civil Engineer Craig Powers met with Carolina Siteworks, Inc to discuss an existing drainage issue. She explained when excavation begins the City would like to consider underground piping not included in the initial project. She pointed out the underground piping could be completed with the cost savings from Carolina Siteworks, Inc.bid.

Mayor Kluttz noted the Jersey Neighborhood Intersection project is funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money which are federal funds and not from the City's General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell noted this is a safety issue as well as a beautification issue. She asked if the intersection has been dangerous in the past. Ms. Brindle noted traffic control at this intersection is non-conventional and the improvements will make it more conventional and understandable to drivers.

Councilman Miller asked if cost estimates on the underground piping will be brought back to Council. Ms. Raker noted in the past if substantial overages were necessary staff returned to Council. She explained it becomes a problem when the work is being done and production has to stop to wait for the next Council meeting. She noted the project is under the amount required for Council approval, and can be approved by the Interim City Manager if needed. Interim City Manager Doug Paris stated Council will be kept informed and any sizeable differences will be brought before Council.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to award a contract in the amount of \$76,892.06 to Carolina Siteworks, Inc. for construction of the Jersey City Neighborhood Intersection Improvements. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### **SPEED LIMIT ON CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD AND ROWAN MILL ROAD**

Traffic Operations Manager Wendy Brindle addressed Council regarding the speed limits on Rowan Mill Road and Cedar Springs Road. She explained the basic speed limits in North Carolina are governed by North Carolina General Statute 20-141 which sets the speed limit at 35 miles per hour (mph) for streets inside cities, and 55 mph for streets in the county, unless otherwise posted.

Ms. Brindle noted legislation was adopted in 2009 to keep the speed limit unchanged if a road is annexed into a city until the city and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) can adopt concurrent Ordinances to change the speed limit. She indicated Cedar Springs Road, between Airport Road and South Main Street, was annexed in 2006, and the un-posted speed limit of 55 mph became 35 mph. She stated staff conducted speed studies and found the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed on this road is 55 mph. She informed Council staff has spoken

with NCDOT and 55 mph is an appropriate speed limit. She asked Council to consider changing the speed limit on Cedar Spring Road to 55 mph.

Ms. Brindle explained Rowan Mill Road travels in and out of the City limits and is a state maintained road with a speed limit of 35 mph. She stated Traffic Operations, the Police Department, and NCDOT concur that the 35 mph speed limit is appropriate for the residential section of Rowan Mill Road between South Main Street and Foxfire Drive. She noted once past Foxfire Drive the majority of the property is vacant, therefore staff and NCDOT recommend a posted speed limit of 45 mph. She stated a speed study was conducted and staff found the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 41 mph in the developed and heavily populated areas, and 49 mph farther away from development.

Ms. Brindle noted NCDOT has requested the City adopt a concurrent municipal Ordinance to establish the speed limit for Rowan Mill Road.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-336, Article X, Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to Speed Limits-Generally. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-336, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS-GENERALLY.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 65, and is known as Ordinance 2011-31.)

**RIGHT TURN ON RED – FULTON STREET AT INNES STREET AND HENDERSON STREET AT MAIN STREET AND**

Traffic Operations Manager Wendy Brindle indicated staff received requests from citizens to remove the “Right-on-Red” restriction from two locations. She noted one location is at Fulton Street and Innes Street, and the other at Main Street and Henderson Street. Ms. Brindle indicated she investigated the sites and found no sight restrictions at either location, and staff recommends removing the restrictions. She stated Council will only need to adopt one Ordinance for Innes Street and Fulton Street because the “Right on Red” restriction at Henderson Street and Main Street was never recognized in the City’s Code

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-327, Article X, Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to No Right Turn on Red. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-327, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO NO RIGHT TURN ON RED.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 66, and is known as Ordinance 2011-32.)

### **BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

Traffic Operations Manager Wendy Brindle explained Federal regulations require bridges on public roads be inspected every two years by a qualified structural engineer. She stated the inspection process is administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and it receives 80 percent Federal funding. She noted the next inspection cycle will be in 2012. She pointed out the City was previously responsible for the maintenance of 6 bridges, including the pedestrian bridge at Rowan Regional Medical Center. She stated this bridge no longer qualifies for Federal funding so it has been taken out of the program and is now the responsibility of Rowan Regional Medical Center. She explained the Municipal Agreement has been revised to have an effective term of ten years, covering five inspection terms. She stated staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with NCDOT concerning bridge inspections.

Councilman Woodson asked if the funding for the program is 80 percent Federal and 20 percent City. Ms. Brindle stated that was correct, and noted the City's fee is estimated at \$520 per structure billed to the City by NCDOT.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding bridge inspections. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **Planning Board**

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Blackwell and with Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voting AYE, the following appointment was made to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board.

Ms. Thomasina Paige

Term Expires 3/31/13

### **INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

#### **(a) New downtown Police Officer Mark McDaniel**

Interim City Manager Doug Paris introduced Police Chief Rory Collins and Officer Mark McDaniel. Chief Collins announced Officer McDaniel will be the new downtown officer and will deliver Agenda Packets and attend City Council meetings. He stated Officer McDaniel is a

16 year veteran of the Salisbury Police Department and is well versed in law enforcement and respected by his peers.

Mayor Kluttz welcomed Officer McDaniel and noted Council is very happy to have him working downtown. She noted she saw Officer McDaniel at Friday Night Out, and she pointed out he was very visible and friendly to the public. She stated it is reassuring to public to see the City's Police Department represented, especially in a crowd. She thanked him for his service to the City.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Downtown Salisbury Incorporated Executive Director Randy Hemann for sponsoring Friday Night Out and BB&T for sponsoring the Fun Run. She also thanked the Police Department for providing security for the Fun Run.

(b) Grants Creek Greenway

Interim City Manager Doug Paris asked Parks and Recreation Director Gail Elder White and Civil Engineer Patrick Ritchie to give an update on Grants Creek Greenway, Phase 2.

Ms. Elder White stated Phase 2 of the Grants Creek Greenway extends from Hogan's Valley Way in The Crescent to Forestdale Drive in Meadowbrook. She explained this is the second of four phases that will create an inner loop within the City. She stated the loop is being built with Federal funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), noting the City received \$500,000 in ARRA funds to build the Greenway. She added the work has been done by a local contractor, Jarrell Construction, which means the funds have put local people to work.

Civil Engineer Patrick Ritchie displayed photographs of the new phase of the Greenway. Ms. Elder White stated the City is anticipating contracted construction to be completed by the end of September 2011, and she stated the City will have finishing work to do such as putting in signage and landscaping.

Mayor Kluttz asked about a grand opening for the new section. Ms. Elder White stated there will be a ribbon cutting and a grand opening to be determined at a later date. She stated staff will inform the public when the Greenway is ready for public use.

Mayor Kluttz stated the progress is very exciting and she thanked staff for their hard work. Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated she met with citizens from The Crescent who were very excited about the Greenway.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition

Mayor Kluttz announced The Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department will host the local NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick competition Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. on the

Catawba College football field. Boys and girls ages 8 to 15 are encouraged to compete in this free event.

(b) Applicants Housing Advocacy Commission

Mayor Kluttz announced The City of Salisbury is seeking applicants for the newly created Housing Advocacy Commission. Applications are available online at [www.salisburync.gov](http://www.salisburync.gov) under the Boards and Commissions tab. Applications are also available at the City Clerk's Office located at 217 South Main Street, or by calling 704-638-5224.

(c) Old Wilkesboro Road Sidewalk Project Community Workshop

Mayor Kluttz announced a community workshop regarding the Old Wilkesboro Road Sidewalk Project will be held Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 500 Partee Street. The public is invited to attend

(d) 9/11 Memorial

Mayor Klutz announced a 9/11 ceremony will be held Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Firefighters Memorial, 1400 South Main Street in honor of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Ms. Blackwell. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

  
Susan W. Kluttz, Mayor

  
Myra B. Heard, City Clerk