SPECIAL 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.; City Manager David W. Treme; Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: City Clerk Myra B. Heard

Mayor Kluttz called the meeting to order. Councilman Kennedy provided the invocation.

RESOLUTION – CONTRACT WITH JARRELL CONTRACTORS, INC

Ms. Gail Elder White, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Civil Engineer III, addressed Council regarding a contract for construction of Grants Creek Greenway Phase 2. Ms. Elder White provided Council with an overview of the Greenway, and how this phase fits into the current system.

Mr. Ritchie stated staff has been working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for many years to develop plans and specifications for Phase 2 of the Salisbury Greenway. He indicated the NCDOT division office in Winston-Salem has been extremely helpful in the bidding and funding phase of the project, and has identified $500,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. He stated there is no local match associated with the ARRA funding. Mr. Ritchie noted the estimate for all costs associated with the project is $547,000, and the City will be responsible for approximately $47,000. He pointed out that if the cost of the project decreases, the City’s portion will also decrease because the full amount of ARRA funds can be used.

Mr. Ritchie stated bids for this project opened July 27, 2010, and Jarrell Contractors, Inc. submitted the lowest $429,300. He indicated staff and NCDOT reviewed the bid, and both recommend awarding the contract to Jarrell Contractors, Inc.
Councilman Kennedy asked if the City will have to fund any portion of the project if it is below $500,000. Mr. Ritchie responded the $500,000 in ARRA funds will cover the construction portion of the project, and the City will be responsible for any amounts above $500,000. He explained that the City is required to have State certified inspectors on the job, which typically costs about 15% of the project. He noted this is the difference between the total estimated cost of $547,000 and the bid of $429,300, pointing out the bid is for construction only.

City Manager David Treme indicated Council included funds for infrastructure improvements in the FY2010-2011 budget. He thanked Mr. Ritchie, Ms. Elder White, and Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Engineering and Development Services Director, for their work with NCDOT to secure additional funding. Mr. Treme stated he is pleased a local contractor won the contract and will create jobs in Rowan County.

Councilman Miller indicated he uses the Greenway regularly, and stated he looks forward to seeing the finished product.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a unit price contract in the amount of $429,300 with Jarrell Contractors, Inc. for construction of Grants Creek Greenway Phase 2, Project EB-3308, pending execution of a Supplemental Municipal Agreement for funding and concurrence with award by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz stated the Salisbury Greenway is a wonderful asset to the City, and she thanked staff for their hard work on the project. She also thanked Mr. Pat Ivey, District Engineer with NCDOT, and Mr. Brett Abernathy, Project Manager for NCDOT, for assisting with the grant funds. She indicated she is very happy a local company will be working on this project.

Mr. Archie Jarrell, Jarrell Contractors, Inc., thanked Council, and stated his company will work with local sub-contractors on this project. He indicated he is looking forward to working on the Greenway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before Council, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Woodson seconded. All Council members agreed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.