REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Al Heggins, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem David Post; Council Members William Brian Miller and Karen Alexander; City Manager W. Lane Bailey and City Attorney J. Graham Corriher.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tamara Sheffield and City Clerk Diane Gilmore.

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Heggins at 6:07 p.m. A moment of silence was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Heggins welcomed all visitors present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Heggins noted the following changes to the Agenda:

Add – Constitution Week Proclamation
Add – Quad-Centennial Anniversary of African-American Presence Day Proclamation
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Thereupon, Councilmember Alexander made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the noted additions. Mayor Heggies, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor to proclaim the following observances:

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH  
SALISBURY GO TRANSIT MONTH  
CONSTITUTION WEEK  
QUAD-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESENCE DAY  

September 2019  
September 2019  
September 17-23, 2019  
September 13, 2019

Mayor Heggies read and presented the National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation to Traffic Engineering Coordinator Vickie Eddleman.

Mayor Heggies read and presented the Salisbury Go Transit Month Proclamation to Transit Director Rodney Harrison and Transit staff.

Mayor Heggies read and presented the Constitution Week Proclamation to representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor Heggies postponed the Quad-Centennial Anniversary of African-American Presence Day Proclamation because representatives from Hood Theological Seminary were not present to receive the Proclamation.

RECOGNITION – CATHERINE GARNER

Planning Director Hannah Jacobson explained Development Services Specialist Catherine Garner recently received the North Carolina Association of Zoning Official’s Outstanding Student of the Year Award. She noted Ms. Garner was nominated by the University of North Carolina School of Government (SOG) for her outstanding leadership skills and test scores. She added Ms. Garner is a tremendous asset to the Planning Department.

Mayor Heggies thanked Ms. Garner for all she does for the City.

City Manager Lane Bailey noted he received a letter from a developer commending Ms. Garner for her exceptional work. He added the City is very proud of Ms. Garner and her accomplishments.
CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular meetings of August 20, 2019 and September 3, 2019.

(b) Set Public Hearing – Project Team

Set a public hearing for October 1, 2019 regarding a 10% match totaling $10,000 for a Building Reuse Grant from the State of North Carolina to renovate an existing facility and create 19 new jobs.

(c) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Repairs at Hurley Park

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2018-2019 budget in the amount of $30,000 to appropriate revenues for various repairs at Hurley Park.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE DONATION FOR HURLEY PARK.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 28 at Page No. 198, and is known as Ordinance 2019-47.)

(d) Right-of Way Encroachment

Approve a right-of-way encroachment for the installation of directional bore duct on North Lee Street by Spectrum subject to conditions as allowed by Section 11-24(27) of the City Code.

(e) Speed Reduction – Dana Drive

Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-336 of the City Code to reduce the speed limit along Dana Drive to 25 miles per hour.

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

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 28 at Page No. 199, and is known as Ordinance 2019-48.)

(f) Parking Restrictions – 100 Block of South Jackson Street

Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-338 and Section 13-357 of the City Code to prohibit parking on the west side of the 100 block of South Jackson Street.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE X, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO PARKING.
Regulation or Unmuffled Engine Compression Brakes

Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-260 of the City Code to regulate unmuffled engine compression brakes in accordance with State Statute.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE VIII: MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO REGULATION UNMUFFLED ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKES.

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Post made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Heggins, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Heggins opened the floor to receive public comments.

Ms. Vickie Edleman thanked Mayor and Council for proclaiming National Suicide Prevention Month in the City. She pointed out the “Into the Light” walk for suicide and mental illness awareness will take place Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. She added the United Way has identified mental health as one of its top priorities for Rowan County. She stated 963 lives have been lost to suicide, mental health issues and overdose in Rowan County during the first eight months of 2019.

Mayor Heggins thanked Ms. Edleman for highlighting the need for mental health awareness.

Ms. Tisha Bolden stated she has a problem with people dumping garbage on her property. She added there is a fire hydrant nearby that may not be accessible during an emergency because of the debris. She added she has seen City no dumping signs which look more official than the signs she has on her property. She asked Council for its help regarding the situation. She indicated she has received letters of violation for not cleaning up debris that was dumped on her property. She added she is retired and cannot afford the fines associated with the code violations.

Mayor Heggins asked if the City has a policy regarding citizens who are on a fixed income and having an issue with illegal dumping on their property. City Manager Lane Bailey indicated there is no specific policy regarding fixed income, but he will speak with Street Department staff regarding signage for the area.
Mr. Orland Carra referenced item 15A on the Agenda regarding a contract for engineering services for the Water Distribution System Master Plan project. He explained when he originally reviewed the document he thought it related to the construction contract, but realized it is for engineering services. City Manager Lane Bailey agreed, and he commented there is no construction contract associated with the item.

Mr. Geoffrey Hoy referenced a news article in the Salisbury Post regarding conferences and training events. He commended Council for allocating money so it can attend conferences and training events.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Heggins closed the public comment session. She thanked everyone who spoke during the public comment session.

**EMPIRE HOTEL PROJECT – PARKING AGREEMENT**

Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) Director Larissa Harper addressed Council regarding a parking space agreement for the Empire Hotel Project. She noted the project will bring over 60 market rate apartments to the City and rehabilitate a historic building with residential and commercial space.

Ms. Harper pointed out the agreement before Council is part of the modification agreement and would be approved contingent upon approval of the modification agreement with the developer. She reviewed the major points of the proposed parking agreement:

- City to provide 32 parking spaces within 900 feet of the front door
  - Specific parking spaces can be relocated
- Developer has an obligation to maintain and insure the parking
- Parking agreement is with this developer and not assignable to anyone else
- If Housing and Urban Development (HUD) loan is no longer in place, the parking agreement terminates and the developer must pay market rate for the parking spaces

Ms. Harper displayed maps of the area, and she pointed out parking areas adjacent and near the Empire Hotel. She stated there is parking behind the property, but additional parking is needed to meet the requirements of the HUD loan. She explained the drawing shows 35 parking spaces, but three existing parking spaces will be eliminated for a net gain of 32 parking spaces.

Councilmember Alexander noted citizens have expressed concern regarding the house located on the corner of Lee and Bank Streets. She asked if there is a resolution for the property.

Planning Director Hannah Jacobson stated the house at 230 South Lee Street is located in the Brooklyn South Square local historic district. She indicated the structure was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for demolition in March 2018 and a 365-day delay was granted, but the time has now lapsed. She explained the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) required additional steps that had not been completed, so the demolition was delayed until the City fulfills the guidelines. Councilmember Miller asked if the house could be moved. Ms. Jacobson
explained that based on the condition of the structure moving it would be challenging and expensive.

Mayor Pro Tem Post noted the property owner put covenants on the house with the Historic Salisbury Foundation (HSF). He explained the person who inherited the property sued the HSF who agreed to remove the covenants. He explained there is asbestos in the house which hindered moving or occupying it, and he pointed out demolition will require special precautions.

(b) Mayor Heggins convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding the Empire Hotel Project Parking Agreement.

Mr. Clyde stated he lives across the street from the property and has not been notified about the proposed parking agreement. He agreed something needs to be done about the structure located at 230 South Lee Street. He asked if the proposed parking lot includes parking spaces on this property. He pointed out under local historic district guidelines a parking lot cannot be located on a corner lot.

City Attorney Graham Corriher explained the public hearing is for the proposed parking agreement and does not deal with the property located at 230 South Lee Street. He clarified the proposed agreement does not demolish the house, it promises the City will provide 32 parking spaces within 900 feet of the front door of the Empire Hotel Project.

Councilmember Miller clarified the City has the ability to move the parking spaces. Mr. Corriher agreed, and he pointed out the City can change the location of the parking spaces as needed. Mr. Miller noted the proposal before Council assumes the demolition of the property at 230 South Lee Street will occur. He agreed with Mr. Clyde that the surrounding properties should have been notified.

Councilmember Alexander stated she had conversations with citizens who are very interested in what will happen to the property. Mayor Heggins added the presentation leads people to believe the parking spaces will be located on the lot.

She clarified the request is to consider the parking agreement. Ms. Alexander stated she is fine with the proposed agreement as long as there is no reference to where the parking spaces will be located. Mr. Corriher explained the agreement does not reference the location of the proposed parking spaces only that they be located 900 feet from the front of the Empire Hotel.

Mayor Heggins pointed out if Council is to consider an agreement that states the parking spaces must be located within 900 feet, it should know the areas where the parking spaces could be located.

Mr. Miller stated the vacant lot and surface parking that already exists could be included in the parking agreement. He commented the parking situation can be resolved, but it does address the status of the house which will need to be demolished. He pointed out the property that the house is located on could be used as green space instead of parking.
Mr. Miller explained the issue before Council is the 32 parking spaces within 900 feet of the Empire Hotel, and he pointed out what is being discussed does not designate where the parking spaces will be located. He explained the parking spaces are a condition of HUD financing and without the parking spaces the project will cease. He pointed out it the project does not take place the City will maintain the parking spaces. He noted the City is not designating parking spaces and it will follow its rules.

Mayor Heggins stated it is important for citizens to know where the parking spaces will be located. Mr. Miller pointed out any surface or vacant lot that is owned by the City could be a potential lot for the proposed parking spaces.

City Engineer Wendy Brindle stated staff considered several area including the vacant lot behind Salisbury Business Center. She noted lots located further west were eliminated. She indicated she provided the drawing in question, and she explained the sketch was used to determine reasonable budgeting costs. Mr. Post noted the sketch was helpful to Council. Ms. Alexander agreed, and she pointed out the sketch brought the questions to mind.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Heggins closed the public hearing. She thanked staff for its presentation.

Mr. Miller indicated the proposed parking agreement is critical for the Empire Hotel development, but it means nothing if the development does not take place. He stated the City must follow its policies regarding local historic districts.

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve the proposed agreement contingent upon approval of new incentive terms in the Modified Development Agreement substantially in the form submitted to Council. Mayor Heggins, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller, Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

**LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 05-2019**

Zoning Administrator Teresa Barringer stated the proposed text amendment was brought to Council at a previous meeting, and Council recommended staff meet with Councilmember Alexander to discuss architectural design. She noted staff met with Ms. Alexander and developed a new plan that was unanimously supported by the Planning Board.

Ms. Barringer explained the proposal before Council is Land Development Ordinance (LDO) Text Amendment (TA) LDOTA-05-2019 which affects Chapters 5.16 and 5.17 Dimensional Standards and Chapter 6.5.C General Building Requirements. She reviewed the proposed changes regarding accessory structures, garden structures, and accessory garden features.

Ms. Barringer noted Chapter 6.5.C Section 2 addresses accessory structures, including but not limited to enclosed or non-enclosed storage structures, detached garages and may include garden structures or garden features. She pointed out Item A includes previously adopted text regarding pergolas located in the front yard having a 200-foot minimum setback. She pointed out
the proposed text in Item 2 identifies accessory garden structures such as gazebos, pergolas and other walled garden structures, but does not include green houses or storage structures. She noted the size has been reduced to 5% of the square footage of the primary structure for residential properties and would be limited to the exterior street side yard subject to a minimum 10-foot setback from the right-of-way. She added the front yard was eliminated from the proposal.

Ms. Barringer stated the commercial industrial requirements are also 5% of the square footage of the primary structure to the exterior street side yard. She pointed out the structures would not be allowed in the front yard unless it meets the 200-foot setback. She added the setback requirements for commercial would be a minimum of 20 feet from the public right-of-way. She commented the structure cannot encroach on any City or North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) sight triangle.

Ms. Barringer indicated item C was added to Chapter 5.16.C to identify accessory garden features such as arbors or trellises. She added the proposal includes a size requirement of no more than 5% of the square footage of the primary structure, but can be allowed in the front or exterior street side yard five-foot from the public right-of-way. She reviewed the building and type standards.

Councilmember Miller pointed out the Hospice House has a gazebo in the front year, and he asked if the gazebo was permitted through a Conditional District (CD) process. Ms. Barringer explained it was a part of the CD process, but it was not done as an exception because it came in after the CD was approved. She noted the text amendment that identifies the 200-foot setback from the right-of-way of the primary structure made it possible. Mr. Miller asked how the proposal would affect the Hospice House. Ms. Barringer explained it does not create a conflict.

Mr. Miller asked if a structure, such as a gazebo in the front of an apartment complex, could be requested with a CD. Ms. Barringer explained the LDO contains specific provision in the CD process that are pertinent to what can be considered. She added she does not know if accessory structures would be included. Mr. Miller noted it would be by approval not by right. Ms. Barringer agreed.

Ms. Alexander explained when the item was addressed different sizes of lots and various zoning classifications were considered.

Mayor Heggies thanked Ms. Alexander and staff for their work on the proposal.

(b) Mayor Heggies convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding Land Development Ordinance Text Amendment 05-2019.

There being no one to address Council, Mayor Heggies closed the public hearing.

Mr. Miller stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Land Development Ordinance of the City of Salisbury as underlined or stricken herein is reasonable, in the public interest, and consistent with the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan relative to continually refining the policies and provisions of the development
process and finding creative solutions for unique properties while protecting neighborhood interests. Therefore, I move to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapters 5 and 6 of the Salisbury Land Development Ordinance, of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapters 5 and 6 of the Salisbury Land Development Ordinance, of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mayor Heggies, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 OF THE SALISBURY LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.**

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 28 at Page No. 202-207, and is known as Ordinance 2019-51.)

**CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY CD-03-2019 – ROWAN MEDICAL CENTER**

Development Services Specialist Catherine Garner stated the conditional district rezoning on Lincolnton Road began in 2018. She added the proposal is for a 16,148 square foot medical center with a request to rezone the parcel from General Residential Use (GR) to Residential Mixed-Use (RMX), and adopt a Conditional District (CD) Overlay to tie the plan to the parcel. She indicated only the proposed structure can be constructed on the property and the applicant has not requested special exemptions or conditions.

Ms. Garner pointed out the rezoning area, and she presented an outline of the proposed project area. She commented the parking lot will not have direct access onto neighborhood streets. She added additional landscaping is required to serve as a buffer to the surrounding neighborhoods. She reviewed elevation drawings, and she noted the proposed structure will look similar to existing buildings in the area.

Ms. Garner commented staff determined the proposed development is not inconsistent with Vision 2020 Plan and is consistent with Policies C-3, C-12, and C-17 of the Vision 2020 Plan. She added the Planning Board met on August 27, 2019, held a public hearing and voted unanimously that the request is not inconsistent with the Vision 2020 plan policies.

Mayor Pro Tem Post referred to Planning Board minutes and asked about a fence. Ms. Garner indicated a fence is shown on the site plan to provide an additional buffer to neighbors, and she noted staff expects the fence to be built since it is included in the plan.

(b) Mayor Heggies convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding Conditional District Overlay CD-03-2019.

Mr. Andrew Pitner stated he is a member of the Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association subcommittee that met with RoMed Medical. He added the committee is pleased with the proposal. He referred to the proposed site plan, and he noted sidewalks should be included in the plan.
Ms. Dottie Hoy pointed out she is the president of Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association and appreciates the developers meeting with the association. She added she is pleased with the landscaping to be installed instead of a fence.

Mayor Pro Tem Post asked if the neighborhood prefers a fence or a wall of trees. Ms. Hoy commented the trees will not be very big to begin with. She added she does not have a personal opinion, and she suggested the property owners present could share their opinions.

Mr. Rob Watson commented he met with Mr. Andrew Pittner and the committee who requested a fence rather than a wall to stop the egress of pedestrians onto Wiley Avenue.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Heggins closed the public hearing.

Mayor Heggins asked about including sidewalks in the site plan. Ms. Garner referred to City Attorney Graham Corriher regarding the authority the City has to regulate existing development. She commented the development was constructed in 2004, prior to the adoption of the Ordinance. Mayor Heggins asked if Policy C-14 was included in the Vision 2020 Plan which references bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Ms. Garner explained since it was not a major component in the proposed project it was not included, but could be added to the project. Mayor Heggins noted the City wants to be a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community. Mr. Corriher noted the CD is only for the parcel and the property owner would have to agree to the sidewalk addition.

Councilmember Miller asked about a sidewalk replacement fund and if the City has the resources to fill in the spaces that are left in the sidewalk as a City obligation. City Engineer Wendy Brindle explained the pay-in-lieu fund is based on specific zones, and she added there are funds available in the zone.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the request for sidewalks would only include Lincolnton Road. Ms. Brindle commented she was unsure of the available funds in the zone, and she noted staff could look into the cost to extend the sidewalks. Mr. Miller suggested if sidewalks are added a crosswalk should be included to facilitate pedestrian crossing.

Mayor Heggins read a statement of consistency and recommendation, “the Salisbury City Council hold a public hearing and reviewed the petition and associated Master Plan on September 17, 2019. The Council finds that the use is consistent with the Salisbury Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan, is reasonable, and in the public interest because the proposed development is compatible with the existing development and adjoining commercial areas. Policy C3: the proposed new development will be pulled up to the street on Lincolnton Road; Policy C-12: proposed new development is located at the edge of residential areas and existing commercial areas of similar usage and Policy C-17.”

Mr. Miller asked about adding Policy C-14. Mr. Corriher indicated the sidewalk was included in the design of this project.
Mr. Miller commended the parcel owners for working with the neighbors to make the development happen.

Councilmember Alexander stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to rezone the single parcel described herein from General Residential 6 to Residential Mixed-Use district; and establishing a Conditional District Overlay for the parcel is reasonable and in the public interest. The proposal is fundamentally consistent with the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Policies C3: new development in or adjoining an older commercial area should be compatible with existing desirable development within its vicinity. Compatibility criteria shall include size, scale, massing, fenestration, rhythm, setback, materials, context, and landscaping; Policy C-12: new infill development across the front street face of existing, over-designed parking lots shall be encouraged; and Policy C-17: large-scale commercial uses shall be located on the corners of neighborhood planning areas. Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance and the Land Development District Map of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, rezoning one parcel from General Residential to Residential Mixed-Use and apply a Conditional District Overlay to the subject parcel, approximately 1.038 acres, at 1027 Lincolnton Road establishing a Conditional District Overlay to permit the development of a two-story 16,148 square foot medical office center. Mayor Heggins, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, REZONING ONE PARCEL FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE AND APPLY A CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY TO THE SUBJECT PARCEL, APPROXIMATELY 1.038 ACRES, AT 1027 LINCOLNTON ROAD ESTABLISHING A CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-STORY 16,148 SQUARE FOOT MEDICAL OFFICE CENTER.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 28 at Page No. 208-209, and is known as Ordinance 2019-52.)

PARKING RESTRICTIONS – 700 BLOCK OF HOLMES STREET AND THE 600 BLOCK OF WEST KERR STREET

Traffic Engineering Coordinator Vickie Eldleman noted emergency services evaluated the 700 block of Holmes Street and the 600 block of West Kerr Street and concluded multiple vehicle parking hinders the access of larger emergency vehicles to the area. She reviewed the proposed parking restrictions on Holmes and West Kerr Streets. She indicated more cars were parking on the opposite side of Holmes Street where the requested restriction will take place. She added the proposal extends parking restrictions for the remainder of the block on West Kerr Street. She stated notifications were mailed to property owners and letters were hand delivered to residents, and she added staff will continue to work with neighbors as the needs arise.
Councilmember Miller pointed out large trucks can go down the street, so fire trucks should be able to maneuver as well. Mayor Pro Tem Post noted the large trucks do not have to make the turn on to Holmes Street and they continue traveling straight. Ms. Eddleman stated staff has received several complaints from West Kerr Street residents regarding truck drivers asking residents to move their vehicles so they can maneuver the street.

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Post made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article X, of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to parking. Mayor Heggins, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE X, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO PARKING.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 28 at Page No. 210, and is known as Ordinance 2019-53.)

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

(a) Neumiller vs. City of Salisbury

City Attorney Graham Corriher reported dismissals were filed in the matter of Neumiller verses the City of Salisbury. He noted the matter was settled for $39,000 and the claims were dismissed.

(b) November Election Ballot

City Attorney Graham Corriher noted the ballot amendment passed by Council will appear on the November election ballot. He stated he worked with the Board of Elections to streamline the language so voters would understand what they are voting on. He shared the verbiage with Council.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

(a) Water Distribution Master Plan

City Manager Lane Bailey noted the Water Distribution Master Plan will help with planning purposes for Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU). He added it is a multi-year project and will not be completed within the current fiscal year.

Thereupon, Councilmember Alexander made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer in an amount not to exceed $292,000 for engineering services associated with the Water Distribution System Master Plan project. Mayor Heggins, Mayor Pro Tem Post, and Councilmembers Miller and Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Applications

Communications Specialist Kaisha Brown announced applications for the 2019-2020 Historic Preservation Incentive grants are now available. These matching grants are available on a competitive basis for exterior projects on owner-occupied houses in one of Salisbury’s four residential historic districts: North Main Street, Brooklyn South Square, West Square and Ellis Graded School. To receive an application or ask questions about eligibility please call 704-638-5212. Applications are due by September 27, 2019.

(b) Brewbury Fest

Communications Specialist Kaisha Brown announced Brewbury Fest will be held in downtown Salisbury beginning with a craft beer crawl to participating businesses on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Brewbury Fest continues on Saturday, September 21, 2019 with a craft beer festival at the Historic Depot from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

(c) Busker’s Bash

Communications Specialist Kaisha Brown announced Busker’s Bash will be held in downtown Salisbury Friday, October 4, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The best in local talent will perform in front of participating businesses where visitors can vote for their favorite act.

(d) BlockWork

Communications Specialist Kaisha Brown announced the ninth annual BlockWork neighborhood improvement project will be held on Saturday, October 26 –National Make a Difference Day. This year’s event will take place on the 900 block of North Main Street. The Community Appearance Commission and the Housing Advocacy Commission are currently reaching out for volunteers to sign up for the event. Volunteers will help with exterior repairs like painting, carpentry, and landscaping. T-shirts, gloves, meals and drinks will be provided to all volunteers. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council had no comments,

MAYOR PRO TEM COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Post had no comments.
MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Heggins thanked staff for its excellent work and congratulated Catherine Garner again for being an outstanding student. She thanked Council for its work tonight and all it does for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Miller. All Council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Al Heggins, Mayor

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Diane Gilmore, City Clerk