

Salisbury, North Carolina
August 5, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: William (Pete) Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Woodson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kluttz stated that the Salisbury based 991st Army Reserve Transportation Unit recently deployed to the Middle East and noted that the Salisbury based 846th Army Reserve Transportation Unit deployed in March 2008. She asked everyone to keep these men and women in their thoughts and prayers. She also asked those in attendance to remember them as they Pledge Allegiance to the United States flag.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kluttz noted the following change to the Agenda:

Add – Council to go into Closed Session concerning acquisition of property located on Tax Map 471, Parcel 11, 54, 72 as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(5).

RECOGNIZE POSITIVE YOUTH INITIATIVES - BOBBY JACKSON BASKETBALL CAMP

Mayor Kluttz stated that in 2007 the community came together as a result of the tragic death of a child due to gang activity. She noted that over 500 citizens participated in two Gang Summits and created an Action Agenda that contained eight strategies to address gang violence. She noted that the first strategy involved law enforcement with the other seven strategies relating to gang prevention measures in order to provide positive initiatives that help all children be successful.

Mayor Kluttz stated that the first annual Bobby Jackson Summer Basketball League was held this summer and it implemented many of these strategies. She noted that Mr. Jackson graduated from Salisbury High School and is a professional basketball player in the National Basketball Association. She pointed out that the community is proud of Mr. Jackson because he is a successful athlete, but also because he cares about coming back and making contributions to this community. She stated that the Summer League was headed by Salisbury High School Girls Basketball Coach Andrew Mitchell. She invited Coach Mitchell and Ms. Kelly Watkins, Assistant Coach, to speak about the Summer League.

Ms. Watkins stated that the Bobby Jackson Basketball League was developed for 6-12 graders, regardless of athletic ability. She indicated that the League was designed as a constructive program to develop the whole child beyond athleticism by holding workshops and sessions on such things as social skills and dinner etiquette training. She added that a banquet was held to enable the children to apply these social skills. She pointed out that other workshops including gang violence and awareness, helpful living, and tobacco prevention were also held.

Coach Mitchell stated that the League committee started planning on April 29, 2008 without knowing what the outcome would be. He added that the League was held over a five week period and was very successful. Coach Mitchell recognized those in attendance who were instrumental in the success of the League: Pastor Timothy Bates, Coach Chris Jeter, Mr. John Daniels, Coach Tony Hillian, Mr. Terrell Allison, Mr. Floyd Kerr, Ms. Lori Corriher, Ms. Charlene Locklear, Ms Lindsey Corriher, Pastor Glen Usry, and Mr. Avery Locklear. He thanked his mother and father, Ms. Geraldine Mitchell and Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Sr. for their help planning the banquet and his wife, Ms. Sandra Mitchell for her support.

Mayor Kluttz noted seven of the Action Agenda strategies and how she felt they applied to the basketball program:

- Mentoring
- Parenting
- Recreation
- Jobs
- School Programs
- Faith Community
- Community Awareness

Coach Mitchell displayed a video of events occurring during the five-week camp and presented the Mayor with a photo album on behalf of Mr. Bobby Jackson and the Bobby Jackson Summer Basketball League. Coach Mitchell thanked Council for their assistance.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Jackson for all that he does for the community. She also thanked Coach Mitchell and everyone who was involved in the Summer Basketball League and expressed her gratitude for what they are doing for the youth of the community.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kluttz proclaimed the following observance:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 5, 2008

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular meeting of July 15, 2008.

(b) Establishing Stop Conditions –Westridge Place Apartments

Approve accepting the streets and utilities in Westridge Place Apartments and adopt an ordinance establishing stop conditions.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-332, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO STOP CONDITIONS

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 99, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-40.)

(c) Temporary Street Closing – 100 block of East Fisher Street

Close the 100 block of East Fisher Street Friday, August 8, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Fisher Street lighting ceremony and street dance.

(d) Temporary Street Closing

Close the 100 and 200 blocks of North Main Street Friday, September 5, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the United Way Kick-off event.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION – NAMING THE I-85 BRIDGE IN HONOR OF DAVID GRAY WILHELM

(a) City Manager David Treme indicated that the City recently received a request from Rowan County and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regarding naming the East Innes Street bridge over I-85 in honor of Mr. David Gray Wilhelm, a federal agent who died in the line of duty. Mr. Treme explained that Mr. Wilhelm was a graduate of West Rowan High School and was the son of Mr. Dwight and Betty Wilhelm of Salisbury and husband to Ms. Candee Wilhelm. He pointed out that Mr. Wilhelm was killed March 11, 2005 by a gunman in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Treme noted that at the time of his death Mr. Wilhelm was a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent and Assistant Director of Homeland Security in Atlanta. He reviewed some of Mr. Wilhelm's accomplishments during his 18 years as an Enforcement Agent.

(b) Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comment.

Ms. Candee Wilhelm, wife of David Wilhelm, stated that she appreciates the support to name the I-85 and Innes Street bridge the David Gray Wilhelm Memorial Bridge, Federal Agent. She added that she feels this is a great tribute to a great man and is the perfect way to keep David's memory alive. She thanked Council for their consideration and indicated that the naming of the bridge in her husband's honor will make her and his parents very proud.

Mr. Terry Osborne stated that he feels David Wilhelm was an extraordinary young man. He indicated that he taught Mr. Wilhelm at West Rowan High School and he found his intensity and athletics to be outstanding. Mr. Osborne pointed out that he was proud to have been a part of David Wilhelm's life.

There being no one else present to speak, Mayor Kluttz closed the public comment session.

Mayor Kluttz stated that City Council has the greatest respect for law enforcement. She indicated that this was a terrible tragedy and that she thinks it is appropriate that a federal bridge be named in honor of a federal law enforcement agent.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution in support of naming the I-85 bridge over East Innes Street in honor of Federal Agent David Gray Wilhelm. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Mr. Burgin commented that his son is in law enforcement and he understands the worry for the safety of the officers while they are protecting others. He pointed out that law enforcement is a calling and goes beyond just being a job. He stated that in a tragedy such as Agent Wilhelm's death, the community tries the best way it knows how to say thank you. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DAVID GRAY WILHELM MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 13 at Page No. 48, and is known as Resolution No. 2008-31.)

ALLEY CLOSING 1200 BLOCK OF BLAIR STREET

(a) Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, stated that on July 1, 2008, Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to close a portion of an alley in the 1200 block of Blair Street. She indicated that a public hearing was scheduled for August 5, 2008. She added that the public hearing was advertised and notifications were mailed by certified mail as required by State Statutes.

Ms. Brindle explained that the alley closing is governed by North Carolina State Statute 168-299 and in accordance with the statute there must be two findings:

- Closing the alley should not be contrary to the public interest
- No individual should be deprived reasonable means of ingress/regress to the property.

Ms. Brindle stated that staff feels these conditions have been met.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments on closing an alley in the 1200 block of Blair Street.

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

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the acceptance of an offer of dedication for public use for a portion of an alley in the 1200 block of Blair Street. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF AN ALLEY IN THE 1200 BLOCK OF BLAIR STREET.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 13 at Page No. 49, and is known as Resolution No. 2008-32.)

Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to adopt an Order to close a portion of an alley in the 1200 block of Blair Street. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

**NORTH CAROLINA
ROWAN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**CLOSING OF AN ALLEY IN
THE 1200 BLOCK OF BLAIR
STREET**

* **BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
* **THE CITY OF SALISBURY**
* **NORTH CAROLINA**
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* **ORDER CLOSING OF AN ALLEY**
* **PURSUANT TO GENERAL**
* **STATUE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
* **SECTION 160A-299**
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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 August 5th 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 street described in the Petition filed in this cause are parties to this proceeding; and it further appearing that said alley is not maintained by the Department of Transportation; and it further appearing that notice of this hearing was duly published in THE SALISBURY POST on July 11,18,24 and August 1, 2008.

And it further appearing to the Council and the Council finding as a fact, that the closing of the alley, as described in the Petition filed in this cause, is not contrary to the

public interest or the property rights of any individual, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said alley or in the subdivision in which they are located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property by the closing of said alley; and it further appearing to this Council that the relief prayed in the Petition should be granted.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED by the City Council of the

City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in this Council by the General statues of North Carolina, Section 160A-299.

Beginning at an existing iron pin, a common corner of Laura K. Williamson (deed book 867 page 190) and Betty E. Perry (deed book 748 page 185) on the north east side of an alley; thence a new line crossing the alley S 31 degrees, 33 minutes , 00 seconds W, 12.48 feet to a new iron pin in the line of Bryan D. Dwyer (deed book 1026 page 963); thence with his line N 58 degrees, 52 minutes , 45 seconds W, 52.58 feet to an existing iron the north east corner of Laura K. Williamson; thence with her line N 58 degrees 52 minutes 45 seconds W, 75.00 feet to a new iron pin in the margin of Blair Street; thence with Blair Street N 31 degrees 18 minutes 05 seconds E, 13.44 feet to a new iron pin in Laura K. Williamson's line thence with her line S 58 degrees 27 minutes 01 seconds E, 127.64 feet to the point and place of beginning and being 0.037 acres as shown on Survey and Map by Shulenburger Surveying Company, P.A. dated May 27, 2008.

Be and the same is hereby forever closed.

This the 5th day of August, 2008

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY,
NORTH CAROLINA

BY: _____ s/s Susan W. Kluttz _____
Mayor

s/s Myra B. Heard
City Clerk

INSTALLMENT FINANCE AGREEMENT – FIBER TO THE HOME AND VARIOUS OTHER PROJECTS

(a) Mr. John Sofley, Management Services Director, stated that for the past three years the City has been in the process of evaluating the possibility of implementing a Fiber to the Home network. He explained that staff has been working on the process by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction of the system, working with the North Carolina Local Government Commission (NCLGC) on a financing package, and soliciting bids for financing. He pointed out that the North Carolina General Statutes require a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express their opinion on the financing.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding an Installment Financing Agreement to finance a portion of the cost of a Fiber to the Home Network and various other projects.

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

RESOLUTION – INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Mr. John Sofley, Management Services Director, stated that the North Carolina General Statutes require that Council make certain findings as part of the financing process for Fiber to the Home. Mr. Sofley noted that the Resolution before Council authorizes the negotiation of an installment financing contract and authorizes the Mayor and Management Services Director to proceed and negotiate on behalf of the City. He indicated that the Findings stated in the Resolution include:

1. The proposed contract is necessary or expedient to the City
2. The proposed contract, under certain circumstances, is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose
3. That the sums estimated to fall due under the Contract are adequate and not excessive for its proposed purpose
4. The City's debt management procedures and policies are good
5. Whether or not a tax increase will be necessary for the proposed financing
6. The City is not in default in any of its debt service obligations

Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina authorizing the negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract and providing for certain other related matters thereto. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AN INSTALLMENT

FINANCING CONTRACT AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 13 at Pages Nos. 50-51, and is known as Resolution No. 2008-33.)

IRS VITA SITE AT PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Lou Manning informed Council that the Park Avenue Community Center hosted a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to assist citizens with their 2007 tax returns. He explained that the Center's goal was to assist with 100 income tax applicants and they surpassed their goal by completing 219 returns and assisting 360 individuals. He noted that the Center received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) thanking the Park Avenue Community Center Board and the Salisbury City Council for their support of the program.

Mr. Manning reviewed the work by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:

- 195 Returns e-filed and accepted
- 24 Paper and amended returns prepared
- Refunds issued: \$104,049 (including \$35,219 Earned Income Tax Credit)
- Stimulus refunds: \$ 37,800
- Total: \$141,849 returned to Rowan County economy

Mr. Manning thanked Ms. Mildred Collins, Ms. Beth Morgan, Ms. Catherine Bradley, Ms. Marjorie Gordon, Ms. Mary Booth, and Ms. Linda Cooper, for volunteering their services which totaled 324 hours from January through April 2008.

Mayor Kluttz noted that 2,943 Rowan County citizens have not received an economic stimulus check because they have not filed an income tax return. Mr. Manning noted that the period to apply for the stimulus check has been extended until October 2008.

Mayor Kluttz stated that when the Park Avenue Community Center was revitalized, Mr. Manning made a commitment that the neighborhood group would use the center to help the community and he certainly continues to do as he promised. She expressed her gratitude for the VITA program.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT – HIDDEN CREEK STREET MAINTENANCE

Mayor Kluttz stated that Councilman Lewis and Councilman Burgin served on a Council Committee regarding street maintenance in the Hidden Creek Subdivision. She recognized Mr. Lewis to present the committee report to Council.

Councilman Lewis stated that the Hidden Creek Homeowners Association presented Council a petition requesting that the City accept their private streets into the public street system. He explained that the Homeowners Association was asked to provide a survey noting exceptions to the 44 foot rights-of-way needed to accept the streets. He reviewed the Committee issues of accepting Hidden Creek streets to the public street system:

- 44 foot available right-of-way, with the exception of four spots
- Five slight triangle encroachments
 - Nonconforming uses (existed prior to City acceptance)
 - Post warning signs on Hidden Creek Circle approaching Pond View Drive due to a sight issues
 - Remove shrubs at lot 79
- Apartment-style parking areas – Hidden Creek residents will be responsible for the maintenance of the two apartment-style parking areas

Mr. Lewis reviewed the process to proceed in accepting the private streets into the public street system:

- Council concurrence at August 5, 2008 meeting
- Revise Group Development Site Plan
 - \$100 filing fee
 - Six week process to go before
 - Technical Review Committee
 - Planning Board
 - City Council
 - Formal Council Approval
- Record Right-of-Way Dedication Survey
 - Requires all affected property owner signatures

Mr. Lewis stated and he and Mr. Burgin recommend that Council concur and move forward with this petition. He recognized Mr. David Martin, President of the Hidden Creek Homeowners Association, and other Hidden Creek residents who were in attendance.

By consensus, Council agreed to move forward with the Hidden Creek petition to accept their private streets on to the public street system.

PETITION – PARKING ON EAST SIDE OF OLD SOUTH MAIN STREET

Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, addressed Council regarding a petition to allow parking on the east side of Old South Main Street. She pointed out that parking is currently allowed in certain areas of the street and this Ordinance will allow parking from Klumac Road to approximately 360 feet from Klumac Road. She noted that the petition

showed support from seven out of eight property owners. The eighth property owner could not be contacted. She also noted that the street has been measured from curb to curb and the width will allow for two 12-foot travel lanes and a 10-foot parking lane. Ms. Brindle indicated that from a traffic standpoint, parking would not be a hindrance.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending section 13-338, Article X, Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Salisbury relating to parking prohibited at all times . Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-338, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No.100, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-41.)

BUDGET ORDINANCE – APPROPRIATE DONATIONS FOR PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM

Ms. Lynn Raker, Urban Design Planner, requested that Council adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment in the amount of \$24,200 to appropriate donations to the Community Appearance Commission for the Public Art Committee.

Ms. Raker recognized the foundations and individuals who made those donations:

- Margaret C. Woodson Foundation \$6,000 (History & Art Trail markers)
- Blanche & Julian Robertson Family Donation \$5,000 (Salisbury Cotton Mill project)
- The Traveler’s Club \$2,100 (Traveler’s Club marker)
- Mary Berrier \$1,000 (public art projects)
- Jack and Maria Thomson \$100 (Wiley Lash dedication/brunch)
- Salisbury Community Foundation, \$10,000 (annual sculpture show)
Edward P. Norvell donor advised

Ms. Raker also noted that the committee has received a \$7,540 grant from the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant program.

Mayor Kluttz thanked all of the donors and stated that this is a wonderful enhancement to the City.

Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance to amend the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance for the City of Salisbury, North Carolina to appropriate donations for Public Arts programs in the amount of \$24,200. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008-2009 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE DONATIONS FOR PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No.101, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-42.)

STAFF REPORT – STREET LIGHTING

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Land Management and Development Director, stated that he was pleased that the budget for street lighting was restored in this year's Budget. Mr. Mikkelson also stated that in order to complete the goal of upgrading lighting throughout the City, there will have to be 600 lights installed each year for six years. He then introduced Ms. Vickie Eddleman, Street Lighting Technician, to give Council a status report.

Ms. Eddleman, stated that her primary duty is to provide the citizens of Salisbury with street lighting that meets City policy. In order to accomplish this goal she will complete the backlog of petitions and projects, improve lighting on thoroughfares, and market the petition process to citizens. She noted that in order to ensure a good quality outcome she has received training through multiple sources as well as upgrading the lighting software.

Ms. Eddleman reviewed the backlog of petitions:

- Rolling Hills Subdivision (near Westcliffe)
- Secret Garden Court
- Henderlite Street
- Jersey City
- Crosby Street (Fulton Heights Area)
- Stonybrook
- Brenner Avenue

Ms. Eddleman noted that the challenges with Brenner Avenue are the physical constraints of guardrails, steep drop-offs, bicycle trails, and sidewalks. Because of these challenges, Ms. Eddleman stated that she has asked Duke Energy to design the lighting system for Brenner Avenue.

Ms. Eddleman stated that Drummond Village is an area of concern. She explained that the Drummond Village Home Owner's Association is in negotiation with CP Morgan to determine who will pay for the street lighting that was promised to them by the original developer, Pilot Homes. Pilot Homes originally signed a contract for color enhanced mercury vapor fixtures which are no longer available. She stated that the developer of the subdivision has changed to CP Morgan and therefore a new contract

would have to be signed. Ms. Eddleman explained that until these negotiations are complete this development will remain without street lighting.

Ms. Eddleman indicated that she is currently working with Ms. Lynn Raker, Urban Design Planner, and Duke Energy to improve the parking lot lighting for City owned parking lots:

- Fire Department 1
- 300-400 Blocks of North Lee Street
- Intersection of West Council and North Church Streets

Ms. Eddleman pointed out that there are two new project designs that have been completed and submitted to Duke Energy:

- 1000-1100 blocks of West Fisher Street
- 400-500 blocks of East Liberty Street

Ms. Eddleman reviewed projects that are near completion:

- 500-600 blocks of W. Marsh Street
- West Square Historic District which includes:
 - 100-300 & 500 blocks of South Ellis Street
 - 100, 300, & 700 blocks of South Fulton Street
 - 300 block of South Church Street
 - 400 block of West Fisher Street
 - 400 block of West Bank Street
 - 400 block of West Horah Street
 - 200 & 400 blocks of West Monroe Street
 - 400 block of West Marsh Street
 - 100-300 blocks of West Thomas Street
 - 100 block of West Horah Street
 - 200-300 blocks of South Jackson Street

Ms. Eddleman stated that in the West Square Historic District the petitioner attempted to obtain signatures for 20 blocks, however, there were three blocks where the majority of the property owners did not want street lighting. Ms. Eddleman commented that this is a great example of why the petition process is in place.

Ms. Eddleman noted that the City has received four new petitions:

- Spruce Drive (Westcliffe Subdivision)
- Old Wilkesboro Road (Kelsey Scott Park to Brenner Ave)
- 300 block of Depot Street
- Westwood Neighborhood

Ms. Eddleman stated that designs for the four new petitions, as well as West Square Historic District, will be worked on simultaneously.

Ms. Eddleman noted that during the last Council meeting a citizen voiced concern regarding the lighting levels in the 700-800 blocks of West Fisher Street. She further noted that this area is where the Community Development Committee (CDC) has constructed seven homes. She added that she has spoken with the CDC about contacting the seven homeowners to help one of them begin the petition process.

Ms. Eddleman reviewed the Street lighting policy:

- Adopted in 1988
- Area Classifications:
 - Commercial
 - Intermediate
 - Residential
- Roadway Classifications:
 - Major
 - Connector
 - Local
- Residential petitions require signatures of 2/3 of property owners.

Ms. Eddleman pointed out that the Street Lighting Policy dictates how street lighting will be installed by placing classifications on the area and the roadway. Upon initial contact the area is evaluated to identify if it meets City standards. She added that if the area does not meet these standards she creates a petition and submits it to the citizens who obtain two-third of the property owner's signatures. Once the petitioner submits the petition and it is found to be valid, the date is noted and the petition is processed as it is received. Ms. Eddleman noted that in addition to the projects previously mentioned, she continues to receive requests for petitions to improve the street lighting in many areas.

Ms. Eddleman listed four areas that are in the process of obtaining signatures:

- Westcliffe Subdivision
- 400 block of West Lafayette Street
- Crawford Street
- Rachel Lane & Audrey Lane (near Airport Road)

Ms. Eddleman stated that there is ongoing discussion with citizens to find out which type of street lighting will best benefit the 200-300 blocks of West Bank Street. Once the lighting system is determined the petition will be prepared and submitted to the citizens to begin the petition process.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Ms. Eddleman for her thorough report.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

This item was postponed

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Treme indicated he had no comments at this time.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) 70's Night Out

Mayor Kluttz announced that Downtown Salisbury Inc., will host "70s Night Out" Friday, August 8, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in downtown Salisbury. Festivities include a street dance in the 100 block of East Fisher Street from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and a lighting ceremony for the Fisher Street festival lights at approximately 7:45 p.m.

(b) IRS Income Tax Stimulus Checks

Mayor Kluttz announced that the Rowan County Department of Social Services has been informed that 2,943 citizens in Rowan County who are entitled to the IRS Economic Stimulus check have not received it because they have not yet filed their tax return. The deadline has been extended to October 15, 2008. For more information, citizens should contact the Ms. Sandra Wilkes or Ms. Pat Spears at the Department of Social Services at 704-216-8330.

(c) Project SAFE Neighborhoods Family Day

Mayor Kluttz announced that Project Safe Neighborhoods Family Day will be held Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the YMCA located on Jake Alexander Boulevard.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kluttz requested a motion to go into closed session.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to go into closed session concerning acquisition of property located on Tax Map 471 Parcels 11, 54, 72 as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(5). Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE (4-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to come back into open session. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE (4-0)

Mayor Kluttz announced that no action was taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Burgin. All council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk