Salisbury, North Carolina
September 5, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen Kirks Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell; Council Members Kenneth Hardin, William Brian Miller, and David Post; City Manager W. Lane Bailey; City Clerk Diane Gilmore, 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 invocation was given by Councilmember Miller. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Alexander welcomed all visitors present.

RECOGNITION – RETIRED CITY CLERK MYRA B. HEARD

Mayor Alexander recognized City Clerk Myra B. Heard who retired after 18 years of service to the City and having served as City Clerk since September 2002.
Thereupon, Mr. Post made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution honoring Myra. B. Heard. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

**RESOLUTION HONORING MYRA B. HEARD.**

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page No. 10, and is known as Ordinance 2017-08.)

Mayor Alexander read the Resolution honoring Ms. Heard and presented a framed copy to her. She also presented Ms. Heard with a Key to the City and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Heard thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and for their courage to lead and serve. She thanked City Manager Lane Bailey and City Manager Emeritus David Treme for their leadership and the support they provided to employees. She added she is grateful to have been a part of the great team that is the City of Salisbury. She also thanked her office staff for their support.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Adopt Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 15, 2017.

(b) **Temporary Road Closures**

Adopt an Ordinance declaring temporary road closures for the Veteran’s Day and Holiday Caravan Parades.

**ORDINANCE DECLARING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR A VETERANS DAY PARADE AND HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARADE.**

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 169, and is known as Ordinance 2017-48.)

(c) **Construction Contract – Sonny Development**

Award a construction contract to Sonny Development in the amount of $300,000 for sidewalks on Bringle Ferry Road.

(d) **Contract – Alley Williams Carmen and King**

Authorize Engineering to enter into a contract with Alley Williams Carmen and King in the amount of $117,567.93 to provide construction engineering inspection services for Project U-5820B.
Budget Ordinance Amendment – Community Development Block Grant Program Income

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2017-18 budget in the amount of $71,736 to appropriate Community Development Block Grant program income.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017-18 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE CDBG PROGRAM INCOME.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 170, and is known as Ordinance 2017-49.)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Miller requested Council add an update regarding the Special Event Permit Committee.

UPDATE – SALISBURY POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Jerry Stokes reviewed current staffing levels, and he pointed out the Police Department is approximately 90% staffed. He stated violent crime continues to affect the community. He noted detectives are working diligently and arrests have been made in every homicide that has taken place in the City this year.

Chief Stokes thanked the Rowan County Sheriff’s Office, the State Bureau of Investigations (SBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the District Attorney’s Office for their assistance and support.

Chief Stokes noted the foot patrol has been operational for approximately 60 days, and he has received positive feedback from the community. He stated since July 1, 2017 the Police Department has conducted 592 foot patrols.

Councilmember Hardin asked how the public was made aware of salary adjustments for police officers and the competitiveness of their salaries. Chief Stokes noted police officer salaries were included in the budget discussions, and the information was released to the media.

Mr. Hardin asked Chief Stokes to explain the Police Department’s partnership with the Justice Department and its projected impact on the community. Chief Stokes noted the Justice Department has agreed to help the Police Department, but the specifics of the program have not been revealed.
Councilmember Post recognized members of the Police Department who delivered truckloads of supplies to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas.

Mayor Alexander thanked Chief Stokes for his presentation and members of the community who are helping the Police Department.

**ECONOMIC INCENTIVE GRANT – PROJECT METALLIC/PROJECT AERO**

Mr. Scott Shelton from Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission addressed Council regarding an incentive grant request for “Project Metallic/Project Aero.” He explained the company is an existing employer in the City, and he noted the $17.6 million potential initial investment would create approximately $1.2 million in additional tax revenue for the City over the next 10 years, based on the current tax rate. He stated the proposed expansion would create 24 new jobs by 2018, with an average salary of $50,000. He added future expansions could lead to additional jobs and capital investment in the City.

Mr. Shelton explained the company has been a valued manufacturing employer in the City for over a decade, and its parent company is a widely known multinational conglomerate. He added the company currently employs 14 people at its Salisbury facility.

Mr. Shelton explained under the City’s Incentive Grant Program, a company that invests over $5 million in taxable improvements, is eligible for a Level 1 Grant. He clarified a Level 1 Grant is five-year grant equivalent to 75% of the increased tax revenue generated by the project. He stated the company is requesting the incentive, but it is not requesting anything that deviates from the standard incentive policy. He pointed out the incentives are performance based, cash flow positive, and require an increase of the existing tax base.

Mr. Shelton stated the project is competitive and approval of local incentives is the first step in attempting to secure this expansion. He pointed out the absence of local assistance would substantially reduce the City’s competitiveness toward securing this project. He indicated the company is also requesting incentive grants from the State of North Carolina through its Building Reuse Grant Program. He added incentives from Rowan County and the City would be used for the required local match.

Mr. Shelton noted the project would generate $124,890 of new revenue annually for the City. He explained the City would provide an incentive grant of approximately $93,667 for five years, and it would retain approximately $31,222 of the tax revenue. He pointed out during the five incentivized years, the City would collect $624,450 in revenue, and it would provide incentive grants totaling $468,336 to the company. He clarified the City would retain $156,114 of revenue during the incentive term. He noted the City would collect approximately $1,248,896, disburse $468,336 and retain an estimated $780,560 of new revenue over 10 years.
Mr. Shelton explained the $468,336 grant would be paid in equal installments over a five-year period. He added Project Metallic could only request payment after all real and personal property taxes assessed against the property and the company, by the City have been paid. He noted in each fiscal year that the Company requests the disbursement of grant funds, it must certify that its employment goals have been met prior to receiving payment. He added if the Company does not meet and maintain its employment goals, the City will reduce the annual grant payment on a pro-rata basis until the employment goals are met. He added if the Company were to cease operations, or eliminate the majority of its workforce within 12 months, the agreement would be terminated, and the company would be required to repay all grant monies paid during the 36 months prior to the termination or reduction of services.

Councilmember Hardin noted the $17.6 million potential investment, and he asked if there are specific contingencies and criteria for the incentive grant. Mr. Shelton explained potential investment was used in the presentation because the company could choose another location. He clarified if the City is chosen a $17.6 million investment would be made. He commented the grant would be based on 75% of the taxable revenue the company generates. Mr. Hardin asked if the company has identified a specific skill set for the 24 jobs it plans to create. Mr. Shelton explained the jobs would include 12 equipment operators, two equipment maintenance technicians, four raw material technicians, lab technicians, engineers and supervisors. He indicated health insurance and benefits would be provided for all employees.

Councilmember Post asked if the City has the work force the company is looking for. Mr. Shelton agreed, and he pointed out the company has researched the area and its skill set. Mr. Post noted the project consists of three phases with a total investment of approximately $50 million and 50 to 60 jobs. Mr. Shelton noted the investment would be approximately $50 million and create over 50 jobs over the three phases. Mr. Post pointed out to get Phase II and III of the development the City must get the first phase of development. Mr. Shelton agreed, and he noted Phase II and III of development are not guaranteed.

Mr. Post asked about the incentive packages being offered by other communities. Mr. Shelton explained most communities offer a similar incentive program, and he pointed out it changes when State incentives are involved. He commented he is not aware of the incentives being offered by other cities. Mr. Post asked if anything else needs to be done at a local level. Mr. Shelton commented nothing else needs to be done at a local level, and he pointed out the State realizes the value of the project which would bring manufacturing jobs back to North Carolina. He stated the company is looking for a total package and the City and State are in a good position.

Councilmember Miller noted he is pleased to offer incentives to a business that is established in the City. He thanked RowanWorks President Rod Crider and Mr. Shelton for their work to secure the project.

(b) Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding an incentive grant request for “Project Metallic/Project Aero.”
Mr. Todd Paris, East Council Street, expressed concern that the City is holding a public hearing on a project without providing a location. He questioned how the proposed expansion could affect surrounding neighbors, and he added he is not sure he can support the incentive grant request.

Mayor Alexander noted the name of the company is being withheld at the request of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Ms. Nancy Vick, Hidden Creek, agreed with Mr. Paris. She added it is unfair to ask citizens to agree to an incentive request they know nothing about. She asked if the company could pose an environmental threat to the community, and she stated citizens need more information about the company.

Mr. Shelton explained the viability of the project depends on State incentives, and the State will not endorse its incentives until the local incentives are approved. He noted the State wants to make the announcement. He stated the procedure must be followed to make sure the City is a viable candidate for the project.

Mayor Alexander asked how long the company has been in the City and if there have been issues with the company. Mr. Shelton noted the company has been in the community since 2001 and there have been no issues with the company.

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

Thereupon, Mr. Post made a motion authorizing a Resolution regarding a North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant Program application for “Project Metallic.” Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Mr. Post noted the company has been in the City since 2001 and operations took place at this company decades before which should alleviate concerns about potential environmental impacts. He stated it is a significant investment in the City. Mr. Miller noted this is a good opportunity for the City, and he pointed out the infrastructure is already in place and will not require additional schools or roads.

Mr. Hardin stated the home office went into detail regarding the project and he does not have any issues with the request. He added he is uncomfortable with the approach, but he understands the reasons it must take place. He commented the information is out there and the events have not taken place in of secrecy. Mr. Miller stated the State is requesting the opportunity to announce the grant. Mr. Hardin pointed out if it is in the minutes it is a public record and should be available to the public.

Mr. Shelton noted the scenario could be brought back to Council because it is a policy decision from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He stated the company wants its identity to remain confidential, but ultimately it is the decision of the State when the company is pursuing State funding.
Mayor Alexander indicated the State funding is critical to the request, and the responsibility lies in the hands of the representatives elected by citizens to make a decision on their behalf.

Mr. Hardin requested the motion be restated.

Thereupon, Mr. Post made a **motion** authorizing Resolution regarding a North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant Program application for “Project Metallic.” Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF SALISBURY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING REUSE GRANT PROGRAM “PROJECT METALLIC.”

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page No. 11, and is known as Ordinance 2017-09.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Alexander read a statement and the Resolution establishing rules and procedures for public comment periods.

Councilmember Hardin asked for clarity regarding the expectations for Council’s behavior toward citizens. He noted Council’s behavior should be met with the same expectations as citizen’s behavior.

Mayor Alexander indicated the Resolution establishing rules and procedures for public comment periods was adopted by the current Council for the remainder of this term, and Council was given an opportunity for input. She added it may be appropriate for the next Council to revisit the issue. She then opened the floor to receive public comments.

Mr. Ronnie Smith thanked Council for its professionalism and continued support. He then addressed Council regrading Veteran’s projects that are underway in the City.

Ms. Nancy Vick indicated she is concerned about Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI), and she heard it has a new director. She asked when the merchants will be able to meet the DSI Director and view a description of the job.

Mr. Todd Paris stated when Council conducts a meeting it is conducting its business. He stated North Carolina General Statutes require one public comment period per month and states public comment is a public forum for free speech. He questioned the Resolution establishing rules and procedures for public comment periods.
Ms. Whitney Peckman commented finding two people out of order during public comment periods is a First Amendment issue and should be treated as such. She noted it is also a civil rights issue.

Ms. Nan Lund indicated she is also concerned about what has taken place during public comment period. She stated North Carolina General Statutes contain guidelines regarding how Council should deal with public comments.

Mr. Michael Kirksey stated he did not understand how he was off script at the previous Council meeting, and he asked for unity in the City.

Ms. M. T. Sidolly referenced the University of North Carolina School of Government guidelines for public comment.

Mr. Eric Perry stated he is saddened to see what has happened during public comments and pointed out the community needs to move on.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Alexander closed the public comment session.

Mr. Hardin referenced the Vietnam War Memorial issue, and he asked Mr. Aceves if options for the monument have been determined. He pointed out the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has taken a vote, and he asked if there is something else to be brought before the Board. Mr. Aceves stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Council have already voted on the placement of monuments in the Patriots Flag Concourse at City Park. He noted Mr. Smith’s group is seeking other options, but they are trying to keep the option open for the proposed location at Patriots Flag Concourse at City Park. City Manager Lane Bailey noted many of the sites being considered are outside of City property, and the City would not have the decision regarding those options.

Councilmember Post thanked citizens for their comments. He stated he has spoken to members of the business community who feel public comment needs to be moved to the end of the meeting. He indicated public comment is the business of the City, and it gives Council the opportunity to hear from citizens. He commented the law can be unclear. Mayor Alexander added everyone must work together in a respectful manner.

RESOLUTION – UPSET BID PROCESS FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

City Engineer Wendy Brindle requested Council consider authorizing the upset bid process for the sale of a 0.114 acre portion of the street formerly known as Crosby Street and Hamby Way. She displayed a map of the area and the neighboring property owned by Teramore Development, LLC that will house a Dollar General Store.
Ms. Brindle noted there was an unimproved right-of-way known as Crosby Street that Rowan County closed in accordance with State Statutes. She explained when a portion of the street is closed it is equally split and a portion of the right-of-way was deeded to the City.

Ms. Brindle stated Teramore Development, LLC has offered the City $5,000 for the property, and staff would like to follow the upset bid process to finalize the sale. She explained the next step is for Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing the upset bid process. She added the sale will be advertised in the Salisbury Post followed by a 10-day waiting period to see if any upset bids are received. She explained the process will be completed until no bids are received, and staff can finalize the sale.

Mayor Alexander noted her son is a Vice-President of Teramore Development, LLC, and she asked if she need to be recused from the proceedings. City Attorney Rivers Lawther stated Mayor Alexander would not have a pecuniary interest in the property, but it may be best for her to be recused from the meeting.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to recuse Mayor Alexander. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt a Resolution supporting upset bid procedures for a 0.114 acre portion of former Crosby Street. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UPSET BID PROCEDURES FOR A 0.114 ACRE PORTION OF FORMER CROSBY STREET.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page Nos. 12-13, and is known as Ordinance 2017-10.)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion for Mayor Alexander to return to the meeting. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

UPDATE – SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

J. L. T. Fieldhouse Executive Director Antwaun Thompson, J.F. Hurley YMCA Sports Director Jesse Byrd, and Parks and Recreation Programming Manager Steve Clark addressed Council regarding the Summer Basketball League. Mr. Clark noted the league is a collaboration between the J.F. Hurley YMCA, J. L. T. Fieldhouse, and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Thompson noted the collaboration was a great opportunity to combine the YMCA’s fall basketball league and the City’s winter basketball league and reach a greater number of community youth.
Mr. Clark noted over 200 youth participated in the co-ed league that consisted of 25 teams in five age divisions. He stated the cost was $15 to participate and included special clinics and a basketball jersey. He added the league lasted 7.5 weeks and the games were played at Hall Gym and the YMCA. He indicated the Robertson Foundation helped finance the league by paying for the officials and the jerseys. He noted another organization provided scholarships for 72 children to participate in the league.

Mr. Clark stated the league was a great success. He added meetings are being held regarding improvements for next year and hopefully will lead to future collaborations.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked about the retention rate. Mr. Clark noted the kids stayed with the program.

Mayor Alexander thanked Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Clark for their collaboration and she congratulated them on a successful league.

Councilmember Hardin thanked Mr. Clark for all he does for the City and its youth.

UPDATE –STORMWATER SERVICES

Stormwater Manager Chris Tester and Stormwater Technician Michael Hanna addressed Council regarding the Stormwater utility. Mr. Hanna explained Stormwater is runoff from rain and snow that does not soak into the ground but flows over land into storm drains. He stated the water then flows through pipes back out into natural water sources, without being treated.

Mr. Hanna noted in 2005 an unfunded Federal mandate raised the standards for local municipalities regarding stormwater removal. He stated the City established its Stormwater Utility July 2012 to create cleaner water for the community and to preserve the physical environment. He explained the City has three major water courses: Grants Creek, Town Creek, and Crane Creek. He pointed out other major tributaries include: an unnamed tributary near Knox Middle School and Overton Elementary, an unnamed tributary near City Lake, Jump and Run Branch, and Tar Branch.

Mr. Hanna explained the Stormwater Utility manages the City’s stormwater system and storm drainage systems in City streets and right-of-ways and on City-owned properties. He noted maintenance is provided on an on-call basis. He noted a report is submitted to the State annually that includes public education, lucidity discharge detection, infrastructure repairs, housekeeping, dry weather monitoring and other criteria.

Mr. Hanna stated Stormwater revenue is used to fund the Stormwater Grant that assists citizens with stormwater related projects. He explained citizens can apply for up to 50% of the total project cost for a stormwater related project, not exceeding $25,000. He noted previous recipients include: AME Zion Church, First Presbyterian Church and Yatawara Gynecology and Wellness.
Mr. Hanna indicated the City has 2,857 acres of impervious surface area that does not allow water to soak into the ground. He explained 103 projects were completed in 2016, and he noted staff is working to map the infrastructure system and hopes to complete the project in 2017. He indicated staff has completed 203 hours of street sweeping, and there are 30 Stormwater control measures in the City.

Mr. Hanna stated citizens should be on the lookout for pollutants and trash in the water or streams, consider building rain gardens, rain harvesting, joining the future stream team to clean up local streams, and partnerships with local organizations. He added the goal is to make stormwater a resource for citizens by using City streams and water for paddle trails and recreational sources that improve citizen’s quality of life.

Mayor Alexander noted the City is using the Stormwater Utility to meet unfunded State-mandated stormwater requirements. Mr. Hanna agreed, and he pointed out the City has one of the lowest stormwater rates in the area.

Councilmember Hardin asked how leaves and debris left in the street for collection affect water runoff. He then asked where leaves and debris should be placed for pickup. Mr. Tester noted staff requests leaves be placed behind the curb-line. He explained it is an issue because the leaves and debris clogs drains and carry yard pollutants into water systems. He noted staff does all it can to collect the debris in a timely manner.

Mr. Hardin asked about the criteria for Stormwater Incentive Grants, and he noted a church in the City that has a sinkhole. Mr. Tester explained applications are submitted from the beginning of the fiscal year until September 1, 2017. He noted the applications are reviewed and the grants are awarded, and he commented left over funding is awarded on a first come first serve basis after September 1, 2017. He noted applicants are required to submit three estimates. He explained the City Manager can award grants that are less than $5,000 and grants that are larger than $5,000 require Council approval.

Councilmember Post asked how much is budgeted for Stormwater Incentive Grants. Mr. Hanna noted the annual budget for Stormwater Incentive Grants is $25,000.

Mayor Alexander asked if it the City could make a presentation to the Neighborhood Alliance Group and Salisbury Neighborhood Action Group (SNAG) regarding a possible partnership to help keep the storm drains clean. Mr. Hanna explained the City has a storm drain marker program that notes the water drains to local creeks and reminds citizens not to pollute the area.

**APPOINTMENTS - DIXONVILLE-LINCOLN MEMORIAL PROJECT TASK FORCE**

Urban Design Planner Alyssa Nelson explained 10 appointments were made to the Dixonville Lincoln Memorial Task Force in June 2010. She noted over the years membership has declined. She stated the Task Force has made great strides, and she pointed out construction is
planned for the fall. She stated the Task Force requests Council consider re-appointing four members and appointing seven new members to the task force.

Councilmember Miller asked if task force members serve a staggered term. Mayor Alexander stated the committee members are ongoing and do not serve a staggered term.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt reappoint Emily Perry, Chair; Betty Dan Spencer, Eleanor Qadirah, and Sandra Russell, and to appoint Melba Allen, Amanda Griffin, Ann Lyles, Rena Morgan, Johnnie Mae Tracey, Dee Wright and Kay Woods to the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project Task Force. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Post addressed Council regarding the Special Event Permit Committee. Mr. Miller noted the committee is close to wrapping up its discussion regarding Special Event Permits. He added a proposed Ordinance is ready to be brought to Council for its consideration, along with a user-friendly guide that explains citizen requirements. He noted the committee is proposing a nominal fee increases from $25 to $50. Mr. Post pointed out six meetings were held and no one objected to the proposed fee increase. Mr. Miller noted the Committee has worked to develop a compromise for Council’s consideration.

Mr. Miller stated citizens are aware the proposal is being brought back to Council and will include a public hearing. Mr. Post thanked the public for its input. Mayor Alexander thanked Mr. Miller and Mr. Post for serving on the committee. Mr. Miller acknowledged staff for its work on the committee.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

(a) New City Clerk Diane Gilmore

City Manager Lane Bailey introduced new City Clerk Diane Gilmore to Council. He noted Ms. Gilmore was sworn in privately today, and in two weeks a public swearing in and reception will be held in her honor.
(b) Downtown Salisbury, Inc. Director

City Manager Lane Bailey announced Larissa Harper has been hired as the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) Director. He stated Ms. Harper will begin her duties on October 9, 2017. He added Ms. Harper comes from the City of Wilson where she served as Business Development Specialist, and he noted her previous experience includes working with Downtown Kernersville, Inc.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) National Preparedness Month

Mayor Alexander announced September is National Preparedness Month and citizens are encouraged to preplan for disasters and all emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. Citizens can participate in the Rowan County “Ready” campaign online at www.ReadyROWAN.org.

(b) Bench and Greenway Renaming

Mayor Alexander announced the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Task Force and the Parks and Recreation Department will host a bench and Greenway renaming dedication in memory of William Peoples Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. beginning at the new sign kiosk at Dixonville Cemetery located at 110 Old Concord Road. A reception and light lunch will follow in the fellowship hall of First Calvary Baptist Church located at 400 South Long Street. Trolleys will provide transportation from parking lots to the kiosk, loop the Greenway on Brenner Avenue, and return to the church. Parking will be available in lots adjacent to the Fred M. Evans Pool and First Calvary Church. The public is invited to attend.

(c) Doggie Dip Swim Party

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation will host the Doggie Dip Swim Party Saturday, September 9, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Fred M. Evans Pool. This event is for all well-mannered dogs and their owners to enjoy sun and fun with all proceeds benefiting the DogPAWs fundraising efforts to construct Salisbury’s first dog park. Swim times vary by dog size. For more information and a complete list of rules contact Parks and Recreation at 704-216-PLAY. Admission is $5 per dog.

(d) Mayor’s Play Ball Event

Mayor Alexander announced all local boys and girls ages 7 through 15 are invited to a free day of baseball and softball instruction as part of the Mayor’s Play Ball event. The event will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017 in Newman Park at Catawba College from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Baseball and softball instruction will be provided by the Catawba College baseball and softball teams. Transportation is provided from Hall Gym and the Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 704-638-5296.
(e)  Historic Preservation Incentive Grants

Mayor Alexander announced applications for the 2017-2018 Historic Preservation Incentive Grants are now available. These matching grants are available on a competitive basis for exterior projects on owner-occupied houses in Salisbury’s four residential historic districts: North Main Street, Brooklyn South Square, West Square, and Ellis Graded School. Applications are due by September 18, 2017. To receive an application or inquire about eligibility please call 704-638-5324.

(f)  Rescheduled Salisbury Summer Skate Jam

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation will host the first ever Salisbury Summer Skate Jam Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Salisbury Civic Center, 315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue. There will be food, music, prizes, and skate apparatus. Protective gear in the form of a helmet, elbow and knee pads is mandatory. Everyone interested in skating and skateboarding is invited and encouraged to bring a friend. This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Parks and Recreation at 704-638-2139.

(g)  La Fiesta de Rowan

Mayor Alexander announced The Hispanic Coalition, a subcommittee of the Human Relations Council, will host their annual La Fiesta de Rowan on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. in the 100 block of East Fisher Street, Downtown Salisbury. La Fiesta is a celebration of Hispanic/Latino culture through music, food, dance and much more. It is a family event that connects the community at large. This event also provides an opportunity for agencies and businesses to share their information and resources. La Fiesta is a fun filled event packed with activities that bring people of diverse backgrounds together to share the Hispanic/Latino customs and traditions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Post. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Karen Kirks Alexander, Mayor

Diane Gilmore, City Clerk