

Salisbury, North Carolina
December 26, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Council Members Maggie A. Blackwell, William (Pete) Kennedy and William Brian Miller; City Manager Doug Paris, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Susan W. Kluttz and City Clerk Myra B. Heard.

Mayor Woodson and members of City Council met at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. Councilmember Blackwell provided the invocation.

800 TRUNKING SYSTEM UPGRADE

Mayor Woodson indicated this item was tabled at Council's December 18, 2012 meeting to allow Council additional time for review. He noted a Council Committee consisting of Councilmember Blackwell and Councilmember Miller met with staff to discuss the issue further.

Councilmember Blackwell thanked Council for its patience in allowing additional time for deliberation of this item. She indicated she was reluctant to approve such a large unbudgeted amount without additional discussion. She noted she and Mr. Miller met with Assistant City Manager for Finance John Sofley and Telecommunications Manager Terry Buff and determined this issue is quite complex. She indicated the contribution from Salisbury-Rowan Utilities for its share of the cost is not a pro rata portion, but the radio systems have to be audited to determine which are digital and which are analog in order to identify those radios that must be replaced. She indicated she now has a good understanding of the issue and recommends approval.

Councilmember Miller concurred with Ms. Blackwell's recommendation. He stated there was never a question that the upgrade was necessary. He indicated after

studying the issue he found the City budget will be saved approximately \$500,000 with the 911 consolidation, along with the debt service that will end this year. He indicated the 800 Trunking upgrade will require new debt service of approximately \$180,000, but because of the savings in consolidation, the City will gain the upgrade and still save money. Mr. Miller stated the upgrade is needed, and the plan makes good fiscal sense.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to award a sole source contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2,487,772 for upgrading the 800 Trunking System. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina to appropriate funds for 800 Trunking System Upgrade. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

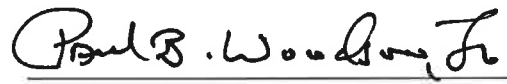
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012-2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR 800 TRUNKING SYSTEM UPGRADE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 106 and is known as Ordinance 2012-48.)

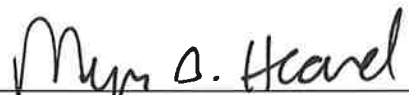
Mayor Woodson wished everyone a prosperous 2013 and noted he thinks things are looking very good for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Blackwell seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor



Myra B. Heard, City Clerk