

Salisbury, North Carolina  
November 15, 2011

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Councilmen William (Pete) Kennedy, William Brian Miller and Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Interim City Manager Doug Paris; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; 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 meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kluttz recognized Mr. Harley Hirst from Boy Scout Troop 442 and invited him to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Kluttz welcomed all visitors present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2011, and the Special Meetings of October 26, 2011 and October 27, 2011.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Purchase of Equipment

Adopt a budget ordinance amendment to the FY2011-2012 budget in the amount of \$13,638 to appropriate restricted forfeiture funds.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE RESTRICTED FORFEITURE FUNDS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 23 at Page No. 79, and is known as Ordinance 2011-36.)

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

**BLOCKWORK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Community Appearance Commission (CAC) Chair Barbara Perry and Urban Design Planner Lynn Raker addressed Council regarding the Blockwork Neighborhood Improvement Program. Ms. Perry noted over 80 volunteers participated in the Blockwork Neighborhood Improvement Program held Saturday, October 22, 2011. Ms. Perry displayed a video of the Blockwork project recorded by Channel 14 News.

Ms. Perry indicated the Blockwork project was conducted in the 200 and 300 blocks of South Shaver Street. She displayed photographs from the project, noting before and after photos, and thanked the volunteers who helped make the day a success.

Ms. Perry recognized the contributors to Blockwork:

- City of Salisbury – Planning, Streets, Code Enforcement, Police, Traffic, and Landscape
- Salisbury Community Appearance Commission
- Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
- United Way of Rowan County

Ms. Perry also recognized the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation and the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation for funding the project. She acknowledged the following vendors who donated or drastically reduced the cost of their services:

- Apple Ugly
- Chandler Concrete and Building Supply
- Biscuitville
- Cici's Pizza
- Permatil

- Central Piedmont Construction
- Sherwin-Williams Company

Ms. Perry noted the plants used during Blockwork were donated by Mr. Rodney Queen, Chairman of the Tree Board Rodney Queen. She then read the names of the Blockwork Site Managers:

- Mr. Garth Birdsey
- Mr. Josh Canup
- Mr. Jonathon Cerny
- Mr. Dennis Kelly
- Ms. Mimi Howard
- Mr. Karl Sale
- Mr. Ken Weaver
- Ms. Lynn Raker

Ms. Perry stated the CAC hopes to continue the Blockwork program next year, and she thanked Mayor Kluttz, Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell, and Councilman Woodson for their participation in the Project.

Reverend Odessa McCoy, Pastor of Gray's Chapel Church of God, stated October 22, 2011 was a great day for Gray's Chapel and the entire neighborhood. She thanked the City, the CAC and everyone who helped with the Blockwork project. She noted their work made a difference for the church and the South Shaver Street Community.

Mr. Jarrett D'Amato from Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) Early College Junior Civitan Club stated he enjoyed the experience and hoped to participate next year. Mayor Kluttz stated she is impressed with the RCCC Early College Junior Civitan Club and all they do for the City.

Mr. Ken Weaver, President of Brooklyn South Square, addressed Council on behalf of the neighborhood. He indicated the neighborhood was extremely excited to be chosen for the first Blockwork project, and he thanked Council for its support. He explained it has been difficult to get the landlords in the area to take responsibility for their properties, but the Blockwork project brought landlords, home owners, and neighbors together creating a sense of community. Mr. Weaver stated at the next neighborhood meeting the residents will work to develop a strategy to help other neighbors become accountable in order to continue moving the project forward.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Weaver and his family for being leaders and champions in the community.

Ms. Perry pointed out the work by Ms. Raker and Ms. Diana Moghrabi to implement the project, and she thanked them for their contributions.

Mayor Kluttz recognized the volunteers who participated in the event:

- Julie Apone
- Connie Baker
- Hunter Barbee
- Jeremy Barragan
- Brian Becker
- Garth Birdsey
- Maggie Blackwell
- Douglas E. Brewer
- Josh Canup
- Junior Carpenter
- Catherine Carpenter
- Jon Cerny
- Nikki Cheek
- Greta Connor
- David Crockett
- Jarrett D'Amato
- Justin Davis
- Erin Dougherty
- Larry Ellis
- Stacy Galante
- Jonathon Gambrell
- Robert Gillespi
- Mary Haley
- Tracey Haley
- Crystal Dawn Haney
- Deborah Harris
- Denita Harris
- Harold Harris
- Dick Huffman
- Joanne Hoty
- Tony Hoty
- Jennifer Holmes
- Mimi Howard
- Elizabeth Howell
- Willie S. Huntley
- Mary E. Huntley
- Dennis Kelly
- Quanitta Kelly
- Susan Kluttz
- Anne Lyles
- Tricia Mallimo
- Gwen Matthews
- Lena L. McLeod
- Odessa McCoy
- Marshall McCoy
- Sue McHugh
- Summer McIntyre
- Tiffany McQueen
- Evelyn Medina
- Jasmine Miller
- Jerry W. Miller
- Diana Moghrabi
- Jason Nunez
- Barbara Perry
- Linda Peterson
- Andrew Pitner
- Watson Pitner
- Nihhyia Polk
- Dawn Purvis
- Lynn Raker
- Lorraine Reidda
- Harvey Robertson
- Karl Sale
- Preston Sale
- Charles Sanders
- Ke'Shun Sherrill
- Rhonda Sherrill
- Kimberly Shuping
- Anna-Leigh Shuping
- Savannah Simpson
- Barbara Sorel
- Onesha Stevenson
- Antonio Washington
- Ken Weaver
- Matthew Wheeler
- Gail Williams
- Melody Wood
- Robert Wood
- Paul Woodson

Ms. Perry then displayed a video of the work undertaken during the Blockwork project.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated she was honored to participate in the event. She thanked Mr. Rodney Queen for donating the plants and visiting the neighborhood to make sure the plants are being cared for. She noted Mr. Queen plans to replace any plant that does not adjust to its new location.

Councilman Woodson stated he was pleased to report to the Woodson Foundation that the money was well spent and the amount of work that took place. He noted Blockwork is good for the City and promotes team spirit among the community.

Councilman Kennedy stated he is excited Blockwork took place, and he hopes to participate next year.

Councilman Miller stated he is pleased the neighborhood wants to extend the work to other blocks in the community. He indicated he looks forward to next year's project.

Mayor Kluttz stated Blockwork was a tremendous event for the City, and she noted a diverse group of people came together to complete the project. She commented Blockwork is a beautiful way to improve the community, and she hopes to move the project to other neighborhoods in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell introduced Ms. Nicole Cheek, President of RCCC Early College Junior Civitan Club. Ms. Cheek, on behalf of the Junior Civitan Club, presented Mayor Kluttz with a photograph and letter of appreciation.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Ms. Cheek and Junior Civitan Club for their gift.

### **MOBILE CATHETERIZATION LABORATORY FOR ROWAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Traffic Engineer Wendy Brindle addressed Council regarding a request from Rowan Regional Medical Center. She noted earlier this year Council approved a request from Rowan Regional Medical Center to place a mobile catheterization laboratory in the public right-of-way on Mocksville Avenue during interior hospital renovations. She explained the renovations were delayed, and Rowan Regional Medical Center has requested use of the right-of-way from January 2012 through August 2012.

Ms. Brindle indicated the catheterization laboratory will now be a modular unit instead of a mobile unit but will require the same amount of space. She displayed an aerial map depicting the patient walkway and the location of the catheterization laboratory, and she pointed out there will be 24-feet available for two-way traffic on Mocksville Avenue.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to approve the use of a portion of the right-of-way and sidewalk along Mocksville Avenue beginning January 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, for the placement of a Mobile Catheterization Laboratory during renovations at Rowan Regional Medical Center. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE 400 AND 500 BLOCKS OF EAST LAFAYETTE STREET

Traffic Engineer Wendy Brindle addressed Council regarding parking restrictions on the south side of the 400 and 500 blocks of East Lafayette Street. She noted the request came from the Salisbury Police Department. She explained weekly auctions are held in the 400 block of East Lafayette Street, and citizens attending the auction park on both sides of the street in this area.

Ms. Brindle indicated staff investigated the parking situation during the auction and determined it is difficult for emergency vehicles to pass when cars are parked on both sides of the street. She noted staff sent letters to property owners and residents in the area to let them know about the proposed parking restrictions on these blocks. She stated staff received one phone call in response. She indicated staff recommends restricting parking on the south side of East Lafayette Street between Long Street and Clay Street to ensure public safety.

Councilman Kennedy asked how staff plans to enforce the parking restrictions. Ms. Brindle stated signs will be installed, and the Police Department will patrol the area to enforce the parking restrictions.

Salisbury Police Captain Melanie Thompson explained the original request came from the Salisbury Fire Department because it could not drive a fire truck through this portion of East Lafayette Street during a fire call. She noted if the parking restrictions are approved by Council, the Police Department will monitor the area during auction events.

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. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

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. 23 at Page No. 80, and is known as Ordinance 2011-37.)

## MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Traffic Engineer Wendy Brindle addressed Council regarding municipal maintenance agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and she noted the agreements reflect a rate schedule change. She explained NCDOT is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the North Carolina highway system, and she noted the City of Salisbury has agreements defining maintenance functions and corresponding reimbursement rates for the City to maintain some of these state roads. She indicated the new rates provide approximately a three percent increase over the old rates, and staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor and the City Traffic Engineer to execute the agreements with NCDOT.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor and the City Traffic Engineer to extend agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding maintenance of signs (Schedule A), markings and markers (Schedule B), traffic signals (Schedule C), and the computerized traffic signal system (Schedule D). Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comment.

There being no one present to address Council, Mayor Kluttz closed the public comment session.

### **INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

No comments were offered.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Foil-Tatum Park

Mayor Kluttz announced the Grand Opening of Foil-Tatum Park will be held Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Foil Tatum Park is located at 223 North McCoy Road.

(b) Holiday Caravan Parade

Mayor Kluttz announced the Holiday Caravan Parade will be held Wednesday, November 23, 2011 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Spencer and 3:00 p.m. in Salisbury.

(c) Holiday Night Out

Mayor Kluttz announced Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will host Holiday Night Out Friday, November 25, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in downtown Salisbury

(d) Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mayor Kluttz announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Friday, December 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Park Lake. The public is invited to attend.

(e) United Way Campaign Finale

Councilman Miller announced the United Way of Rowan County Campaign Finale will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norvell Theater on Fisher Street. The public is invited to attend.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council to go into closed session to consult with an attorney as allowed by NCG 143-318.11(a)(3).

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to go into closed session to consult with an attorney as allowed by NCG 143-318.11(a)(3). Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)


**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to return to open session. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz announced no action was taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Miller. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Susan W. Kluttz, Mayor

  
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Myra B. Heard, City Clerk