CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● MARCH 2, 2022

Regular Meeting | **Third Floor Conference Room** | **11:00 AM**

500 N Cedar St, Third Floor, Lumberton, NC 28358

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce W. Davis	Mayor	Present	
Leroy Rising	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation: City Attorney Holt Moore

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Carol Richardson appeared before Council and spoke on behalf of organizers for the Juneteenth Celebrations if approved by City Council.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Special Use Permit - 1985-A N. Roberts Ave. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Dominique Brown is requesting a special use permit to operate a bar and lounge to be located at 1985-A North Roberts Ave. Parcel # 10090201105, deed book 1487, pg. 208. This request is to allow for the operation of a bar and lounge that serves food, with the proposed operating hours of Thursday - Saturday from 12:00 pm - 2:00 am and Sundays for catering events.
This property is currently zoned B4 (general commercial) and to operate a bar/lounge with limited food menu, a special use permit is required (Use 8.500-Bars, night clubs).
This property is currently zoned general commercial B4. The Land Use Plan designates the future use of this parcel as high intensity and is located in council precinct 2.
The Planning Board, unanimously, recommends City Council approve the Special Use Permit request with the following condition(s): The hours of operation shall be Thursday thru Saturday from 12:00pm to 2:00am and Sundays from 10:00am to 10:00pm.
The Planning Staff asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the request with the Planning Boards recommended condition(s).

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit to operate a bar and lounge located at 1985-A Roberts Avenue. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

Ms. Dominique Brown, appeared before Council and stated that she is the applicant and that they would like to open a bar and lounge that serves food. She stated that she is present to answer any questions.

Councilwoman Robinson asked the applicant (Dominique Brown) what experience does she have in operating a bar? Ms. Brown stated that this would be her first time. That she and her husband decided to step out on faith.

Councilwoman Robinson asked about the target customers being 30 + years; how would you determine that. Ms. Brown stated that she would do I.D. checks. Councilwoman Robinson asked how many employees would you have? Ms. Brown stated that she would have 5 not including her husband and herself.

Councilwoman Robinson asked about the music if there would be a DJ involved. Ms. Brown stated that the music would be played through media device.

Councilman Cantey asked how many gaming machines will there be? Ms. Brown stated that there will be no gaming machines; however, there will be two (2) pool tables and corn hole games. He asked about security if there will be any and if they would be certified? Ms. Brown stated that they would be certified.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that based on the concerns of the residents in Meadow Branch, Griffin and Newtown residents; I am recommending that we deny the application at this time.

RESULT:	**DENIED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

B. Mr. Chase Howard, vice president of CCC Car Wash LLC, has submitted a Rezoning petition for two (2) adjacent lots located Roberts Avenue – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Mr. Chase Howard, vice president of CCC Car Wash LLC, has submitted a Rezoning petition for two (2) adjacent lots located Roberts Avenue (parcel #?s 3206-01-008/Deed Book 1037 Page 265 and 3206-01-009/ Deed Book 1261 Page 215). This request is to allow for the construction of a car wash (use #9.600). This property is currently zoned B-3 (Office Residential) and R-15 (residential single family) and to operate a car wash at this location requires a rezoning; the request is to change to B4.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on February 15, 2022 and unanimously, recommends City Council deny the Rezoning Request due to the request will not be in harmony with the neighborhood and it will not be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan.

The Planning Staff asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and deny the request based on the Planning Boards recommendation that will not be in harmony with the neighborhood and it will not be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance by rezoning property located on Roberts Avenue. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

City Attorney Moore announced that the applicant has requested to withdraw the application.

RESULT:	**WITHDRAWN**

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 2, 2022 11:00 AM –

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. WasteWater Treatment Plant Lab Breakroom – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works had in the capital budget this year to repair the breakroom and entry way of the Lab located at the WasteWater Treatment Plant. The amount budgeted was $25,000.00 Public Works requested and received 3 bids from GMC Construction of NC, Inc., Strickland Construction and Development, and Watson & Watson Builders, Inc. Those quotes can back at $32,400, $35,500, and $37,900 respectively.
Public Works is recommending council approval of the quote from GMC Construction of NC, Inc. in the amount of $32,400.00 with funds coming from capital codes 60-00-8329-5860 (Lab Breakroom, $25,000) and 60-00-8329-5560 (Lab Incubator $7,400).

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

B. OBX Lift Station Valves – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works has recently found several issues with the OBX Lift Station site in the valves and piping associated with that station. This station serves as the sole location for our over the road hauled waste water collections and revenue associated with it. The check valves and isolation valves as well as other piping in the station have failed causing the pumps to recirculate the water rather than removing it. Given the importance of this site and the size of this station Public Works has reached out to Charles R. Underwood Inc (CRU) that has done work for Public Works in the past at the Water Plant and on other Lift Stations.
CRU has quoted this emergency repair at $97570.00. Given the nature of this job and the emergency nature of the repair, Public Works only received one quote.
Public Works is recommending council approval to have CRU perform the repair work at the OBX lift station in the amount of $97,570.00 using capital funds from the code 60-00-8332-5960 Kenny Biggs Lift Station Pumps ($130,000.00) to fund this repair.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

C. MLSS Meters for WasteWater Treatment Plant – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
The City of Lumberton WasteWater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is looking to upgrade some of the metering and monitoring equipment used by operators to get a better/real time analytical results for running the plant. We currently use 1 Hach SC4500 US GSM meter on 1 aeration basin and have seen the value in this process. Public works would like to expand this capability to the other 2 aeration basins currently in use. We received a quote from Hach for $26,218.40 for these 2 new meters.
Public Works is requesting council approval to use Capital funds currently designated for 60-00-8330-5560 for the WWTP motor control center ($100,000.00) to be reallocated for the Hach MLSS metering upgrades at the WWTP in the amount of $26,218.40

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

D. Financing of Patrol Vehicles – Alisha Armstrong, Finance Director
The Finance Department obtained quotes for financing patrol vehicles for 5 years budgeted for $497,300 in this year's budget.

Lumbee Bank 1.95%
Truist 2.09%
First Bank 2.69%
Recommend that Council award the financing of the vehicles to Lumbee Bank for 5 years at a payment of $1,053.58.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

E. Acceptance of CDBG-NR Grant – Stephanie Canady, CDBG Administrator
The City applied for and has been awarded a CDBG-NR grant in the amount of $750,000 to assist in the reconstruction of 4 properties in the city. In order to receive the grant award the city must accept and authorize the execution of the grant agreement.
Staff recommends council accept and execution of the attached grant agreement for the CDBG-NR grant.

Councilman Cantey asked if the four houses are part of the flood zone. Ms. Canady stated that they are not in the flood zone and they are part of the

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

F. CDBG-NR Administrative Services Procurement – Stephanie Canady, CDBG Administrator
The City has been awarded a $750,000 CDBG-NR grant for the reconstruction of 4 properties within the City. A request for proposals for administrative services was received on February 1, 2022. We received 4 proposals. After evaluation of all proposals the Adams Company was identified as the most qualified, according to the evaluation criteria.
Staff recommends awarding the administrative services contract to The Adams Company.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

G. Rezoning petition for property located at 2960 E. Elizabethtown Road – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Charles F. Irick, Jr. (Fitch Irick Development) has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 2960 E. Elizabethtown Road (parcel # 1012-01-045/Deed Book 1770 Page 467). This request is to allow for the development of a 56 unit apartment complex (use #1.310).

This property is currently zoned B-7 (Business General Commercial Mobile Home Sales) and to develop a multifamily complex at this location requires a rezoning. The applicant is requesting the property be rezoned to B-2 (Business Community).

Land Use Plan: The Land Use Plan designates the future use of this parcel as Medium Intensity, furthermore, this property is located within precinct 2.
Review the request, refer the petition to the March 22, 2022 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 3/22/2022 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2	
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

H. Rezoning Request: Ernest Britt, Jr. is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a multifamily conversion at 820 E. 7th Street, parcel # 3234-02-005/Deed Book 2329 Page 774. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Ernest Britt, Jr. has submitted a Special Use Permit to operate a multifamily conversion at 820 E. 7th Street, parcel # 3234-02-005. The structure was previously used as a triplex, however it remained vacant for more than 180 days. Under the current ordinance, because the use is considered nonconforming and has been vacant for more than 180 days, a Special Use Permit must be granted to continue the previous use. The Land Use Plan designates the future use of this parcel as Low Intensity, furthermore, this property is located within precinct 5.
CPC review the request, refer the petition to the March 22, 2022 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorized the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 3/22/2022 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5	
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

I. Edna Mae Mayes is requesting a rezoning to operate a recycling center at 593 Kenny Biggs Road (parcel # 020801008 / Deed Book 2272 Page 830). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Edna Mae Mayes has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 593 Kenny Biggs Road (parcel # 020801008 / Deed Book 2272 Page 830). This request is to allow for the development of a recycling center (use #11.000-Scrap Materials Salvage Yards, Junkyards, Automobile Graveyards).

This property is currently zoned 'A' (Agriculture) and to develop a recycling center at this location requires a rezoning. The applicant is requesting the property be rezoned to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing).
Council review the request, refer the petition to the March 22, 2022 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 3/22/2022 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7	
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

J. Request for Annexation- Bethel Baptist Church – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for annexation from Bethel Baptist Church, requesting a contiguous annexation of property located at 417 Hornets Rd. (Parcel #10100201205/ Deed Book: 2206 Page: 0783). The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton A (Agricultural) therefore a rezoning is not required. This property is located within the City's ETJ.
This property is located in Area 3 of our Land Use Plan and designates the future use as medium intensity.
On March 24, 2022 the Planning Department sent out letters to the adjacent property owners within 150 feet of the petitioned property, notifying them of the annexation request.

On March 24, 2022 a request was sent to Public Works Department to have a sign placed on the property, notifying the adjacent property owners of the annexation request.
On March 24, 2022 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on March 26th and April 2, 2022.
Recommend that City Council hold tonight?s public hearing and approve the annexation request.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 4/6/2022 11:00 AM**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2	
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

K. Contiguous Annexation Request - Oakridge Lots 239-247 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for annexation from Oakridge Land Development Co. This request is for contiguous annexation of property located at Autumn Leaf Ct Parcel #100402080, deed book 01760, pg. 0792. The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton B3 (Office/Residential) therefore a rezoning is not required.
Authorize City Clerk to investigate said petition.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

L. PARTF Grant Agreement – Holt Moore, City Attorney
As staff recently announced, the City has been awarded a $400,000 PARTF grant from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. There is a local match requirement, and the Lumberton Tourism Development Authority is providing $500,000 toward that match; this leaves $533,495 to be paid from City funds. This amount can be financed and paid over a period of time. These funds will be used for facilities at the Pennington Athletic Complex. Staff seeks Council's approval of the grant agreement.
Approve PARTF grant agreement.

Councilman Rising stated that he was in a meeting yesterday with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and they will be constructing a roundabout at Linkhaw and Meadow Roads.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

M. Revised Contract With Waste Management for Residential / Small Business – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Council may recall a Memorandum from Public Works Director Rob Armstrong concerning the fact that Waste Management will not be able to continue all of the services which they currently provide with regard to our curbside waste collection program. Staff has negotiated the best terms we believe are possible with the company and a draft contract containing those terms are attached

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Review and approve revised contract with Waste Management.

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong discussed the following points with Council:

- Municipal Household Waste (grey container) $8.76 per month versus $7.13 per month currently, a $1.63 increase per month.
- Yard Waste (Green Container) $9.34 per month. This is the same rate currently charged but the new proposal would not include mulching and hauling the mulch from our LCID landfill. The City would be responsible for this operation. We do not have a firm cost of the mulching and hauling operation but we estimate it to cost the City approximately $250,000 annually. The $9.34 per month also includes the collection of bulk goods, brown goods, white goods and demolition debris, which will no longer have a separate hauling fee.
- Discontinue curbside recycling. One scenario that may be considered by Council in order to provide a recycling opportunity, the City could open one manned drop off recycling collection site, centrally located as possible, for city residential customers who are interested in recycling to bring their approved recyclable material to. The attendant would verify the drop off items meet the recycling guidelines so that 100% of our dumpsters are accepted at the recycling facility without a contamination fee. This would assure that the material we bring to the sorting facility is actually recycled instead of diverted in the MSW stream by the materials recovery facility. We estimate the initial site development cost for the manned facility to be approximately $75,000 with $35,000 to $50,000 of annual recurring costs.
- Implementation of the WST (Waste Sewer & Trash) CPI Index in lieu of the Urban South CPI currently used.
- Fuel Surcharge - Waste Management has agreed not to impose a fuel surcharge.
- These rates are based on a 5-year agreement.

Though the Waste Management contract fees only increase $1.63 per month per customer, the City will have increased operational costs to cover the expense of grinding and mulching the yard debris and managing the proposed recycling drop off site. In order to cover the Waste Management contract, increase, the projected mulching expense and operational cost of the manned recycling facility, Public Works proposes to increase the solid waste roll out service fee from $23.60 per month to $27.10 per customer, effective April 1, 2022. This is a $3.50 per month per customer increase.
Director Armstrong stated that Waste Management will be allowing 2 bags to be placed along side of the trash can but it is not highly encouraged. He also mentioned the policy that Council has in place to allow families with 5 or more members the privilege of having two (2) grey containers with proof of

documentation.
Councilman Rising asked if the site has already been decided for the recycling drop-off. PW Director Armstrong stated that it has not; however, several sites have been identified some owned by the City and some not owned by the City. He stated that it must be a centrally located site.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

N. Consultant to Completely Revise LPD SOP As Needed – Holt Moore, City Attorney
It has been many years since the Police Department Standard Operating Procedures have been thoroughly evaluated and revised. Staff believes that a consultant is needed because of the highly specialized nature of the work, and the time it will take. We have received two quotes from two very capable firms. However, in the opinion of staff the proposal from Taylor Law Enforcement Consultants will provide more of a complete 'turn key' final product, and it was also $5,000 less expensive than that from Dolan Consulting Group, who were also found to be very professional and capable. The proposals are attached. Staff's decision was based upon numerous discussions as well as the written proposals.
Award contract for review and revision, and production of a new version of, the LPD SOP to Taylor Law Enforcement Consulting in the amount of $14,900.

Councilman Carroll asked do we normally contract outside for work like this? City Manager stated that at one point we had an intern working on this but it was so cumbersome that he couldn't finish it and we just set it aside for the time being. However, now we need to complete this and the company that we are hiring will be able to compile all of the State Laws with our policies.

Councilman Rising made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carroll, to return to in-person meeting starting in April. It carried unanimously.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

O. Approval of City Council Spring Workshop Date – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
It has been a couple of years since City Council has met for a spring planning workshop. Given that COVID numbers have begun to decline and that adequate social distancing measures have been implemented in the Council Chambers, staff feels that it would be a good time to go ahead and schedule an in-person, yet abbreviated planning workshop this year. Looking ahead on the calendar, we would offer Wednesday, March 23rd or Wednesday, March 30th as two possible dates. Again, this would be a very "lean" agenda and we would expect to only meet for a portion of one day, likely beginning around 8:30 or 9:00 and running until just after lunch.
City Council should decide on either March 23rd or March 30th for its spring planning workshop.

March 30, 2022 will be Council Spring Workshop Date.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

P. Report requested by City Council outlining the History and fiscal impact of the proposed Juneteenth Holiday. – Wayne Horne, City Manager

The City Council at the February meeting instructed staff to prepare a report on Juneteenth so that a informed decision could be made with granted city employee a paid holiday in recognition of Juneteenth. The attached report provides a history of Juneteenth, requests from two nonprofit for city assistance, the cost associated with paid holiday, a list of City and Counties that have approved June 19th as a paid holiday and a schedule of events that are planned in recognition of Juneteenth.

Staff is requesting that City Council review the report and advise staff on how to proceed.

Councilman Cantey thanked City Manager Horne and staff for such a informative report on Juneteenth celebrations. He stated that the time that you and Staff put into this shows and it is very much appreciated as the City and Council takes steps together to promote equality and unity. Councilman Cantey would also like to thank the organizers for organizing days of festivities that would appeal to all residents in the City.

He stated that after speaking with the Organizers, we have a much clearer understanding of the extent the City goes through to support our civic, social and community residents and their programs. There is a better understanding of the City's financial budget and where our revenue is made vs expenditures plus the liability insurance on community and city events.

As far as City participation, the Organizers are going to focus on 2 days with a Parade on Saturday and Senior Citizens Brunch / Gospel Choir on Sunday. He stated that although there will be several events, the Organizers will be seeking Sponsors to offset cost of most items requested. There is no action needed on this full request at this time.

Councilman Rising made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cantey, approving Juneteenth as a paid Federal Holiday for the employees in the City of Lumberton. It carried unanimously.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

Q. Approve the designation of $500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Downtown Neighborhood Watch Meeting on March 26, 2022 – Chris Howard, Precinct 6

Councilman Howard would like to designate $500 of CRF to a Downtown Neighborhood Watch meeting that will be held on March 26, 2022. Ms. Cindy Brewer is the Coordinator for this meeting.

Designate $500 of CRF to the Downtown Neighborhood Watch meeting to be held on March 26, 2022.

Council approved the designation of $600.00 to the Downtown Neighborhood Watch meeting as follows:

P5 - $100 and P6 - $500 for a total of $600.00

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

R. Approval of Bid for Lead Paint & Asbestos Services for Scottish Packing Project – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

The City of Lumberton advertised requests for proposals for lead based paint and asbestos services for the old Scottish Packing facility located off Campbell Street. Bids were initially received on February 11th, however only two responses were received. The project was re-posted and advertised for two additional weeks and bids were again received on February 25th. This time, three packages were received from the following firms: The EI Group, Inc., Precision Environmental, Inc., and Synterra Corporation. The lowest responsive bidder was The EI Group, Inc. with a total bid amount of $7,350.00 (see attached bid tabulation).

City staff has contacted references listed by The EI Group, Inc. and found them to be very supportive. The recommendation is that City Council award the lead paint and asbestos services contract for the old Scottish Packing site to The EI Group, Inc. and authorize staff to prepare the necessary documents for execution.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

S. Approve the designation of $250 of CRF for Weatherization and Paint Handicap Ramp and Porch at 1711 Maryland Circle – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey is requesting $250 of CRF for repairs (weatherization and paint handicap ramp and porch) at 1711 Maryland Circle.

Approve the designation of $250 of CRF for repairs at 1711 Maryland Circle.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

T. Approve the designation of $200 of CRF for Golf Tournament - Arrested Potential – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey is requesting $200 of CRF for the 7th Annual Arrested Potential Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Pinecrest Country Club, 100 Nigel Drive, Lumberton.

Approve the designation of $200 of CRF for the 7th Annual Golf Tournament - Arrested Potential held at Pinecrest Country Club on April 16th.

Council approved the designation of $900 to the 7th Annual Arrested Potential Golf Tournament as follows:

P2 - $200 P3 - $100 P4 - $100 P5 - $200 P6 - $200 P7 - $100

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

U. CRF - Boy Scouts of America – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas would like to provide $100 of CRF to the Boy Scouts of America for as an investment in character supporting the youth in the community.

Approve contribution of CRF funds to the Boy Scouts of America.

Council approved the amount of $600 of CRF to the Boy Scouts of America as follows:

P1 - $100 P3 - $100 P4 - $100 P7 - $100 P8 - $100 and Mayor's Discretionary Fund - $100

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to discuss Matter Relating to Real Estate – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Staff needs to discuss a matter relating to purchase or sale of real estate. Mayor and Council have been emailed the information relating to the property in question.

Discuss confidential real estate matter.

City Attorney Moore stated the Firing Range located on a City Parcel (Hwy 711 & Pine Log Road) a 2.9-acre tract holding a tax value of $29,900. The Police Department no longer has use for this property and would like to Declare it Surplus to Needs of the City and dispose of the property by means of sealed bids. With the property value being $29k, we should probably have a minimum bid of no less that $20k, if Council would agree.

After a brief discussion, it is the consensus of Council to adopt a Resolution Declaring the property Surplus to the Needs of the City and Authorizing the Disposition of Property by Sealed Bids with a minimum bid of no less than $20k. Staff will bring back to Council.

City Manager Horne stated that the Lumberton EMS is pulling out of the 72 Fire Station that they can serve out of the Central Station. Allenton Fire Department would like to locate some trucks out there. He stated that he spoke with Chief West and they do not have the manpower to operate it. We would like to negotiate with Allenton Fire Dept. on the basis that they would not pay rent but would have to maintain the facility as part of the agreement. We would set rent at $1.00 and on the stipulation that they would pull out if we ever need to take over the station.

After a brief discussion, it is the consensus of Council to allow Staff to negotiate with Allenton Fire Department concerning the Hwy 72 to rent the building for $1 a year; however, they must maintain the property and if at anytime the City needs to takeover the property; they will vacate.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VII. OPEN SESSION:

Council gave direction to Staff concerning real estate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned.