



CITY OF LUMBERTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Special 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	Precinct 1	Present	
John Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
Burnis Wilkins	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Leon Maynor	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	

2. Invocation: City Attorney Moore –

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Council Planning Workshop – Wayne Horne, City Manager

Please see attached.

Consider and approve the following dates for the City Council Planning workshop and 5 Year Capital Presentation.

- Wednesday, March 21st
- Thursday, March 22nd

Council approved Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, as the dates for City Council Planning Workshop.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

2. Bid Award for Construction of Ball Field # 6 at the Pennington Athletic Complex – Tim Taylor, Recreation Director

On February 15, 2018, The Wooten Company received two (2) bids for the construction of Ball Field # 6 at Pennington Athletic Complex. The lowest bid submitted is \$764,365.28 from Terrhawk LLC of Apex, NC (with Greenstate Landscaping); and the other bid was \$856,066.24, submitted by Sports Construction Management, Inc. of Lexington, NC. Both

bids are greatly over the \$500,000 contributed by Lumberton's Tourism Development Authority. Wooten Company has certified the bids and recommends awarding the project to the low bidder.

Award the project to the low bidder, Terrahaw Construction of Apex, in the amount of \$764,365.28 to be paid with the donation of \$500,000 from Lumberton Tourism Development Authority and the remaining \$265,365.28 to be paid from the City's Electric Fund.

Tim Taylor, Recreation Director, appeared before Council and submitted a timeline of actions that council has approved for construction of Ballfield #6 at the Pennington Sports Complex. He stated that on February 15, 2018, The Wooten Company received two (2) bids for the construction of Ball Field # 6 at Pennington Athletic Complex. The lowest bid submitted is \$764,365.28 from Terrhawk LLC of Apex, NC (with Greenstate Landscaping); and the other bid was \$ 856,066.24, submitted by Sports Construction Management, Inc. of Lexington, NC. Both bids are greatly over the \$500,000 contributed by Lumberton's Tourism Development Authority. Wooten Company has certified the bids and recommends awarding the project to the low bidder.

Director Taylor's recommendation is that Council award the project to the low bidder, Terrahaw Construction of Apex, in the amount of \$764,365.28 to be paid with the donation of \$500,000 from Lumberton Tourism Development Authority and the remaining \$265,365.28 to be paid from the City's Electric Fund.

Councilman Robinson stated that he cannot see taking the this money from the Electrical Fund. He stated that perception is everything and this action will be printed in the paper. There are many complaints about our electric bills right now and the timing is not good.

Councilman Cantey stated that restaurants and hotels are the ones who will benefit from this move and the word electric is explosive.

Councilman Howard stated that it's pretty much a done situation. We have had much conversation and this and it was stated that the City would do a bulk of the work to defray the cost. We felt comfortable and wanted to go ahead but now we are having a higher rate of billing.

Councilman Cantey stated that all across the City many people are complaining and it is difficult to explain why we are proceeding to do the work. We have to look at the overall system. I have no objection to the work; however, by any other means I would agree to finding the money.

Councilman Rising stated that adding one (1) meter reader would help with this situation; however, we probably cannot take the money that we have in the electric fund to pay for the position; however this Council has approved all along to do this. We will have to bite the bullet and live up to the commitment that we have made. To renig on this would cost us our credibility.

Councilman Cantey stated that we have no objection to the Ball Field and about losing credibility; over a ballfield. The Council has "no credibility" until all of the City's displaced residents are back in their homes. We can do the project even if we have to borrow the \$250,000.

Councilman Maynor asked if we have looked at any other ways of financing this project? If you decide to borrow the \$250K how long would it take to finance it through LGC.

City Manager Horne stated that "timing is everything."

Council Howard stated that the City Manager should find the fastest way to deal with it and we will back him up and he can get at least \$300k for unforeseen incidentals.

Closed Session

City Manager Horne stated that we have need for a closed session and let the City Attorney shed some light on

the situation.

Open Session

Councilman Howard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Maynor, that we move forward with the contract and use the \$275,000 from the CATV fund (Recreation). It carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

3. Adopt a Resolution of Verification for the Lumberton Fire Department – Paul Ivey, Fire Chief

Chief Ivey is requesting that City Council adopt a Resolution of Verification for the Lumberton Fire Department showing that the department is an agency of the City. That Council adopt the Resolution of Verification for the Lumberton Fire Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Maynor, Thomas

III. CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of the Closed Session is to consult with the City Attorney.

City Manager Horne stated that we didn't look at the other funds. We have the funds within the recreational fund balance (CATV Fund).

City Attorney Moore stated that talking with the engineering firm; both of the bids came in above the informatl limit. If we discussed this and our idea is to pull the lighting out and explore doing it ourselves. When we pull the lighting out we are at a good limit. If we rebid formally we do not have ample time. This met the consensus of Council.

There was no action taken.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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