CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Regular Meeting **Council Chambers** **7:00 PM**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Raymond B. Pennington	Mayor	Present	
Don Metzger	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
John Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
Burnis Wilkins	Precinct 3	Present	
Harry Ivey	Precinct 4	Absent	
John Cantey Jr.	Precinct 5	Present	
Robert L. Jones	Precinct 6	Present	
Leon Maynor	Precinct 7	Present	
Erich Hackney	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	
Robert Price	Interim City Attorney	Present	
Cedric McKinnon	Sergeant-at-Arms	Present	

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RECOGNITION

A. Pride in Lumberton -

1. Lumberton Volunteer Firemen Association -

Mayor Pennington along with Councilman Cantey presented Pride in Lumberton awards to the Lumberton Volunteer Fire Department; for their service in the Tots for Kids event and commended Ms. Janice Lee of Lee's Car Service for the revitalization effort they have done downtown.

2. Lee's Car Service -

B. Retirees Recognition

1. Terrence Shaw - Police Captain - 23 years of service -

Mayor Pennington presented Police Captain Terrence Shaw with a plaque and his service revolver for 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Lumberton. Mayor Pennington wished him well on his retirement.

Charles Davis was not present to receive a plaque for 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Lumberton as a Horticulturist. In his absence, Mayor Pennington thanked him for his service to the City.

2. Charles Davis - Horticulturalist - 20 years -

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Tony Parrish, 540 Dayalpur Avenue appeared before Council and spoke against a request to rezone property located at 4140 Fayetteville. Mr. Parrish is against because if rezoned it can be used for retail sales.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Councilman Hackney and a second from Councilman Cantey, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Erich Hackney, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 13, 2014 7:00 PM -

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [7 TO 0]**
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Approve the designation of $75.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Located at 533 Swann Street in Precinct 6 - Robert Jones, Precinct 6
   Councilman Jones requests $75.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for housing rehabilitation located at 533 Swann Street to be paid to Noah Evans.
   Designate $75.00 of CRF for housing rehab at 533 Swann Street.

3. Approve the designation of $425.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Located at 405 John Street in Precinct 6 - Robert Jones, Precinct 6
   Councilman Jones requests $425.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for housing rehabilitation located at 405 John Street to be paid to Noah Evans.
   Designate $425.00 of CRF for Housing Rehabilitation located at 405 John Street.

4. Approve the designation of $1,300.00 Designate $1,300.00 of CRF to Lumberton High School Marching Band for uniforms as follows: P1 - $200.00 P3 - $200.00 P4 - $200.00 P5 - $100.00 P6 - $200.00 P7 - 200.00 P8 - $200.00 - Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
   At its meeting of February 5, 2013, Council designated $1,300 of Community Revitalization Funds for the Lumberton High School Marching Band Uniforms.
   Designate $1,300.00 of CRF to Lumberton High School Marching Band for uniforms as follows:

P1 - $200.00 P3 - $200.00 P4 - $200.00 P5 - $100.00 P6 - $200.00 P7 - 200.00
P8 - $200.00

5. Approve the designation of Designate $550.00 of CRF to the Lumberton Senior High School Cheerleading Squad as follows: P1 - $100.00 P3 - $100.00 P5 - $50.00 P6 - $100.00 P7 - $100.00 Mayor - $100.00 - Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
   At its meeting of February 5, 2014, Council designated $550.00 to the Lumberton Senior High School Cheerleading Squad.
   Designate $550.00 of CRF to the Lumberton Senior High School Cheerleading Squad as follows:
   P1 - $100.00 P3 - $100.00 P5 - $50.00 P6 - $100.00 P7 - $100.00 Mayor - $100.00

6. Approval of December 2014 Tax Releases - Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director
   Per G.S. 105-381, which authorizes the release or refund of billed and / or collected taxes when such taxes were imposed as a result of any of the following reasons: Clerical / computational error, the tax was listed and billed in the name of the wrong taxpayer, the property did not fall within the jurisdiction of the City of Lumberton, or the tax was listed in duplicate.

   The City of Lumberton Tax Office submits for approval the following tax releases which were generated primarily in response to documentation from the Robeson County Tax Assessor and/or city staff clerical errors for the years and amounts outlined below:

   2005------------------112.25
   2011------------------158.05
   2012------------------597.75
   2013------------------5,345.07
   Approve the tax releases for the years and amounts listed above.

7. Approval of Lease Agreement with Lumberton Christian Care Center - Rob Price, City Attorney
   The City owns the land upon which the Lumberton Christian Care Center intends to construct its new facility. The Center is willing to lease the land on the terms set forth in the attached proposed Lease Agreement. The Agreement covers all of the real estate the City received from Buckeye Lumberton Inc., which includes paved parking which is being used by the Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc. The Agreement provides in paragraph 3 that all parking on this land shall be available to those patronizing either agency and assures the existing pavement won't be removed. The rent is set at $1.00 per year for a 50-year term. The Center is required to bear all maintenance costs, but no reserve fund for this is required. Because the property would be owned by the City, there would be no property taxes.
   Approve the execution of the attached Lease Agreement.

8. Approve the request from Poblocki Sign Co. LLC, for three hospital signs - Brandon Love, Planning Director

Poblocki Sign Co. LLC, is requesting three hospital signs to be located at three (3) locations zoned B-6, Medical Arts. The request is as follows:

1) 1150 Pine Run Drive- One 14 sq. ft. freestanding sign at 6 feet overall height
2) 1100 Pine Run Drive -One 17.5 sq.ft. freestanding sign at 3'(30.5") in height. Will be located on the existing brick base.
3) 1100 Pine Run Drive -One 14 sq.ft. freestanding sign at 6 feet in height.

Sec. 35-282. Signs within the medical arts district. States:
Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article excepting for the provisions of section 35-281, signs in the B-6 (medical arts) district may be erected, moved, enlarged, or substantially altered pursuant to plans approved by city council.
(Ord. No. 1448, 6-27-94)
Recommends City Council Policy Committee approve the attached sign permits.

9. Deny Southeastern Regional Medical Center Request for Annexation of Property Located on Dawn Drive - Brandon Love, Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a contiguous annexation from Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) requesting that property located on Dawn Drive (parcel #1006-01-012-20) be annexed into the City of Lumberton. The City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition.
Recommend that City Council set the date of the public hearing for March 10, 2014.

10. Refer the Request from Anthony Spence for a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 418 N. Chestnut Street to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing. - Brandon Love, Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 418 N. Chestnut Street (parcel #3233-02-014). The proposed use of the property is for a Barber and Beauty School.
CPC to review the request, refer the petition to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

11. Approval of Terms of Moving Expense for the City Attorney - Rob Price, City Attorney
The applicant for the City Attorney position has requested that the City's commitment to pay his moving allow for that expense to be incurred after the sale of the home he now owns. Proposed terms of the offer to pay the moving expense are set forth in the attachment.
Approve the proposed terms of the offer to pay the moving expense as set forth in the attachment.

12. Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Rates of Commercial Solid Waste Franchises - Rob Price, City Attorney
The Ordinance granting franchises for commercial solid waste collection adopted on August 12, 2013, had incorrect rates per cubic yard. The figures did not reflect increases in keeping with the Consumer Price Index, as was contemplated by both the City and those seeking the franchises. In fact, the figures did not even match the rates adopted in 2008, the year the franchises were previously granted. The attached table shows the rates: (1) in the 2008 Ordinance, (2) in the 2013 Ordinance, and (3) in the new amending ordinance.

Approve the attached Ordinance.

13. Deny the request form Native Solar for a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 357 Dundee Drive (parcel #2014-04-010). - Brandon Love, Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 357 Dundee Drive (parcel #2014-04-010). The proposed use of the property is for a solar farm.
On November 18, 2013 CPC tabled the request and asked for additional information. The requested information is as follows:

1) Please provide company information for Native Solar Co. (Secretary of State info, business license…)
2) Please provide a copy of the deed which lists Native Solar Co or Jack Lowery as the property owner. If the property owner is someone other than Native Solar Co or Jack Lowery that person must provide information and sign the application as the property owner.
3) Being that the solar farm is a community/regional utility facility we require rezoning of the property to M-1, M-2, or M-3 in addition to a Conditional Use Permit. I have enclosed a Rezoning Application as well as another Conditional Use Permit Application. The application fees are $250.00 each.
4) In the notarized signatures section you placed your name in the notary public block for both owner and applicant which is incorrect.

On November 18, 2013 the Planning Department attempted to contact Mr. Jack Lowery, unfortunately the telephone number provided on the application was disconnected.
On November 18, 2013 the Planning Department mailed a letter to Mr. Lowery requesting the additional information be sent to the Planning Department no later than Monday, December 2, 2103.
On November 19, 2013 Mr. Lowery visited the Planning Department and was provided a copy of the mailed letter and a verbal explanation of what additional information City Council requested.
With no additional information provided to the Planning Department, on January 2, 2014 the Planning Department mailed a 2nd request for additional information to be sent to the Planning Department on or before January 20, 2014.
As of today, January 30, 2014 the Planning Department has not received the requested information.
Recommends that City Council Policy Committee review the request and make a decision on the matter.

14. Refer the rezoning petition for property located at 123 Farmbrook Drive to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing (parcel #'s 1003-04-017; 1003-04-016; 1003-04-015) - Brandon Love, Planning Director
Larry Anderson has submitted a Rezoning Petition for property located at123 Farmbrook Drive (parcel #'s 1003-04-017; 1003-04-016; 1003-04-015). This request is to rezone property from B-4, Business General Commercial to B-5, Business Highway Services. The applicants' intent is for the construction of a 5 story hotel.

On October 4, 2005 the Board of Adjustments approved a Variance to allow for the construction of a 60’, 5 story hotel on parcel #’s 1003-04-017 and 1003-04-016. Parcel # 1003-04-015 was not included in the variance request.
CPC to review the request, refer the petition to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

15. Approve the designation of $1,600.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Golden Leaf Lodge #124 Scholarship Banquet as follows: P2 - $100.00 P3 - $100.00 P4 - $100.00 P5 - $500.00 P6 - $200 P7 - $100.00 P8 - $200.00 Mayor $300.00 for a total of $1,6000 - John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
Councilman Cantey requests $500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds be given to the Golden Leaf Lodge #124 for its Scholarship Banquet.
Designate $500.00 of CRF to the Golden Leaf Lodge #124 for the Scholarship Banquet.

16. Authorized the Police Department to Apply for Governor's Highway Safety Grant - Michael McNeill, Police Chief
The Lumberton Police Department is asking for permission to apply for a GHSP grant to fund two positions for traffic enforcement. Approximate cost for two officers including salary and fringe benefits, equipment to outfit the officers, two fully equipped traffic enforcement vehicles, and 12-month network access for MDT's will be $230,241.

This is a four year grant that includes a local match as follows:

1st year: 15%

2nd year 30%

3rd year 50%

4th year 100%

It is requested that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to apply for a 2015 GHSP grant.

17. Adopt an Order Authorizing the Tax Collector to Advertise Tax Liens - Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director
In accordance with G.S. 105-369 the tax collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. A municipal tax collector's report is due the second Monday in February. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body must order the tax collector to advertise the tax liens. The total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year totals $937,655.06. Recommend that Council order the tax collector to advertise current year tax liens.

18. Approve the designation of $400.00 to the Special Needs Program as follows: P1 - $100.00 P3 - $100.00 P7 - $100.00 and Mayor's Fund - Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
At its meeting of February 5, 2014, Councilman Maynor requested $100.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to assist the Special Needs Coordinator with a trip.

Designate $400.00 as follows: P1 - $100.00 P3 - $100.00 P7 - $100.00 & Mayor $100.00.

19. Authorize the City Attorney to Proceed with Negotiations on the Lumberton Housing Authority Contract - Rob Price, City Attorney
The City has an agreement with the Lumberton Housing Authority to provide Lumberton Housing Authority (LHA) beat officers. The contract is pursuant to the Drug Elimination Program, a HUD funded program of the LHA. At its August meeting, Council approved an agreement effective through February 28, 2014. LHA has had its funding for this program cut in half.

Chief McNeill reports that the agreement should be renewed with the services and funding cut in half. The attachment shows the proposed changes in the proposed agreement. Authorize the City Attorney to proceed with negotiations.

20. Adopt Resolution Supporting The Robeson County Teen Court & Youth Services -

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rezoning Request for property located at 4140 Fayetteville Road (parcel #1009-04-001) (Deed Book 1635 Page 122) - Brandon Love, Planning Director
William E. Antone, Jr. has submitted a Rezoning Petition for property located at 4140 Fayetteville Road (parcel #1009-04-001). This request is to rezoned property from B-3, Office Residential to B-4, Business General Commercial. The applicants' intent is for retail sales to be allowed at this location.
On January 21, 2014 the Planning Board reviewed the request and unanimously recommends the request be denied. Reason for denial is the rezoning will remove the zoning buffer between residential property (R-15) and general commercial (B-4).
Recommends City Council deny this rezoning request.

Tony Parrish, 540 Daylapur Avenue spoke against this request asking for it to be denied on the basis that this property could be used for retail sales.

RESULT:	**APPROVED AND SENT [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Erich Hackney, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

B. Text Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, for the City Of Lumberton, allowing retail sales, as an accessory use, within the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts. - Brandon Love, Planning Director
Currently, the Land Use Ordinance for the City of Lumberton does not allow retail sales in the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts. The Planning Board reviewed this request on January 21, 2014 and unanimously recommends City Council to consider amending the Land Use Ordinance by adding the following:

Sec. 35-159.5. Developments in the M-1 and M-2 industrial districts.

(a) It is the intention of this chapter that accessory uses, such as retail sales of manufactured items, be permitted in the M-1 (light manufacturing) and M-2 (heavy Manufacturing) districts if it is commonly associated with the principal use and integrally related to it, as approved by the Planning and Neighborhood Services Department.

(b) No more than fifty percent (50%) of the total gross floor area of all buildings used for such manufacturing business shall be dedicated to the accessory use.

On January 21, 2014 the Planning Board reviewed the request and recommends removing *"(i) constitutes only an incidental or insubstantial part of the total activity that takes place on a lot, or"* from the proposed text. The Planning Board unanimously recommends City Council approve the revised text amendment.
Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the attached ordinance approving the text amendment. On a motion made by Councilman Maynor and seconded by Councilman Cantey to approve the request; Interim City Attorney Price stated that "Developments" should be changed to read "Accessory Uses." amending the motion. Councilman Maynor and Councilman Cantey amended the motion to read change developments to accessory uses. It carried unanimously.

Greg Cummings, Economic Developer of Pembroke, appeared before Council and asked that the request be approved.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. NCDOT Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Ballots - Council Policy Committee
NCDOT has initiated a new Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the City of Lumberton and recommends forming a steering committee. The committee members will represent the various populations, needs, and issues of the community, related to transportation and thoroughfare planning around Lumberton.
On January 24, 2014 the Planning Department sent out ballots to the Mayor and City Councilmembers asking that each member choose eight (8) individuals that they wish to serve on the committee. Staff will present the results of the voting at next week's CPC meeting.
Also, two Council representatives must be selected to serve on this steering committee as well as two Planning Board members.
Approve the slate of steering committee members and appoint two Council representatives and two Planning Board representatives.

On the motion by Councilman Cantey and second of Councilman Wilkins, the following are members of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee:

Bruce Mullis	Dr. Pam Hilbert
Cindy Kern	Everitt Davis
Dencie Lambdin	Mickey Gregory
Larry Anderson	William Tubbs

Planning Board members: Susan Walker & Alan Britt

The Mayor's appointments are:
Councilman Maynor and Councilman Wilkins

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

2. City of Lumberton Comprehensive Land Use Plan Steering Committee Ballots - Council Policy Committee
Greetings Mayor and City Council Members, as you know, the Planning Department along with Benchmark Planning recently began the process of preparing an update to the City of Lumberton's Land use Plan. The next step in this process is to establish a Steering Committee. This committee will be responsible for the following tasks:

Steering Committee Expectations

- Attend 5 to 6 committee meetings
    - Committee meetings will last 1.5 to 2 hours each
    - February 2014 – January 2015
- Advise on outreach strategies and survey questions
- Help develop vision, goals and strategies for the plan
- Review draft plan
- Provide final recommendations before plan is presented at a community-wide presentation

Adoption Process

- Steering Committee to participate in adoption process by attending meetings and speaking about the plan as needed
- Planning Board will hold a public meeting to consider the draft and will make a recommendation to City Council
- City Council will hold a separate public hearing to consider adoption of the plan

On January 23, 2014 the Planning Department sent out ballots to the Mayor and City Councilmembers asking that each member choose eight (8) individuals that they wish to serve on the committee. The results of the voting will be presented at the next CPC meeting. Also, two Council representatives and two Planning Board members must be designated to serve on the steering committee.

Approve the slate of steering committee members to be presented and appoint two Council representatives and two Planning Board representatives.

On the motion by Councilman Cantey and second of Councilman Wilkins, the following are members of the Comprehensive Land Plan Steering Committee:

Arnold West	Doug Mills
Bo Noble	Kenny Biggs
Brad Martin	Leroy Rising
Danny Cook	Wesley Washington

Planning Board Members: Johnny Nobles, Jr. & Jan Maynor

The Mayor's appointments are:
Councilman Cantey and Councilman Metzger

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

3. Authorization to Purchase Patrol Vehicles - Council Policy Committee
The Police Department is requesting authorization to proceed in purchasing fifteen (15) patrol vehicles under state contract at a cost of $28,364.15 which also includes equipment.
Authorize Police Department to purchase fifteen equipped patrol vehicles at a cost of $28,364.15 each for a total cost of $425,462.25.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Erich Hackney, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

4. Authorization to Purchase Surveillance Equipment - Council Policy Committee
The Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase surveillance equipment to be used in the Narcotics Division at a cost of $14,480. Funding for this purchase will come from Drug Forfeiture Funds.
Authorize Police Department to proceed in purchasing surveillance equipment in the amount of $14,480 with funding coming from Drug Forfeiture.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

5. Approval of Electric Department Engineering Services Contract - Council Policy Committee
The Electric Utilities Department uses Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. to provide miscellaneous engineering services on an "as-needed" basis. The previous two-year contract has expired, and the Electric Utilities Department would like to enter into a services contract with Progressive to continue its services for 2014-2015. The rates and fees for services are contained as an attachment to the proposed contract. The City Manager and City Attorney request that a sentence be added after the first sentence of Article IX to read "This contract shall automatically renew at the end of each two-year term unless either party gives the other notice to terminate 30 days before the expiration of the current term."
Approve the attached contract with the added term for automatic renewal.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Robert L. Jones, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

6. Clean Water State Emergency loan for the Britt's Farm Interceptor Project - Council Policy Committee
The City of Lumberton has been approved for loan assistance from the Clean Water State Emergency Fund in the amount of $503,676 for the Britt's Farm Interceptor Rehabilitation Project. The project includes (1) Cleaning, video inspection and installation of CIPP liner for approximately 3,700 LF of 12-inch pipe (2) Completion of 5 point repairs; (3) replacement or rehabilitation of approximately twelve sanitary sewer manholes and (4) replace three service laterals connected to the interceptor in the right-of-way.
Recommend that City Council adopt the attached resolution and accept the State Revolving Loan in the amount of $503,676 for the Britt's Farm Interceptor Rehabilitation Project.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [7 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Robert L. Jones, Precinct 6
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Cantey Jr., Jones, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

7. Proposed 3% adjustment in Electrical Utility Rates affective February 2014. - Council Policy Committee

The City's revenues in the Electrical Utility Fund have declined over the past several years as a result of mild winters and consumer education and energy conservation. The total sales over the past three years are as follows: 2011-$36,044,593, 2012-$32,676,159, 2013-$33,644,397. The last rate adjustment approved by council was in FY 2006-2007 in the amount of 4%, and there has been no rate adjustment over the past six years. The purpose of the proposed rate adjustment is to stabilize the Electric Fund Balance and to provide revenues for system upgrades and emeregency repairs.
Recommend that City Council approve a 3% adjustment in the Cities Electrical Rate Schedules and authorize staff to advertise and schedule a public hearing for the March 17th City Council meeting as required by G.S. 159-16.1

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Don Metzger, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Erich Hackney, Precinct 8
AYES:	Metzger, Robinson, Wilkins, Jones, Maynor, Hackney
NAYS:	Cantey Jr.
ABSTAIN:	Pennington
ABSENT:	Ivey

X. Adjournment