



CITY OF LUMBERTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JANUARY 9, 2017

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

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	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Burnis Wilkins	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey Jr.	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Leon Maynor	Precinct 7	Present	
Erich Hackney	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Heath Graham	Sergeant-at-Arms	Present	

II. RETIREES RECOGNITION

Robert Lewis, Maintenance Worker IV, received his retirement plaque for 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Lumberton. Council wished him well.

Clementeen S. Howell, Telecommunicator IV, received her retirement plaque for 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Lumberton. Council wished her well.

Candace L. Nobles, Administrative Assistant, received her retirement plaque for 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Lumberton. Council wished her well.

Frank Dickerson, Sr. Fire Captain received his retirement plaque for 28 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Lumberton. Council wished him well.

John B. McQueen and Steven B. West were not present.

- a. - Robert Lewis - Maintenance Worker IV –
- b. - Clementeen S. Howell - Telecommunicator IV –
- c. - John B. McQueen - Electric Meter technician II –
- d. - Steven B. West - Lab/Pre-Treatment Officer –
- e. - Candace L. Nobles - Administrative Assistant –
- f. - Frank Dickerson - Sr. Fire Captain –

g. Proclamation - Mickey Meekins

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Eshonda Hooper appeared to speak before Council and stated that the funds have fallen short for the MLK Prayer Luncheon. She stated that she has \$1,000.00 promised but has not received the funds. She asked Council if they would assist in donating funds for the Luncheon.

Councilman Cantey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Maynor, to entertain the unagendaed item by waving the 2nd reading and it carried unanimously.

On the motion of Councilman Cantey, and second of Councilman Maynor, the following CRF totally \$1,000.00 was given to Ms. Eshonda Hooper for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Luncheon as follows:

P1 - \$100.00 P2 - \$100.00 P3 - \$100.00 P4 - \$100.00 P5 - \$150.00 P6 - \$50.00 P7 - \$100.00 P8 - \$200.00
Mayor's Discretionary Fund - \$100.00 for a total of a \$1,000.00. It carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 14, 2016 6:00 PM -

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution Regarding FEMA Mobile Units and City Setbacks – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Attached is a resolution which will allow FEMA mobile residential units to be placed on parcels within the City without having to comply with the zoning setbacks. This exemption would be in place for 15 months under the Resolution.
Consider and approve Resolution exempting FEMA mobile units from zoning setbacks.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney

- B. Resolution Regarding Private Property Debris Removal and Home Demolition – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Attached for Council consideration is a resolution which would allow the City's debris contractor to remove debris from private property and also to demolish homes which are a danger to the community due to the damage they have sustained. These provisions will still need FEMA approval, but the resolution is a necessary first step. As a side note, any such

actions on private property, should FEMA approve it, will be at the City's discretion where it is deemed necessary.

Consider and approve Resolution allowing for private property debris collection and dangerous home demolition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

C. Formal Adoption of Fiscal Policy – Holt Moore, City Attorney

In the past, city staff has ensured compliance with all local, state and federal purchasing guidelines through appropriate routing of all purchases through relevant personnel. For Council's consideration is a formal policy memorializing the provisions staff have in actuality been using for some time. Having this information in one volume should prove more convenient for staff and Council.

Consider and pass the fiscal policy.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

D. Consideration of Potential Hazard Mitigation Projects – Wayne Horne, City Manager

Staff has had several meetings since Hurricane Matthew with state and FEMA officials regarding the Hazard Mitigation Programs. The programs and funding are designed to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The attached report provides Council with an outline of the States 404 Mitigation Program and the FEMA 406 Mitigation Program. Staff would like to discuss with Council a list of potential projects for submission in a "Letter of Interest" to the NCEM-HM program. This list will be available for Council consideration and approval at the CPC meeting.

Discuss and approve the submission of various hazard mitigation projects for the city, to the NCEM, Hazard Mitigation Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

E. Approval of Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief Assistance – Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director

On October 8, 2016 Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Robeson County and ultimately our City, making history by damaging thousands of properties. In the City of Lumberton

hundreds of homes remain uninhabitable while many residential and business property owners attempt to find resources for repair. In these cases owners desire to maintain utility service but have requested relief from City staff as it relates to non-metered utility services that are not being used. Staff recommends that during the recovery of these homes that the \$20.95 non-metered garbage collection fee, the \$4.25 residential non-metered storm water fee, and the budgeted commercial non-metered storm water & garbage fees be waived for a period of time, perhaps 90 days from the date of Council approval of the provision, should Council choose to approve it. A written request would be required from the applicant for this waiver.

Staff also requests that when utility services were voluntarily terminated by account holders as a result of the damages that the non-refundable \$26.75 above ground and \$77.25 underground service fee required for reconnection is waived. Staff makes this recommendation to assist with the recovery process of our community by lessening the financial burden on the FEMA victim.

Council Policy Committee recommends that Council approve their recommendation to waive non-metered utility fees for FEMA victims for four (4) months.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- F. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for Community Watch in Precinct 4 – Karen Higley, Precinct 4

Councilwoman Higley requests \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds be designated as Community Watch.

Designate \$500.00 of CRF as Community Watch in Precinct 4.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- G. Approve the designation of \$1,000.00 of CRF to McCormick's Chapel Church for Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Program as follows: P2 - \$200.00 P3 - \$100.00 P4 - \$200.00 P5 - \$200.00 P6 \$100.00 P7 - \$100.00 & P8 - \$100.00 – John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey requests \$200.00 of CRF to be given to McCormick Chapel for Dr. King's Memorial Program.

Designate \$200.00 of CRF to McCormick Chapel.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Hackney
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Works Building Roof Repair – Council Policy Committee -- Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Public Works is proposing to re-roof the existing Administrative, Warehouse and Garage building as part of the on-going Public Works Facility Improvements. A new Thermalplastic Polyolefin (TPO) system, approximately 18,000sf, will be placed over the existing metal panels along with a rigid insulation panel to enhance the roof thermal envelope R value. We received three quotes for this work (attached). Britt and Britt Roofing, Inc. of Lumberton submitted the lowest bid of \$60,000. Public Works has \$50,000 budgeted in our current Capital Code 60-00-8221-5860.

Council Policy Committee recommends that Council award the building Re-Roof project to Britt and Britt Roofing, Inc. for \$60,000 and appropriate and an additional \$10,000 for the water and sewer capital reserve fund to Capital Code 60-00-8221-5860.

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

B. CLOSED SESSION

C. ADJOURNMENT