



CITY OF LUMBERTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Regular Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

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	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Mayor Pro Tem	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: Councilman Carroll –

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Higley –

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Susie Grady and Kyle Malcolm, residents of 407 & 409 Barker Ten Mile Road appeared before Council to voice their concerns about a potential Group Home. They want Council to consider all of the information and look further into whatever information is given to them. They stated that it is not going to be a group home but a Youth Residential Treatment Home and they do not think it should be located in a residential area.

Shalonda Regan and Sharon Platt, Voices of Robeson County Community Choir, appeared before Council and stated that they have already attended the Dunamis Awards in Greensboro; however, they would like to revised their request and use the funds for their Christmas Program at Bethany Presbyterian Church and the Adopt a Family Program.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 9, 2023 6:00 PM -

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

- B. Purchase of 2022 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT 4X4 Supply & Logistics Truck - Poll Ratification - City Manager

At the direction of the City Manager, a poll was conducted on behalf of the Police Department for the purchase of a Supply and Logistics truck for \$44,795. The Police Department had \$40,000 in the budget and used \$4,795 out of operations. There were 3 quotes received as shown on the attached requisition.

The Police Department is requesting Council to ratify the poll vote that purchased the 2022 Chevy Silverado 1500 at the cost of \$44,795 as stated above.

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

- C. Approve the Ratification Designation of \$900.00 of CRF to the Carolina Cancer Foundation as follows: P1 - \$150 P2 - \$150 P3 - \$150 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$100 and P8 - \$150 for the "Linked to Pink Breast Cancer Event 2023. - City Manager

Council made the following designations of CRF to the Carolina Cancer Foundation - an entity that focuses on the quality of life for All cancer patients receiving chemotherapy or radiation therapy. The designations were done by a poll due to time constraints, and need to be ratified at today's meeting. The designations were: P1 - \$150 P2 - \$150 P3 - \$150 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$100 and P8 - \$150 for a total of \$900.00.

Designate \$900.00 of CRF to the Carolina Cancer Foundation as indicated above.

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

- D. Purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 - Poll Ratification - City Manager

At the direction of the City Manager, a poll was conducted on behalf of the Public Works Department to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 for \$46,550. The Public Works Department had \$49,000 in the budget for this item.

The Public Works Department is requesting Council to ratify the poll vote that purchased the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 as stated above.

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

- E. Approve the Ratification Designation of \$850.00 of CRF to Colors of Life as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$300 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$100 and P8 - \$100 for the Thanksgiving Giveaway and Christmas Dinner - City Manager
Council made the following designations of CRF to the Colors of Life a non-profit organization that is committed to educating school-aged youth about the dangers of gang involvement. The designations were done by a poll due to time constraints, and need to be ratified at today's meeting. Designations were given as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$300 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$100 and P8 - \$100 for the Thanksgiving Giveaway and Christmas Dinner.

Designate \$850.00 of CRF to Colors of Life as indicated above.

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

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

Planning Board Minutes - October 17, 2023 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
The minutes from the October 17, 2023 Planning Board meeting are available for review.
<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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- A. Adopt an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on McPhail Road from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from 5th Street to Roberts Avenue – Michael McNeill, Police Chief
It is requested that the speed limit on McPhail Road be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph on the listed streets.

5th Street to Roberts Avenue

Consider reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on the listed streets above by adopting the attached Ordinance.

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

B. Unsafe Structure 122 Warwick Mill Road – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 122 Warwick Mill Road was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A Hearing was held on August 29, 2023 in which the owners were present. An Order to Demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on October 10, 2023.

Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 122 Warwick Mill Road.

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

C. Unsafe Structure 117 Warwick Mill Road – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 117 Warwick Mill Road was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on March 30, 2023 in which the owners were not present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on May 17, 2023. Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 117 Warwick Mill Road.

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

D. Unsafe Structure 1008 Cherokee Street – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 1008 Cherokee Street was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on May 9, 2023 in which the owners were not present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on June 12, 2023. Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 1008 Cherokee Street.

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

E. Unsafe Structure 220 Cavalier Street – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 220 Cavalier Street was inspected by our department and was determined unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on August 15, 2023 in which the owners were not present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on September 25, 2023. Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 220 Cavalier Street.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

F. Unsafe Structure 7 Albion Street – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 7 Albion Street was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on August 8, 2023 in which the owners were not present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on September 18, 2023. Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 7 Albion Street.

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

G. Unsafe Structure 905 Hardin Road – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 905 Hardin Road was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on August 29, 2023 in which the owners were present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on October 10, 2023.

Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 905 Hardin Road.

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

H. First Street Drainage Improvement Project Engineering Firm Selection – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

In August, the City was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the North Carolina Golden Leaf Foundation for the First Street Drainage Improvement Project. This project's goal is to reduce flooding on First Street and Second Street near the CSX railroad spur by enlarging an existing culvert and open channel system on First Street. In September, the City issued an RFQ for Design and Engineering Services for the Project. We received two responses to the RFQ. A response was submitted by the Timmons Group and a response was submitted by the Wooten Company. Staff has reviewed the responses and scored them in accordance with the criteria referenced in the RFQ.

Public Works recommends Council select the Wooten Company as the Engineer for the First Street Drainage Improvement Project based on their qualifications and familiarity of the problem. Once the project is awarded, the Wooten Company will provide the City a proposal and fee schedule for the project that will be brought back to Council for final approval.

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

I. Fuel Pump Upgrades – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The fuel dispensing system at Public Works is in need of hardware and software control upgrades. The pump controls are outdated and can no longer transfer data to the cloud based data manager. We have three pumps total, two gasoline and one diesel, to serve the entire City fleet. Attached is a quote from MECO, the provider of the current fueling system. The cost will be \$30,715.62 to upgrade the existing system. We consider this a sole source vendor product since we are utilizing the existing MECO infrastructure. There will also be an annual fee of approximately \$4,600 to manage and store the fuel data. The annual fee will be paid from our fleet operations budget. We propose to pay for the equipment upgrades from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund

Public Works is requesting Council approval of the Fuel Pump Upgrade agreement with MECO of Florence for \$30,715.62 to be paid for from the Water & Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

J. Raw Water Intake Engineering Agreement Amendment #1 – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The Raw Water Intake Flood Mitigation Project is almost complete. There have been numerous obstacles encountered during the construction of this project. Procurement of some of the specialty and custom fabricated items was difficult during a period supply chain disruption, discovery of unforeseen existing pump wear and tear and river level access problems to the remote intake location are just some of the challenges for the project. As a result of these delays, the Wooten Company has \$35,000 in additional project management and construction observation time. Attached is Engineering Services Agreement Amendment #1 showing the itemized design services scope with a final total design project fee of \$130,078.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of the Raw Water Intake Engineering Agreement Amendment #1 with the Wooten Company for \$35,000 to be paid for from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund

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

K. (3) 4x4 1/2 Ton Pickup Trucks – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Council has previously approved 3 vehicles in the water and sewer fund for purchase this year.

1 4x4 ½ Ton truck at the water plant, 1 4x4 ½ Ton truck at the lab, and 1 SUV at the water plant all being budgeted at \$35,000 each. After research and reassessing the needs of the department, Public Works is requesting council approve 3 4x4 ½ Ton trucks instead of 2 trucks and 1 SUV.

Public Works recommends council approval for 3 2023 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 ½ Ton trucks from Modern Toyota of Winston-Salem, NC, coming from the NC Sheriffs Association contract (NCSA 23-09-0921RR) in the amount of \$35,668.66 each. Funds would be from the capital codes 60-00-8220-5460 (\$70,000) and 60-8329-5360 (\$35,000). The balance would come from the water and sewer capital reserve fund in the amount of \$2,005.98.

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

- L. Alice McLean Rezoning Request - MLK Jr. Dr. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Alice McLean is requesting to rezone parcel #32540100408, deed bk 2319 pg. 677 located on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. from R-7 to B-4 for the construction of an event center. Council review the request, refer the petition to the November 28th 2023 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

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

- M. NCDOT Offer - p214 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Staff has negotiated the purchase of an area, which is almost all easement, on Capuano Drive, entitled P214 in the State records. Descriptive documents are attached. *This offer has been reduced to \$5550 to reflect a reduction in what is needed; staff believes it to be reasonable.*
Agree to new proposal reached with NCDOT.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- N. NCDOT Condemnation Offer P 270 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City has received an offer for the property shown on the attached documents, which NCDOT is referring to as Parcel 270. Staff has reviewed and believes the offer of \$4,450 to be fair and appropriate. This involves .980 acres of right of way, which is primarily a drainage ditch and associated wooded area, and .026 acres of temporary easement. *We have received a slightly higher offer of \$5050 due to a slight increase in acreage.*
Approve acceptance of new offer of \$5050 from NCDOT for P270.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- O. Adopt a Resolution Declaring Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the City and Disposition of Said Property to be Auctioned – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Attached is a Resolution Declaring Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the City and Disposition of Said Property to be auctioned on December 27, 2023, at Lloyd Meekins & Sons Auction Company.
Adopt a resolution declaring the personal property to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing disposition of the property as proposed.

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

- P. Request to Rename and potentially transfer Hayswood Hut – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Councilman Howard received a request from Bethany Presbyterian Church to rename the Hayswood Hut after the late Councilman Wyatt Johnson. As you may be aware, the Hayswood Hut and the 2 acres that goes with it, are located at Wren and Peachtree Streets, near the Bill Sapp Center. The property was purchased from the Hayswood family in 1991 for approximately \$27,000. Recreation informs that the Hayswood family allowed the City to use the property for several decades before it was sold, hence the naming after the family in 1991. Please see the attached memo regarding the potential transfer to Bethany Presbyterian Church, which was brought up at the October meeting.
Discuss and consider this request (naming and transfer) for possible decision at the November meeting.

Council approved transferring the building to Bethany for \$1 a year and if they discontinue to use as a community facility it will be taken over by the City.

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

- Q. Authorize Submission of Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Grant Application – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
On September 15, 2023, staff submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) for a potential grant application to replace the old “Cancer

Institute” sanitary sewer lift station just off of NC711 and NC72. This station serves the industrial area consisting of businesses such as International Paper and Elkay, as well as the old Eagle Distributing site. Of the 363 LOI’s received from a seven state region, about one third were invited to submit a full application...Lumberton being one of those LOI’s selected.

City Council is asked to authorize staff to prepare the full application by the December 15th deadline and submit to the SCRC for funding. A preliminary project budget is attached and a required match of 20% will be recommended.

Deputy City Manager Love stated that this is a \$500K project and the grant would be \$440K with a 20% match.

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

- R. Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 16-168 Bereavement Leave – Wayne Horne, City Manager

In 2009, City Council created a policy to provide our fulltime regular employees one (1) day of bereavement leave with pay due to the death of an (Immediate) family member. This is defined in subsection 16-152(b) of our code.

Since then, staff has contacted different municipalities and the county to inquire on their policies (County Policy is attached). Through our research we determined the majority grants no less than three (3) days per incident with pay. Additional time needed would be used as sick time. Department heads may request verification of death at any time by requesting for a copy of the obituary or the death certificate.

Council consider the amendment to the policy.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- S. Approve the designation of \$500.00 for the "Oh Give Thanks" Community Day in Precinct 2 – Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2

Councilwoman Robinson would like to designate \$500 to the "Oh Give Thanks" Community Day in Precinct 2.

Designate \$500 in Precinct 2 for the "Oh Give Thanks" Community Day.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- T. Authorize the Designation of \$1,800 for a Christmas Toy Drive in Precinct 2 – Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
Councilwoman Robinson requests \$1,800 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Christmas Toy Drive in Precinct 2.
Designate \$1,800 as indicated above for a Christmas Toy Give-A-Way in Precinct 2.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- U. Approve the Designation of \$200 of CRF to The Voices of Robeson County Community Choir – John Carroll, Precinct 3
Councilman Carroll and Councilman Cantey would like to designate \$100 each of Community Revitalization Funds to The Voices of Robeson County Community Choir to assist in their travel to Greensboro on November 11. The choir will be attending the Dunamis Awards as a nominee. This choir has served in the community as part of the B.B. Thompson Young People's Choir as well as the Juneteenth Community Choir.

Approve \$200 of CRF The Voices of Robeson County Community Choir as indicated above.

Funds were given as follows: P1 - \$50 P2 - \$200 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$100 for a total of \$800.00.

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

- V. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of CRF to the Empty Stocking Fund – John Carroll, Precinct 3
Councilman Carroll requests \$500.00 of CRF to be given to the Empty Stocking Fund.
Designate \$500.00 to the Empty Stocking Fund as indicated above.

Funds were designated as follows: P1 - \$500 P3 - \$500 P4 - \$500 P5 - \$50 P7 - \$300 and P8 - \$250

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas

- W. Approve the designation of \$350.00 for Cruising 2nd Street Again in Precinct 4 – Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilwoman Higley requests \$350.00 of CRF for “Cruising 2nd Street Again” an event that will be held on Saturday, November .26th, 2023.
Designate \$350.00 for Cruising on 2nd Street Again.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- X. Approve the designation of \$1,500 for Christmas Events and Toy Drive in Precinct 5 – John Cantey, Precinct 5
Councilman Cantey would like to allocate \$1,500 of CRF for Christmas to various nonprofit organizations / Christmas events and a toy drive in Precinct 5.
Approve the allocation of \$1,500 of Community Revitalization Funds as indicated above.

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

- Y. Approve the designation of \$200.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for the Sharing and Caring Holiday Program Sponsored by Representative Charles Graham – John Cantey, Precinct 5
Councilman Cantey would like to designate \$200.00 of CRF for the Sharing and Caring Holiday Program sponsored by Representative Charles Graham.
Designate \$200.00 of CRF as indicated above.

Funds were designated as follows: P1 - 150 P2 - \$200 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$150 P5 - \$200 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$150 P8 - \$150 for a total of \$1,300.00

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

- Z. CRF - First Baptist Church (W. 2nd Street) – Chris Howard, Precinct 6

Councilman Howard would like to provide \$1,200 of CRF to First Baptist Church on W. 2nd Street for the Community Feeding for Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs.

Approve CRF request as stated above.

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

- AA. CRF - McCormick Chapel – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Councilman Howard would like to provide \$500 of CRF to McCormick Chapel Church for the Community Thanksgiving and Christmas Feeding Programs.

Approve CRF request as stated above.

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

- AB. Approve the designation of \$600.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Borderbelt Aids Resources Training (BART) Fundraising Event for Christmas – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
Councilman Chavis would like to donate \$600.00 to BART Fundraising event for Christmas. Please see attached letter.
Designate \$600.00 of CRF to BART for Christmas event.

Funds were designated as follows:

P1 - \$100

P3 - \$200

P4 - \$100

P5 - \$50

P7 - \$600

P8 - \$100

For a total of \$1,150.00

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- AC. Appointment to Planning Board P7 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Councilman Chavis would like to appoint Sonya McGirt to the Planning Board. Current member Jan Member has been informed of this, and assuming Council's approval of this

appointment, details will be worked out as to recognition for her long years of service on the Board.

Approve appointment of Ms. McGirt to the Planning Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

AD. Approve the designation of \$100 of CRF to the New Light Apostolic Church – John Cantey, Precinct 5

On December 30, 2023, New Light Apostolic Church will be feeding the homeless downtown on the Dick Taylor Downtown Plaza. I would like to designate \$100 of CRF to this cause.

Designate CRF as indicated above.

Funds were designated as follows:

P1 - \$100

P2 - \$100

P3 - \$100

P5 - \$100

P7 - \$100

P8 - \$100

for a total of \$600

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

AE. Authorize the Designation of \$500.00 for a Christmas Toy Drive in Precinct 6 – Chris Howard, Precinct 6

Councilman Howard requests \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Christmas Toy Drive in Precinct 6.

Designate \$500.00 as indicated above.

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

AF. Approve the Deobligation of Funds in Precinct 6 – Chris Howard, Precinct 6

Councilman Howard would like to deobligate \$1225.00 of obligated funds from Community Watch to unobligated funds.

Return \$1225.00 of obligated funds back to P6 unobligated fund.

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

- AG. Approve the designation \$1,500.00 of CRF in Support of the Omega Psi Phi Boys Summer Camp – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Councilman Howard requests \$1,500.00 of CRF in support of the Omega Psi Phi Boys Summer Camp.
Designate \$1,500.00 of CRF to the Omega Psi Phi Boys Summer Camp.

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

- AH. Approval of Main Street Advisory Board Member – Sarah Ward, Downtown Coordinator
The general purpose of the Main Street Advisory Board is to serve as an advisory committee to City Council for the purposes of facilitating the implementation of the Comprehensive Downtown Master Plan and the 4-point Main Street approach.
On October 24th, Janell Carroll respectfully submitted her resignation from the Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board. Janell will continue to serve on the MSL Economic Vitality Committee. Several names were vetted and with Council Approval, Main Street Lumberton would like to appoint Sharon Smith as our new Advisory Board Member.
Sharon has served on the Main Street Lumberton Advisory before and as the owner of Triumph Beauty Academy, she meets the Main Street criteria as a downtown stakeholder. Triumph Beauty Academy offers education to locals as well as nonlocals. Sharon and her team have graduated over 300 students from the Esthetician Program since 2019 and continue to be a huge asset for downtown Lumberton.
Main Street Lumberton is recommending City Council appoint Sharon Smith to the Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT