CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● OCTOBER 9, 2023

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	
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: Pastor Helane Church, Bethany Presbysterian Church –

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Councilman Owen Thomas –

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO ONE SIGNED-UP TO SPEAK.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning Board Minutes - September 26, 2023 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Planning Board minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting are available for review.
<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	**NOT APPLICABLE**

A. Special Use Permit Request - GMC Construction – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Greg Caulder with GMC Construction is requesting a special use permit for the creation of a 7-lot subdivision for residential stick-built homes, parcel #100203006 deed book 2397, pg. 596. The planning board unanimously recommended approval of the special use permit. Planning staff recommends City Council hold tonight's public hearing, entertain public comment, and approve the special use permit.

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit for the creation of a 7-lot subdivision for residential stick-built homes for property located on Hwy 301 North. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit of Publication showing that the hearing was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Mr. Alan Campbell appeared before Council stating that he is present to answer any questions that Council may have. He stated that they have received the approval from DOT giving them 7 driveways.

No one else appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

B. Special Use Permit: Ryan Locklear/Retro City Arcade, LLC - 328 E 24th St. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Ryan Locklear is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a restaurant and amusement arcade dba Retro City Arcade LLC at 328 E. 24th. St. Parcel #32140100801. Proposed operating hours are Mon. - Sat. 4pm – 11 pm and Sunday 4pm-10pm. Use 6.150 Billiard Parlors/pool halls & game centers (no electronic gaming) require a special use permit. The Planning Board unanimously recommended denial of the special use permit.
The planning staff recommends that City Council hold tonight's public meeting, entertain public comment and deny the special use permit request.

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit to operate a restaurant and amusement arcade dba Retro City Arcade LLC, located at 328 E. 24th Street. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Matthew Davenport, Lumbee Tribe Technician and Pastor Hector Miray, Vertical Church appeared before Council on behalf of the applicant. They stated that this is something that is needed for our youth.

Ryan Locklear, the applicant appeared before Council and read an overview of his plan for the arcade. He stated that they amended the application to amend the hours and that they were very successful in Pembroke. He stated that he wants to be afforded the same opportunities as the other restaurants, i.e. Ruby Tuesday's.

Many questions and concerns were voiced. Councilman Howard and Councilman Cantey voiced their concerns with serving alcohol in the mist of youth. Councilman Howard also stated that many of these type businesses come in with the intention of bringing in these electronic gaming machines after they open. He asked Mr. Locklear what is his intentions although it's written in the application but does he at some point want to add these machines. Mr. Locklear stated that he has no intentions. He has experienced a prior situation with gambling and has no intentions of having these type machines. Dr. Kirchner, Planning Director stated in order for Mr. Locklear to have these machines if approved by the State, he would have to come back before Council because this Special Use Permit would not allow the machines. Councilman Cantey was concerned with the proximity of the residential area.

Councilman Carroll asked Mr. Ryan the reason why that left Pembroke and he stated that they wanted a restaurant inside the facility and there was no room for one. They talked about the layout of the facility the concern with the openness and Mr. Locklear stayed that he does not have an issue with amending the SUP to say that there will be division between the area where drinks are served and where the youth will be. When asked at what age will the youth be allowed to be dropped off. He stated that all children up to age 18 will have their parent's supervision.

Councilman Rising expressed his concerns about the openness of the building and how they will be able to partition the arcade from the restaurant or serving the alcohol.

No one else appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 2]**
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Chavis, Thomas
NAYS:	Robinson, Howard
ABSTAIN:	Davis

C. Terry Wethington Contiguous Annexation - HWY 41 N. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for annexation. Specifically, Terry Wethington is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on NC HWY 41 N. parcel #10120200102 deed bk. 017595, pg #895 and parcel #10120200103, deed bk 00694, pg. 74. The property has been rezoned from agriculture to B7 for a proposed self -storage facility. Annexation is required for water and sewer services. The 2 parcels are located in ETJ.

The Land Use Plan designates the future use of this parcel as low intensity and is located in the ETJ.

The Planning Dept. recommends Council hold tonight?s public hearing and approve the annexation request.

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance by annexing contiguous property located on NC Hwy 41 N. into the Corporate Limits.

Mr. Terry Wethington, from Ample Storage and the applicant appeared before Council and stated that he is here to answer any questions that Council may have.

No one else appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 11, 2023 6:00 PM -

B. Ratify the Designation of $1,575.00 of CRF to the Robeson Community College Foundation for the Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament as follows: P1 - $500 P2 - $100 P3 - $150 P4 - $150 P5 - $50 P6 - $100 P7 - $200 and P8 - $175 and $150 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund - City Manager
Robeson Community College Foundation staff reached out to the City of Lumberton requesting funds in support of the Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament which was held on October 5th, 2023, at the Pine Crest County Club. In response to the request donations were made as follows:
P1 -$500
P2 - $100
P3 - $150
P4 - $150
P5 - $50
P6 - $100
P7 - $200
P8 - $175
Mayor - $150 - for a total of $1,575.00.
Ratify $1,575.00 of CRF given to Robeson County Community College Foundation for the Clifford Bullard memorial golf tournament held on October 5, 2023 as stated above.

C. Approve the designation of $500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for the Fall Festival - City Council
Councilman Rising is requesting $500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to the Oakridge Homeowners' Association for its Fall Festival.
Designate $500.00 to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for its Fall Festival. Check is made payable to Oakridge Owners Association of Lumberton, and mailed to Southeastern HOA Management LLC, Attn: Oakridge Owners Association of Lumberton, 2557 Ravenhill Drive Ste 1-C, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

D. Approve the designation of $700.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Fall Family Day in Precinct 4 - City Council
Councilwoman Higley requests $700.00 of CRF for a Fall Family Day in Precinct 4.
Designate $700.00 of CRF in Precinct 4.

V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION

A. I-95 Widening Project Contractor Bids – Greg Prevatte, Electric Utilies Director
Sealed bids were open on September 5, 2023 for the contract service of all necessary labor and equipment for the I-95 Widening Project from Exit 13 to Exit 22. This project will consist of replacing 185 poles and all the electrical wire along I-95 for the length of the project. EUD is requesting these monies to be used from EUD's Fund balance. Approximately 75% of this cost will be reimbursed to the City of Lumberton from the State of North Carolina DOT when the contract is complete. Lee Electric quoted a total of $5,567,916.54, Utility Partners of America quoted a total of $2,449,177.50, River City Construction quoted a total of $2,279,423.84 and East Coast Electric Construction quoted a total of $2,220,757.03. As shown by the enclosed tabulation and recommended by Progressive Engineering Consultants, East Coast Electric submitted the lowest proposal.

EUD along with Progressive Engineering Consultants are requesting the approval from council to award this bid in the sum of $2,220,757.03 to East Coast Electrical Construction to furnish the necessary labor and equipment for the I-95 widening project.

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

B. Approval to Purchase a 2024 Bucket Truck – Greg Prevatte, Electric Utilies Director
In this year's capital budget, the Electric Utilities Department had planned on replacing a 2004 bucket truck used for tree trimming. The line truck that was original budgeted, would not be available for 3 years. During the last 6 months the Electrical Utilities Department was made aware of the opportunity to purchase a 2024 bucket truck from Altec Industries at a price of $259,052.25. The Electric Utilities Department had budgeted $200,000.00 in the capital budget 60-00-8332-5463 for this purchase. EUD would like to use $59,052.25 from our LED Lighting budget 60-00-8332-5963 which has $300,000 in this line item. This would leave the LED lighting budget with a total of $240,947.75. This new bucket truck would replace a 1998 bucket truck. The bid is through Sourcewell, a purchasing association, so a formal bid process is not necessary.
The Electric Utilities Department is recommending the approval from council for the purchase of a 2024 Bucket Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of $259,052.25

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. Purchase 10 hp Pump – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Recently Public Works had to replace a 10 hp Flyght pump at the wastewater treatment plant using the only spare pump in stock. This request is to purchase a new spare 10 hp Flyght pump as is used in several lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.
Public Works is requesting council approval of the purchase a new 10 hp Flyght pump from the sole source in our area of Xylem Water Solutions in the amount of $9970.33. Funds would be coming from the operation code 60-00-7132-3520.

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

D. Industrial Park Lift Station Pump – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Currently there is no spare pump for the lift station at the new industrial park. Public Works

is requesting to purchase a spare pump for this station from the sole source of the pump supplier, Pete Duty & Associates, Inc.
Public Works recommends council approval of the purchase of a spare pump for the industrial park lift station from Pete Duty & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $8,396.00 with funds coming from the operation code 60-00-7132-3520.

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

E. Sprunt Ave. & Side St. Lift Station Pumps – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works is in need of replacing 2 of the pumps in lift stations located on Sprunt Ave. and Side St. Pete Duty & Associates, Inc. is the sole source supplier for this brand of pump that is used in these stations.
Public Works recommends council approval of the purchase of 2 pumps for the Sprunt Ave. and Side St. lift stations from Pete Duty & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $5,108.00 with funds coming from the operation code 60-00-7132-3520.

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

F. Chlorine Analyzer – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
The City of Lumberton Water Treatment Plant uses chlorine analyzers to keep a check on the chlorine levels in the water and in order to maintain compliance with state mandates. The current chlorine analyzers are not functional and need to be replaced. Public Works requested quotes and demonstrations on 3 different units from different vendors. W.K. Hile Company, Inc. was the lowest priced quote at $9,095.00 and the unit was demonstrated for 3 months without issues. Hach was the next quote, and currently used vendor. Their quote was $12,113.92. Hach also quoted an upgraded unit at $15,185.00. Swan Analytical Instruments was the contacted as well, but never provided a quote or demonstration unit.
Public Works recommends council approval of the W.K. Hile Company, Inc. quote at $9,095.00 with funds coming from the operations code of 60-00-7120-3520.

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

G. Final Plat Approval for Amberdale Subdivision lots 53 thru 58 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

B.G. French requests approval of the final major subdivision plat for Amberdale Subdivision lots 53 thru 58.

Staff recommends that CPC approve the attached subdivision plat and authorize the City Manager to sign and record the attached plat.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

H. Rezoning Ceaser McLean-1674 E. Hardin Rd – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Ceaser McLean is requesting to rezone property located at 1674 E. Hardin Rd. from R-7 to agriculture. Parcel #101203024, deed bk 2153, pg. 450. Mr. McLean is requesting a rezoning so a mobile home may be placed on the parcel.
CPC review the request, refer the petition to the October 17th, 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 R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

I. Approval of Various Items - Power Purchase Agreement – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors has approved the "10th Amended & Restated Full Requirements Power Purchase Agreement," between NCEMPA and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and has directed all members to complete and execute various documents associated therewith. A letter of explanation listing all of the documents is attached. The Agreement is voluminous and is available in the Legal Department for review, and the other items that require Council's approval are attached.
Approve the Agreement, Ordinance and Resolution, and authorize staff to complete and sign all other documents necessary to complete the FRPPA process.

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

J. NCDOT Offer for Property - P174 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Staff has negotiated a price for an easement for property located near the parking area of Luther Britt Park, right beside I95. The price is $21,400, and the location is shown on the enclosed maps.

Approve granting of easement for P174 to NCDOT for $21,400.

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

K. 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.

Councilman Cantey stated that they were approached by Bethany Presbyterian members asking if the City would return the Hayswood Hut building back to the Church and if the City would approve renaming the building after former Councilman Wyatt Johnson. City Attorney Moore stated that it is customary that any renaming of recreational building should go before the Recreation Commission. It was the consensus of Council that they would not have an issue with the renaming. City Manager Horne suggested that Council forward the matter to the Board along with Council's recommendation.

After a brief discussion, entailing the renaming of the Hayswood Hut; City Council approved the renaming of the building to Hayswood / Johnson Community Center; however, this item must be forwarded to the Recreation Commission for their recommendation and come back to Council to decide if the building will be given to Bethany Presbyterian Church.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 11/13/2023 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6	
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

L. Final Approval of NC Land and Water Fund Grant – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
On March 1, 2023 the NC Land and Water Fund announced that the City of Lumberton had been approved for a $2 million grant for the acquisition of properties and floodplain restoration activities in and around the old Fuller's restaurant and the entrance to the Mayfair subdivision along NC Highway 211 (see attached press release). The final grant agreement is attached for City Council's review and approval. Once approved, the final document will be executed and then forwarded to the State for signature.
Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached grant agreement for the $2 million grant award from the NC Land and Water Fund. It should be noted that the General Assembly has appropriated additional resiliency funding in this year's budget to complete the originally intended scope of this project.

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

M. Approve City Hall HVAC Engineering Contract with The Wooten Company – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

On July 27, 2023 a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services was issued for the redesign of the HVAC system for the Lumberton City Hall. This system is now almost 20 years old and the upkeep, repairs, and maintenance are becoming cost prohibitive. During last month's meeting, City Council authorized The Wooten Company to provide engineering services for this system upgrade.

Staff reviewed the RFQ response from The Wooten Company and determined that they are suitably qualified to complete the desired engineering work. City Council authorized The Wooten Company to submit a fee proposal for the scope of work as described in the original Request for Qualifications. A letter of proposal is attached for a lump sum fee of $74,300 to provide these engineering services. The recommendation is for City Council to approve the attached proposal and authorize staff to enter into an engineering contract with the Wooten Company.

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

N. Consider a Request from Arrested Potential – Wayne Horne, City Manager

During our 2023-2024 review of the budget requests for non-profits; Arrested Potential submitted a request for $5,000. The City Manager recommended $2,500. However, during the approval process there was miscommunication concerning the funding for Arrested Potential and they were not issued the $2.500. Since this time, Councilman Cantey has been contacted and Arrested Potential has submitted a letter asking that we review the status of their funding. Please see the attached.

Council review the request.

Approved for $2,500.

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

O. Approve the deobligation of $1250 of CRF in Precinct 5 for a Community Day and Designate $1,000 of CRF as follows: Bethany Presbyterian Church $500 and $500 to Sandy Grove Baptist Church for Church Anniversaries. – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey is requesting that $1,250 designated at the September 9th meeting for a Community Day be de-obligated, and that $1,000 of Community Revitalization Funds be designated as follows for Church anniversaries: Bethany Presbyterian Church - $500 and Sandy Grove Baptist Church - $500.
De-obligate $1,250 of CRF in Precinct 5 and designate $1,000 of CRF 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

P. Memorandum of Consideration for a Proclamation for Attorney Benjamin L. Crump Day in the City of Lumberton – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Please see attached information.
Approval of request for a Proclamation proclaiming October 10, 2023, as Attorney Benjamin L. Crump Day in the City of Lumberton, North Carolina.

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. Memorandum of Consideration for a Proclamation for Tazarie E. Butler Day in the City of Lumberton – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Please see attached information.
Approval of request for a Proclamation proclaiming a day to be determined as Tazarie E. Butler Day in the City of Lumberton, North Carolina.

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. Approve the deobligation of $1250 of CRF in Precinct 6 for a Community Day – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Councilman Howard is requesting that $1,250 designated at the September 9th meeting for a Community Day be de-obligated.
De-obligate $1,250 of CRF in Precinct 6.

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

S. Approve the designation of $1,600.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Robeson County Humane Society as follows: P1 - $500 & P8 - $100 and from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund $1,000 – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas requests $100.00; Councilman Rising would like to designate $500 and the Mayor wishes to give $1,000 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Robeson County Humane Society for the Bark at the Moon event held on October 26, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
Designate $1,600.00 of CRF to the Robeson County Humane Society as indicated above.

Community Revitalization Funds were given as follows: P1 - $500 P2 - $100 P3 - $200 P4 - $200 P5 - $100 P6 - $50 P7 - $100 P8 - $100 & $1,000 - Mayor for a total of $2, 350.

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

T. Approve the Designation of $500.00 of CRF in Precinct 6 for Attorney Benjamin L. Crump Day Celebration – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Councilman Howard is requesting that $500 be designated in Precinct for Attorney Benjamin L. Crump Day..
Designate CRF 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

U. Application Submittal for Robeson County Grass Roots Grant – Sarah Ward, Downtown Coordinator
Friends of Main Street Lumberton is applying for the Robeson County Grass Roots Grant. The application is requesting funds for sidewalk art in front of the parking lot on 3rd Street in downtown Lumberton. The purpose for this project is to enhance curb appeal, promote walking, and encourage foot traffic to businesses as well as the Riverwalk.
<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	**NOT APPLICABLE**

V. Approve the designation of $1,000 for Precinct 8 Community Day – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas requests $1,000 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Community Day in Precinct 8.
Designate $1,000 in Precinct 8 for a Community Day.

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

W. Sampson County Landfill Rate Agreement – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works would like to enter into a special sludge disposal and hauled waste rate agreement with Sampson County Landfill, operated by GFL. Sampson County hauls landfill leachate to the City sewer system for processing at the current rate of $0.045 per gallon. This rate is due to increase by 9% on January 1, 2024. For a limited 12 month period, the City has the need to dispose of dewatered sludge cake from our Wastewater Treatment Plant in a lined landfill such as Sampson County. The normal rate for disposing sludge cake at Sampson County is $50 per ton. Pending Council approval, The City and Sampson County will enter into a special rate agreement for the next 12 months where the City will pay $5 per ton to dispose sludge cake at the landfill and the Sampson County Landfill will pay the current rate of $0.045 per gallon to discharge leachate for the next 12 months with no increase on January 1, 2024. Attached is a summary of the discussion that was presented to Council.
Public Works is requesting Council approval of a special hauled leachate waste and sludge cake disposal rate with the Sampson County Landfill operated by GFL. The hauled leachate waste rate charged to Sampson County will remain at $0.045 per gallon until November 1, 2024, then will increase to the rate set by Council in the budget ordinance. Sampson County will charge the City $5 per ton to dispose of sludge cake until November 1, 2024.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT