**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor James K. Festerman

 Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Balsley

 Councilman Donald L. Gorham

 Councilman William Hairston

 Councilman Richard Johnson

 Councilman Clark Turner

 Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Michael J. Pearce, City Manager

 Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk

 William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney

Tom Wiggins, Assistant City Manager of Community Services

 Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager of Administration

Kevin Eason, Public Works Director

Mayor Festerman called the meeting to order. He said that in honor of the 9/11 anniversary, the meeting would start with the presentation of colors by the Police and Fire Departments and the playing of the National Anthem.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**INVOCATION.**

Mayor Festerman then recognized Major Leona O’Bryant of The Salvation Army in Reidsville, who provided the invocation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor asked if there were any other Council members who wanted to make an announcement. He then read the following prepared statement:

**Thank You from the Mayor.**

“I wanted to thank the citizens of Reidsville for their outpouring of love and support during the illness and passing of my beloved wife Priscilla. I can’t begin to tell you how many phone calls, hospital visits and cards we have received since Priscilla was taken ill. They have meant so much to me and my family. I especially want to thank my fellow Council members, who have been so supportive, always asking for updates and then expressing their sympathy when Priscilla passed away. I have always known that my hometown of Reidsville is a loving and caring community. The kindness that has been shown to me during this time has only reinforced that belief.

Priscilla was a wonderful woman, who made me a better man, although some would say that’s a work in progress. We were blessed for the past 50 years to call Reidsville our home. Thank you again for your expressions of concern and sympathy. I will never forget them.”

The Mayor asked for continued prayer for him and his family. He said he could look around the room and there are very few he hasn’t seen during this time. He said he could never express what it has meant to him. He talked of how the Mayor Pro Tem had filled in for him, and all the Council members had. He again reiterated that while Priscilla made him a better man, he still is a “work in progress.”

**Summer Basketball Program.**

Councilman Hairston asked Ralph Watkins to stand up. He congratulated Watkins on the summer basketball program, which he described as very successful. He said they want the same thing to happen again next year. He said he has received a lot of good comments about it. The Councilman commended the Recreation Department, and everyone who had assisted with the program. He said the program kept kids off the streets and out of trouble, which drew a round of applause from the audience.

**Mayor Pro Tem Discusses Priscilla Festerman.**

Mayor Pro Tem Balsley asked to say a few words. He noted that over the past three or more years since he has been a Council member, the Mayor has been so kind to recognize our citizens, employees and others who have made good contributions. He said he felt he would be remiss today if we did not recognize the Mayor’s wife of 51 years, who was so family and church oriented. Very civic minded, she was a great addition to our City and was such a supporter and driving force in the life of James and his family, the Mayor Pro Tem noted. He asked that everyone pause for a moment of silence in recognition of Priscilla’s life and to offer up a prayer for James and his family.

Following a moment of silence, the Mayor again thanked everyone for their support. He relayed that he would always ask Priscilla how he looked as he dressed for Council meeting. Sometimes it was good, sometimes bad, he said. For example today, he had his tie up over the collar of his shirt. Those were the kinds of things she would have caught for him, he said.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**RECOGNITION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BIG SWEEP WEEK SEPT. 28-OCT. 5, 2013.**

With no one present to accept the proclamation, Mayor Festerman said the proclamation recognizing Rockingham County Big Sweep Week as Sept. 28-Oct. 5 would be read into the minutes. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

Mayor Festerman pulled Item No. 3, Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property at a City Auction to be held Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 9 a.m. at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, for further discussion. He asked if there was a motion to approve Items No. 1 & 2?

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the August 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVAL OF A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY AS PART OF A PLANNED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER TROUBLESOME CREEK ON IRVIN FARM ROAD AS REQUESTED BY THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved a permanent drainage easement on a portion of City property as part of a planned bridge replacement over Troublesome Creek on Irvin Farm Road. The request was made by NC Department of Transportation. (THE CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**- End of Consent Agenda –**

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AT A CITY AUCTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013, AT 9 A.M. AT THE CITY’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

Mayor Festerman explained that he had pulled the item because a few items had been added to the list. City Clerk Angela G. Stadler read a list of those additions, which became items #224-228 on the Resolution.

**Councilman Gorham then made the motion to approve the Resolution with additions, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balsley and unanimously approved by the Council in a 7-0 vote.**

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE**

**OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Reidsville desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council that:

1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the City:
2. 1991 Dodge B350 Passenger Van (Vehicle #188) – Vin #2B5WB35Z1MK450542 – Asset #620130 - Recreation
3. 1992 Ford F150 Pickup (Vehicle #254) – Vin #1FTEF14NXNNA65741 – Asset #560147 - Street Division
4. 1990 Chevy 2500 4x4 (utility truck cab, no bed) (Vehicle #277) – Vin #1GCFK24H3LE174507 – Asset #585090 - Garage
5. 1993 Plymouth Acclaim (Vehicle #311) – Vin #1P3XA4637PF622459 – Asset #500156 - Engineering
6. 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #338) – Vin #2FALP71W5TX138780– Asset #510651 - Community Policing Division
7. 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #340) – Vin #2FALP71W7TX119695 – Asset #510653 - Police Patrol Division
8. 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #345) – Vin #2FALP71W1VX102782 – Asset #510735 - Community Policing Division
9. 1998 Chevy Lumina (Vehicle #351) – Vin #2G1WL5M9W9117842 – Asset #510806 – Police Detectives Division
10. 1996 Chevy Camaro (Vehicle #363) – Vin #2G1FP22K4T2139172 – Asset #510829 - Police Detectives Division
11. 2000 Ford Taurus (Vehicle #380) – Vin #1FAFP55UXYA271285 – Asset #510023 - Police Detectives Division
12. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #382) – Vin #2FAFP71W91X204113 – Asset #510020 - Police Patrol Division
13. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #384) – Vin #2FAFP71W21X204115 – Asset #510022 - Police Patrol Division
14. 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (wrecked/no drive) (Vehicle #395) – Vin #2FAFP71W23X139169 – Asset #4902 - Police Patrol Division
15. 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (wrecked/drivable) (Vehicle #406) – Vin #2FAHP71W53X167492 – Police Patrol Division
16. 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (Vehicle #421) – Vin #2FAFP71W35X120603 – Police Patrol Division
17. 1992 BMW (seized) – Vin #WBACB3311NFE08962 — Police Department
18. 2003 Chevrolet Impala (seized) – Vin #2G1WF52E039310148 – Police Department
19. 1995 Mazda 929 (seized) – Vin #JM1HD4610S0404143 – Police Department
20. 1992 Nissan Maxima (seized) – Vin #JN1EJ01F2NT102608 – Police Department
21. 2003 Mitsubishi Montero (Vehicle #417) – Vin #JA4MT31R83J001557 – Police Detectives Division
22. 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix (Vehicle #381) – Vin #1G2WP52K3XF267209 – Asset #510024 – Police Detectives Division
23. 2000 Dodge 2500 service body/utility truck (Vehicle #364) – Vin #3B6KC26Z9YM240923 – Asset #810103 - Meter Division
24. 1962 American LaFrance Ladder Truck (Vehicle #117) – ID#618903 - Fire
25. 1986 Ford backhoe (#48) – Vin #C762932 - Ser. #655A – Asset #815092 - Public Works
26. 1991 Ford F700 SA Dump Truck (Vehicle #136) – Vin #1FDNF70J9MVA18068 – Asset #815082 - Street Division
27. 1990 New Holland 6610 (Vehicle #148) – ID #6610 Alamo Mower Tractor – Ser. #BC56361 – Asset #817035 - Street Division
28. 1993 LT9000 Road Tractor (Vehicle #82) – Vin #1FTYU90D5PVA36150 – Asset #580096 – Street Division
29. 1992 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck (Vehicle #253) – Vin #1GBHC34K9NE163008 – Asset #640085 – Street Division
30. 1986 Bushhog (goes with Vehicle #148) (#807) - T572LT – Ser. #T8763219B – Asset #560128 - Street Division
31. 1997 Tarco Leaf Machine (#268) – ID: Tarco Big T Vac – Ser. #905183 PH5185844400 – Asset #560211 - Street Division
32. 1996 Volvo Refuse Truck (side loader) (Vehicle #307) – Vin #4V5EAFMD2TR725022 – Asset #580206 - Sanitation Division
33. 1974 TRAILMASTER Tanker Trailer (#756) – ID: K41325 – Ser. #F11S4006
34. 2004 Bushhog (#782) – ID: SQ600 – Ser. #12-38754 – Sewer Line
35. 1989 Yazoo Mower (#801) – ID: 43 YHRLK23 – Ser. #43550 – Sewer Plant
36. 2009 Leaf Box (homemade) (#895) – Street Division
37. 2004 Pump/3.5hp gas engine (#918) ID: SFR000948 – Ser. #HS50 67024C – Sanitation Division
38. 1995 Yazoo Mower (#925) – ID: YHRLK20 – Ser. #4B914235 – Asset #640087 - Sewer Plant
39. 1996 Fuel Tank (#961) – ID: 484000 – Ser. #31526 – Cemetery Division
40. 1996 Steam/Pressure Washer (#975) – ID: 5150 PEO – Ser. #1296 126 – Asset #580214 - Sanitation Division
41. Ford Tractor – ID: CA2130 3600 Ford – Ser. #C592283 – Sewer Plant
42. 24” Yazoo Mower (5hp) – Sewer Plant
43. 24” Yazoo Mower (5hp) – Sewer Plant
44. 2006 SCAG TIGER CUB ztr mower – STC61V-23BV – Ser. #D1200176 – Asset #606
45. Brake Shoes (unknown, old stock) – 4PCS
46. Brake Drums (Fit Vehicle #307 2 Front 2 Rear) – 4PCS
47. Brake Shoes (Fit Vehicle #307, 4 Front 4 Rear) -- 8PCS
48. Lug Tires (new) – ID: 900-R20 GY G124 – 6PCS – Garage Stock
49. Steer Tires (new) – ID: 900-R20 GY G159 – 1PCS – Garage Stock
50. Steer Tires (new) – ID: 900-R20 GY G149 -- 6PCS – Garage Stock
51. Steer Tires (new) – ID: 10.00-R20 GY G159 – 4PCS – Garage Stock
52. Speed Tires (2 New) – ID: P235/55-R18 18-Inch 2 New – 31PCS – Garage Stock
53. Recap Tire/Steer – ID: 385/22.5 rib recap – IPCS – Garage Stock
54. Tires w/Chrome Wheels (off of previously sold Honda, seized asset) – 4PCS – Police Detectives Division
55. GASBOY modules & equipment from old fuel system
56. FUEL POINT modules & equipment from old fuel system
57. 2 Ton Blackhawk Floorjack
58. 3 Ton Floorjack (unknown brand)
59. 3 Ton Floorjack (unknown brand)
60. 5 Ton Floorjack (unknown brand)
61. 1998 Wet Saw (#711) – ID: PAC IV 16KM – Ser. #286953 – Asset #560216 – Street Division
62. 2004 Plate Tamp (#816) – ID: #415104387 – Ser. #VPG160K – Asset #560041 – Street Division
63. 1996 Stanley Pavement Breaker (#963) – ID: MB55000 – Ser. #553181 – Asset #816108 – Street Division
64. 2004 Trailer (homemade) (#829) – Street Division
65. Sewer Camera – Sewer Line
66. Wachs Cutter – Sewer Line
67. Pulley Blocks – Water Line
68. Power Trowel – Street Division
69. Tapping Machine Parts – Street Division
70. Pipe Threader Parts – Street Division
71. Water Valves – Street Division
72. Fan and Lazer Targets – Street Division
73. HP Designjet 800 Oversize Printer/Plotter – Ser. #SG5309102S – Asset #006080 – Engineering
74. Ricoh FW750 Oversize Engineering Copier (stand & copier) – Ser. #A386 8060047 & A782 8040115 – Engineering
75. HP DeskJet 940c Printer – CN2361D173 –Police Department
76. HP DeskJet 895Cxi Printer – SG94913152 –Asset #003051 – Police Department
77. HP OfficeJet Pro K550 Printer – MY5BZ212FX – Police Department
78. HP OfficeJet Pro K550 Printer – MY5BA2114P – Police Department
79. HP DeskJet 895Cxi Printer – SG94913150 – Asset #003050 – Police Department
80. HP DeskJet 990Cxi Printer – MY1C81D0T0 – Asset #005041 – Police Department
81. HP DeskJet 895Cxi Printer – SG94913167 – Asset #003052 – Police Department
82. HP DeskJet 950C Printer – MY05K1BOG8 – Asset #003184 – Police Department
83. HP DeskJet 6127 Printer – MY3CK3BOYR – Police Department
84. HP DeskJet 810C Printer – CN96L1N099 – Asset #003047 – Police Department
85. HP DeskJet 870Cse Printer – US7121218M – Asset #000216 – Police Department
86. HP OfficeJet Pro K550 Printer – MY5BB2109P – Police Department
87. HP LaserJet 5 Printer – USKC270397 – Asset #002636 - Police Department
88. HP LaserJet 1320 Printer – CNHC58COCD – Police Department
89. HP LaserJet 4050 Printer – USBB023459 – Asset #003058 - Police Department
90. HP Color LaserJet 2550L Printer – CNGHH41163 – Police Department
91. HP LaserJet P1006 Printer – VND3628157 – Police Department
92. HP DeskJet 810c Printer – CCN96L1NOG7 – Asset #002978 - Fire Department
93. HP LaserJet 4050 Printer – USBC153521 – Asset #003088 - Fire Department
94. HP LaserJet 5 Printer – USKC270884 – Asset #002637 - Fire Department
95. HP LaserJet 2200dt Printer – CNGRH17689 – Asset #585-217 - Public Works Department
96. HP Office Jet K850 Printer – TH57F18097 – Public Works Department
97. HP Office Jet Pro K5400 Printer – MY86F6806D – Police Department
98. HP Business InkJet 1100 Printer – CN3BK221HW
99. HP Business InkJet 1200 Printer – TH4931130KW – Police Department
100. HP OfficeJet Pro 8000 Printer – MY8B01206W – Parks & Recreation Department
101. Precision Workstation T5400 Computer – 6WEQDH1 -- Police Department
102. Vostro 200 Computer – 30T9PH1 – Police Department
103. OptiPlex GX280 Computer – HQNMB51 – Asset #005483 - IT Department
104. OptiPlex 755 Computer – F1KHMG1 – Parks & Recreation Department
105. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 1DDMK81 – Asset #006025 - Police Department
106. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – JBDMK81 – Asset #006092 - Parks & Recreation Department
107. HP LaserJet 4250dn Printer – Asset #005629 - Finance Department
108. Precision Workstation 370 Computer – BGKY861 – Police Department
109. Dimension E520 Computer – 19H4XC1 – Parks & Recreation Department
110. Dimension E520 Computer – HBH4XC1 – Parks & Recreation Department
111. Dimension E520 Computer – 85453D1 – Parks & Recreation Department
112. OptiPlex GX270 Computer – 7Q33331 – Asset #004941 - IT Department
113. Dimension E520 Computer – 58H4XC1 – Parks & Recreation Department
114. OptiPlex T45 Computer – 2TAYBD1 – Parks & Recreation Department
115. Dimension E520 Computer – 1BH4XC1 – Parks & Recreation Department
116. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – GFMWBB1 – IT Department
117. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – HDMWBB1 – IT Department
118. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 3FMWBB1 – Asset #006156 - Administration
119. Toshiba Laptop – X0036157U – Asset #003181 - Police Department
120. Latitude D610 Laptop – 3PRJC91 – Police Department
121. IBM ThinkPad 2388 Laptop – KM5795L – Police Department
122. Panasonic CF-28 Laptop – CF28PTJGZDM – Police Department
123. Panasonic CF-28 Laptop – CF28PCFAZQMBKB – Police Department
124. Latitude D620 ATG Laptop – 6TKBD1 – Police Department
125. Latitude D620 ATG Laptop – 5SKYBD1 – Police Department
126. Latitude D620 ATG Laptop – DSKYBD1 – Police Department
127. HP ScanJet 3970 Scanner – CN3CB1118T – Police Department
128. HP ScanJet 3970 Scanner – CN3CB1118K – Police Department
129. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – CDDMK81 – Asset #006063 -- Fire Department
130. OptiPlex GX270 Computer – 7MB3331 – Asset #005182 -- Community Development
131. Dimension 2400 Computer – 62RHM81 – Police Department
132. OptiPlex GX280 Computer – F286761 – Asset #005571 -- Administration
133. OptiPlex GX270 Computer – 8QB3331 – Public Works Department
134. OptiPlex 745 Computer – HV4YBD1 – Public Works Department
135. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 3GMWBB1
136. Lanier Fax 2001 Fax Machine – R510240121 – Police Department
137. Panasonic Fax UF3-15 Fax Machine – 1960100286 – Asset #000213 -- Police Department
138. HP LaserJet 2200D Printer – CNDRK02312 – Asset #003485
139. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 27TWBB1 – Fire Department
140. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 6FPOL81 – Asset #006004 -- Finance Department
141. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – JDPOL81 – Asset #006007 -- Finance Department
142. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 1GMWBB1 – Asset #006155 -- Parks & Recreation Department
143. OptiPlex GX280 Computer – CQNMB51 – Asset # 005496 -- Parks & Recreation Department
144. Latitude D630 Laptop Dock/Stand – FRM2HD1 – Administration
145. OptiPlex GX280 Computer – BTBJ171—Asset #005651
146. OptiPlex GX620 Computer – 2FMWBB1 – Community Development Department
147. OptiPlex GX280 Computer – J826761 – Asset #005572 -- Administration
148. OptiPlex 745 Computer – GQ4YBD1 – Public Works Department
149. HP LaserJet 1505 Printer – VNB3106275 – Police Department
150. HP ScanJet 5300C Scanner – TW13X20778 – Police Department
151. Miscellaneous Ink/Toner Cartridges – IT Department
152. HP LaserJet 4000T Printer – USNC023997 – Asset #000080 -- Administration
153. OptiPlex 330 Computer – 2T728G1 – Fire Department
154. HP DeskJet 855c Printer – SG5CF151YQ – Asset #000178 -- Community Development Department
155. Tally MT661 Dot Matrix Printer – H661068000 – Asset #000141 -- Finance Department
156. Green Banquet Chairs (50) – Penn House
157. Calcomp Manual Lift & Tilt Digitizing Table – Asset #022689 – Planning & Code Enforcement
158. Three-Shelf Bookcase – Asset #500-071 – Planning & Code Enforcement
159. Hanging Plan Holder with Box of Extra Tracks – Asset #720-066 – Planning & Code Enforcement
160. Two-piece, Brown L-shaped Desk – No Asset # -- Planning & Code Enforcement
161. Burgundy, High Back, Rolling Office Chair – No Asset # -- Planning & Code Enforcement
162. Black Rolling Office Chair – No Asset # -- Planning & Code Enforcement
163. Brown, Vinyl & Wood Office Chair – No Asset # -- Planning & Code Enforcement
164. Trailer Mounted Pump with Kohler Engine – Asset #815041 – Public Works Department
165. Tall Drafting Table Chair – No Asset # -- Planning & Code Enforcement
166. Assorted Pictures and Picture Frames – Police Department
167. Three Lamps (with and without shades) – Police Department
168. Beige Filing Cabinet (no lock) – Police Department
169. TV Stand for large TV – Police Department
170. AI Phone/Camera Phone – ID #510820 – Police Department
171. Canon Sure Shot 85 Zoom Camera – ID #6323610 – Police Department
172. Yashica Zoomate 70 Kyoceria – ID #2365653 – Police Department
173. Polaroid Instant Camera Spectra – ID #M7KJ79ESVHBD – Police Department
174. Two Green HON Office Chairs (armless, wheels missing) – ID #D4P7F5 – Police Department
175. Small Silver Office Table CID #510081– Police Department
176. Grey Cole Steel Filing Cabinet – CID #510153 – Police Department
177. Two Office L-shaped Desks (With keys) – CID #1400126 – Police Department
178. White Sofa – Police Department
179. Small Side Table – Police Department
180. Small Coffee Table – Police Department
181. Blue Anderson brand Desk Chair – Model #04051W251 – Police Department
182. Gray Metal Walker Curtis Filing Cabinet – Police Department
183. Two-Drawer Grey Filing Cabinet – Police Department
184. Ergogenesis Black Dispatch Chair – S# 07-324-188-1 – Police Department
185. Three Bookcases – Police Department
186. Bun-O-Matic Coffeemaker – S#169320 – Police Department
187. Black & Decker Toaster Oven – M# 205TY5 – Police Department
188. Proctor Silex Toaster – S# A3479 M#22205 – Police Department
189. Assortment of Four Tires with Rims (Three Nexen Roadian HP #275145R20, One Cooper Discoverer H/T #27646R20) – Police Department
190. Wooden Stand with slots – Police Department
191. Multi-colored Cloth Couch – Police Department
192. Coat Rack – Police Department
193. Wooden Conference Table – Police Department
194. Sharp VCR VC-A5250 – Serial #211799710 – Police Department
195. 21-Inch Mitsubishi TV – Serial #341220 – Asset #005011 – Police Department
196. 27-Inch Sony TV – Serial #8016047 – Asset #510679 – Police Department
197. 27-Inch Sony TV – Serial #8018900 – Asset #510-678 – Police Department
198. Elmo Overhead Projector – Model HP-L3550H – Serial #328332 – Police Department
199. 48’ Folding Wooden/Metal Table – Police Department
200. Wooden Portable Podium – Police Department
201. Homemade Tripod Metal Stand – Asset #510111 – Police Department
202. Three Green Cloth Desk Chairs with Arms – Police Department
203. Wooden Office Desk – Police Department
204. Maxxum 300 si Camera – ID #02802750 – Police Department
205. Maxxum 5000I Camera – ID #15221230 – Police Department
206. Ricoh KR5 w/Vivitar Flash Camera – ID #73232907 – Police Department
207. Thyristor Circuitry Flash – Police Department
208. Camera Lens – ID #5894200 – Police Department
209. Assortment of Four 50 mm Camera Lens (Ricoh, Rikenon, Auto Chinon brands) – Police Department
210. Kalimar Camera Lens – Police Department
211. Assorted Camera Equipment (Including Camera Strap, Chinon-CPX Power Winder 510-393(CID) & Promaster Spectrum 7 70mm) – Police Department
212. Canon 70mm Camera – Ser. #1634395 – Police Department
213. Yashica 70mm Camera – Ser. #2386070 – Police Department
214. Nikon E4300 Camera – Ser. #3304266 – Police Department
215. Nikon Camera – Ser. #3512847 – Police Department
216. Minolta 35 mm Camera w/Lens – Ser. #92807735 – Police Department
217. Panasonic PalmCorder -- #1998 – Police Department
218. Canon Camera -- #8552 – Police Department
219. Nikon E4300 Camera – Ser. #1313865 – Police Department
220. Assortment of small metal file boxes – Police Department
221. Black Rubber Flooring/Padding used in weight room – Police Department
222. Four blue Neoprene Zippered Bags – Police Department
223. Assorted sheets of plywood (two pieces) and small squares of glass (two pieces) – Police Department
224. Valves and Bits – Water Line
225. Blue Bush Hog – Asset # 812263 – Wastewater Treatment Plant
226. Letters from Public Works Sign – Public Works Department
227. Lights – Public Works Department
228. Blanton Plow Co. Scrape Blade – Mod #BS Ser. #536 – Wastewater Treatment Plant
229. Homemade Trailer – Wastewater Treatment Plant
230. The City Manager is authorized to receive on behalf of the City Council bids at public auction for the purchase of the described property.
231. The public auction will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the City of Reidsville Wastewater Treatment Plant, 407 Broad Street. The terms of the sale shall be cash or check and "as is."
232. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of the public auction to be published in accordance with G.S. 160A-270(b).

Adopted this 11th day of September, 2013.

/s/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 James K. Festerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CONSIDERATION OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (T2013-1) TO ALLOW SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (SOLAR FARMS) IN RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL-20 AS A PERMITTED USE BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT.**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that Lance Williams with Strata Solar had submitted a request for a text amendment for solar energy systems (solar farms) by Special Use Permit (SUP) in Residential Agricultural-20 (RA-20). She noted that she had been surprised by the amount of such text amendments that have been done in other cities and counties. She added that the costs to do such farms have decreased; there are no air pollutants involved; it is a passive use; and the average life of a solar farm is 30-50 years. The farms can be monitored over the Internet and need sun, which North Carolina averages 4-4.5 hours of sun per day, she said.

Setliff said that Williams had made suggestions for a text amendment, but the one before Council today is one that they worked on together. They had agreed that staff would support this text amendment, and the Community Development Manager said she was not going to go through the differences between this version and the one Williams submitted originally. The Planning Board unanimously recommended this text amendment, which is also recommended by staff as a use that would be allowed by SUP in RA-20. Such uses will still go before City Council for approval for the SUP.

The sites’ minimum acreage size is 10 acres, Setliff said, adding that setbacks are the actual equipment itself back 100 feet from property lines or an abutting street excluding overhead lines, fencing, electric poles, etc. The height requirement is 15 feet, but the applicant has the option of coming before Council to provide justification if they need to be angled to a maximum of 25 feet, she said. Parking requirements are one space for every 25 acres, she said. A site plan would have to be submitted and approved and would have to meet requirements regarding overlay districts, flood plains, Jordan Lake regs, etc. Buffering from surrounding properties would have to be a 6-foot tree buffer planted at 10 feet on center. Existing vegetation as buffering will be considered on a “case-by-case” basis, Setliff said. Any outdoor lighting would be directed away from adjoining property. Electrical wiring is done underground so the only above ground wiring is where it is hooked up to the Duke Energy grid, she explained. The wiring is not allowed to be on fencing or any concrete block walls. The systems must be the same color as they came from manufacturer, she said. No signs will be permitted on fencing other than emergency contacts or the name of the installation company, Setliff said. If anything happens and it is not in use anymore, the company has 180 days to remove the equipment, she added. The company will be subject to a long-term lease and must take the risk of anything being built on the adjoining properties that might block sunlight. These details will be worked through with the applicant.

The applicant for this text amendment was in agreement with this, Setliff said. The Planning Board unanimously approved it, she added.

Mayor Festerman asked if the applicant is here today? Setliff said one of his associates is. The Mayor asked if “No Trespassing” signs could go up? Setliff replied in the affirmative. It was noted that there are very few sites in the City that meet the qualifications to be used for solar farms. Mayor Festerman said that by statute, these companies don’t have to pay property taxes on the equipment but he questioned about the land. Staff was uncertain whether they would have to pay taxes on the land. The Mayor said he will vote for it, but he would like clarification on the tax situation. City Manager Michael Pearce explained that this text amendment would just allow the applicant to come back to Council for its approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Balsley asked where the solar energy is routed to? Setliff said it goes directly into the Duke Energy grid. She noted that they are not part of Duke Energy but the farm sells its power to power companies, in this case, Duke Energy. The solar energy goes directly into the grid to service the homes on that particular grid, she said. The Mayor questioned whether there are any in Rockingham County? Setliff said yes, noting she had visited one off of US 29. She said we have about three in the County.

Mayor Festerman opened the public hearing at 3:23 p.m. by asking if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the text amendment? Louis Iannone of Strata Solar came forward. He said Setliff had done an excellent job and only asked if Council members had any questions? There were none. With no one wishing to speak in opposition, the public hearing was closed at 3:25 p.m.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion to approve Text Amendment T2013-1, which was seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.**

Councilman Gorham said he wished he had 10 acres.

The Text Amendment as approved follows:

**Amendment T 2013-1**

**AMENDING THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**

**ARTICLE V, DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 2, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES**

**AND SECTION 3, SPECIAL USES**

**OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Reidsville be amended as follows:

**Part I.** That Article V, Section 2, Table of Permitted Uses is amended to include the following use in Residential Agricultural-20 by Special Use Permit:

 Solar Energy System, Large Scale

**Part II.** That Article V, Section 3, Special Uses is amended to include the following:

**Use:** Solar Energy System, Large Scale

**Approved By:** City Council

**Special Use District:** RA-20

**Minimum Lot Size:** 10 acres

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Special Use Permit is to allow larger-scale ground mounted solar systems as a principal use.

**Definition**: Solar Energy System (SES), Large Scale means all of the components and subsystems required to convert solar energy into electric or thermal energy suitable for use utilizing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Included in this definition is all land inside the perimeter of the system.

**Setbacks:** Large scale solar energy systems (defined by the nearest equipment excluding fences, landscaping, electric poles and lines, and similar equipment) shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from any property line.

**Height Requirements:** Large scale solar energy systems shall be a maximum of 15 feet (excluding antennae and power poles) in height as measured from the grade at the base of the structure to the apex of the structure. The City Council may approve a waiver of up to 25 feet with justification.

**Required Parking:** The minimum number of parking spaces shall be 1 (one) space for every 25 acres of project area.

**Site Plan:**

 A site plan shall be submitted showing the following:

 1. The location and dimensions of all proposed areas for the placement of solar panels, screening/fencing and related improvements;

 2. Any preexisting structures on the same lot and principal structures on other properties that would affect the placement of solar panels;

 3. Parking and access areas;

 4. Location of any proposed solar access easements;

 5. Location where wiring is brought together for inter-connection to system components and/or the local utility power grid;

 6. Any proposed new structures; and

 7. Any other relevant elements as requested by the Planning Staff.

**Other Requirements:**

 1. Development of a large scale solar energy system will be subject to other overlay district regulations including watershed impervious surface limits.

 2. Any system shall be screened from adjoining residentially zoned properties with appropriate evergreen trees. Such trees shall be 6’ in height at planting and planted 10’ on center. Such screening shall be required along any side of the property adjoining a public road, except for access and utility needs, unless the equipment is at least 300 feet from the public road. Existing tree vegetation may be taken into consideration.

 3. All outdoor lighting shall be shielded to direct light and glare onto the system’s premises. Any glare generated by the system or outdoor lighting must be mitigated or directed away from adjoining property and adjacent road when it creates a nuisance or safety hazard.

 4. Any electrical wiring used in the system shall be underground (trenched) except where wiring is brought together for inter-connection to system components and/or the local utility power grid.

 5. Solar panels shall be mounted onto a pole, rack or suitable foundation, in accordance with manufacturer specifications, in order to ensure the safe operation and stability of the system. The mounting structure (fixed or tracking capable) shall be comprised of materials approved by the manufacturer, which are able to fully support the system components and withstand adverse weather conditions.

 6. No ground-mounted large scale solar energy systems shall be affixed to a block wall or fence.

 7. The large scale solar energy system shall remain painted or finished the color or finish that was originally applied by the manufacturer.

 8. Signs shall be prohibited, other than the manufacturers, installer's or owner’s identification, or appropriate warning signs.

 9. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove all systems components, at the owner’s expense, within one hundred eighty (180) days of determination by the Planning Staff that facility is no longer being maintained in an operable state of good repair or no longer supplying solar power.

 10. The Community Development Department shall be provided copies of any lease agreement, solar access easement, and plan for removal of system/equipment. If the system is to be interconnected to the local utility power grid, a copy of the conditional approval from the local utility must also be provided.

 11. All active large scale solar energy systems shall meet all requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code.

 12. All large scale solar energy systems shall comply with the National Electrical Code, current edition.

 13. The owner or future owner of a property onto which a large scale solar energy system is installed assumes all risk associated with diminished performance of said system caused by any present or future adjacent structure or landscaping that may interfere with the system’s ability to produce power at its rated capacity, regardless of when that adjacent structure or landscaping was constructed or installed.

 14. Other conditions consistent with this ordinance, including, but not limited to, buffering and noise controls that provide adequate protection for adjacent residential properties as may be deemed reasonable and appropriate for the type of system, may be added by the City Council.

**Part II.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina.

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 **JAMES K. FESTERMAN, MAYOR, REIDSVILLE, N.C.**

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 **Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk**

**CONSIDERATION OF A FINDINGS RESOLUTION, A REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE LGC APPLICATION FOR THE COMBINED ENTERPRISE SYSTEM 2013 REVENUE BONDS.**

City Manager Michael Pearce reminded Council members that they have been working for several years on the rehabbing of our Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants so this should be somewhat familiar. We are taking the necessary steps to have those funds for this rehabbing, he said, since the bid opening for those repairs will be on September 25. He then turned the staff report over to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chris Phillips.

Phillips said this is just a “step in the road”, but we need to have these two resolutions taken care of. He also noted that Mitch Brigulio of Davenport & Company was available to answer any questions.

Phillips said the first resolution says we are going to issue debt. It allows us to apply to the Local Government Commission, but it doesn’t bind us to any debt. He again noted that the bid opening on the financing will be September 25, but he noted that this is all just a preview for the October Council meeting, at which time a lot of the decisions will be made.

The second resolution is a reimbursement resolution, which allows us to pay ourselves back if we have some expenses along the line before the financing is done. He said we have been paying for that out of pocket, but we may roll that into our debt. Today, he said, it is about keeping our options open. He said the amount to be borrowed is not to exceed $9 million, but while approving the financing at a later date, we won’t tie our hands at the front end of what we’re doing.

Mayor Festerman questioned why the City is getting a large portion of the Wastewater Treatment Treatment Plant funding from a 0% State loan but not on the Water Treatment Plant. Phillips said we didn’t qualify on the Water Treatment Plant side. He noted that the WWTP award was the second largest award given by the State. The Mayor asked is the $9 million exposure the maximum we might spend? Phillips replied in the affirmative, adding it would be along with the $15 million for the WTP. He said staff would rather err on the conservative side and that the $9 million figure also includes the work on Freeway Drive so we won’t have to use reserves for that project. He said when staff comes back in October, we’ll let you know if we are going to include the Freeway Drive project in the financing. He said this would also keep us on construction schedule.

Mitch Brigulio of Davenport & Company explained that generally, bad news is usually good news for interest rates for the City. He said they are going to reach out to 20 banks across the region and nation. Last year Carter Bank & Trust won the bid, he reminded them. He noted that sometimes there can be up to a 1.5% difference in the quotes; however, he said because it is a bank deal, they hate to nail down a figure because it can be such a wide range. For planning purposes, they are using 5%, he said, but we think we’ll come in below that.

Brigulio explained the process used to determine whether you go with private or bond underwriters. The bank placement approach we’re considering is more straightforward, less complex and easier to put in place, he said. When the project is less than $10 million, it makes more sense to go to banks for financing, Brigulio said.

Phillips explained that $10 million is the breaking point. Above that, you would go to the private market. The Mayor asked about the City’s bond rating. Phillips said that last time the City underwent a bond rating, it was Triple A 20 years ago. However, he stressed that these are revenue bonds and not general obligation bonds so we don’t have to go through the whole process of being rated again.

Phillips said we are issuing a lot of debt right now, but we are showing that we can support it. Once we get these projects under way, we’re going to be on the back end of our debt. Mayor Festerman said the Local Government Commission seems fine with it. The City is not committing our tax base to anything, and we are still in a really good debt position, Phillips said.

City Manager Pearce stressed that the revenue stream was included in the larger water rate increase of 2010; therefore, the City won’t have to increase rates for these capital improvements. As you all know, Reidsville is not unique; infrastructure is a problem both statewide and nationwide. Some of our oldest lines, etc. are 100 years old with some part of the plants 50-plus years old. We are investing in a lot of infrastructure, and part of the 2010 water rate increase was because we knew this was coming, Pearce said. We had a small rate increase this year to keep up with inflation, but we have set up a model and as inflation creeps in, we have to change rates, he said. Once this project is nailed down, it will be the same for about 20 years, but we will have to monitor the operating side. Pearce said that is his point. The larger rate increase was for capital improvements while the smaller increase was for inflation in operating costs, he said, adding that the City won’t see a rate increase to pay for these capital improvements.

Mayor Festerman asked if one motion would take care of both resolutions, to which staff replied in the affirmative.

**Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve both resolutions.**

The Resolutions as approved are as follows:

**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL BONDS AT PRIVATE SALE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina (the “City”):

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The City, acting by and through the City Council, is authorized by The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act of North Carolina, Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the costs associated with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, equipping, extension, betterment or improvement of water systems and facilities, sewage disposal systems and facilities and electric systems and facilities and to refund revenue bonds issued for such purposes.

(b) The City has created a combined enterprise system (the “Combined Enterprise System”) pursuant to a Trust Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2012 (the “Trust Agreement”), between the City and Branch Banking and Trust Company (the “Trustee”), consisting of the City’s water system and sanitary sewer system. The Trust Agreement provides for the issuance of Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds thereunder, to be secured by the net receipts of the Combined Enterprise System as set forth therein, to finance improvements to the Combined Enterprise System and to refund bonds previously issued pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

(c) In order to better serve and provide for the future needs of the residents of the City and its environs, the City will acquire, construct and equip certain improvements to the City’s water and sanitary sewer system, including, without limitation, certain water plant improvements and water and sanitary sewer line improvements (collectively, the “Project”).

(d) The Project is necessary to secure adequate and reliable water and sewer service and to promote the present and future welfare of the residents of the City and its environs.

(e) The City wishes to commence procedures for the issuance of revenue bonds at this time pursuant to the Trust Agreement for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (i) pay the cost of the Project and (ii) pay certain other costs associated with the issuance of such revenue bonds.

(f) The amount of the proposed revenue bonds will be sufficient, but not excessive, for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the Project.

(g) The proposed Project is feasible.

(h) The annual audits of the City show the City to be in strict compliance with debt management policies, and the budgetary and fiscal management policies of the City are in compliance with law.

(i) The proposed revenue bonds can be marketed at a reasonable interest cost to the City.

(j) The projected rate increases, if any, for water and sewer service in connection with the issuance of the proposed revenue bonds will be reasonable.

Section 2. The Mayor, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director of the City and the City Attorney of the City are hereby authorized and directed to (a) file an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of the issuance of the proposed revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (i) pay the cost of the Project and (ii) pay certain other costs associated with the issuance of such revenue bonds and (b) solicit proposals from financial institutions to purchase the proposed revenue bonds. Any such actions heretofore taken are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 3. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the proposed revenue bonds at private sale without advertisement.

Section 4. Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP is hereby appointed to serve as bond counsel to the City and Davenport & Company LLC is hereby appointed to serve as financial advisor to the City in connection with the issuance of such revenue bonds.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This the 11th day of September, 2013.

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 James K. Festerman, Mayor, City of Reidsville

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 Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES UNDER UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY REGULATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina (the “City”):

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The City desires to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of various improvements to the City’s water system and sanitary sewer system, including, without limitation, water plant improvements and water and sanitary sewer line improvements (collectively, the “Project”). The City may expend its general and other available funds towards the cost of the Project, for which expenditures the City reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City.

(b) Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations (the “Regulations”) prescribes specific procedures which are applicable to tax-exempt bonds or notes issued by or on behalf of the City for which prior expenditures are to be reimbursed, including, without limitation, a requirement that prior to, or within sixty (60) days of, payment of the expenditures to be reimbursed the City declare its official intent to reimburse certain expenditures with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City.

(c) This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the City to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the City for certain expenditures paid by the City on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

(d) $9,000,000 is the maximum principal amount of debt reasonably expected to be incurred for the purpose of paying the costs of the Project.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This the 11th day of September, 2013.

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 James K. Festerman, Mayor, City of Reidsville

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 Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

**DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT WITH UNITED WATER REGARDING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FACILITIES.**

In making the staff report, City Manager Michael Pearce noted that for over 20 years, the City of Reidsville has contracted the day-to-day operations of its Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and 14 sanitary sewer stations to then outside contractor, Hydro Management, which is now United Water. At the time, there were good reasons to do this, he said. Pearce then backed up, noting that the City’s contract with United Water was for $3.2 million a year with the City still maintaining the lines as they leave the plant. The current contract with United Water is a five-year contract signed in July of 2011, which would expire in July of 2016, he added.

Pearce stated that the reasons we initially went to outside contractors no longer exists. Simply put, he said, our reasons, our philosophical reasons, how United Water maintains plants and how we look a those investments are somewhat different. United Water looks at the bottom line while the City looks at them as assets that need to be protected, he explained. Since we are investing as much as $20 million, which Pearce described as a “once-in-a-career” investment in our facilities, it is a good time to consider taking them over using City employees. He said he thinks we can do it for less money and cheaper than United Water does it. Pearce explained that the City hired an outside firm, Raftelis, to look at our facilities. It was determined that the City has the technical expertise to do this ourselves, and it is a good thing for the City to take over because the conclusion over and over is that we believe that we can do it better and cheaper than United Water. Pearce said we have every confidence in United Water’s ability, they haven’t been doing a terrible job, they’ve been doing a good job. However, the City looks at assets compared to a business that’s looking at doing things where the savings go to them. He pointed to a situation with the chemicals used at the plants which Public Works Director Kevin Eason discovered that saved $300,000. Those savings went to United Water and not to the City, he said. Pearce gave credit to Public Works Director Kevin Eason, Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips and Human Resources Director Terri Stamey for working very closely with him on this. He said he knew he had given Council a lot of information, but he stressed that a lot of thinking went into it.

Pearce said he was seeking permission today to give United Water its 90-day notice effective as of December 31, 2013. Either side can get out of the contract as a matter of convenience, he noted. The City has job descriptions ready to go and could possibly hire those that work out there or others, he said. He said the City plans to hire 20 people and two part-time people, which would be 22 new employees but there are 18 employees down there wearing United Water shirts but doing our work. The other thing to consider is we are self-insured with currently about 174-175 employees. By adding these employees, giving us a minimum of 200 employees, this could help us out with our self-insurance, the City Manager added. By adding employees, it spreads the risks out over more employees and injects badly needed cash into our insurance fund. Pearce asked Public Works Director Eason if there was anything he wanted to add.

Eason just said the City has good relations with United Water and a lot of progress has been made on improvement of the City’s water quality. Going forward, it is felt a new vision is needed, especially in regards to the improvements, and the operations should be turned over to the City rather than a contractor, he said.

Councilwoman Walker thanked Eason for his hard work and initiative, even it was saving $300,000 for United Water. She said she was excited about what he can do for us.

Pearce said with people like Kevin on staff is a big driving force on why we can do this. Councilman Gorham asked about Eason’s additional responsibilities. Pearce said he will be more highly involved than Public Works Directors have been in the past. Eason said he has always been very involved and that in this, his 24th year in public service, it would be uncommon where he didn’t have a working relationship with the contractor. He said he has met regularly with the contractor since he has been here. Prior to that, there didn’t seem to be a lot of real communication, he said, adding that you have to be careful not to cross some boundaries when you’re working with a contractor’s employees. He said on a daily basis, there will be a change in involvement, but it won’t change a great deal. Formally, it will be on me and the City, he said.

Pearce pointed out that while United Water may contractually have had the responsibility when there were problems at the plants, people called City Hall, not United Water. He said he would feel better if we directly manage something rather than having to call the contractor to find out what the problem is.

Eason noted that those who have been on Council for a while know the issues we have had in the past with the wording of notices, etc. While we have a contractor operating the plants, we have never given away the legal responsibility for permits, etc. so that no matter what happens, violation notices go to the City Manager and the City of Reidsville. We haven’t delegated the legal responsibility away, he said, so it always comes back on us. Eason said so while he has the legal responsibility, he is not operating with our own resources.

Councilman Gorham told Eason he has proven he can handle the job. Mayor Festerman said his concern has been all along that, while he has the utmost confidence in Eason’s qualifications, the City may be hard-pressed to get someone else with Eason’s highly skilled professional qualifications. He questioned whether the City wouldn’t be hard pressed to find someone, especially since we are adding 12.5% to our employee workforce.

Pearce said that, no knock on our previous Public Works Directors, but they didn’t bring that type of technical expertise, but that is the type of person we are going to have to recruit. He said we can’t take a step backward and that we’re never going to have someone with less expertise. It will always be a challenge going forward, he said.

The Mayor asked if the United Water employees have any idea this is coming down? Eason said yes, Nadine Blackwell met with the employees there yesterday and Scott went back and contacted the Water Treatment Plant people by phone. He said as far as he knows, they are all aware of it. The Mayor asked if they knew how many of the current employees worked for the City before. Eason said maybe 3 or 4. Pearce noted that the firm, Raftelis, wasn’t slinking around the plant so it was probably no secret we were considering it.

Councilman Turner asked if the fringe benefits of United Water will follow them, such as retirement? Eason said we have been somewhat limited on what we can say to them. He said they do have 401K. In regards to benefits, we’re about the same overall with some of our benefits better than theirs and vice versa. Upper level managers are eligible for annual bonuses, and the City doesn’t do bonuses, but it probably won’t be a “deal breaker,” he said.

Again, it was noted the takeover of plant operations would be December 31, 2013. Pearce said the 90 days are needed to get ready. He added that a demobilization fee has to be paid, one-time startup supplies purchased, etc. The City will be negotiating with Gary Stainback over the next 90 days. Again, the City Manager said he had spoken with Stainback, and there were no hard feelings.

The 90 days begins after the letter is sent out, Eason said. He noted that since this field is highly regulated, it is good to start at the first of the year to keep the permit in compliance and to keep it clean

Pearce again noted that he was asking Council to give him the authority to send the letter notifying United Water of the termination of contract beginning December 31.

**Mayor Pro Tem Balsley made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to notify United Water of plans to terminate the contract. (A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO UNITED WATER IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)**

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PIGGYBACK ON A BRUNSWICK COUNTY CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A VAC-CON COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER AND ACCOMPANYING BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.**

In making the staff report, City Manager Pearce explained that North Carolina law requires formal bids for anything costing over $90,000, but it does give cities the ability to piggyback on the bid of another municipality. The City’s Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner is ready to be replaced, he said, and is a very valuable piece of equipment. Regarding the piggybacking process, Pearce noted that if another form of government has done the formal bidding process within the past year, we can piggyback on the work they had done and use their vendor. The price of the equipment will be approximately $328,000, even with add-ons, he said; therefore, it is his recommendation for Council to approve this bid. The City Manager added that he appreciated the work Eason and Phillips did to get this piggybacking done so that the formal bidding process could be waived.

Mayor Festerman said Council will need to make two motions – one for the Resolution and one for the Budget Ordinance Amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Balsley asked if we didn’t go with Brunswick County’s bid, how much would we have to pay? Pearce said it was estimated to cost at least $360,000 so we feel like Brunswick County got a good deal. Reidsville is getting a slightly different piece of equipment with some different options. Those options are about $30,000 more in additional equipment, he said. Pearce said we will go directly to the vendor and use the same specs.

**Councilman Turner made the motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the piggybacking resolution.**

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE AUTHORIZING PIGGYBACKING ACCORDING TO GENERAL STATUTES 143-129(g) FOR PURCHASE**

**OF A VAC-CON SEWER CLEANER**

 **WHEREAS**, General Statutes 143-129(g) allows local governments to buy off another local government's contract if the vendor is willing to provide the items at the same or better price; and

 **WHEREAS**, Brunswick County, North Carolina formally bid the purchase of a Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner; and

 **WHEREAS**, said Brunswick County, North Carolina awarded the bid to Southern Municipal Equipment Company; and

 **WHEREAS**, Southern Municipal Equipment Company has offered to extend to the City of Reidsville the same prices as offered to Brunswick County, North Carolina with modifications as requested by the City of Reidsville in the amount of $328,755.58; and

 **WHEREAS**, the City Manager, the City Finance Director and the City Public Works Director recommend that the purchase of the Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner be awarded to Southern Municipal Equipment Company;

 **THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that the purchase of a Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner be awarded to Southern Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of $328,755.58 in accordance with G.S. 143-129 and that the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Southern Municipal to provide this equipment.

 This the 11th day of September, 2013.

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 James K. Festerman, Mayor

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 Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC

 City Clerk

**Councilman Hairston then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 in the amount of $328,750.00.**

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2**

 **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 12, 2013 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2013-2014; and

 **WHEREAS,** since the time of the adoption of said ordinance, it has become necessary to make certain changes in the City's budget to recognize lease purchase funds and to appropriate those funds for the purchase of a combination sewer cleaner;

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 12, 2013 is hereby amended as follows;

**Section 1.**  That revenue account number 62-3413-4000, Lease Proceeds, be increased by $328,750.00.

**Section 2.** That expense account number 62-7131-5500, Sewer Line Capital Equipment, be increased by $328,750.00.

This the 11th day of September, 2013.

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 James K. Festerman

 Mayor

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 Angela G. Stadler, CMC

 City Clerk

Mayor Festerman said he thinks piggybacking is a great thing to do because it usually save us money. The first time he saw piggybacking used was on a fire truck, he said.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**Thank You to Police Department.**

Mr. Doug Astin of 512 Merricks St., Reidsville, came forward. He offered a special thank you for Police Chief Charlie Dennis and his fellow officers. He said there had been a situation there for the past three years jeopardizing the lives of two children. He had called but nothing had been done. He dropped the problem in Chief Dennis’ lap, and within one week’s time, the problem was eliminated and two young children are safe. The Reidsville Police Department did it, he said.

**CONSIDERATION OF BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

City Manager Pearce distributed the ballots for the board and commission vacancies.

**RHA Appointment by Mayor.**

While the ballots were being distributed, the Mayor noted that among his duties is the appointment of members of the Reidsville Housing Authority. He said he was appointing Gretta Maxey, who resides at 113 Treybourne Drive, Reidsville, to the RHA. He said Gretta is very active in our community and has helped out with the proposed Senior Center. He recognized Maxey who was in the audience with visitors. She introduced her two great nephews, Jonah and Micah Newnam, who were with her today on a “field trip.”

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.**

**“Reidsville Connect” report.**

In making his report, City Manager Pearce updated Item No. 1 of his written report dealing with the new City app, “Reidsville Connect.” (A COPY OF THE CITY MANAGER’S WRITTEN REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He said the app has been downloaded 172 times, and the City has placed a billboard on Freeway Drive telling citizens about the new service.

**Water Shut-offs on Freeway Drive.**

Pearce reported that last week, the contractor for NCDOT has been moving our utilities on Freeway Drive and has had to do some water shutoffs. Since the weather has been dry, they are trying to work as rapidly as possible, he said. Angela Stadler, Donna Setliff and Todd Long have been under the gun trying to keep up with the notices to our citizens. He stressed that the City is not obligated to send out these CodeRED messages, but we have felt obligated to let our citizens know if possible on a specific basis when they would be around their area. The impacted areas should be getting the notices and door hangers as well, he continued, adding that the NCDOT contractor is trying to do the work between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., and we’re trying to let residents know in time for them to make other accommodations. It has really kept us scrambling, and we apologize if anyone hasn’t gotten the notices, Pearce said.

**Changing USDA categories.**

Pearce noted that he had read an article on the front page of the newspaper saying that the United States Department of Agriculture is changing how they are categorizing communities. Reidsville would go from a rural community to an urban community as of October 1, which could be a big deal for us, he said. As a rural community, residents can get low interest loans to purchase houses, etc. The City of Reidsville has done loans through USDA for the planned Senior Center and its 911 Center, he noted. Pearce said we are not sure what the implications are for us. He explained that this was done because of the Census with Reidsville being included along with Greensboro and the statistical metropolitan area. The City Manager said he has called the offices of Kay Hagan, Howard Coble and Richard Burr trying to find out more, but this continues to be a work in progress for him.

Pearce said he would like Council’s consensus to draft a letter that the USDA reconsider making Reidsville an urban community, which Council provided. The City Manager said he is not aware of any programs that will help Reidsville as an urban community.

Discussion briefly returned to the work being done on Freeway Drive. Mayor Festerman said it was great the work was being done at night. Pearce said it might be in the contract to do so, but he wasn’t sure. It was good foresight, it was stated.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS.**

**Councilman Gorham** – The Councilman said he had no report. He did attend the Planning Board meeting, but the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission did not have a quorum yesterday. He said it was good to get comments like those made during the Public Comments portion of the meeting about the Police Chief and his comrades.

**Councilman Hairston** – The Councilman said he had no report, but he asked about the façade of the Police Department building which appears to have some chipping. Pearce said that had been looked into, and he didn’t have the cost figures but they were really high. Fixing it has never floated to the top of things that need to be done, but at some time, we will have to take care of that, he said. We are aware of it, the City Manager told Councilman Hairston.

**Mayor Festerman** – The Mayor asked for a consensus from Council to issue a Resolution recognizing retiring League Director Ellis Hankins, who has been with the League for 20 or more years. He also noted that Hankins is from the western part of the County. There were no objections from Council to the Mayor signing a Resolution for Hankins. (A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Mayor also noted he has been asked to write a letter supporting the City of Greensboro’s efforts to host the 2018 International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference. If the Council had no problems with it, he would write a letter endorsing Greensboro’s efforts. (A COPY OF THE LETTER IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Festerman noted that he and Councilman Hairston attended M.C. Moricle’s 90th birthday celebration last night. It was a privilege to attend, he said.

**Mayor Pro Tem Balsley** – No report.

**Councilman Johnson** – The Councilman noted that the Ann Ruston Community Watch met last night, but there was not a lot to report, which is good news.

**Councilman Turner** – The Councilman noted that the recent Tour of Reidsville Bike Criterium was a huge success. Many people turned out to watch the race, he said, adding that it was a “dizzying experience” to watch them ride the two blocks. This Friday night will be the Downtown Cruise In and The Legacy Tribute Band will be performing at Market Square. The beer garden will be open from 7-9 p.m.

Councilman Turner noted that last weekend, he went to a softball tournament held at Jaycee Park. It was a huge affair with 12 teams playing. The man in charge of the tournament was very impressed with our fields and facilities, but he said if one of the other fields had a portable mound, he could bring more teams out there to play. The man would like to make it more than an annual thing because he was so impressed with our fields, the Councilman said.

**Councilwoman Walker** – The Councilwoman complimented the 9/11 ceremony at Market Square this morning, and the singing of IT Director Rhonda Wheeler. She said the City is fortunate to have Wheeler working with us. She described the ceremony as an emotional experience. She also noted that several weeks ago, she had been invited by Rochelle Tucker to a fund-raiser at Zion Baptist Church. Café 99 provided the food, and it was a very nice event, she said.

Councilwoman Walker invited Chamber Executive Director Diane Sawyer to tell them of upcoming Chamber events. It was noted that the City of Reidsville hosted the Chamber coffee last Thursday, and there was a very good turnout, good food and camaraderie. Sawyer said they stopped counting at 70 people, but they were very pleased with the attendance. On October 3, Dream by Dream Travel will host the coffee, she said. The travel agency has decorated its rooms with different themes to host birthday parties, etc. She said they were also trying to bring the After Hours event back since they had received a lot of requests for it. A soft opening was held today for 24 Blackbirds, which will host an After Hours event in its location at the old Everyday Art building. Sawyer said they continue plugging ahead with the Business Showcase and have almost doubled their vendors this year. She discussed that event in more depth. Next Tuesday will be vendor orientation, she noted. Sawyer said she had worked with the City Manager about a program sponsored by Piedmont Natural Gas about the new laws coming down with the “Call Before You Dig” program. The free seminar will be held Thursday, September 26, at the Pennrose Park Country Club.

Mayor Festerman reiterated the additions to the auction list so that they would be included in the record. (A COPY OF THE CITY CLERK’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Former Council Member George Rucker was allowed to come forward and say a few words. He told the Mayor he knew how he felt about losing his wife and encouraged him to keep hanging in there.

There was a brief discussion about the façade of the Police Department. Councilman Turner, who was on the Council at the time, said he felt the company gave the City some kind of guarantee on the façade and did put some kind of sealant on it.

The Mayor thanked Rucker for his kind words.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.**

City Clerk Angela G. Stadler announced the following unanimous appointments: Ms. Anne Marie Simmons of 313 S Branch Street was appointed to the Reidsville Historic Preservation Commission while Jeannie Branch of 1517 Pearman Street was appointed to the Reidsville Planning Board. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**Councilman Turner then made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote to adjourn at approximately 4:31 p.m.**

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 James K. Festerman, Mayor

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Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC

City Clerk