

October 9, 2017

The City Council of the City of Rocky Mount met this day in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber of the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building with Mayor David W. Combs presiding.

Councilmembers present: André D. Knight, Reuben C. Blackwell, IV, Lamont Wiggins, E. Lois Watkins, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Tasha Logan Ford and Thomas M. Moton, Jr., Assistant City Managers; Tameka Kenan-Norman, Public Affairs Manager; Archie Jones, Director of Human Relations; Jeffery Walston, Human Relations Specialist; Ken Graves, Director of Planning and Development; JoSeth Bocoock, Senior Planner, Planning and Development; James Moore, Chief of Police; Darius Hudgins, Tony Taylor, Eric Wade, Police Officers; Yvette Jones, Police Community Services Manager; David Griffin, Superintendent of Community Services; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

Security Officer: Retired Police Sergeant Stoney Battle and Police Sergeant Edwin Collins.

The Mayor opened the meeting and called on Councilmember Tom Rogers to offer prayer.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed citizens and directed them to copies of the agenda near the entrance of the City Council Chamber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council held September 25, 2017 were approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

The Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2017 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Rocky Mount. He presented the proclamation to Police Chief, James Moore; Police Officers, Darius Hudgins, Tony Taylor and Eric Wade; and Police Community Services Manager, Yvette Jones; and joined them for a photograph.

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND EMPLOYMENT MONTH

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2017 as Disability Awareness & Employment Month in the City of Rocky Mount. He presented the proclamation to Human Relations Director Archie Jones; Human Relations Specialist Jeffery Walston; and the following members of the Mayors Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Priscilla Whitaker, Lee Gaskins, Robert E. Cordell, Sr. and Richard Arnow and joined them for a photograph.

The Mayor thanked the members of the Mayors Commission on Persons with Disabilities for their service in the community.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Combs opened the meeting for petitions from the public and recognized the following individuals:

Johnny Cunningham of 1105 Branch Street reiterated his request for assistance for the underserved African American communities in the City.

Victor Woodcock of Daffodil Way voiced a concern for the way the public petitions portion of the meeting is held and the inability of the public to respond to Council comments once the public petitions portion of the meeting is closed. He added he supported a decision made in a prior Council meeting to refer the matter of the confederate statue to the Manager's office or even a Committee of the Whole, but was upset that before the process occurred the NAACP held a private meeting.

Michael Moore, of 174 Jeffries Cove, on behalf of Lifting Handz, voiced a desire to partner with the Police Department to create a "little brother" program. He stated citizens do not know how to utilize facilities that are available to them. He expressed a desire to present a PowerPoint presentation to or to sit down for a conversation with Council regarding his initiative.

Joann Small Osmaka, stated she has been back in Rocky Mount for four and a half years. She said Rocky Mount was her home as a child and she has great memories. She said her heart breaks when she sees the amount of crime in the city and it seems law enforcement and the courts are blind to what is needed. She said children should not be shot or assaulted. She said enforcing the law is not a hard thing to do and violators of the law should be arrested.

Lewis Turner, of 158 S. Washington Street, told the Council he is concerned that someone has recently purchased 100 properties in the City.

Bronson Williams of 600 Hargrove Street stated the city is in an educational crisis and requested the City provide additional funding for Nash-Rocky Mount Schools. He wished Councilmembers running for re-election best wishes.

Nehemiah Smith of 1620 E. Virginia Street said where there is poverty, there is a poor education system. He said he attended a Committee of the Whole meeting today and heard a report from the Fire Chief and continues to question the City's commitment to diversity.

Deniera Oden of 1808 Brookshire Road said she heard the City was going to spend a large amount of money to renovate Battle Park and stated there are more urgent needs. She said something needs to happen to bring us all together and make Rocky Mount a better place.

Randy Adcox of 3212 N. Halifax Road said he has no conflict with anything said tonight. He stated he attended a Council meeting one month ago and offered a compromise solution relative to relocating the confederate statue, but has since learned moving the statue is not an option unless it is located in a location as visible as the current

location. He added the City needs to set some priorities and the concern related to the monument should not even be in the top 100 concerns.

Ryan Duty of 219 Pittman Street thanked the Council for the work they do. He said he is a musician and promoter and wants to bring a free festival to residents in Downtown Rocky Mount. He said he has had a difficult time getting access to the Downtown. He thanked the Council for a job well done.

A number of the concerns were referred to the City Manager's Office and the Mayor closed the public petitions portion of the meeting.

Councilmembers Blackwell, Knight, Watkins and Mayor Combs made comments.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - AUGUST 8, 2017 MEETING

The Public Hearings and consideration of the following recommendations of the Planning Board made at the August 8, 2017 meeting were deferred by the Council on September 11, 2017 until tonight's meeting:

A. LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING:

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS: to revise the following Chapters and Sections of the Land Development Code of the City of Rocky Mount to align with the State general statutes, correct misaligned text and clarify the intended application of regulations:

- Chapter 3. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ADMINISTRATION; Sec. 308. Board of adjustment.; F. *Board rules and procedures.*;
- Chapter 3. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ADMINISTRATION; Sec. 312. Development review procedures.; G. *Written notice.*; H. *Published notice.*; I. *Posted notice.*; and K. *Summary of procedures requiring notice.* **Table 3-1. Notice Summary;**
- Chapter 7. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; Sec. 704. Landscaping and buffering.; C. *Landscaping procedures and general requirements.*; 6. Maintenance requirements.;
- Chapter 7. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; Sec. 709. Signs.; E. *Signs note requiring a permit.*; 4. *Display of official governmental flags.*;
- Chapter 7. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; Sec. 709. Signs.; F. *Permitted freestanding signs.*; **Table 7-1.**;
- Chapter 7. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; Sec. 709. Signs.; G. *Permitted wall signs, hanging signs, projecting signs and roof signs.*; **Table 7-2.**

Councilmember Miller stated she previously requested the matter be discussed at a Committee of the Whole Meeting and that has not yet happened.

Councilmember Wiggins suggested the Council proceed with the public hearing and defer consideration.

Planning Director Ken Graves presented a brief overview and explanation of the recommendations.

The Mayor opened a public hearing relative to the Land Development Code Amendments recommended and no one appeared to speak. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

By consensus, the matter was referred to the November 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting for presentation and explanation; and

consideration of same deferred until the November 13, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

B. LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING:

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT: replaces Tables 7-6. (formerly 7-1) Use Classification Bufferyard Requirements. and Table 7-7. (formerly 702) Bufferyard Specifications in advertently deleted.

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ASSESSMENTS/HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened a public hearing relative to assessments proposed to be levied to recover costs incurred by the City in connection with Housing Code Enforcement on the following properties:

- 612 Cleveland
- 620 Dexter Street
- 1505 Harper Street
- 1021 E. Holly Street
- 314/316 Olive Street
- 408 N. Pine Street
- 302 Smith Street
- 1543 Springbrook Drive
- 711 Mill Street

No one from the public appeared relative to the assessments and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2017-50** entitled **RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS** be adopted.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Council received the minutes and recommendations from a Planning Board meeting held September 12, 2017. The minutes are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The following action was taken upon the recommendations of the Planning Board:

A. REZONING REQUEST/PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened a public hearing relative to the following rezoning request recommended for approval and found in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board:

- request by Floyd Michael Doss for the rezoning of ±0.34 acres at 2705 Sunset Avenue from R-6MFA to O-I

No one from the public appeared relative to the rezoning request and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2017-87** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT** be adopted.

B. REZONING REQUEST/PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened a public hearing relative to the following rezoning request recommended for approval and found in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board:

- request by LaWanda Pulley for the rezoning of ±0.75 acres at 685 Short Street from I-2 to B-5

No one from the public appeared relative to the rezoning request and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2017-88** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT** be adopted.

AD VALOREM TAX RELEASES

The City Council received the following schedules of ad valorem taxes recommended for release and/or refund:

SCHEDULE A – taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>		<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>					
2017	652	A CARING DOCTOR NC PC 0609 BANFIELD THE PET HOSPITAL 0609 PO BOX 13998 PORTLAND, OR 97213	19.81	CITY	INCORRECT VALUE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	19.81		
2017	16659	BONE PHILLIP COOPER 806 FALLS RD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	10.00	DOG	NO DOG
		TOTAL RELEASE:	10.00		
2017	17540	BRYANT WALTER CULLEN ATTN TAKEESHA C TILLERY 601 W THOMAS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	10.00	DOG	NO DOG
		TOTAL RELEASE:	10.00		
2017	370	CHEP USA PO BOX 802206 DALLAS, TX 75380	44.24	CITY	INCORRECT VALUE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	44.24		
2017	1330	FL SPECIALTY OPERATIONS LLC D B A FOOTACTION 57420 PO BOX 2731	82.69	CITY	BILLED IN ERROR DUPLICATE BILL

HARRISBURG, PA 17105
TOTAL RELEASE: 82.69

2017 14485 RUDD NAKISHA ANTOINETTE 20.00 DOG NO DOGS
 1112 BRANDYWINE LN
 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804
TOTAL RELEASE: 20.00

2017 2323 TEARLAB RESEARCH INC 0.90 PEN BILLED IN ERROR
 PO BOX 80615 LISTED ON TIME
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46280
TOTAL RELEASE: 0.90

2017 13445 WOOLARD THOMAS G & SUSAN J 10.00 DOG NO DOG
 3100 BERKLEY DR
 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803
TOTAL RELEASE: 10.00

SCHEDULE B – taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>				
2017	654	AARONS RENTAL PURCHASE CO219 ATTN: SILVER OAKS ADVISORS PO BOX 2437 SMYRNA, GA 30081 TOTAL RELEASE:	457.28 457.28	PEN BILLED IN ERROR LISTED ON TIME
2017	813	BEFCO INC PO BOX 6036 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27802 TOTAL RELEASE:	138.41 138.41	PEN BILLED IN ERROR LISTED ON TIME
2017	898	BROWN BELLE & JIMMIE R 2503 CORINTH RD NASHVILLE, NC 27856 TOTAL RELEASE:	548.99 548.99	CITY BILLED IN ERROR NOT IN CITY LIMITS
2017	502	HALL BARRY W & PEGGY S 1808 MAPLETON DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	563.71 563.71	CITY INCORRECT VALUE HOUSE DESTROYED IN FIRE ON 12/23/16
2017	20234	HENDON GOLDEN EAST LLC C/O MARVIN F POER & COMPANY 1100 N WESLEYAN BLVD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	33,566.54 33,566.54	CITY CORRECTED VALUE AFTER APPEAL
2017	1585	K & W CAFETERIA PROPERTY TAX DEPT PO BOX 25048 WINSTON SALEM, NC 27114 TOTAL RELEASE:	4,668.12 4,688.12	CITY INCORRECT VALUE
2017	14952	KINGSMILL HOMES OF WILSON INC 128 JUSTIN CT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	148.70 148.70	CITY INCORRECT VALUE HOUSE WAS 80% COMPLETE ON JAN 1

2017	5027	KITCHEN JEAN LLC 130 SW MAIN ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	193.31 193.31	CITY	INCORRECT VALUE
2012	1792	LIVERMON CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 682 ENFIELD, NC 27823 TOTAL RELEASE:	137.81 60.64 198.45	CITY INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
2013	1765	LIVERMON CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 682 ENFIELD, NC 27823 TOTAL RELEASE:	137.81 48.23 186.04	CITY INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
2014	1155	LIVERMON CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 682 ENFIELD, NC 27823 TOTAL RELEASE:	137.03 35.63 172.66	CITY INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
2015	1724	LIVERMON CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 682 ENFIELD, NC 27823 TOTAL RELEASE:	142.93 14.29 26.73 183.95	CITY PEN INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
2016	1068	LIVERMON CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 682 ENFIELD, NC 27823 TOTA RELEASE:	142.93 14.29 12.57 169.79	CITY PEN INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
2017	1818	MYEYEDR OPTOMETRY OF NORTH CAROLINA PLLC ROCKY MOUNT 1950 OLD GALLOWS RD SUITE 520 VIENNA, VA 22182 TOTAL RELEASE:	132.55 132.55	CITY	INCORRECT VALUE
2017	13889	POWER COMPANY C/O BENCHMARK 1701 SUNSET AVE ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	5,675.21 5,675.21	CITY	HISTORIC EXEMPTION
2017	2113	ROCKY MOUNT INTERNAL MEDICINE 153 CANDLEWOOD RD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	495.96 495.96	CITY	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED JULY 2016
2017	16226	ROCKY MOUNT MILL LLC ATTN: CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO INC 1151 FALLS RD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	4,306.17 4,306.17	CITY	HISTORIC EXEMPTION
2017	16236	ROCKY MOUNT VILLAGE LLC CAPITOL BROADCASTING CO INC OFF E ELM ST	157.28	CITY	INCORRECT VALUE

ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804

TOTAL RELEASE: 157.28

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

2017	7417	KNIGHT JAMES H & RUBY B 1022 SYCAMORE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	262.56	CITY	SENIOR EXEMPTION
TOTAL RELEASE:			262.58		

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that the report from the City Manager of taxes under \$100 listed on Schedule A approved for release and/or refund be acknowledged; and that taxes over \$100 listed on Schedule B be approved for release and/or refund.

TAXICAB LICENSE/ADDITIONAL APPLICATION

The City Council received a recommendation from the Chief of Police for the issuance of new taxi right licenses to:

- a. Allan C. Walters - 1 right
- b. Malcolm L. Homes - 3 rights

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that taxi permits be approved for issuance to Allan C. Walters and Malcolm L. Homes, as recommended by the Chief of Police.

2017 TIGER GRANT APPLICATION

The City Council was provided with a resolution authorizing submittal of a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in the amount of \$11,922,000 to be used for:

- the Monk to Mill Trail and Streetscape;
- Restoration and Drainage Improvements; and
- Atlantic Avenue/Arlington Street to Complete Streets

The City Council was advised that the City will pledge matching funds in the amount of \$5,200,000 cash and in-kind contributions with \$2,000,000 from the Powell Bill; \$250,000 from the Stormwater Fund; and \$2,700,000 from the Electric Fund for undergrounding of utilities and lighting enhancements.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2017-51** entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)** be adopted.

GRANT APPLICATION/ROCKY MOUNT SENIOR CENTER

The City Council received a request from the Senior Center for approval of an application to the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging for Senior Center general purpose funding in the amount of \$10,939 for equipment, building improvements and supplies for the

Senior Center. The Council was advised that the grant requires a local match of \$3,646 (25%).

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the grant application be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute same and any subsequent documents on behalf of the City; and that staff be authorized to submit the application to the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging.

GRANT APPLICATION/DIASTER RECOVERY

The City Council received a request from the Parks and Recreation Department for approval of an application to the Golden Leaf Foundation for a disaster recovery grant in the amount of \$657,191 for restoration of structures and trails in Battle Park and Sunset Park. The Council was advised that the grant does not require a local match.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the grant application be approved and that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute same and any subsequent documents on behalf of the City; and that staff be authorized to submit the application.

GRANT APPLICATIONS/PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)

The City Council received requests from Public Works and Water Resources for approval of grant applications to the Golden Leaf Foundation for funding for the following projects in conjunction with recovery and hazard mitigation efforts related to Hurricane Matthew:

- Parkers Canal Drainage - \$175,000 grant request; total project cost \$339,300
- Downtown Drainage Improvement - \$904,800 grant request; total project cost \$1,131,000
- Stony Creek Debris Removal - \$90,300 grant request; total project cost \$112,860

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the grant applications be approved; that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute same and any subsequent documents on behalf of the City and that staff be authorized to submit the applications to the Golden Leaf Foundation.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL/ELECTRONIC AUCTION

The City Council received a list of personal property proposed to be declared surplus and sold at electronic auction. The list shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-27**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2017-52** entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ELECTRONIC AUCTION** be adopted.

SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY/FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City Council received a request that the following personal property be declared surplus to the City's needs and authorized for private sale to Bailey Green Hornet Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department at \$200 per unit for a total cost of \$2,000:

- Ten (10) Scott AP-50 Air Packs

The information relative to disposal of these items shall be placed on file as **BD-2017-28**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2017-53** entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PRIVATE SALE** be adopted (resolution authorizes the City Clerk to publish notice of the resolution in accordance with G.S. 160A-267).

BID/GENERATOR PURCHASE FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER

The City Council was advised that the business services center requires a generator to provide back-up emergency power to allow the facility to remain open during power outages and for use approximately 200 hours a year for peak savings to reduce the cost of power.

Council was further advised that Energy Resources staff have searched for the most cost-effective way to provide the equipment and have located a used 230 KW Tier 4i Volvo diesel engine generator from PowerSecure with less than 100 hours of service. The Energy Resources Department recommended the purchase at a total cost of \$152,050 for a turn-key application including the generator enclosure, a full one-year warranty and three (3) sets of #400 CU feeder wires in 4" conduit from the pad mount transformer to the transfer switch, resulting in a savings of approximately \$77,000 or one third of the cost of a new generator.

The proposal for the generator is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-29**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the bid for the purchase of the generator be awarded to PowerSecure as recommended at a total cost of \$152,050, for a turn-key application including the generator enclosure, a full one-year warranty and three (3) sets of #400 CU feeder wires in 4" conduit from the pad mount transformer to the transfer switch and that the Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order for the equipment in accordance with the Council's award.

RE-BIDS/25 KV 1/0 AWG SOLID ALUMINUM UNDERGROUND CABLE

The City Council received the tabulation of re-bids received for 25 KV 1/0 AWG solid aluminum underground cable. Re-bids were received and opened on September 26, 2017 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-30**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to Anixter, Incorporated at a total cost of \$106,102.50 and that the Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order for the equipment in accordance with the Council's award.

BIDS/NATURAL GAS ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES - NORTHERN SYSTEM STRENGTHENING - PFIZER COMPANY

The City Council was advised that the Director of Energy Resources is requesting the award of a bid contract to RK&K to provide engineering services related to the route selection, pipeline sizing, design and competitive bid assistance for the strengthening of the City's northern distribution system at a cost of \$159,670. Council was further advised that strengthening the system will include Pfizer as a part of the project and Pfizer will be paying the City the \$159,670 in advance for RK&K to design the gas line to Pfizer.

The recommendation from the Director of Energy Resources is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-31**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to RK&K at a total cost of \$159,670, as recommended, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

BIDS/CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE (CIPP)

The City Council received the tabulation of bids received for cured-in-place pipe (CIPP). Bids were received and opened on September 21, 2017 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-32**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to AM-Liner East, Incorporated at a total cost of \$204,809 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

BIDS/UNDERGROUND CABLE INSTALLATION AND OVERHEAD POWERLINE REMOVAL PROJECT

The City Council received the tabulation of bids received for an underground cable installation and overhead powerline removal project. Bids were received and opened on June 27, 2017 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-33**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to Lee Electrical Construction, Incorporated at a total cost of \$252,253.78 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that Garry Hodges be appointed to the Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport Authority for an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2019.

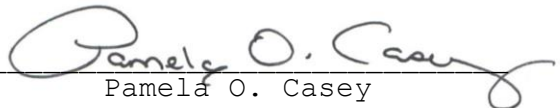
No action was taken to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney recognized Planning Director Ken Graves and noted this is his last City Council meeting. She wished him well in his new position as Assistant City Manager in Greenville, North Carolina and thanked him for his service to City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Pamela O. Casey
City Clerk