

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 19, 2018

PRESENT

Mayor Eddie Ellington, Presiding; and Council Members Sara M. Coffey, William Burnette, D. Michael Rainey, Melissa Elliott, Garry D. Daeke, Fearldine Simmons and George Daye

ABSENT

Council Member Marion B. Williams

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Frank Frazier, City Attorney D. Rix Edwards, City Clerk Esther J. McCrackin, Finance Director Joseph Fuqua, Police Chief Marcus Barrow, Fire Chief Steve Cordell, Assistant Fire Chief Curtis Tyndall, Assistant City Manager Paylor Spruill, Engineering Director Clark Thomas, Human Resources Director Elgin Lane, Development Services Director Corey Williams, Kerr Lake Regional Water Director Christy Lipscomb, Recreation and Parkes Director Kendrick Vann, Customer Service Manager Shay Bennett and Henderson Water Reclamation Facility Director Lamont Allen and Executive Assistant Tracey Kimbrell

CALL TO ORDER

The 19 November 2018 Regular Meeting of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor Eddie Ellington at 6:01 p.m. in the R. G. “Chick” Young, Jr. Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 134 Rose Avenue, Henderson, NC.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll and advised Council Member Williams was unable to attend due to a family emergency. A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Simmons led those present in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS

At this time, Mayor Ellington asked the City Clerk to proceed.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ellington asked if there were any adjustments to the Agenda. The Clerk asked for approval to add three items to the agenda. Two were for New Business: *Authorizing an Application for an NC Governor's Crime Commission Grant for Body-Worn Equipment* and *Transferring Funds from the Sewer Fund and Capital Reserve Account to a Capital Improvement Project Infiltration/Inflow Reduction*. A Closed Session item for an Attorney/Client Matter is also requested. Council Member Elliott moved to accept the Agenda as adjusted. Motion seconded by Council Member Burnette, and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Ellington asked for any corrections to and/or approval of the minutes. Council Member Daeke moved the approval of the 8 October 2018 minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Donna Stearns and Ms. Teri Hedrick made the annual United Way presentation to Council. Ms. Hedrick, President of the Board of Directors, shared some of the agencies supported by United Way and said they plan to make grants available in 2019 for both old and new agencies. She thanked the City and Human Resource Director Lane for participating in the 2018 campaign and then asked Ms. Donna Stearns to say a few words. Donna is a City retiree and works tirelessly for the United Way. She said the City has participated in the United Way Campaign for over 25 years and hopes they will continue to be involved for years to come. She reminded Council that the United Way supports several of the Recreation and Parks programs. Before closing, Ms. Stearns distributed a flyer for the JCPC holiday breakfast and Ms. Hedrick thanked Council again for being part of the United Way campaign.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

City Clerk McCrackin advised no citizen wished to address Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Amending Section 7-49 of the Henderson City Code Declaring Court Street from Young Street to Montgomery Street a "One-Way" Street. (Reference: CAF 18-107; Ordinance 18-52)

City Manager Frazier reminded Council that this request was tabled during the October meeting. He said Development Services Director Williams has since talked with property owners along both Young Street and Montgomery Street and found only one owner who expressed concerns. Staff feels that reversing the one-way flow will provide better traffic safety as there are traffic lights at both Garnett and Chestnut when a driver exits Court Street at Montgomery, whereas leaving it the way it is directs traffic toward Chestnut and Young Street where there is no traffic signal. The owner of the former library at the corner of Young and Court Street preferred leaving the traffic flow as it is currently.

Council Member Daeke inquired about whether parking would be allowed on both sides of the street. Mr. Frazier said yes and noted the owners of Uncle Lews have no problem with this reversal.

There were no other questions so Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Rainey moved the approval of Ordinance 18-52, *Amending Section 7-49 of the Henderson City Code Declaring Court Street from Young Street to Montgomery Street a "One-Way" Street*. Motion seconded by Council Member Simmons, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Ordinance Book 9, p 597*)

NEW BUSINESS

Adopting the KLRWS 2017 Local Water Supply Plan and the KLRWS 2018 Water Shortage Response Plan. (*Reference: CAF 18-111; Resolution 18-66*)

City Manager Frazier explained that these plans are required by law and asked KLRW Director Christy Lipscomb to summarize these plans. Ms. Lipscomb said these plans have to be updated yearly by staff and approved every five years by the governing body. The Local Water Supply Plan is due to the State no later than April 1, 2019. The Water Shortage Response Plan includes the three partners (City of Oxford and Warren County in addition to the City of Henderson). The plan includes, among other things, steps to be taken at various levels.

Council Member Coffey asked if fines have ever been issued for non-compliance with the conservation requirements. Ms. Lipscomb said no, the lake has never reached a mandatory shortage level. She did say voluntary conservation has been declared in the past. Council Member Daeke asked what the lowest level has ever been. Ms. Lipscomb responded not below 289 feet. The Manager noted that the City undertook renovation of the existing intake facility that enables the plant to withdraw from a lower level of the lake if necessary.

There was no other discussion. Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Burnette moved the approval of Resolution 18-66, *Adopting the KLRWS 2017 Local Water Supply Plan and the KLRWS 2018 Water Shortage Response Plan*. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 159*)

Approving Appointments to the Kerr Lake Regional Water Advisory Board. (*Reference: CAF 18-119; Resolution 18-70*)

City Manager Frazier said this is a technical oversight issue. The contract calls for three Advisory Board members from the City of Henderson. Currently, Mayor Pro-Tem Daeke serves as Chair of the KLRW Advisory Board. As in the past, this appointment names the Mayor and City Manager as the other two members.

There was no discussion. Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Coffey moved the approval of Resolution 18-70, *Approving Appointments to the Kerr Lake Regional Water Advisory Board*. Motion seconded by Council Member Rainey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons, Daye and Coffey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 167*)

Approval of Engineering Contract with AECOM for Updating Water System Management Plan and Setting Up CIP Budget for the Same. (*Reference: CAF 18-121; Resolution 18-73, Ordinance 18-57, Budget Amendment #17*)

City Manager Frazier asked KLRW Director Lipscomb to present this item. Ms. Lipscomb said this is another State required plan. Due to the complexity of the upgrade and the major changes needed to the plan, staff feels it would be best to have AECOM do this update. Mr. Frazier reminded Council that AECOM is one of the City's on-call engineering firms and due to savings from the SCADA project, no special appropriations are needed other than approval of the Budget Amendment that allows transfer of funds from the SCADA project.

Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Elliott moved the approval of Resolution 18-73, *Approval of Engineering Contract with AECOM for Updating Water System Management Plan*, and Ordinance 18-57, *Setting Up CIP Budget for the Same*. , Motion seconded by Council Member Burnette, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey and Burnette. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 173, Ordinance Book 9, p 607*)

Authorizing Approval of Public Request for Proposals for Sale of the First National Bank Building. (*Reference: CAF 18-114, Resolution 18-67*)

City Manager Frazier said this request was discussed by the Land Planning Committee. He said several bids/proposals received for the property were rejected as Council wanted to establish covenants for the property. Recently there have been other inquiries about the building. If approved, the Committee felt those that have made bids on the property should be notified of the guidelines and the RFP will be properly advertised.

Council Member Rainey asked if there would be a minimum bid. The bid will begin at \$1,000. Council Member Elliott asked if covenants are in place for all historic buildings. Mr. Frazier said not at this time; but they were put in place for this building because of its unique features and the City's desire that it not be gutted of its unique features.

There was no further discussion so Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Rainey moved the approval of Resolution 18-67, *Authorizing Approval of Public Request for Proposals for Sale of the First National Bank Building*. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Elliott, Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey, Burnette and Rainey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 161*)

Establishing the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget for the Raleigh Road/Dabney Drive Extension Water Main Improvements. (Reference: CAF 18-117; Ordinance 18-55, Budget Amendment #16)

City Manager Frazier explained \$200,000 was included in the FY19 budget for this type of CIP project. Staff feels there is a need on Raleigh Road as there are only valves at either end of the long water main along Raleigh Road. Installation of valves at certain intervals will shorten the areas needed to be cut off when problems occur on the main such as a water main break. Also, creating a loop from Walgreens to Oxford Road is needed and two projects can be done at the same time for an approximate cost of \$98,700.

Council Member Coffey commented that this should be done and Council Member Rainey asked for the size of the main. Mr. Frazier said it is a 12" main along Raleigh Road. The main along Dabney Drive Extension is an 8" main.

There was no other discussion so Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Coffey moved the approval of Ordinance 18-55, *Establishing the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget for the Raleigh Road/Dabney Drive Extension Water Main Improvements*. Motion seconded by Council Member Burnette, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey, Burnette, Rainey and Elliott. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (See Ordinance Book 9, p 603)

Authorizing a Full-Time Code Compliance Inspector Position in Lieu of Part-Time in the Development Services Department and Authorizing the Use of Reserve Funds to Fund an Additional Code Compliance Position.(Reference: CAF 18-118; Resolution 18-71, Ordinance 18-56, Budget Amendment #19)

City Manager Frazier stated that during a recent Public Safety Committee meeting, the need to enhance minimum living standards was strongly expressed. The City has been unsuccessful in filling a part-time code compliance position and it is felt a full-time position might be more enticing. If the position is filled in January, the six months remaining in FY19 would cost approximately \$12,400. Mr. Frazier noted that the new fiscal year would need to support a full 12-month salary that, with benefits, would range from \$40,000 to \$50,000. He said filling this position will not solve all the issues but will help with processing the complaints and addressing other housing issues.

Council Member Daeke said he is certainly in favor of increasing the Development Services staff but asked that the duties of this position be specifically delineated. He also asked what the department is doing pro-actively in this area. Development Services Director Williams said the department is now using software that had helped track activity and currently the department has 20 cases on which title searches have just been completed. He said complaints are up regarding minimum housing and the department is currently dealing with over 60 cases. Currently they have 100 active nuisance cases. As far as working in designated areas, Mr. Williams said they have to be careful due to legal requirements. Mr. Williams said they are working on clarifying ordinances but their focus has been on minimum housing and abandoned structures.

Council Member Elliott expressed her hope that when the position is filled citizens would understand Council's concern for this issue. The Manager stated that depending on the applicants, there may be a need to train a person to perform this work. If this occurs, Mr. Williams stated he would use his current code inspector to perform the minimum housing inspections.

With no further discussion, Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Elliott moved the approval of Resolution 18-71, *Authorizing a Full-Time Code Compliance Inspector Position in Lieu of Part-Time in the Development Services Department* and Ordinance 18-56, *Authorizing the Use of Reserve Funds to Fund an Additional Code Compliance Position*. Motion seconded by Council Member Simmons, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Simmons, Daye, Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott and Daeke. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 163, Ordinance Book 9, p 605*)

Directing the Code Compliance Director to Remove or Demolish the Structure Located at 802 E. Andrews Avenue. (*Reference: CAF 18-113; Ordinance 18-54*)

City Manager asked Development Services Director Corey Williams to explain this request. Mr. Williams said the enforcement process began in May. In June, there was a hearing and nothing has been done by the owner since. A title search has been completed by the City Attorney and Mr. Williams noted the owner is behind with the taxes by a year or more.

Mayor Ellington noted that the owner is listed on the Tax Releases/Refunds to receive a refund for another property and asked if those funds could be put toward the taxes owed on this property. The Manager said he would look into this but in the past he did not think State Statutes allowed for the transferring of funds.

Council Member Rainey asked about what happens to the lot after demolition. Mr. Williams said the property will have a lien on it for the demolition cost, along with administrative costs.

With no other questions, Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Daeke moved the approval of Ordinance 18-54, *Directing the Code Compliance Director to Remove or Demolish the Structure Located at 802 E. Andrews Avenue*. Motion seconded by Council Member Rainey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Daye, Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke and Simmons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Ordinance Book 9, p 601*)

Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the Bureau of Justice for the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of North Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods 2018 Grant.
(Reference: Resolution 18-74)

City Manager Frazier said the Police Department became aware of this opportunity following the October Council Meeting. The grant amount is \$83,657 and there is no match required. The grant will be used to fund police overtime, training and computer equipment. Due to time constraints, the City Manager approved this application and is now asking for Council's approval.

There was no discussion, so Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Coffey moved the approval of Resolution 18-74, *Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the Bureau of Justice for the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of North Carolina Project Safe Neighborhoods 2018 Grant*. Motion seconded by Council Member Elliott, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 175*)

Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission.
(Reference: CAF 18-123; Resolution 18-75)

City Manager Frazier asked Police Chief Marcus Barrow to present this request. Chief Barrow said this \$97,065 grant does not require any matching funds. He said the number one item on the officers wish list were body cameras and this grant will allow the City to obtain 52 cameras along with the needed server to support the data.

Council Member Coffey asked if the officers would be properly trained in the use of the cameras. The Chief said yes, there would be strict guidelines that would include policy requirements by both ICA and CALEA

Council Member Daeke asked about the longevity of the server. Chief Barrow said most servers last 5+ years. Mr. Frazier added one of his concerns regarding this grant was possible recurring cost but he said staff has advised that there was little to no hidden costs to support this equipment. The Chief said there will be minimum upgrade costs and he added he felt there was a very good chance of the City receiving these funds.

Council Member Elliott said she carefully researched this ordinance and felt this was a great opportunity to protect both officers and citizens.

With no further discussion, Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Elliott moved the approval of Resolution 18-75, *Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission*. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Resolution Book 6, p 177*)

Transferring Funds from the Sewer Fund and Capital Reserve Account to a Capital Improvement Project Infiltration/Inflow Reduction. (*Reference: CAF 18-124; Ordinance 18-58, Budget Amendment #21*)

City Manager Frazier apologized for bringing this to Council on such short notice but said he felt was necessary in light of the recent sanitary overflows. It has been an extremely wet season and staff is reviewing the pumping rates at the overflow stations but Mr. Frazier said more must be done to find what is causing these overflows. Staff proposes the purchase of 18 wireless I&I micro detectors for microflow monitoring. The devices monitor and record levels within the manholes during both dry days and wet weather events. He said several small issues have been found but feels more can and should be done.

Council Member Coffey asked about fines from the State for these overflows. Mr. Frazier said there have been several \$2,000 fines from the State.

With no other questions, Mayor Ellington asked Council how it wished to proceed.

Council Member Coffey moved the approval of Ordinance 18-58, *Transferring Funds from the Sewer Fund and Capital Reserve Account to a Capital Improvement Project Infiltration/Inflow Reduction*. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons, Daye and Coffey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams (*See Ordinance Book 9, p 609*)

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda, summarized as follows:

Adopting the 2019 Henderson City Council Meeting Schedule. (*Reference: CAF 18-110; Resolution 18-65*) This sets the meeting schedule for Council in 2019. It was noted that the day for the September meeting was missing. The actual date is Monday, September 9, 2019. Other meetings, such as the Strategic Planning Retreat and budget work sessions will be noticed separately as required by State law. (*See Resolution Book 6, p 157*)

Accepting a North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission Grant for the Purchase of Mobile Data Terminal Computers and Police Radios for the Henderson Police Department. (*Reference: CAF 18-116; Resolution 18-69*) Council approved this grant application on January 9, 2017. Due to legal challenges on the federal level, notice of approval was received on September 29, 2017. This action approves the acceptance of these grant funds. (*See Resolution Book 6, p 165*)

Tax Releases and Refunds from Vance County for the Month of September 2018. (*Reference: CAF 18-112*) The Finance Director has reviewed the following releases/refunds and found them to be in order. This action approves the tax releases and refunds for September 2018.

September 2018 Tax Releases & Refunds			
Name	Reason	Tax Year	Amount
Real & Personal Property Releases			
Williams, Derylvon	Taxes Lost to Forclosure	2006-2017	\$ 11,492.64
Marrow, Victor	Taxes Lost to Forclosure	2015-2018	\$ 3,867.94
Various	Mass Abatement	2019	\$ 10,638.85
Kittrell Baptist Church	Cemetary	2017	\$ 159.93
Champ, Mary	Personal Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 218.84
Crowell, Thomas	Personal Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 1,230.94
Davis, James	Corrected Value	2018	\$ 262.47
Floyd, Annie	Corrected Value	2018	\$ 108.71
Garrett St. Investments	Adjusted Value	2018	\$ 594.00
Gill, Wanda	Personal Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 97.74
House, Danny	Adjusted Value	2018	\$ 1,277.27
JW Young Corp.	Personal Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 58.01
Mitchell, Lucy	Real Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 963.25
Ramsey, Daniel	Personal Property Billed in Error	2018	\$ 9.34
Royster, Valarie	Corrected Value	2018	\$ 882.40
Real & Personal Property Releases - Total			\$ 31,862.33
Real & Personal Property Refunds			
			\$ -
Real & Personal Property Refunds - Total			\$ -
Audit Discoveries			
Barrier, James	Discovery	2018	\$ 49.96
Mannor, Jordan	Discovery	2018	\$ 16.84
Toney, Antonio	Discovery	2018	\$ 103.81
Audit Discoveries - Total			\$ 170.61
Total Refunds & Releases			\$ 32,032.94

Mayor Ellington asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests so he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Council Member Rainey moved the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Burnette, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Rainey, Elliott, Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey and Burnette. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City Clerk McCrackin advised one citizen wished to address Council.

Ricky Pearce, 525 Welcome Avenue Mr. Pearce's concern dealt with drugs within the high heels subdivision of Henderson where he lives. He is frustrated with the judicial system and feels more can be done to protect citizens. Mr. Pearce has talked with the Sheriff about this problem but has not seen anything being done. He also mentioned the presence of out-of-state vehicles that he thinks are selling/buying drugs in this area.

Council Member Coffey, along with the Mayor and other councilors said this has been an on-going concern of theirs and they will continue to work on doing more.

REPORTS

- a) Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem – Mayor Ellington and the Manager attended a ceremony and official flag burning on Veterans Day at the American Legion. There will a lighting of the Christmas tree after the parade and he encouraged Council to attend.
- b) City Manager - Mr. Frazier reported on the following:
 - i. Congratulations to Human Resources Director Elgin Lane for receiving Senior Certification from the NCIPMA.
 - ii. The City is gathering overtime information from the Police/Fire/Public Works departments for hours worked during the hurricane to submit to FEMA.
 - iii. Congratulations to the Fire Department for being awarded a non-matching grant of \$2,832 that will allow for the purchase of a new Fire Prevention “Sparky.”
 - iv. Waste Industries will be one day late from their normal schedule for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - v. There will be no leaf pickup this Thursday but staff will be picking up leaves on Friday and Saturday.
 - vi. Happy Thanksgiving.
- c) City Attorney - (No Report)
- d) City Clerk – Reminder of the meeting on Nov 27th for Council and the Commissioners from Oxford and Warren County to learn more about the KLRW upgrade with the main discussion to center around adjusting the rate structure for the partners of the KLRW system. Reminder of the Christmas Parade on December 1. The Clerk also wished Council a wonderful day of giving thanks.

OTHER

Council Member Rainey recently attended Beauty and the Beast at the Performing Arts Center and said it was an excellent performance. He felt it was comparable to what you would see on Broadway. Council Member Simmons echoed his sentiments and said it was a wonderful performance for kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity to see such an event.

Council Member Daeke mentioned he has noted several locations where citizens have put leaves in the street rather than at the curb and reminded everyone that when it rains, leaves clog the system that could possibly lead to further infiltration/inflow problems.

There was a short discussion about the parade being at night this year and the lighting of the Christmas tree following the parade. The Manager stated there have been night parades in the past and it was decided to have one this year as it makes the parade a little more special.

At this time, Mayor Ellington asked Council if they were prepared to go into Closed Session. He stated there would be no announcement following the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Rainey moved for Council to convene in closed session pursuant to G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) for a Client-Attorney Matter. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Burnette moved for Council to convene in open session. Motion seconded by Council Member Simmons, and unanimously approved.

(Clerk's Note: Council Member Daeke left the meeting following the Closed Session.)

WORK SESSION

Authorizing the Surveying of Section E of Elmwood Cemetery. *(Reference: CAF 18-120)*

City Manager Frazier said this was discussed during the last Public Works Committee meeting and asked City Engineer Clark Thomas to summarize this request. Mr. Thomas referenced the maps attached to the CAF and said the goal is to keep the plots the same but to have them better defined by completing a survey and updating the map. He also mentioned moving the mausoleum on the existing map to a better location and making it a columbarium. Mr. Frazier added that during the storm, several of the large trees in this section of the cemetery fell and he would like to obtain quotes for replanting those trees. The Manager and City Attorney have been in communication with the State regarding whether the existing funds in the perpetual care account can be used for this project.

It was the consensus of Council to bring this back to a regular meeting as follows: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams and Daeke.

Authorizing Areas of the City to be Researched for Designation as Local and/or Registered Historic Areas as Part of the City Master Redevelopment Plan. *(Reference: CAF 18-115)*

Assistant City Manager Spruill identified several areas in and around the Henderson Middle School that may qualify for the National Historic Register and/or local historic designations. He also mentioned other possible areas such as Burwell Avenue to Granite Street and the Gholson/Chavasse area. Mr. Spruill pointed out that if these areas qualify, there may be tax credits available.

Council Member Elliott asked how long it would take to complete the research needed to identify these historic areas. Mr. Spruill felt at least six months.

Council Member Coffey asked if the *Little Hotel* would be included as this was historically used for military women to reside. Mr. Spruill said he was unaware of the history and would need to do further research.

It was the consensus of Council as follows: YES: Coffey, Burnette, Rainey, Elliott, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams and Daeke.

Possible Grant Assistance – The Ferguson Group *(No Materials distributed)*

City Manager Frazier said the Ferguson Group has submitted a proposal to assist the City with obtaining grants. The proposal needs to be refined and more information will be forthcoming.

Council Member Elliott asked is this was in response to the request for a grant writer. Council Member Rainey asked if this was the same group that assisted the City with obtaining grants several years back. Mr. Frazier said yes.

At this time, Manager Frazier asked if Council would allow the City Engineer to give a brief update on the Stormwater Utility Fee.

Stormwater Utility Fee

Mr. Thomas said he is continuing to work with the consultant on develop equitable stormwater fees. At this time, a baseline for fees has been established with a flat fee for residents and a dollar fee per acre for commercial with credits for any impervious work completed by the business.

Mayor Ellington asked if there was any further business. There was no response so he asked if Council was prepared to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Elliott moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Eddie Ellington
Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther J. McCrackin, City Clerk