

CITY OF LENOIR

AFTER ACTION MEMO

To: Department Heads/Division Superintendents

From: Scott Hildebran, City Manager

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Subject: Action taken by City Council on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.
Review all information to ensure that your department maintains
action taken by City Council.

- ✓ City Council approved the minutes from the City Council meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2016 as submitted.
- ✓ City Council approved the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Tuesday, June 28, 2016 as submitted.
- ✓ City Council approved Staff's recommendation to award the low bid of \$82.50 per ton of asphalt put in place for the City of Lenoir's FY2016-2018 Paving Contract as submitted by Maymead, Inc., PO Box 911 Mountain City, Tennessee.
- ✓ On behalf of the Lenoir Police Department and officers across the country, Police Chief Scott Brown addressed City Council regarding the current situation in our country pertaining to the animosity being shown toward police officers and also to one another. Chief Brown emphasized the Department's role is "not to punish, but to protect." He announced beginning Tuesday, July 26, and every fourth Tuesday following, he will be available at the Caldwell County Library from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and hear suggestions from citizens regarding any changes and/or improvements they would like to see happen. He noted the Department would do its best to implement any suggestions or explain the reasons why they could not.
- ✓ On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons expressed Council's continued support for the Police Department and stated Council was proud of the Department.
- ✓ Councilman Ike Perkins invited the community to attend a dialogue on Thursday, July 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Freedman Center (former William Lenoir Middle School) regarding the crisis situation happening across the country.
- ✓ Mr. Ralph Prestwood, Interim Executive Director, Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for the recent recognition of Caldwell County's 175th Anniversary. In appreciation, he presented each Councilmember with small tokens commemorating the occasion including a Caldwell County vehicle sticker, key chain and lapel pin. Mr. Prestwood also commended all City Departments and Staff for their assistance with the Blackberry Festival which over 15,000 people attended.
- ✓ City Council approved Staff's request to repeal and replace the Lenoir Sign Code including an Addendum regarding Sections 1101.2 Exempt Signs, 1107.4 Locational

Requirements and 1111.5 Windblown and Inflatable Advertising Devices. A copy of the revised Sign Ordinance and Addendum is available for public review in the City's Planning Department. The City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article XI, Appendix A will be amended to reflect this change.

- ✓ City Council approved Staff's request to amend the Charter Code of Ordinances, Appendix B, Traffic (1), Section 115, Twenty-five mile per hour speed limit on the following streets, to extend the posted speed limit of 25 MPH on West Harper Avenue from its current location near Beall Street west to Virginia Street and adding a series of raised composite rumble strips near the Fairfield Chair crosswalk, as determined by the Public Works Director. Note: This change will result in moving the posted speed limit sign of 25 mph west 390 in order to allow motorists more time to adjust their speed prior to approaching the current pedestrian crosswalk in front of Fairfield Chair Company. The City's Code of Ordinances will be amended to reflect this change.
- ✓ City Council adopted a Resolution accepting a Conservation Easement from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund (NCCWMTF) Grant in the amount of \$755,993 for a Conservation Easement on the Lenoir Watershed property. The City will continue to work with NCCWMTF officials regarding allowing a Mountain Bike Trail on the property. Mr. Bryan Gossage, Executive Director, NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, addressed City Council and stated the agency wants to protect the Conservation Easement, but pointed out there are ways to accommodate other uses. Mr. Gossage also thanked City Council for providing the match to the grant amount.
- ✓ City Council approved a request for a Grant Project Administration Services Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 as submitted by Martin-McGill for the North Carolina Clean Water Trust Fund Grant.
- ✓ Mayor Gibbons notified the general public that the following individuals will be re-appointed to serve on the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions at the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 2:
 - Jerry Brooks – Lenoir ABC Board
 - Lowmack Stover – Lenoir Housing Authority
 - Richard Hedrick and Lucy McCarl – Lenoir Planning Board
 - Joel Kincaid – Lenoir Parks and Recreation Board
- ✓ On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons commended City Staff for all their hard work during the successful Blackberry Festival. The event was well attended and a huge success.
- ✓ On behalf of City Council, Councilman Todd Perdue thanked our local representatives for their successful efforts in the passing of legislation that resulted in savings of over \$500,000 for the City regarding the City's cost for the Whitnel Interchange Project.
- ✓ The following events for the month of July were highlighted:
 - Friday after Five is scheduled for Friday, July 22 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with the Deacon Black Band performing on the square. The band "Soul Watt" will perform on Friday, July 29.
 - Fabulous Film Night is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 with the movie "Inside Out" being shown at 8:30 p.m. on the square

- The Planning Board will meet on Monday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, former Council Chambers.
- The Committee of the Whole Meeting for Tuesday, July 26 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, former Council Chambers.
- The Foothills Regional Airport Authority meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 has been cancelled.
- The annual Harambee Festival begins on Saturday, July 30 through Friday, August 5 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Activities are scheduled throughout the week. The public is encouraged to attend.
- The Western Carolina Conference Champs will host their annual Swim Meet on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.