

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Todd Perdue, Ike Perkins, David Stevens, Ben Willis and City Manager Scott Hildebran.

Staff present was Communications Director Joshua Harris.

**VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Participating via teleconference were Councilmembers Jonathan Beal, Ralph Prestwood, City Attorney T.J. Rohr and City Clerk Cannon.

Department Directors participating via teleconference were Fire Chief Ken Hair, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Recreation Director Kenny Story, Planning Director Jenny Wheelock, Economic Development Director Kaylynn Horn, Public Utilities Director Radford Thomas and Public Works Director Jared Wright.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Mayor Gibbons.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION/  
INFORMATION:**

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons expressed appreciation to all healthcare workers, agencies, firefighters, police officers and City Staff who are working on the front lines during this time of crisis. Mayor Gibbons also asked everyone to continue following the protocols of hand washing and social distancing in order to be as safe as possible at this time.

In addition, Mayor Gibbons stated he presented a key to the City to Eugene Horton in honor and celebration of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mayor Gibbons commented Mr. Horton retired from Broyhill Industries following 40+ years of service. Also, Mayor Gibbons announced that Leatrice Pearson turned 90 this week. Mr. Horton and Ms. Pearson were honored with a drive by parade of citizens wishing them well on their birthday.

Next, Mayor Gibbons reminded everyone to observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7. The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast could not be held this year due to the coronavirus situation.

**II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Upon a recommendation by City Manager Hildebran, the following Consent Agenda items were submitted for approval:

1. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 17, 2020 as submitted.
2. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, April 28, 2020 as submitted.
3. Proclamation; Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month” throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 83).
4. Proclamation; Peace Officers’ Memorial Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 10 – 16 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Week” throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County. Also, Wednesday, May 13 is observed as “Peace Officers’ Day”. A moment of silence will be observed and a virtual candle will be posted on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 in lieu of any formalized gathering due to COVID-19. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 84).
5. Proclamation; Celebrate Drinking Water Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3 – 9 as “Celebrate Drinking Water Week” throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 85).
6. Proclamation; “National Public Works Week:” Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 17 – 23 as “National Public Works Week” throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 86).

Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, Council voted 7 to 0 to approve the above listed items on the Consent Agenda as recommended by City Manager Hildebran.

#### **IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

#### **V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

##### **A. Items of Information**

##### **TEACHER APPRECIATION**

**WEEK:** 1. Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed during the week of May 4 through May 8.

##### **CONGRATULATIONS; COURTNEY**

**WRIGHT:** 2. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons congratulated Courtney Wright upon being appointed the new principal of Hibriten High School. Mrs. Wright will be replacing retiring principal, David Colwell.

**CITY/COUNTY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE:**

3. The City/County Services Committee will conduct a conference call meeting on Monday, May 11 at 11:45 a.m.

**CALDWELL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION:**

4. The Caldwell County Economic Development Commission will conduct a conference call meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m.

**PLANNING**

- BOARD:** 5. The Planning Board will meet on Monday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the City/County Chambers.

**BUDGET WORK**

- SESSION:** 6. City Council will conduct a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, former Council Chambers. If necessary, additional budget work sessions are scheduled on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the Committee of the Whole meeting and on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Hildebran reported there is a 25% projected decline in sales tax revenue and not enough data available yet to report how this decline will affect the City's FY2020-21 budget. In addition, Mr. Hildebran stated there will be issues with the water and sewer fund due to the City not being able to cutoff services to delinquent customers during this period. The state is also allowing citizens an extended period of time to pay vehicle and property taxes this year which will further affect revenue. Also, Mayor Gibbons mentioned the state has announced it will offer funding packages to small businesses and businesses in general.

**HOLIDAY**

- CLOSING:** 7. City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

**B. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Mayor Gibbons presented the following individuals for consideration of re-appointment to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions. These re-appointments will be presented to Council for consideration of approval at the May 19 City Council meeting.

Mark Transou  
Darrell Lipford  
Charles Thomas

Lenoir Business Advisory Board  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Foothills Regional Airport Authority

**IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

Tuesday, May 4, 2020



# PROCLAMATION

*Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month*

*May 2020*



*WHEREAS, the growth in popularity of motorcycle riding and touring, combined with the many scenic destinations in our state and the year-long riding season, have led to North Carolina having one of the largest populations of motorcycle enthusiasts in the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, more and more residents of the City of Lenoir are taking up this mode of transportation to commute to and from their places of employment; and*

*WHEREAS, many motorcyclists undergo specialized training by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses with emphasis on skills, traffic laws, and proper safety equipment; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all motorists to be aware of motorcyclists and extend to them the same courtesy as any other vehicles on our roadways.*

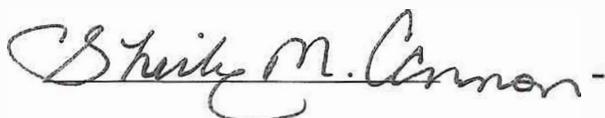
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" throughout the City of Lenoir.*

*WITNESS, my hand and seal this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.*

SEAL

  
Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Tuesday, May 4, 2020

# PROCLAMATION



*In Recognition of*

*Peace Officers' Memorial Week*

*May 10 – 16, 2020*

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those inside the City of Lenoir; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

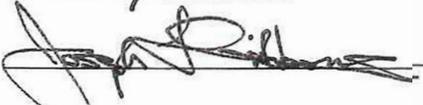
**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Lenoir and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10 – May 16, 2020, as Police Week. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic virus currently gripping our nation and community, social gatherings that normally observe this memorial have been cancelled. However, a request via social media for a moment of silence and a virtual candle will be posted on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 in lieu of any formalized gathering;

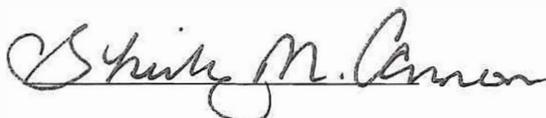
**FURTHERMORE**, I proclaim and call upon all citizens of the City of Lenoir to recognize May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

**WITNESS**, my hand and seal this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

SEAL

  
Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk



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SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**IN CELEBRATION OF**  
**DRINKING WATER WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

**WHEREAS**, only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, any measure of a successful society - low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety are in some way related to access to safe water; and

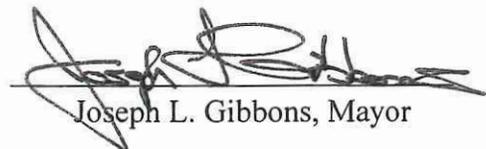
**WHEREAS**, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

**WHEREAS**, each citizen of the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by getting to know their water;

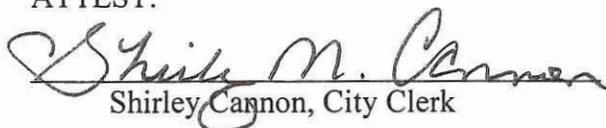
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, I do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 – 9, 2020 as *“Celebrate Drinking Water Week”* throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

SEAL.

  
Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** Public Works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Lenoir, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

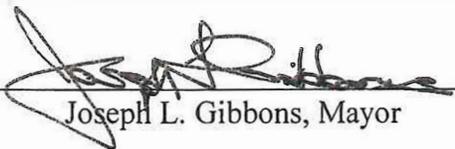
**WHEREAS,** It is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Lenoir, North Carolina to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The year 2020 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council do hereby designate the week of May 17 – 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

SEAL

  
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