

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
MAY 2, 2016

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016 with attendance as follows:

Present:

- Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
- Mayor Pro Tem Gene Aycock
- Councilmember Antonio Williams
- Councilmember Bill Broadaway
- Councilmember Mark Stevens
- Councilmember Bevan Foster
- Councilmember David Ham
- Scott Stevens, City Manager
- Melissa Corser, City Clerk
- Jim Womble, City Attorney
- Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
- Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
- Kaye Scott, Finance Director
- Mike West, Police Chief
- Marty Anderson, City Engineer
- Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
- Rick Fletcher, Assistant Public Works Director
- Julie Metz, DGDC Director
- Faye Caviness, HR Director
- Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director
- Toby Brown, Goldsboro Event Center Manager
- Scott Williams, IT Director
- Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
- Scott Barnard, Parks & Recreation Director
- Felicia Brown, Recreation Superintendent
- Ethan Smith, Goldsboro News-Argus
- Rick Sessions, Citizen
- Carol Sessions, Citizen
- Jovane Marie, Citizen
- Glenn Barwick, Citizen
- Gwen Stevens, Citizen
- Lonnie Casey, Citizen (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation. Councilmember Broadaway provided the invocation.

Goldsboro Event Center Operations Update. Ms. Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director shared the following information:

- GEC Manager, Toby Brown started in February.
- Open House was held on April 5th
- We've had 6 events since the opening
- 7 rentals in May with every weekend booked. First wedding is this Sunday. 18 total commitments to date/8 pending
- Enthusiastic use by city departments for programming
- Reservations are being accepted in the current year plus one year out
- Created contracts (making minimal updates as necessary to meet needs of renters/staff)
- Researched and currently establishing facility guidelines to include alcohol sales
- Obtained an ABC permit for beer/wine & mixed beverages. Bar available with fee upon request and only during rentals

- Through Paramount & IT staff, created website and FB page
- Created marketing materials (brochures, ads, articles)
- Creating contacts for vendor resources to use and share with renters
- Researching for purchase of warming & refrigeration unit
- Establishing our inventory system including furniture, amenities and alcohol
- Parking lot lights being installed this week
- We are evaluating HVAC need in preparation of warm weather. Addressing the most pressing needs now and planning for additional needs in the 16/17 budget
- Evaluating personnel needs: currently interviewing for additional part-time staff to support needs for set-up, break-down and attendant during usage.
- Beginning with April's monthly report, we will include expenses/revenue. For April: Expenses: \$12,819.97 Revenue: \$8,690.50

Councilmember Ham asked if we had a list of caterers and Ms. Archibald stated staff is working on the list.

Mr. Stevens shared information regarding the Hal Plonk Disability Walk and Base Community Council.

Cemetery Mower Purchase. Ms. Kaye Scott shared information regarding a request to purchase an additional zero turn mower for the Cemetery Division estimated at a cost of \$11,000. Staff is recommending Council allow them to purchase the mower from the perpetual care fund.

Councilmember Foster asked what kind of mower and Ms. Scott shared it is a commercial grade zero turn mower. Ms. Scott stated they would get at least 3 quotes.

Budget Summary. Ms. Scott reviewed the following information:

Budget Layout Overview

City Manager's Budget Message includes:

1. Introduction
2. Highlights of Recommended Budget (Tax Rates/Fees/Positions)
3. Budget Overview by Fund
4. Tax Rate
5. Utility Rates
6. Use of Fund Balance
7. Debt Service
8. Position Changes and Reclassifications
9. Employee Benefits
10. Health Insurance
11. Retirement Rate and 401 (k)
12. Revenues
13. Capital Outlay/Vehicles
14. Agency Requests
15. Street Resurfacing
16. Budget Summary by Fund
17. Conclusion

Attachments Included as Part of Budget Message

1. Attachment I: Summary of Consultant Fees, Training & Travel
2. Attachment II: Summary of Line Item Changes for operational costs of \$20,000 or more listed by department
3. Attachment III: Capital Outlay/Vehicle Items

Council's Budget Notebook Layout

1. All notebooks will be tabbed by fund and departments.
 - General Fund
 - Utility Fund
 - Municipal Service District Fund

- Occupancy Tax Fund
2. Revenues will be the first tab in each fund followed by the departments within that fund.
- General Fund Revenues
 - General Fund Departments
 - Department/Division Department Overview including their goals/major objectives & Budget Issues
 - Department's line item requests and revisions
 - Department's line item budget worksheet with previous year's actual expenditures

Budget Calendar FY 2016-17

April 4-6	Meeting with all departments to review budget requests
April 7-30	Preparation of budget document for Council
May 9	Submit budget to City Council and copy filed with the City Clerk
May 9	File copy of recommended budget in office and copy for media.
	Publish statement that recommended budget has been presented
May 16	City Council and copy on file in Clerk's Office
May 10-31	Hold public hearing on recommended budget
June 6	Council's budget work session meetings
	Formally adopt budget

Mr. Stevens stated his hope is to help Council see where our money goes and if you have any questions please let us know, we will be happy to answer. Ms. Scott stated they hope to have the recommended budget to Council by Friday.

BLET Scholarship. Ms. Faye Caviness shared the following information:

ALTERNATIVE RECRUITING METHODS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Our Police Department offers a wide variety of services and protection to the citizens who live and work in Goldsboro. They are currently facing quite a few vacancies, however, this is an ongoing issue for many law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In an attempt to help increase recruiting efforts for Police Officers, we would like to recommend the following as an alternative to our normal recruitment:

- Sponsor BLET cost and training (estimated \$3,335):
 - \$2,300.00 for BLET Uniforms, books and miscellaneous expenses
 - \$440.00 for ammunition
 - \$595 for The FMRT Group (Fitness Medical Risk Training) evaluation
 - WCC offers a day course from August to December and a night course that runs from January to August
- *Offer 1 TO 2 scholarships (loans) to a local Goldsboro/Wayne County resident (based on need) to attend BLET who successfully pass application process*
- Provide stipend of \$1,000 a month to the successful applicant(s)
- Formal, written loan agreement ; attorney to draft agreement whereby the new officers acknowledge that the tuition payment is a loan that will be proportionately forgiven with each year of service to the City the officer gives, with the entire amount being written off after 5 years; **OR**
- Formal written loan agreement for the recipient to work for the City of Goldsboro Police Department for three years to ***refund*** what we paid them
- If individual is not successful in completion of BLET, the City will forfeit funds already spent

Current situation within department:

- 110 authorized positions
- 16 Police Officer vacancies
- \$35,241 starting salary
- Employees of the department take advantage of recruiting at Community Colleges nearby who offer BLET and locally sponsored job fairs to include youth career days
- Conducts The Explorer Program which exposes members to the law enforcement profession and provides satisfaction in serving the people of our community. **Law**

Enforcement Exploring provides: Career Opportunities, Leadership Experience, Character Education, Service Learning, Life Skills

- Conducts a student police academy at Goldsboro High School. It is kind of an intro to the things they would learn going to a BLET program. The sessions are held on Thursdays for an hour unless a field trip is scheduled. The current session will run through May.
- Minimum standards for criminal justice employment; every criminal justice officer employed by an agency in North Carolina Per 12 NCAC 09B.0101 shall:
 - Be a United States Citizen
 - Be at least 20 years of age
 - Be a high school graduate or have passed the General Educational Development Test indicating high school equivalency
 - Be of good moral character as determined by a thorough background investigation
 - Complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program
 - Not have committed or been convicted of a felony

Council discussed costs. Mr. Stevens stated it was his recommendation that if Council would like to move forward to begin advertising now so that we can make the August BLET Program.

Mayor Allen asked if it could be restricted to just Goldsboro residents, Mr. Stevens replied he believed so according to the UNC School of Government's opinion.

Councilmember Ham asked what would happen if the officer left within a year and Ms. Caviness stated the cost or tuition paid on their behalf would be prorated based on the length of service.

Council agreed staff could move forward with advertising.

Dirt Street Paving List. Mr. Marty Anderson reviewed the 2016-17 Dirt Streets Surfacing Priority list with Council that included high, medium and low priority rankings. Mr. Anderson shared staff has ridden each street.

Councilmember Williams stated he felt priority should be given to those streets where people live.

Mr. Stevens shared the high priority ones are ones that Public Works gets regular complaints on so we are spending time and effort there because the people who either use them or live there are bothered by the condition. If you work the high and medium priority numbers together it is close to \$3 million, if we do \$300,000 per year it would take 10 years to do just the top. He stated he knows Council is considering the bond referendum, if that provided \$2-3 million it could make a significant dent but he did not want to mislead Council and tell them it will get rid of all the dirt streets. If Council is ok with this thought, other than focusing a little more on housing, number of houses versus number of houses lived in, we will make sure we add that as part of the refining criteria. We will move those business ones down in the rankings.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock asked if these roads would have curb and gutter and Mr. Anderson replied if they can have a ditch it would not, as curb and gutter is a significant expense.

Councilmember Foster asked if we have to charge assessments. Mr. Stevens stated that would be a decision Council has to make, in the past we have charged assessments. Mayor Allen suggested Council discuss at a later date, maybe around budget time.

Potential Parks and Recreation Grants. Mr. Scott Barnard shared the following information on grants:

Land/Water Conservation Fund Grant

- Federal Grant Program
- Pre-application Phase

- Often used a sister fund for PARTF
- Funding up to \$750,000
- \$1 to \$1 Matching Required
- Would like to pre-apply for Cornerstone Commons Project in the amount of \$747,000
- Would apply for PARTF Grant this fall in the amount of \$500,000 to use as a part of the matching funds that would be required. Parks and Recreation would seek other grant funding for the remaining \$247,000. If no matching grants were received would need matching funds in the amount of \$747,000.

Councilmember Ham asked if it would conflict with the TIGER Grant. Mr. Barnard stated no, only bad thing would be you could not use both grants as you cannot use federal grant monies to match this federal grant. Mr. Stevens stated if the City were to receive both grants, the city would then need to decide which grant to accept. You can use state grants (PARTF) to match the Land/Water Conservation Grant.

Council agreed staff could move forward with the pre-application process for the Land/Water Conservation Grant.

Great Urban Parks Campaign

- Apply for funding to take the ditched stream at HV Brown Park and recreate a more natural appearance (Stream Restoration)
- Cost estimated at \$657,000
- Grant does not require a match
- Would seek other grant opportunities to complete other aspects of the Master Plan for HV Brown Park

Council agreed staff could proceed with applying for the Great Urban Parks Grant.

Request to Reschedule May 16, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Stevens shared Mayor Allen and Councilmember Broadway had a conflict for the May 16th Council Meeting. Alternative dates were discussed.

Upon motion of Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried, Council amended the Regular Meeting schedule by rescheduling the May 16, 2016 Council meeting date to May 9, 2016.

Cover Agenda. Each item on the cover agenda was generally discussed. Items with additional comments included the following:

Item I. CU-6-16 Wooten Development – Southwest corner of US 117 South and Vann Street. Mr. Rowe asked Council to amend the motion to include the operator of the business will be required to develop a plan to remove the storage buildings 72 hours prior to landfall of a Hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification.

Upon motion of Councilmember Ham, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council amended the motion to include the operator of the business will be required to develop a plan to remove the storage buildings 72 hours prior to landfall of a Hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification.

Item L. Authorization of the Recreation Center Assistant.

Everyone sung Happy Birthday to Councilmember Foster.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock shared he received a complaint regarding traffic over the weekend at Busco Beach due to the Mud Run.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a property acquisition matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016 with attendance as follows:

Present:	Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
	Mayor Pro Tem Gene Aycock
	Councilmember Antonio Williams
	Councilmember Bill Broadaway
	Councilmember Mark Stevens
	Councilmember Bevan Foster
	Councilmember David Ham

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Danny Johnson with Goldsboro Worship Center provided the invocation.

The pledge to the Flag followed.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council approved the Work Session and Regular Minutes of the March 21, 2016 as submitted.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Allen opened the public comment period. The following person spoke:

H.B. Barnes, 802 Washington Street, Goldsboro stated he lives in the Little Washington area and there is a ditch that runs down there. There are two lots that run to that ditch. This past year, the Mayor sent men down there to cut the ditch and billed the owner of the lots. Mr. Barnes stated he keeps the ditch cut from behind his house. He stated he has been trying to get the ditch cut. The ditch runs through the park. Snakes are coming up in his house. He stated he has killed two black snakes.

Councilmember Williams stated the Parks Department has some volunteers and we are going to get it cut. Mr. Barnes stated that is all he needed to know.

No one else spoke and the public comment period was closed.

Golden Star Award Presentations. Ms. Faye Caviness, Human Resources shared the following about the Golden Star Awards: After receiving notification of an anonymous monetary donation to establish a recognition program for employees; a group of department heads were tasked with developing not only the criteria and guidelines to recognize our employees but also a name for the program. After several discussions and drafts, we selected The Golden STAR Award which also stands for Special Thanks and Recognition.

The award is to recognize employees in a timely manner for their contributions to the organization and the community. These contributions go above and beyond the normal scope of responsibilities of the performance of their duties.

The award focuses on customer service/professionalism, problem solving/quality improvement, teamwork/community partnership or other professional/personal achievement in a way that relates to the City's values and beliefs of integrity, professionalism, collaboration and promoting the quality of life. Anyone having knowledge of such characteristics displayed by an employee or group of employees may submit a nomination. The monthly recipients will receive a monetary award, a certificate signed by the City Manager and Mayor, and a pin signifying their STAR status.

Mayor Allen and Faye Caviness, Human Resource Director presented awards to the following employees for going above and beyond:

1. Tyler Giddens and Clayton Williams, Public Works
2. Jaime Metz, Brad Hinnant, Darren Goroski, Chris Cecchini and Donald Moore, IT Department
3. Keith Smith, HR Department

Councilmember Foster read the following Proclamation.

Proclamation – Mental Health Month. Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being. All Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives. Prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions. There is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being. Mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation. With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives. Each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts. Mayor Allen proclaimed May, 2016 as “Mental Health Month” in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mayor Allen called upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Goldsboro to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Mayor Allen presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to members of the Wayne County Mental Health Association. They thanked Council for their support and shared information regarding upcoming activities and the “Stop the Whispers Campaign.”

Proclamation – Small Business Week. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy at every level. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business. Small businesses create an estimated two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year. The state of North Carolina is home to more than 800,000 small businesses. Small businesses make up the majority of the more than 500 members of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and the clients of the Wayne Business and Industry Center, of which the Small Business Center is one of its successful components. Small businesses add strength to Wayne County’s Certified Work-Ready Community status. The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Center at Wayne Community College provide a range of activities to assist, educate, and promote local small businesses. Mayor Allen proclaimed the week of May 2-6, 2016 as “Small Business Week” in Goldsboro, North Carolina and declared support for our small businesses and recognized the innovations and contributions of small businesses.

Mayor Allen presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to Ms. Kate Daniels, President of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Daniels thanked Council for their support.

Proclamation – Asthma Awareness Month. According to the American Lung Association, asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting an estimated 25.9 million people, including more than 7 million children. According to the North Carolina Health and Human Services, asthma affects more than 12.6 percent of adults and more than 16.8 percent children in North Carolina. According to the North Carolina Health and Human Services, more than 900,000 adults and more than 369,000 children have been diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives. The North Carolina Asthma Program has documented the burden of asthma in North Carolina and is working to educate and encourage North Carolinians to identify and reduce their exposures to environmental triggers and work with their physicians to develop effective asthma management plans to reduce morbidity and mortality due to asthma. Mayor Allen proclaimed May 2016 as “Asthma Awareness Month” in Goldsboro, North Carolina and encouraged those diagnosed with asthma to speak to their health care provider about

ways to effectively manage their asthma and assess their homes and their environment for triggers and eliminate or reduce exposures to asthma triggers when possible. Now let all citizens of Goldsboro join together to raise awareness for asthma by doing a symbolic Lung Function Test this month and taking “Three Deep Breathes” for someone that has been diagnosed with asthma or lost their lives due to asthma.

Mayor Allen presented a copy of the Proclamation to Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter.

Ms. Simpson-Carter thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and shared the story of her brother who lost his life due to asthma on March 16, 2016.

Mayor Allen stated Ms. Simpson-Carter is the head of our Community Relations Department and does an outstanding job for us. He stated the Asthma Association will be fortunate to have her because she will help this cause with the same dedication she does for us. Mayor Allen stated if there is anything we can help you with, please let us know.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Scott A. Stevens, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Mr. Stevens reminded Council Item I. CU-6-16 Wooten Development – Southwest corner of US 117 South and Vann Street was amended to include the operator of the business will be required to develop a plan to remove the storage buildings 72 hours prior to landfall of a Hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification. Mayor Pro Tem Aycock moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway, and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

S-1-16 RCG – Goldsboro, LLC (Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plat).

Approved. The property is located on the west side of North Berkeley Boulevard between East Ash Street and Graves Drive. It is currently one tract of land, known as Ashley Plaza, and contains 15.49 acres.

Total Lots: 3

Total Area: 674,661.63 sq. ft. or 15.488 acres

Average Lot Size: 224,887.21 or 5.163 acres

Zoning: Shopping Center and General Business

A preliminary subdivision plat was approved for the site in November, 1972. At that time, a total of four lots were approved totaling approximately 23.05 acres. On August 16, 1976 a final subdivision plat was approved to subdivide the property into five lots.

The owner now wishes to subdivide Lot 1 of the previously approved subdivision plat into three lots.

The submitted preliminary subdivision plat shows a proposed three-lot subdivision.

Lot No. 1: 602,129.9 sq. ft. or 13.8230 acres (K-Mart)

Lot No. 2: 38, 691 sq. ft. or 0.8882 acres (East Coast Wings)

Lot No. 3: 33, 841 sq. ft. or 0.7769 acres (T-Mobile)

The preliminary plat indicates three existing points of ingress and egress from North Berkeley Boulevard. Existing sidewalks are located along the west side of North Berkeley Boulevard in front of the development.

Since the property is already developed, stormwater calculations are not required.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 25, 2016, recommended approval of the subdivision plat.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the three-lot preliminary subdivision plat as submitted. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadway (7 Ayes)

CU-4-16 Reginald White, Jr.-East side of US 117 South between Old Mt. Olive Highway and the Neuse River. Approved. Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to operate a place of entertainment with ABC permits (Event Center). The event center may be utilized for corporate events, private functions, birthdays, etc.

Frontage: 192.29 ft. (US 117 South)

Depth: 311.16

Area: 57,934 sq. ft. or 1.33 acres

Zone: GB (General Business)

The property is zoned GB (General Business). An event center with ABC permits is a permitted use within the district only after the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council.

There are currently eight units within the commercial strip center, three of which are vacant. Other tenant spaces adjacent to the subject site include a restaurant, retail sales, beauty salon, and office spaces.

On October 6, 2014, the City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits (billiards and lounge). This business has closed and is no longer operating within the commercial strip center.

The applicant's floor plan indicates two existing tenant spaces which will be combined to form one assembly hall which consists of a bar area, restrooms, office and storage space.

A total of 59 paved and striped parking spaces are shown on the site plan (including four handicapped spaces) to serve the entire strip center. Based on the assembly area included within the proposed event center, a total of 59 parking spaces would be required at full occupancy.

As noted previously, there are only 59 parking spaces available to serve the entire strip center. Other uses within the building, however, will not operate during the majority of time the event center is operated. Times of use for the event center will vary but will basically involve evening hours. In addition, the applicant has received permission from the adjacent property owner in order to utilize additional parking on the site to the south if needed.

Hours of Operation: Dependent upon event. Not to extend beyond 2 a.m. for night time activities.

Number of Employees: Dependent upon event. Staff is available for hire if necessary.

The City's UDO requires a separation distance of 200 ft. from residentially-zoned or developed property, a church or school. The subject property was satellite annexed to the City in 1999 and, as indicated previously, is zoned General Business. Property within the County's jurisdiction and within 200 ft. of the property is zoned Light Industrial.

At the public hearing held on April 18, 2016, three people appeared in favor of the request. No one appeared in opposition.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on April 25, 2016, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and submitted site and floor plans.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits (Event Center); and
2. Approve the submitted site and floor plans detailing the operation. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadway (7Ayes)

CU-5-16 Goldsboro Brew Works – West side of N. John Street and E. Mulberry Street. Approved. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits (retail sales, taproom and brewery).

Frontage:	74 ft.
Depth:	105 ft.
Area:	7,770 sq. ft., or 0.18 acres
Zoning:	Central Business District (CBD)

The applicant has proposed to upfit the three downstairs units within the building for retail sales, a taproom and offices initially. The owner of the building is constructing apartment units upstairs. In the future, the applicant may develop a brewery at this location.

Since the site is located within the Historic District, any exterior improvements to the building will have to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission.

The applicant's floor plan indicates that the middle of the three downstairs units will be utilized for the taproom and will include a bar, seating area, tables with chairs and restrooms. The unit to the north will be utilized for retail sales and the unit to the south will be utilized for offices and storage.

The Unified Development Ordinance specifies that required parking standards would not apply in the Central Business District within an area bounded by the south side of Ash Street, the east side George Street, the north side of Chestnut Street and the west side of William Street. Since the subject site is located within this area, no off-street parking is required.

Hours of Operation:	Monday-Thursday 10:00 a. m. – 10:00 p. m. Friday and Saturday 10:00 a. m. – 12:00 Midnight Sunday – To be Determined
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No. of Employees: 2 employees full-time and 3 part-time;

Refuse Collection: Dumpster provided by landlord;

At the public hearing held on April 18, 2016, two people representing the applicant, appeared in favor of the request. No one appeared in opposition.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 25, 2016, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and site and floor plans detailing the operation.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits (Taproom, Retail Sales and Brewery); and

2. Approve the submitted site and floor plans detailing the operation.
Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadway (7Ayes)

CU-6-16 Wooten Development – Southwest corner of US 117 South and Vann Street. Approved. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of retail businesses on the site to include the sale of storage buildings and/or used cars and a weekend flea market.

Frontage:	384 ft. (US 117 South)
	352 ft. (Vann Street)
Area:	254,826 sq. ft. or 5.85 acres
Zoning:	I-2 General Industry

Conditional Use Permits were previously approved for the property to allow a used car lot and a weekend flea market. The applicant and owner of the property wishes to add the sale of storage buildings to the uses permitted on the site which would increase the ability to rent the property to a steady tenant.

There is an existing 4,553 sq. ft. building on the site which will be utilized as offices for the uses permitted on the property.

Hours of Operation:	9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.
	Monday through Saturday

No. of Employees:	1-2 employees
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Existing curb cuts, one along US 117 South and one along Vann Street, allow access to the property and interconnectivity is provided to the north. The applicant was previously granted a modification of interconnectivity to the south.

Existing street trees are provided along US 117 South and the applicant was previously granted a modification of the street tree requirement along Vann Street.

An existing buffer is located on adjacent property to the west and the applicant was previously granted a modification of the 5 ft. required buffer. Existing vegetation along the southern property line meets the landscape buffer requirements for the rear yard.

The property is served by City water and sanitary sewer lines. The amount of existing impervious area is not being disturbed, therefore stormwater detention and/or nitrogen calculations are not required for this property.

The site plan indicates that up to 20 storage buildings could be placed on the lot within areas previously designated for the display of used vehicles.

At the public hearing held on April 18, 2016, one person appeared and spoke in favor of the request. No one appeared in opposition.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 25, 2016, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and site plan as submitted with previously-approved modifications.

Since the site is located within the 100-year floodplain, the operator of the business will be required to develop a plan to remove the storage buildings 72 hours prior to landfall of a Hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the addition of the sale of storage buildings and sheds to the previously-approved uses as a used car lot and a weekend flea market; and

- 2. Approve the site plan detailing the operation with the previously-approved modifications.
- 3. Since the site is located within the 100-year floodplain, the operator of the business will be required to develop a plan to remove the storage buildings 72 hours prior to landfall of a Hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadway (7 Ayes)

Budget Amendment and Reimbursement Resolution - Multi-Sports Complex. Ordinance and Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro and the U.S. Air Force signed a lease for the construction of a 62 acre multi-sports complex. This complex will include eight (8) multi-use sports fields adjacent to Seymour Johnson Air Force base.

The City Council approved Alfred Benesch and Company’s proposal, formally Site Solutions, for the design services at its September 15, 2014 meeting. The scope of work would include:

1.	Master Plan Update/Phasing Strategy Report	\$ 35,000
2.	Preliminary Planning	23,300
3.	Design, Engineering & Construction Plans	86,000
4.	Final plans and Construction documents	<u>43,000</u>
	Total	\$ 187,300

Since the installment financing will not be finalized until next fiscal year, it is necessary that the reimbursement be adopted declaring our intent to use those funds for repayment to the City.

Staff recommended Council:

- 1. Authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Alfred Benesch and adopt the following entitled budget ordinance decreasing the unassigned fund balance of the Occupancy Tax Fund in the amount of \$187,300 for design services for the Multi-Sports Complex.
- 2. Adopt the following entitled resolution declaring the City Council’s intent to reimburse the City of Goldsboro from the proceeds of any installment financing for the Multi-Sports Complex. Consent Agenda Approval.
Aycock/Broadway (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR”

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR THE MULTI-SPORTS COMPLEX

Bond Counsel – Bond Referendum. Approved. At the March 21, 2016, City Council instructed the Finance Director to proceed with a November 8, 2016 bond referendum. The proposed authorization and issuance would be \$3,000,000 for the multi-sports complex and \$7,000,000 for street improvements.

After discussions with the City’s financial advisors, they recommended that the City contract the bond attorney services with McGuire Woods, LLP, Mary Nash Rusher. Ms. Rusher has assisted the City previously with other financings and was very helpful and knowledgeable.

The City received McGuire Woods’ engagement letter for services associated with the bond referendum. The fees were:

1.	Services until November Election	\$ 6,000
2.	Services for each Bond Issuances	\$20,000

If bonds are sold as one issuance, a reduction would be calculated from the \$20,000. The City would be charged for all costs associated with services, such as delivery and courier services, publication costs, and any travel expenses.

Staff recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to enter into an agreement with McGuire Woods, LLP for bond services associated with the November 8, 2016 bond referendum. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Authorization of the Recreation Center Assistant. Approved. When the FY 2015-16 budget was adopted in June, Council reaffirmed the 442 full-time positions outlined in the budget document. All new positions requested after the budget has been adopted must be authorized by the City Council.

Since the opening of the new W.A. Foster Recreation Center, the attendance and activities has increased sufficiently. Currently, there are only two (2) full-time staff members at this facility along with numerous part-time employees. Due to the increase in the operating hours and attendance at this new facility, it is felt that an additional center assistant position is needed.

So that the City’s budget document lists all of the full-time positions with the appropriate pay grades, I am recommending that the following position be authorized in the FY 2015-16 budget.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>
Recreation Center Assistant	69	\$30,442 - \$48,099

Staff recommended Council authorize the Recreation Center Assistant position within the FY 2015-2016 budget for W. A. Foster Recreation Center. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16). Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro applied for a grant in January, 2016 for funding by North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) through the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund for the 2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16) in the amount of \$100,000. This grant is to be in conjunction with the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program.

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) has awarded the City funding for the 2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16) in the amount of \$100,000 to assist fifteen (15) eligible very-low and low-income homeowners with urgent repairs up to \$8,000 per home to prevent displacement, which poses an imminent threat to their life and/or safety. The time period of this grant is 16 months beginning on August 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2017.

No matching funds are required of the City of Goldsboro in conjunction with this program.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution adopting and approving the URP16 Assistance, Procurement, and Disbursement Policies to conduct this Urgent Repair Program in conjunction with the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the URP16 Assistance, Procurement, and Disbursement Policies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30 “RESOLUTION APPROVING URP16 ASSISTANCE, PROCUREMENT, AND DISBURSEMENT POLICIES”

Goldsboro Tourism Council Appointment. Resolution Adopted. There is an existing at-large vacancy on the Goldsboro Tourism Council. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that an appointment be made in an effort to fill this vacancy.

Ms. Marcia Hutson has submitted an application to serve on the Goldsboro Tourism Council. Staff would recommend Ms. Marcia Hutson to fill the expired term left by Mr. Rick Sumner whose term expired on December 31, 2015.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution appointing Ms. Marcia Hutson to the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO AN ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION”

End of Consent Agenda.

Z-3-16 Islamic Center of Goldsboro, Inc. – South side of Fedelon Trail between Salem Church Road and US 117 (North William Street). Ordinance Adopted. On February 2, 1998, the City Council approved a zoning change for the subject property from R-12 Residential and Watershed Protection to Office and Institutional-1 and Watershed Protection. The use for the property was limited to a church, Christian Academy (K-12), day care and senior citizen’s center.

Site and landscape plans for the property were approved in 2007. A number of modifications were granted in conjunction with the site and landscape plan approval as follows:

1. Modification of the interconnectivity requirement to adjacent properties.
2. Modification of the Type C, 20 ft. wide landscape buffer for the undeveloped portion of the lot that contains existing woodland; and
3. Modification of the requirement that the modular unit be placed parallel with Fedelon Trail.

The developer was required to pay a fee to the City in lieu of for sidewalk construction.

The original church (New Covenant Ministries) relocated and the site is now occupied by the Islamic Center of Goldsboro, Inc. They have requested a rezoning of the property to Office and Institutional-1 Conditional District and Watershed Protection to add the use as a private cemetery to those previously approved within that zoning district.

Frontage:	91.30 ft. (approx.)
Depth:	892.77 ft. (average)
Area:	696,089 or 15.98 acres (approx.)

Surrounding Zoning:	North: R-16 Residential
	South: R-12/16 Residential
	East: R-12 Residential
	West: R-12/16 Residential

Currently, the property is occupied by a 2,900 sq. ft. church of modular construction built in 2008. A total of 51 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces are provided.

The submitted site plan shows approximately three acres of existing cleared land east of the existing church parking lot to be used for the location of a private cemetery containing areas for 1,033 graves. Included within this acreage is .75 acres to be used for a memorial service area.

A 20 ft. wide gravel drive is shown to extend from the existing asphalt parking lot a distance of 540 ft. to the entrance of the proposed cemetery. A modification to allow the drive to be graveled rather than paved is required, however, the staff recommends that the drive be paved.

In order to minimize the possibility of congestion which would limit safe access to and from the site during an emergency, staff has asked the site engineer to reconfigure a new

traffic circulation plan as an alternative for the gravel drive which terminates at the entrance to the cemetery. The new circulation plan would be subject to approval by the Planning Department. No construction permits will be issued prior to this item being appropriately addressed.

Ten ft. wide walkways will be provided throughout the cemetery and the entire area will be enclosed by a 4 ft. high chain link fence with double-gated access located at the end of the gravel drive.

The submitted landscape plan indicates a proposed 20 ft. wide, Type C buffer yard along a portion of the northern property line. Although this property line adjoins vacant farmland, the landscaped buffer must be extended along the entire northern property.

A 20 ft. wide landscape buffer is shown along the entire eastern property line and the cemetery will be set back 50 ft. from both the northern and eastern property lines.

Existing woodland will remain and serve as a buffer along the southern property line except for that area where a farm path extends back to vacant farmland.

The asphalt driveway extending from Fedelon Trail will be buffered on both sides with a 20 ft. wide planted buffer.

The staff researched the issue of cemeteries and existing State and County laws and regulations as they pertain to this matter as follows:

Burial Laws in North Carolina:

1. There are no laws or regulations requiring embalming.
2. No law requires a casket or vault for burial unless there are certain container rules required by the specific cemetery.
3. There are no laws that prohibit burial on private property unless there are local governmental regulations which apply.
4. Environmental health regulations would apply;

Wayne County Health Department Regulations for Cemeteries

Gravesites must maintain a distance of 50 ft. from a well or water supply. In addition, if not specifically a family cemetery, all burials and gravesites must maintain a minimum depth of 18 inches below the ground surface.

The World Health Organization addresses cases of disaster and would require that graveyards be located at least 30 meters (98.4 ft.) from groundwater sources used for drinking water and grave floors be at least 1.5 meters (4.92 ft.) above the water table.

Other Jurisdictional Regulations for Cemeteries

1. City of Kinston: Allows private cemeteries which are accessory to a church by right in all zoning districts except for industrial.
2. City of Winston-Salem: Private cemeteries which are accessory to a church are permitted in all zoning districts.
3. City of Raleigh: Allows cemeteries (public or private) in all zoning districts but they must meet some additional standards.
 - a. Use must take into account present and future public improvements, including those expressed in the current City Comprehensive Plan or Thoroughfare Plan;
 - b. No grave space shall be established within 40 ft. from any street right-of-way but this requirement may be waived if the adjacent right-of-way is not required for construction of future public improvements.

From a planning and land use perspective, the placement of cemeteries within municipalities is usually regulated in some form. Few requirements have been found, however, that relate to cemeteries that are an accessory use to a church or place of worship.

There is an existing single-family residence immediately to the east of the subject property. In addition, vacant farmland exists adjacent to the north. In order to lessen the impact of the proposed cemetery on both the residence and future development which may take place on the vacant land, the staff recommends that the cemetery be set back an

additional distance of 50 ft. from the eastern property line and 25 ft. from the northern property line. Proper landscape buffering would have to be provided.

On October 19, 2015, this same request was denied by the City Council without prejudice based upon withdrawal of the application by the Islamic Center due to unavoidable circumstances.

At the public hearing held on April 18, 2016, two people appeared and spoke in opposition to the request. A letter from an adjacent owner who also opposed the request was read. One person representing the applicant appeared to speak in favor of the request

In response to concerns regarding the location of “Edwards Avenue” extending through the subject property, the staff has extensively researched the matter and found that no legal subdivision plat has ever been recorded which dedicates Edwards Avenue as a public street. It appears on no adopted City maps.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on April 25, 2016, recommended approval of the zoning change as requested. In addition, the Commission recommended approval of the site and landscape plans detailing the proposed cemetery use incorporating the development of a new traffic circulation plan for the drive terminating at the entrance to the cemetery, paving of that drive and incorporating buffers and additional setbacks as detailed by staff.

Councilmember Williams stated our Planning Department has recommended the Muslim Cemetery. After researching all the facts and listening to those in favor and opposed to and visiting the site, it is his decision to support the Islamic Center of Goldsboro’s request to construct a cemetery on their private grounds. He stated he believed Dr. Bhatti has expressed a desire to work with the surrounding neighbors, and the community so that the cemetery does not encroach on the properties surrounding the site. Also upon visiting the Islamic Center, speaking further with Emon and gaining a better understanding of the proposed site, he is fully convinced the location of the burial plot is out of the sightline of the surrounding properties and will not have any effect on property values or each individuals view from their residence. The cemetery will be surrounded by a 75 ft. perimeter of tall trees and foliage. It will be further hidden from surrounding properties by a high fence and tree line. Should these borders be found lacking, leadership of the Center has already offered to include additional foliage to enhance the barrier. Councilmember Williams stated he understands the proposal has been controversial and emotional for many including both the members of the Islamic Center and homeowners surrounding the area, however, he would like to remind everyone, that at the heart of this issue is the desire for the Muslim members of our community to have the opportunity to bury loved ones close to them with dignity and respect. At the current time, members of the Islamic Center must travel more than an hour away to Raleigh to bury their dead. We have the opportunity here to answer and fulfill the need in our community.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Foster and unanimously carried, Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopted an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property to amend the Office and Institutional-1 Conditional District and Watershed Protection allowable uses to add a private cemetery use in addition to a church, Christian academy (K-12), day care and senior citizen’s center.
- Although the Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommends Medium Density Residential development, the cemetery use would be appropriate and reasonable as an accessory use to the existing church use on the property.
2. Approved the submitted site and landscape plans for the cemetery development subject to:

- a. Paving of the drive extending from the existing parking lot to the cemetery use;
- b. Reconfiguring the drive extending to the cemetery use by allowing for traffic to turn around and exit the area as approved by the Planning Director;
- c. The cemetery shall be set back an additional distance of 50 ft. from the eastern property line and 25 ft. from the northern property line and proper landscape buffering would have to be provided.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

City Manager’s Report. Mr. Scott Stevens shared the would like to remind the community the May 16th Council Meeting has moved to May 9th, the work session will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the formal meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stevens asked that everyone remember Betsy Rosemann’s family during this time of loss. Betsy passed away this past weekend.

City Attorney’s Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Allen read the following Resolution:

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by William R. Wiggs as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for more than 32 Years. Resolution Adopted. William Ray Wiggs retires on May 1, 2016 as a Meter Shop Supervisor in the Public Works Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 32 years of service. Ray has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, the other City officials and employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Ray Wiggs their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina express to Ray Wiggs our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro and offer Ray our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Mayor Allen, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY WILLIAM R. WIGGS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 32 YEARS”

Councilmember Broadway read the following entitled Proclamation:

Proclamation – Peace Officer’s Memorial Day. 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. The members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Goldsboro play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Goldsboro. Mayor Allen called upon the citizens of the City of Goldsboro and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15 through 21, 2016 as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which everyone may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. He further called upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2016 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, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Mayor Allen stated we unexpectedly lost Betsy Rosemann this past weekend. She was our Tourism Director and was a great person. She worked really, really hard with our hotels and tourism folks. Betsy was always trying to improve things going on in Wayne County working with the Parks & Recreation Department, the Chamber, and all these other departments. Mayor Allen stated Betsy would have been right here tonight so he would like to read this Proclamation in honor and remembrance of Betsy. Mayor Allen read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Goldsboro Wayne County Tourism Week. The travel and tourism industry in Goldsboro, Wayne County and North Carolina is vital to our economic stability and growth and contributes substantially to Goldsboro, Wayne County's cultural and social well-being. Tourism is a growth industry in Goldsboro and Wayne County, generating more than \$151 million in expenditures last year. These expenditures added nearly \$11 million in tax revenues to our state and local coffers. Tourism continues to employ more than 1000 people in Goldsboro and Wayne County. Tourism is a clean industry found in all 100 counties in our state. Mayor Allen proclaimed the week of May 1-7, 2016, as "GOLDSBORO WAYNE COUNTY TOURISM WEEK" in Goldsboro, North Carolina in recognition of the unique significance of the travel and tourism industry in the lives of the citizens of Goldsboro, Wayne County and call upon the people of Goldsboro, Wayne County to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Councilmember Williams read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Coats and Ties Off. The southeastern region of the United States and especially our Sunbelt States experience hot, humid temperatures in the summer months of May through September. Soaring temperatures will soon reach the Carolinas, and more specifically the Goldsboro area. Mayor Allen proclaimed reason above custom and urged all Goldsboro citizens to doff their coats and ties for the duration of the summer effective May 1, 2016 until September 30, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week. The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world. The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels. The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community. Mayor Allen proclaimed the week of May 1-7, 2016, as "MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK" and further extended appreciation to our City Clerk Melissa Corser, our Deputy City Clerk Laura Getz and all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Mayor Allen stated we have the best clerks not only in North Carolina but in the United States. They do an awesome job. They do a lot for this City and this Council. You can walk in with a bad mood, see that smile and your bad mood just leaves. Melissa is always there and always smiling no matter what the situation is. Melissa and Laura do a great job for us, we are honored and proud to have them. Thank you.

Councilmember Ham stated he would like to amplify the comments that have been said about Ms. Rosemann. He stated he had the pleasure to work with her prior to being a councilmember. What he saw in Betsy was a quiet, unassuming individual whose role as Travel & Tourism Director in Goldsboro, was one she approached in a positive manner, working tirelessly during both work hours and after work hours to ensure Goldsboro and its guests were given its best reception and welcome and accommodations that they could. Councilmember Ham shared he was shocked when he got the call

regarding her untimely death. He stated he extends his sincere condolences to her family, she will be missed greatly.

Councilmember Foster had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock stated we will miss Betsy.

Councilmember Williams stated we will definitely miss Betsy. He shared he got the opportunity to go to the General Assembly and see her, she knew my family member very well. She would always ask how Ms. Liz is doing. Councilmember Williams stated she will be missed, she always had a good spirit.

Councilmember Broadway stated he would like to echo everyone's comments regarding Betsy. Betsy was a very special person and we will miss her. We have truly lost a treasure.

Councilmember Stevens stated he would like to echo the comments on Betsy. He stated he got to know Betsy when he came on as a councilmember and working with DGDC and during the Main Street Conference. He stated he appreciated her willingness to work with everyone. They had been corresponding on emerging technology and writing a letter pushing forward with a conference. Councilmember Stevens stated it hurt his heart when he received the call and also shocked to hear of her passing. He stated he considered her a friend.

Mayor Allen stated the National Day Prayer event is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Family YMCA and encouraged everyone to participate. He stated he would like to take a minute to thank the Bridge Church and Sheriff Pierce, they held the first annual First Responders Appreciation event this past weekend. It is good to get all these agencies together and thank them for what they do, they work tirelessly for us and often we do not think of them until we need them. It was not as well attended as he would have liked to have seen it, but it was the first, maybe we can get this event to grow, and would encourage everyone to come out next year to show our appreciation. Mayor Allen also shared there was a car show downtown this past weekend, it was hosted by the Wayne County Cruisers, there were a lot of people downtown, it was a great event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Chuck Allen
Mayor



Melissa Corser, MMC
City Clerk