

Salisbury, North Carolina
March 4, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Council Members Karen Kirks Alexander, William (Pete) Kennedy, and William Brian Miller; City Manager Doug Paris; Deputy City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: None

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Woodson at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Woodson noted Ms. Melissa Rivers, Director of Career Services at Livingston College, had been injured in a wreck earlier in the day, and he wish her a speedy recovery.

Councilmember Kennedy recognized Livingstone College Minister Reverend Troy Russell who provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woodson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Woodson welcomed all visitors present.

RECOGNITION – LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor Woodson recognized members of the Livingstone College Men’s Basketball team for winning the CIAA Championship. He invited Livingstone President Dr. Jimmy Jenkins and Coach James Stinson to address Council.

Dr. Jenkins recognized Coach Stinson and the Men’s Basketball Team for winning Livingstone’s first CIAA Championship. He added the Team also achieved the highest grade point average among the CIAA men’s teams. He emphasized the College’s main priority is to provide a quality education for its students.

Coach Stinson acknowledged Rowan County and the City of Salisbury for their continued support of Livingstone College and its students. He thanked Dr. Jenkins and the College faculty and staff for the support and leadership they provide to the basketball team and student body. He stated Livingstone strives to prepare students for life after college.

Dr. Jenkins stated a parade will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a celebration at Trent Gymnasium on the Livingstone College campus.

Mayor Woodson read a Proclamation proclaiming March 4, 2014 as Livingstone College Blue Bears Men’s Championship CIAA Championship Day. He then presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to Dr. Jenkins, Coach Stinson, Athletic Director Andre Springs, and the team captains.

Members of the Livingstone College Men’s Basketball Team were Mark Thomas, Darius Welch, Jody Hill, Mike Okam, Darnell Turner, Anthony Welch, Cristian Henry, Daresse Johnson, Emarri Bailey, Eric Mayo, Eric Dubose, Demarco Sanders, Robert Flint, Cornelius Johnson, Greg Sanders and Mark Johnson.

Mayor Woodson congratulated the team and noted Livingstone College continues to make the City proud.

Councilmember Kennedy congratulated the Men’s Basketball Team for their successful season. He thanked Mayor Woodson, City Manager Doug Paris, and staff for their work to put the recognition together within 24-hours. He asked all those affiliated with Livingstone College who were in the audience to stand and be recognized.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Woodson proclaimed the following observance:

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

March 2014

Mayor Woodson recognized Ms. Kathy M. Shelton-Riek, Livingstone College Social Work Coordinator, who thanked Council for proclaiming Professional Social Work Month. She acknowledged Livingstone College President Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, staff and faculty, and the social workers for all they do for the students and the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2014 and the Special Meeting of February 20, 2014.

(b) **Budget Ordinance Amendment – North Carolina Department of Commerce**

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$9,475 to appropriate insurance proceeds.

(c) Designate Emerald Street as a one-way street at 12:00 noon Friday, May 23, 2014 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2014 and at 12:00 noon Friday, October 10, 2014 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 11, 2014 for a charity yard sale.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE PROCEEDS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 24 at Page No. 23, and is known as Ordinance 2014-06)

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Woodson noted the following changes to the Agenda:

Add – Council to receive a report from the Council Committee regarding an Ordinance amending Appendix D of the City Code regarding membership for the Housing Advocacy Commission.

DEMOLITION – 105 MITCHELL AVENUE

Councilmember Miller indicated he owns property adjacent to 105 Mitchell Avenue and asked to be recused from voting on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to recuse Councilmember Miller. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

Code Services Division Manager Chris Branham reviewed the property located at 105 Mitchell Avenue and noted:

- Located in the Fulton Heights National Historic District
- Built in 1909 as single family home
- A fire occurred May 24, 2012
 - Property valued at \$94,000 at time of fire, projected \$40,000 in property loss by Fire Marshal's office (43 percent loss in value)
- Fire Damage Letter was sent May 24, 2012 (date of fire)
- Notice of Hearing Letter was sent October 11, 2012
- Findings of Fact Letter was sent December 18, 2012
- Communicated with the property owner and interested buyers in 2013 to no avail
- Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) delayed demolition until February 14, 2014
- No interest from the property owner regarding the needed repairs

Mr. Branham explained the property owner is waiting on insurance proceeds to demolish the home. He displayed photographs of the property and pointed out Code Services boarded-up and secured the property after it was damaged by fire. He stated staff recommends Council adopt an Ordinance ordering the Code Services Manager to cause the dwelling at 105 Mitchell Avenue to be repaired or vacated and closed or demolished.

Mr. Branham explained staff will seek bids for demolition if the Ordinance is adopted. He emphasized the property owner will be responsible for the demolition cost.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the City will put a lien on the property to recover the cost of demolition. Mr. Branham stated that is correct.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance directing the Code Services Division Manager to cause the dwelling located at 105 Mitchell Avenue, Salisbury, North Carolina to be repaired or vacated and closed and demolished, it being unfit for human habitation. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CODE SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER TO CAUSE THE DWELLING LOCATED AT 105 MITCHELL AVENUE, SALISBURY, NC TO BE REPAIRED OR VACATED AND CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED, IT BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 24 at Page No. 24, and is known as Ordinance 2014-07)

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE – CHAPTER 14 CHRONIC VIOLATORS

Code Services Division Manager Chris Branham addressed Council regarding amendments to Chapter 14, Article I of the City Code related to chronic violators. He explained the Ordinance was adopted by Council November 17, 2009 and was inadvertently omitted when the Downtown Maintenance Code amendment was submitted September 18, 2012.

Mr. Branham noted Section 14-9. Chronic Violators states:

- A chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the City gave notice to abate at least three times under any provision of this Nuisance Ordinance
- Upon determination of a chronic violator and where a property is found to be in violation of this Nuisance Ordinance, the City shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which the notice to abate is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of such action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The notice shall be sent via certified mail

Mr. Branham displayed a chart, and he pointed out the number of chronic violators dropped significantly after the Ordinance was adopted in 2010. He noted chronic violators are charged a \$500 fine in addition to the initial fee which may encourage them to take action. He stated staff recommends Council adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article I of the City Code related to chronic violators.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, specifically Chapter 14 (Nuisances) Article I (in General), by adding Section 14-9, Chronic Violators. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 14 (NUISANCES) ARTICLE 1 (IN GENERAL), BY ADDING SECTION 14-9, CHRONIC VIOLATORS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 24 at Page No. 25, and is known as Ordinance 2014-08)

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Alternate Methods of Design Commission

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Mr. Woodson and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Alternated Methods of Design Commission:

Mr. Rodney Queen

Term Expires 3/31/17

Community Appearance Commission

Upon a motion by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Community Appearance Commission:

Ms. Raemi Evans

Term Expires 3/31/17

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Community Appearance Commission:

Ms. Shelley Harper Palmer

Term Expires 3/31/17

Upon a motion by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and with Mr. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Community Appearance Commission:

Mr. Jeremy Gardner

Term Expires 3/31/17

Greenway Committee

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Mr. Woodson and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Greenway Committee:

Mr. Benjamin Davis

Term Expires 3/31/17

Ms. Amy Smith

Term Expires 3/31/17

Dr. John Wear, Jr.

Term Expires 3/31/17

Historic Preservation Commission

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Mr. Acey Worthy

Term Expires 3/31/17

Housing Advocacy Commission

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Housing Advocacy Commission:

Ms. Ann Lyles

Term Expires 03/31/17

Mr. William Peoples

Term Expires 03/31/17

Ms. Barbara Perry

Term Expires 03/31/17

Human Relations Council

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Human Relations Council:

Dr. Timothy Okeke

Term Expires 03/31/17

Mr. David Post

Term Expires 03/31/17

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Upon a motion by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Ms. Amy Smith

Term Expires 03/31/17

Ms. Mary Arey

Term Expires 03/31/17

Mr. Brian Miller

Term Expires 03/31/17

Mr. Bobby Rusher

Term Expires 03/31/17

Planning Board

Upon a motion by Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Messrs. Kennedy and Woodson and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Planning Board:

Mr. Will Hasselmann	Term Expires 03/31/17
Ms. David Post	Term Expires 03/31/17
Mr. Patricia Ricks	Term Expires 03/31/17

Tourism and Cultural Development Commission

Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and with Mr. Woodson and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Tourism and Cultural Development Commission:

Mr. Mark Lewis	Term Expires 06/30/17
Ms. Krista Osterweil	Term Expires 06/30/17
Ms. Barbara Perry	Term Expires 06/30/17
Mr. David Redden	Term Expires 06/30/17

Transportation Advisory Board

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made to the Transportation Advisory Board:

Ms. Kay Boyd	Term Expires 03/31/17
Mr. Sam Foust	Term Expires 03/31/17
Mr. Price Wagoner	Term Expires 03/31/17

Tree Board

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Tree Board:

Ms. Linda Jones	Term Expires 03/31/17
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Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Mr. Miller and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voting AYE, Council agreed to waive the term limit and re-appointment Mr. Johnny Safrit to the Tree Board for an additional term:

Mr. Johnny Safarit

Term Expires 03/31/17

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Mr. Woodson and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Tree Board as an advisory member:

Mr. Darrell Blackwelder

Term Expires 03/31/17

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointment was made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a City Alternate Member:

Ms. Ann Lyles

Term Expires 03/31/17

ETJ Alternate Member

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson and Ms. Blackwell voting AYE, the following re-appointments were made as ETJ Alternate Members:

Mr. Frank Thomason

Term Expires 03/31/17

Mr. Robert Cockerl

Term Expires 03/31/17

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell explained the Housing Advocacy Commission (HAC) was created approximately three years ago and includes representation from neighborhood advocates and landlords. She stated Council wants to ensure the HAC will have equal representation in the future. She indicated at Council's last meeting Councilmember Miller suggested adding text to clarify the qualifications for equal representation, and Council agreed to form a Council Committee consisting of herself, Mr. Miller and Code Services Division Manager Chris Branham.

Mr. Miller reviewed the proposed changes to Section 1.02:

- In order to create a balanced commission, three members shall be individuals who are landlords, three members shall be individuals who are considered neighborhood advocates and three members shall be an at-large representative. Each class of commission members whose terms expire in the same year will consist of one landlord, one at-large and one neighborhood advocate

Mr. Miller noted at its last meeting Council discussed reducing HAC membership from 11 to nine members. He explained current membership terms will change so that each year one landlord, one neighborhood advocate, and one at-large representative term expires. He pointed out the Boards and Commissions worksheet will include notes regarding the proposed membership criteria.

Ms. Blackwell explained Council voted on the number of HAC members at its last meeting, and she pointed out Council is working to ensure future commissions will be balanced.

Thereupon Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix D, Part 6, of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to the Housing Advocacy Commission. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D, PART 6, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO THE HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMISSION.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 24 at Page No. 26-27, and is known as Ordinance 2014-09)

Ms. Blackwell pointed out the current HAC has the correct balance of members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Woodson opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. William Peoples, 522 North Fulton Street, noted during the Innes Street and Long Street Complete Streets Corridor Study meeting it was noted that Old Concord Road has poor lighting and needs road shoulders. He indicated if there is a plan for Old Concord Road he would like to see it and have the opportunity to work on it. He pointed out the area between Old Concord Road and Jake Alexander Boulevard is very dangerous for pedestrians. He emphasized lights are needed under the bridge on Old Concord Road.

Ms. Lavonia Corry, 624 West Horah Street, asked if there is a list of affordable contractors for landlords. She noted when a landlord has 24-hours to make repairs it would be helpful to have a list of contractors who are available.

Ms. Blanche Sherrill, 828 West Monroe Street, addressed Council on behalf of Ms. Shirley McLaughlin, President of the West End Pride Group. She thanked the Police Department for organizing a 5K to benefit the Sergeant Mark Hunter Scholarship Fund. She pointed out Sergeant Hunter was committed to the West End Community. She stated when Council campaigned it assured citizens it would listen and work to address the needs of the City and the West End Community. She pointed out the West End has been labeled a high crime area with three murders in 11 months. She stated residents are afraid to walk in the neighborhood, and she noted break-ins have taken place and cars have been stolen from homes and church parking lots. Ms. Sherrill indicated the neighborhood has requested an increase of police officers in the area. She added when problems arise in other areas of the City, patrols increase. She stated if there is a shortage of police officers, Council must work with the City Manager to provide salary and benefits packages compatible to the ones offered by cities of similar size. She emphasized increased patrols are needed in the West End, even if it requires a special unit to ensure the safety of the area. She pointed out citizens of other neighborhoods will tell you they do not want to live in the West End because of the crime. She noted the West End is considered an area of high poverty with an influx of apartment complexes that impact property values. She indicated Council must do all it can to live up to the promises it made to the West End Community.

Ms. Almeader Holt, 316 Lloyd Street, West End Pride Group, stated she is concerned about boarded-up and dilapidated properties in the West End. She noted the neighborhood is grateful for all that has been accomplished, but she emphasized there is more to be done. She pointed out there are homes in the area that have been boarded-up for too long, empty neglected properties, and rentals that no one should live in. She added overgrown lots will become a problem in the spring. Ms. Holt pointed out dilapidated conditions decrease the property values for the rest of the neighborhood. She stated citizens want their elected officials to know how they feel. She thanked Council for attending neighborhood meetings. She noted the neighborhood is excited about the proposed revitalization of the Civic Park Apartments, but emphasized something must be done about the existing conditions in the West End.

Ms. Mae Carroll, 1103 Old Plank Road, West End Pride Group, stated the West End Pride Group was created two years ago to instill pride into the West End Community under the Presidency of Sergeant Mark Hunter before his passing. She noted the Group's first project was to fix or demolish the empty, dilapidated, and boarded-up homes owned by Livingstone College. She explained the group visited Livingstone College, approached the alumni, and wrote letters to the Board of Trustees to no avail. Ms. Carroll stated the group attended SNAG meetings, addressed Code Enforcement, and approached the Community Development Commission (CDC). She pointed out Livingstone College did not follow through with CDC suggestions. She added members of the West End Pride Group live next to these houses and are afraid to go outside at night. She pointed out the group is asking for a solution to the problem before anyone else is hurt.

Ms. Dee Dee Wright, 418 South Caldwell Street, stated the West End Community Organization is over 55 years old. She noted houses are boarded-up for many reasons and citizens should address the source. She indicated she has spoken to Dr. Jenkins about the boarded-up houses, and the College must work within its budget and allocations. She pointed out the West End Community Organization has a working relationship with Livingstone College, and she added all of the dilapidated houses are not owned by the College. She noted she is saddened that the West End Pride Group took the opportunity to besmirch Livingstone and its president on a day it is being recognized.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Woodson closed the public comment session.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated she and Mayor Woodson attended the West End Prayer Vigil in January 2014 and promised increased police protection and that Code Enforcement would check abandoned homes in the area to make sure they are secure.

Mayor Woodson asked City Manager Doug Paris to respond to the public comments during his comments to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

(a) One-Page Bill

City Manager Doug Paris asked Public Information and Communications Director Elaney Hasselmann and Purchasing Manager Anna Bumgarner to address Council regarding the new one-page utility bill.

Ms. Hasselmann stated the revised bill is one-page, printed on both sides. She noted the new utility bill was released in the current billing cycle and includes a brochure that explains the changes.

Ms. Bumgarner stated the project was awarded to South Data, a company based in Surry County, North Carolina. She pointed out South Data was the lowest bidder, and staff felt it had the best design. She indicated the design is similar to the previous bill but adds color making the bill easier to understand. She pointed out a one-page bill is better for the environment, and she added the City offers paperless billing.

Ms. Hasselmann stated the new bill was a team effort, and she recognized members of Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU), Fibrant, and the Financial Services Team who worked to create it. She pointed out the City offers customers the ability to pay by phone, online with a debit or credit card, by mail, in person at the Customer Service Center, or at the seven drop boxes located throughout the service area.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell pointed out there is also a bank draft option that allows customers to have their bill deducted from their bank account each month.

Councilmember Miller thanked staff for its work on the project.

Mayor Woodson stated the new bill is easier to read and environmentally friendly. Ms. Blackwell noted Council has received positive comments from citizens.

(b) Response to Public Comments – Mr. William Peoples

City Manager Doug Paris noted Old Concord Road is a State Road. He asked City Engineer Wendy Brindle to share Mr. Peoples' concerns with the State, and to share any plans the State may have for the area with Mr. Peoples.

(c) Response to Public Comments - Lavonia Corry

City Manager Doug Paris asked Code Services Division Manager Chris Branham to meet with Ms. Corry regarding a list of affordable contractors related to meeting the new deadline set by the City for housing violations.

(d) Response to Public Comments – West End Pride Group

City Manager Doug Paris indicated he will set up a meeting with Ms. McLaughlin to discuss concerns and ideas the West End Pride Group may have for the West End Community.

By consensus, Council agreed for City Manager Doug Paris to contact Ms. McLaughlin regarding the West End Community.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Boards and Commissions

Mayor Woodson announced the City of Salisbury is seeking citizens who have an interest in serving on one of the City's Boards and Commissions. Applications are being accepted for all boards and will be forwarded to Council as it considers its Boards and Commissions appointments beginning March 2014. Information regarding the Boards and Commissions and applications are available online at www.salisburync.gov under the Boards and Commissions tab. Applications are also available at the City Clerk's Office located at 217 South Main Street, or by calling 704-638-5224.

(b) Memorial Service – Fallen Firefighters Victor Isler and Justin Monroe

Mayor Woodson announced a Memorial Service honoring fallen Firefighters Victor Isler and Justin Monroe will be held Friday, March 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. The Memorial will take place at the Salisbury Firefighters Memorial located in the 1400 block of South Main Street. The public is invited to attend.

(c) Lighting the Way

Mayor Woodson announced the Dixonville Cemetery Memorial Task Force will host a public event, "Lighting the Way" Friday, March 7, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church located at 400 South Long Street. The event will begin with a short program on the design of the proposed memorial. Following the program participants will walk to Dixonville Cemetery where over 500 luminaries will line the path to commemorate known and unknown individuals interred in the cemetery.

(d) Cancelled Meeting

Mayor Woodson announced the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 has been cancelled. Council will return to its regular schedule Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

(e) 29th Annual Future Direction and Goal Setting Retreat

Mayor Woodson announced Salisbury City Council will hold its 29th Annual Future Directions and Goal Setting Retreat March 18-19, 2014.

(f) Woof Stock Dog Park Fundraiser

Mayor Woodson announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Dog PAWS task force, will host the Woof Stock Dog Park Fundraiser Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Salisbury Civic Center located at 315 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue. The event will include music, food, demonstrations, a fun dog show and much more. 100 percent of the proceeds will go towards construction of the dog park. The event is open to the public. For more information call 704-216-2708.

(g) 8th Annual Touch a Truck

Mayor Woodson announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department will hold the 8th Annual Touch a Truck event Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the First Bank Parking Lot located at 215 West Innes Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Councilmember Miller pointed out the First Bank Parking Lot lease expires before the event is to be held. He asked if the City has permission to use the property if First Bank is no longer the tenant.

City Manager Doug Paris stated he would check on the availability of the parking lot.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he appreciates concerned citizens addressing Council.

Mayor Woodson encouraged citizens to let Council know of their concerns by participating in the Public Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Alexander seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor



Myra B. Heard, City Clerk