



**Trinity NC City Council Meeting
June 18, 2013
7:00 pm
City Hall Annex**

NCGS § 143-318.17 Disruption of official meetings

**A person who willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts an official meeting and who, upon being directed to leave the meeting by the presiding officer, willfully refuses to leave the meeting is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.
(1919, c. 655, s 1; 1993, c. 539, s. 1028; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. s. 14 (c).)**

Members Present: Mayor Carlton Boyles; Council members, Chester Ayers, Karen Bridges, Debbie Frazier, Linda Gantt, Tommy Johnson, Barry Lambeth, Ed Lohr and Kristen Varner.

Absent: Manager, Debbie Hinson

Others Present: Public Works and Utilities Director, Rich Baker; City Attorney, Mr. Bob Wilhoit; Planning and Zoning Director, Julie Maybee; Assistant Finance Officer, Lisa Beam; Assistant City Clerk, Annette deRuyter; members of the Media, and other interested parties.

Call to Order (*Mayor Carlton Boyles*)

Mayor Boyles called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The mayor also shared with those present information regarding the manager's absence. Her father is in the hospital and has been diagnosed with bone cancer.

▪ **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Boyles led the Pledge of Allegiance

▪ **Invocation**

Council member Lambeth gave the Invocation.

▪ **Welcome Guests and Visitors**

The mayor thanked those present and how pleased he is that the room is full of citizens.

A. Review, Amend, and Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Council member Ayers to approve the agenda, seconded by Council member Frazier, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

A motion was made by Council member Lambeth to go into Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body as requested by Attorney Wilhoit and read by Mayor Boyles, seconded by Council member Johnson, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

A motion was made by Council member Lambeth to go back into Open Session, seconded by Council member Johnson, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

A motion by Council member Varner to amend our agenda to accommodate our crowd by moving the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request from Lights for Christ) to # 4, seconded by Council member Frazier, and approved unanimously by all Council members.

Public Comments

Citizens are invited to address the City Council on issues that are not listed on the agenda. Residents may speak on agenda items at the time the issue is discussed by the Council. Speakers should not discuss issues that concern the candidacy of any person seeking public office. Please sign up to speak prior to the meeting; when the Mayor calls your name, please step to the lectern and state your name and address for the record; remarks are limited to 3 minutes/speaker; speakers are encouraged to select a spokesperson if several people plan to make similar points. *(Policy adopted 2/17/04; amended 10/14/08; amended 01/15/13)*

Miles Talbert, Cedarberry Road- Mr. Talbert wanted to thank the Council for their service and expressed his appreciation for all that they have done. I wish to thank you all and it's not easy. It is hard work being on the Council and I appreciate your works and efforts as well as Mayor Boyles. It is not easy.

I. Recognition and Presentation of Yard of the Month to Jerry and Ruth Hughes, 5657 Morgan Street. (Mayor Boyles)

Mayor Boyles congratulated Jerry and Ruth Hughes for receiving recognition for the Yard of the Month and read the presentation.

After the presentation, Council member Johnson took this opportunity to recognize Council member Varner for all the hard work she did behind the scenes to make this happen.

II. Standing Report

1. Infrastructure Projects Update ((Rich Baker, Utilities & Public Works, Director/Randy McNeill, Davis-Martin-Powell & Assoc.)

- A. Phase 4-B Contracts 1 & 2 (Braxton Craven)**
- B. Phase 5 Sewer Extensions**

Phase 4-B Contract 1 & 2: All the pipes are in the ground for Contract 1. He advised Council that he had to clarify information concerning a couple manholes with the engineer and the survey crew to repair some issues we have.

Braxton Craven: Mr. Baker advised Council that Mr. Wilhoit mailed out the thirty day notices approximately two (2) weeks ago. We can hopefully begin construction on this phase in two weeks. We are hoping pipe cost remain the same. The contractor has verbally assured us the costs should remain the same.

Phase 5: Mr. Baker stated the City is getting close to and our funding agency is trying to secure our funding for this Phase.

Mr. McNeill stated that all permits have been acquired and we are waiting on final funding. The North Caroling Rural Development Agency currently does not have a state director. This means our project had to go to Washington for approval.

Mayor Boyles discussed this project and stated that this project must be completed by September 2014. If there is anything the City can do to expedite this project, we need to do so.

Mr. Baker stated that Alan Hart, Rural Development representative for the City has assured us he is expediting this phase as quickly as possible.

III. Consent Agenda

- 2. Approve minutes of the May 14, 2013 City Council Pre-Agenda Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)
- 3. Approve minutes of the May 21, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)

Motion by Council member Frazier to remove Item # 2 and # 3 from agenda, seconded by Council member Lambeth, and approved unanimously by all Council members.

IV. Public Hearing

Protocol for Public Hearing for Items 4, 5, and 6 as follows:

- a) **Staff Presentation**
- b) **Applicant Presentation**
- c) **Public Comment**
 - i. **For the request**
 - ii. **Against the request**
 - iii. **Other public comments**
- d) **Applicant Rebuttal**
- e) **Staff Recommendation**
- f) **Board Discussion**
- g) **Board Decision**

- 4. To consider entering into an economic development incentives contract with Jowat Corporation for a total of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) that will be paid to the Company over a 2 year period. The company shall create a minimum of 14 jobs. The agreement will be contingent on approval by Randolph County of a matching incentive agreement. (Bonnie Renfro)**

Mayor Boyles opened this item and advised Council that he received a call from Representative Hurley's office yesterday in regards to a call they received in relating to this project and their support for this project. I provided them with pertinent details concerning this project and as described in this item.

At this time, Mayor Boyles turned discussion and briefing for this project over to Ms. Renfro.

The items reviewed by Ms. Renfro has been incorporated into these minutes as a part of the minutes.

- I am here this evening to present information about an exciting economic development project that is considering an expansion and new job creation in Trinity and Randolph County.
- The company is Jowat Corporation, currently located at 5608 Uwharrie Road in Trinity. Jowat is a private company with operations in Europe, America, Malaysia and Australia. The Trinity operation was first established in 1979, and they have grown consistently over the last 34 years.
- The company manufactures and develops a large range of adhesive and chemical products: hot melt adhesives, dispersion adhesives, solvent based adhesives, as well as primer products. The major market uses are furniture manufacturers, graphic arts industries, packaging producers, as well as the textile, automotive, and electrical industries. They supply markets in North, Central, and South America from the Trinity plant.
- Today they employ 113 at their Trinity facility with annual payroll of \$6.6 million and the company is Trinity's largest taxpayer and largest employer.
- The company is experiencing substantial increased demand for their product and they are considering an expansion to increase production capacity to meet that demand.
- The first phase of the expansion plan is the expansion of one of the company's manufacturing facilities and the addition of new equipment. A portion of an existing facility will be demolished and an additional 9,000 square feet will be added. Building renovation and expansion cost is estimated at \$800,000 with equipment investment of \$3,000,000. Additional support infrastructure investment is \$900,000 for a total of \$4,700,000 in new capital investment.
- The project will create 14 new jobs with average annual wages of \$27,991 and will be completed in 24 months. The jobs will be production jobs as operators and the company offers a full range of benefits.
- The company has requested consideration of economic incentives for this project. They are eligible for a building reuse grant for occupied buildings from the NC Rural Center. The grant is funded at \$5,000 for each new full time job for a total of \$70,000. The NC Rural Center receives these funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to support job creation and investment in our state's 85 rural counties.
- Building Reuse Grants require a 5% match from local governments and that a unit of local government apply for and administer the grant. Randolph County Commissioners held a public hearing last evening and approved financial support for this project to contribute 50% of the required match in partnership with the City of Trinity. The total local match for this project is \$3,500, and 50% of the match equals \$1,750.
- Tonight we ask that you adopt a resolution authorizing the application for a Building Reuse Grant from the NC Rural Center on behalf of Jowat Corporation, and to administer

the grant and to contribute 50% of the required match that totals \$1,750 with Randolph County sharing equally in the match.

- The Randolph County EDC will write the grant and coordinate all required submissions.
- Using today's tax rate, the new tax revenues generated by this project in Trinity would exceed \$7,824 over the first three years and generate up to \$400,000 in new income annually through direct job creation. The project would also position the company for additional growth in the future.

As elected officials, you look at the total benefit to the citizens for each economic development project. You consider the economic impact from job creation in the community and the income and benefits those jobs provide. You also consider your city's tax base and the impact on supplier businesses from the multiplier effect of manufacturing jobs. You have consistently supported the growth and expansion of existing industries through a positive business environment and support. These are your existing tax payers and employers and supporting their growth sends a strong message that Trinity is a good place for business.

Over the last few years, we have faced significant job loss resulting in high unemployment and underemployment. Today's unemployment rate in Randolph County is 9.1%, representing 6,673 of our residents seeking new employment. Given our manufacturing heritage, new manufacturing jobs are welcome news for those seeking new opportunities.

As a community our county has always looked at economic investment and job creation as the path to recovery through the creation of new high-quality jobs, growth of the tax base, and business growth.

The Randolph County EDC sees this request as an investment, rather than an expense. Your support of the location and expansion of manufacturing companies supports a strong local economy, a growing tax base that helps to keep tax rates low for all and quality job opportunities for your citizens.

Mayor Boyles thanked Ms. Renfro for the way the EDC has worked with the City of Trinity on this current project.

At this time Mayor Boyles opened the Public Hearing to anyone who wished to speak for or against this request.

Hearing none, Mayor Boyles closed the Public Hearing and opened this item to Council for discussion and or action.

Motion by Council member Johnson to accept to enter into an economic contract with Jowat in the amount of \$1,750.00 over a 2 year period, seconded by Council member Gantt, and approved with a 7-1 vote. Council member Ayers opposed.

5. To consider approval of Resolution to Close Weaver Avenue an unopened Right-of-Way. (Rich Baker, Stormwater Administrator/Public Works Administrator)

Mr. Baker discussed with those present that this is an unopened Right-of-Way. We do have a map and this is a paver street that has never been opened. This development was platted in 1935, roads have never been opened, and a resident that lives on Sealy Road also owns the property on the other side of this unopened right of way (Weaver), needs to use this property to repair a failing septic service. By law he cannot cross the paper street. All this amendment does is close Weaver Street. It will not affect Rockford Street.

Mr. Baker gave the staff recommendation and asked that Council consider approval of this request.

Mayor Boyles opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak for or against this request.

Speaking For:

Cindy Sink, 109 Sealy Drive, She spoke for herself and also shared with Council none of her neighbors have a problem with the closing of Weaver Street.

Speaking Against: None

Mayor Boyles closed the Public Hearing and turned this item over to Council for discussion and or action.

Council member Ayers read the Resolution and followed with a motion to adopt the Resolution and Order to Close Weaver Avenue an unopened Right-of-Way, seconded by Council member Lambeth, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Prior to continuing the meeting, Council member Johnson asked for a 10 minute recess. Mayor Boyles recessed the meeting for a 10 minute period.

6. To consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request- Lights for Christ Ministries, Inc. (Julie Maybee, Planning Director)

After opening the item, Ms. Maybee, Planning Director gave the staff presentation.

Ms. Maybee discussed with Council and those present the Text Amendment request for Lights for Christ Ministries, Inc. The Lights for Christ Ministries Incorporated filed for this amendment on April 08, 2013. This request is to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance under Article 7, section 7-15 to allow churches, religious congregations, and their customary accessories as a Special Use Permit in the Village Center Overlay.

Staff respectfully request that the staff report be incorporated into the record. The staff report will be added as Attachment A.

Ms. Maybee discussed the Land Use Plan approved by Council in 2011. The area in purple is the Village Center and is located on NC Highway 62. This area covers approximately one half (1/2) mile. This area is approximately one (1%) percent of the city's total acreage.

She stated that as far as the Zoning Ordinances permitted Table of Uses, there are twelve (12) zoning districts. Seven (7) of these zoning districts allow churches as a Special Use Permit.

This request was filed in accordance to the City's Ordinance Procedures. Lights of Christ Ministries does own property inside the City.

In Feb. 2013 Mr. Hughart came before Council and advised Council of their intentions to build a church on property next to Trinity Grill. At the same meeting Mr. Baker advised Council that

churches are not allowed in the Village Center and discussed the process of proceeding with that application and briefly had requested that the process be speeded up. This went back before the Planning Board and then back to this board where we are today.

In March a deed was recorded with the Randolph County Register of Deeds for two properties in the Village Center. As I mentioned before, churches are not allowed in the Village Center District.

Ms. Maybee advised Council members that she had incorporated a copy of the city Land Development Plan that serves as a guide for local officials to use when making their decisions. It is an opportunity for community involvement, and as an outline for strategic action.

On May 28, 2013 the Planning and Zoning Board considered this request and by a 3-2 vote they voted to deny the text amendment as requested.

Applicant Presentation: J. R. (Melvin) Hughart, Sagewood Lane Trinity; Mr. Hughart thanked the staff, Council members, and the Mayor for allowing him to speak at this time. He also gave his condolences to Debbie Hinson for the illness of her father and asked that someone advise her she will be in our prayers and prayer list at church.

I feel like at the Planning and Zoning Meeting I may have thrown Mr. Baker under the bus and would like to clear that up. Julie just discussed with you that we came and asked for a text amendment and I believe she said that we did that in February and that Mr. Baker opposed that.

We actually came before that month and I spoke to the Council advising them that we were in the process of buying this property, and that we intended to build a church there. All of the Council members were here and present. No one made a comment, no one smiled, no one made a bad face or a happy face, and no one asked a question so we proceeded to buy the property. A few days later I spoke with Mr. Baker a couple times and said that he saw no problem with us building a church in this area. He was also the guy that told me I should come to Council and run this by Council prior to doing anything and make sure there was not a problem for us to build a church there. Therefore, we came here, on his advice which was very good advice. He discussed the fact that Rich was doing more than one job and filled in when Adam Stumb left. It was his opinion that the City was blessed to have him working for the city and on their staff. He also expressed his feeling on the help provided by Ms. Maybee, and Manager Hinson.

That is why we came and made the statement that we intended to purchase the property and build a church there.

Lights for Christ Ministry started at the Trinity Grange approximately ten (10) years ago. The Grange rented the building for \$50.00 a week and Mr. Hughart sweated the money each week. The church has grown and I have seen many lives changed in this ministry. The message the church delivers to the congregation is that God loves them and each life has a purpose.

Since the birthplace of this ministry was in Trinity, we feel it is only fitting that Trinity should be our home. We hope to buy adjacent property in the near future and build a Bible College among other things that would create jobs and attract people to this community.

We are here tonight asking for a text amendment that would allow us to come home and make this community a better place by drawing people to live and work here in this community.

He discussed the comment that was made at the Planning and Zoning Board “one more church will not make them a better person.” He agreed with that statement. “One more church is not going to make anyone a better person unless you attend that church.”

He discussed the number of issues concerning the old house that was torn down (Trinity Inn). We are saddened that so many people were offended by it. The truth of the matter is the old house was demolished several years ago; it has been some time since a fresh coat of paint had been applied to the home. He understands about people wanting to save the old house but when we looked into it, it would cost well over \$300,000.00 to bring it up to code.

Please do not let the demolishing of the old house be a smoke screen to the text amendment. We are not here about this old house, but to ask you to please give us a text amendment to the City Ordinance so that we can proceed with our plans.

Robert McGee, 4752 Maple Oak Drive: I have lived here in Trinity for 6 years. I was saddened when Leach and Wagner closed because I am one that will shop local. I believe in staying in your community to buy. I would rather support my local community.

It was his opinion that the house (historical Trinity Inn) should have been restored 30 years ago when it would have been more feasible and could have been done with less money. It cost \$7000.00 to remove the debris and removal of the old house so we could have possibly saved Trinity a lot of money, we paid for those ourselves.

I hope to be able to worship God in my city. Please allow the text amendment to pass so we can go ahead with our plans.

Joe Wingfield, 5206 Kentland Drive, We hope to be able to build a church on the property on N C Hwy 62. It is approximately 4.5 acres and it is a good size for the church we hope to build. We came in February to discuss our plans for the property. At the time of that meeting we had no feedback from the Council. With no feedback we proceeded on with our plans for the church. We want to be welcome in the community.

Regina Chahal, 2219 Forbin Road High Point, I have been attending this church for about 6 years. I have passed this house on Highway 62 for years going to work and never knew this house had any historic interest until the church purchased it and had it torn down. This would be a great location for our church.

Stan Byrd, Realtor, I sold this property to the church. It had been for sale for three years. The property was destroyed several times while on the market. All the copper pipes had been stolen and vagrants were staying in the house. The Randolph County Sheriff’s Department had several calls with drug dealing at the house. Please allow the church to build on this property. It was his opinion the church would give character to the area.

Mr. Byrd advised Council that he did not tell them that a church COULD be built here; all I said was I was not aware of any property a church could not build on.

Chris McGee, 4587 Colonial Circle, For the past 18 years I have been on the High Point Fire Department. The Lights for Christ is on Lawndale and since I have been doing inspections for the Fire Department this structure has been one notch above dilapidated and when the church

came it has been cleaned up and the property around the church has been cleaned. There have not been any fire code violations on this property.

Kenneth Carico 4123 Forest Manor, Mr. Carrico discussed the Village Center; The Village Center should be structures that bring money in and pay taxes. It is very disrespectful that they did not ask to save any parts of this house. An amendment would not help the City of Trinity. We need taxes to help the City grow.

Kevin Varner 7123 NC Hwy 62, The house did set for a long time. I had tried to buy the house but the price was not affordable. I had been in the house and I feel it was in decent shape. Follow the rules in Trinity and try to abide by the rules of the City.

Brent Albritton 4018 Lakewood Circle, I would like to welcome churches into Trinity. I feel they have positive influence. However, that location should be directed toward businesses. The businesses would bring revenue to the City.

People would like to spend time in Trinity but there is nothing to do in Trinity.

Applicant Rebuttal; Melvin Hughart; It has been discussed here tonight about following the rules. I stopped by one day during the demolition and found a lady there while machinery was working to remove the debris. I asked her to leave because our insurance would not cover her if an accident occurred. She informed me she just wanted a couple of boards to make picture frames. She told me the guy on the bull-dozer told me I could get all I want; I informed her he did not own the property. Kevin pulled up and said he would get the lady out, then they proceeded to tell me I did not care about the debris so it should not matter what we get. It's just trash to you and you are disposing of it anyway.

Items taken from the old house such as doors, windows and mantels are now on e-bay for sale.

Staff Summary: Ms. Maybee gave the following summary.

According to public record in February it stated churches are not allowed in the Village Center. In March they closed on the property located in the Village Center, and on April 08, they submitted a text amendment application.

The purpose of the Village Center according to our Land Use Development Ordinance by description and intent is a downtown district that accommodates a medium to high density mixed use activity center in the area along Main Street. Appropriate uses are commercial, offices, entertainment, single family, and multi-family residential.

At this time Mayor Boyles closed the Public Hearing for the record upon recommendation by Attorney Wilhoit and opened this item to Council for discussion and or action.

In light of the information we have received tonight Council member Bridges made a motion to table this issue. The motion was seconded by Council member Frazier.

Mayor Boyles asked if it was the desire of Council to set a time definite to table this item and called for any further discussion.

Council member Ayers felt the Council needs more time to look into this matter.

With no further discussion, Mayor Boyles called for a vote on the motion to table.

The motion and second to table this item with no set date was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Mayor Boyles called the recessed meeting to order and continued with the Agenda beginning with Item # 7.

7. Review and approval of proposed 2013-2014 Annual Budget presented to Council on June 03, 2013 with all changes included from June 03, 2013 presentation and review. (City Manager)

Mayor Boyles advised those present that Mr. Baker would be presenting the City manager's Budget Message due to her absence.

Mayor Boyles discussed how proud he is of our Manger, Debbie Hinson, on how she has been working extremely well with the illness of her parents.

Mr. Baker discussed the following highlights of the 11 page Budget message prepared by Manager Hinson.

For the fifth year straight the velorem tax rate will remain at .10 cent per \$100.00. This was a huge task to be able to remain at this rate. The proposed budget is four million eighty one thousand eight hundred eighty six (\$4,081,886) dollars it's 2% less than last year's budget and in itself that's very commendable of Debbie. We are not certain what our revenue will be from the pending Bills from the state. We did our budget without franchise taxes.

Approximately one third of the budget relates directly to expanding and operating the sewer system. That's where a big chunk of this budget comes from, as you all know we already have a lot of sewer in the ground. We have one small leg and one large leg left to do to be able to finish this up.

There were two departments with increases, one was the Governing Board due to an election year, and the other was Public Safety and that was because of the Animal Control Contract with the county.

Statement on House Bill 998 provisions on how cities will be reimbursed for the elimination of electricity and natural gas tax. These are unknown as of now so we budgeted as though we will not be receiving these taxes.

The Solid Waste Collection fees are budgeted at \$3500.00 in this proposed budget.

The state levies a \$2.00 per ton tipping tax on municipal solid waste and construction/ demolition debris. This increase is based on an average of actual revenues received in prior years,

This will be the third complete year of collection for this revenue provided by the state.

The Powell Bill is monies distributed with restrictions to road work, sidewalks, and related items that meet Powell Bill eligibility requirements for work completed on city maintained streets

The Public Safety contract with the county of Randolph will continue at the cost of \$50,500 per year

The Public Works / Streets reflect a 3% decrease in comparison to the current year's budget.

The Public Works/Sanitation reflects a 3% decrease in comparison to the current year's budget.

The Planning and Zoning Department reflect a 2% decrease in the current year's budget. We will only have one employee doing both positions.

The Governing Board this reflects a 12% increase over the current year budget. This increase is attributable to additional expense budgeted for the Randolph County Elections Board and salaries and benefited in this department.

Administration department is budgeted 10% less due to the fact with new hires at lesser salaries.

Finance Department is 4% less than the current year budget. Even though Debbie is Manager and Finance Director some of her salary comes out of this department also.

In the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation \$5000.00 has been set aside to invest in activities to enhance the economic base of our community.

Funding is proposed to be continued for the Archdale Public Library (\$5,000), Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000), and Randolph County Seniors (\$17,832). There was a decrease in the Special Appropriations with the Randolph County Seniors due to a decrease in the number of residents that are being served by this agency.

The sewer debt service for the ninth consecutive year 75% of the sales tax revenue is proposed to transfer to the Sewer Debt Service Fund. This transfer amount from the General Fund is projected to be \$765,503, plus \$299,081 appropriation from Sewer Sales Tax Reserves which total \$1,064,564.

Parks and Recreation Fund are to include open space fees paid by the developers which are restricted parkland development and lease receipts from the State Employees Credit Union for the ATM in the parking lot.

Funding is proposed for this year's donations in the amount of \$1,500 payable on receipt reimbursement basis to offset any expenses incurred in providing community events like Christmas in Trinity.

Also \$2,000 included in the Recreation Program the City may wish to participate or partner in.

This budget proposes that \$25,000 be transferred to the City Hall Reserve Fund for building a New City Hall. With this transfer, the unexpended balance in this fund at the end of the fiscal year 13-14 is expected to be \$110,900.

It is projected that at the end of FY 13-14 the City will have an unrestricted fund balance of \$5,500,000.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Austin will begin working on the calculations for the Powell Bill account. We will bring that to you for your approval.

The Sewer Fund reflects a 10% rate increase in sewer treatment charges and will increase the current rate from \$8.67 per one thousand gallons or a minimum of \$17.34 to \$9.54 per one thousand gallons or a minimum of \$19.08 for 0 to 2000 gallons for residents inside the city limits. This is an increase of \$.87 cents per one thousand gallons or \$1.74 for sewer charges for usage of 0 to 2000 gallons. This increase is due to the charges we will be paying Thomasville for their services.

In closing the conclusion this budget has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 159-3, the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. It includes details and explanations of proposed budget items as well as line for line by comparison of the proposed budget and current budget.

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday June 19, 2013 which is today and it can be adopted immediately following the public hearing or any time prior to July 1, 2013.

A copy of this budget has been filed with the City Clerk and has been made available for inspection at City Hall. Notice of submission of this budget and the public hearing was provided to the media as required by law. A copy of this budget was available on the City's website and at the Archdale Public Library to facilitate its examination by our citizens.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the City Council, and Finance Committee. I also appreciate the assistance of Lisa Beam, Annette de Ruyter, Rich Baker, Julie Maybee, and Rusty Saxon for their help and input in preparing this budget. City staff members and I are available to provide additional information or documentation.

She should be commended on her hard work, long hours and dedication to the City of Trinity on the preparation of this budget.

Chris McGee, 4587 Colonial Circle; If you ever notice when I come to speak at any meetings I never ask for anything for myself and one day when I am the Council I will not then either. I want you to think about something, I sat at a workshop here a few weeks ago and when I left I was disgusted at the berate the staff took. You have some of the best employees you can find, especially for the money you pay them. To sit and think you are going to finance the sewer or any other bill that the City might have to pay off the backs of your employees is totally wrong. I want to encourage each one of you all not to approve this budget tonight, because of the salaries of the employees. Your City employees are you number one asset. Without your employees you would have nothing just buildings and equipment. The berating the City Manager took was absolutely the travesty. The Manager makes a little more than I do as a driver on a fire truck. People here with college educations makes less than I do as a driver on a truck. I would like to share some common sense to each of you if you would like to come to my house. The benefits that the City offers are minimal. Tax increase will need to increase in the near future. Look after the employees and Debbie.

Council member Ayers has some reservations with the monies we have given some agencies but with that said, ***A motion by Council member Ayers to approve the budget presented tonight, seconded by Council member Lambeth and approved with a vote of seven to one. Council member Lohr voted nay.***

Council member Lohr discussed his recollection when the tax rate was 5%. The reason he ran for the Council seat was because our previous City Manager went from \$40,000 to \$82,000 with benefits totaling \$98,000. The town has not grown nor have the revenues, guess it's just a sign of the times with the economy. This package is unreal. Salaries have gotten out of hand for the employees.

V. New Business

- 8. Reserve Balance of 2012-2013 Miscellaneous Expenditure Economic Development in the amount of \$ 8,250.00 for possible assistance with Sewer Infrastructure Grant.**

Motion by Council member Bridges to place this into a separate fund, its money we had left from this year not used and retain that money for future projects whether it be sewer, infrastructure, or economic developments, seconded by Council member Lambeth, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

- 9. Declare (1988 GMC VIN # 1GDM7D1G5JV519545) Surplus and authorize said vehicle to be sold for scrap with any funds received deposited into the General Fund.**

A motion was made by Council member Lambeth to declare The 1988 GMC truck surplus and be sold for scrap with any funds received deposited into the general fund, seconded by Council member Johnson, and approved unanimously.

VI. Code Enforcement Report ***(Julie Maybee, Planning Director)***

Ms. Maybee discussed information about different activities the staff is working on. During the month of May we have worked on over 130 internet correspondence and over 60 telephone calls or office visits. We have seen an increase tall grass complaints during the past month.

Council member Lohr discussed he noticed D.H. Griffin's name on that list and he hopes we do not offend him because he is a billionaire. Mr. Baker discussed that the complaint came from a resident.

Mr. Lohr spoke about a gentleman that had contacted him to be able to put up a hot dog or hamburger and the city will not let him. Mr. Lohr thinks we need to try to help people that are trying to make a go here and not discourage them. Ms. Maybee also explained that with code enforcement we need to treat people equally and work together.

Mayor Boyles is proud of the job Julie is doing for the City of Trinity. Mayor also discussed we cannot have spot enforcement within the City. The Planning Board and Council need to work together.

VII. Business from City Manager and Staff

Mayor Boyles shared with those present that Debbie had asked him to apologize for her for not being here tonight. She is such a professional and the type of person that does not like to have anything undone and even though she could not be here she wishes she could. Please pray for Debbie during this time.

VIII. Business from Mayor and Council

Mayor Boyles discussed issues that were going on in Raleigh with the House. Hopefully by July 1, 2013 we will know more, but please contact your representatives and share your thoughts with them.

Council member Lohr discussed a situation with a resident that lives on Fairview Church Road concerning a car that ran in his yard. This resident feels like we need a radar gun to help with this type of events. He said he called the City but could not get anyone to come help him with this matter.

Mayor Carlton Boyles discussed the trash pickup scheduled for June 21, 2013 at 9:30 am. He asked those present to help with the endeavor.

Council member Ayers asked about skipping the July Meeting. It was discussed between Council members and staff and determined it would be announced at a later date.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the June 18, 2013 Council Meeting by Council member Lambeth, seconded by Council member Frazier, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

These minutes were approved by the Trinity City Council on August 20, 2013 at their Regular Meeting upon motion by Council member Johnson to approve the minutes as listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council member Bridges and approved unanimously by all Council members present. There were no Council members absent at this meeting.

Carlton Boyles, Mayor

Date

Annette deRuyter, Assistant City Clerk

Date