

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2003

7:00 PM

Notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Asheboro, North Carolina is hereby given. Said meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 23, 2003, in the Council Chamber

of the Asheboro Municipal Building, which is located at 146 N. Church Street in Asheboro, North

Carolina. At this meeting, the City Council will consider the annexation report that contains plans

for extending services to the territory encompassed by the proposed statutory annexation of 27.332

acres of land that constitute a portion of Hamlet Lakes Subdivision Section 4. Additionally, this

meeting will be utilized by the City Council to conduct a discussion of the proposed merger of the

solid waste programs operated by the City of Asheboro and Randolph County and to receive updated status reports on the winter storm emergency response(s) and storm debris removal.

All officers of the City and any and all other persons whomsoever are hereby given notice that such meeting will be held and that the City Council at that time will consider these items.

This call is issued pursuant to the ordinance of the City of Asheboro relative to the time and place of holding meetings, both regular and special, of the City Council of said City.

By order of the Mayor.

This the 17th day of January, 2003, at 9:00 AM.

S/ Carol J. Cole

Carol J. Cole, City Clerk

#

SPECIAL MEETING

ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2003

7:00 PM

This being the time and place for a Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council, a meeting was held with the following officials and members present:

- David Jarrell) – Mayor Presiding
- Talmadge Baker)
- Linda Carter)
- Nancy Hunter)
- John McGlohon) – Council Members Present
- Archie Priest)
- David Smith)
- Paul Trollinger)

- John N. Ogburn, City Manager
- Carol J. Cole, CMC, City Clerk
- Dumont Bunker, P. E., City Engineer
- Debbie Juberg, Finance Director
- Lynn Priest, CD Director,
- Bobby Kivett, Public Works Director of Operations
- Kermit Williamson, Sanitation Superintendent
- Jeff Sugg, City Attorney

A quorum thus being present, Mayor Jarrell called the meeting to order for the transaction of business, and business was transacted as follows:

Minutes

Page 2

January 23, 2003

1. Approval of Annexation Report for the Proposed Statutory Annexation of 27.332 Acres of Land that Constitute a Portion of Hamlet Lakes Subdivision Section 4.

Mr. Lynn Priest reported that the area proposed for annexation is contiguous to Asheboro's city limits and is northeast of the City. It is a portion of Hamlet Lakes Subdivision not presently in the city limits. The area is predominantly developed as single-family residential.

The area consists of 26 tracts or parcels, 27.332 acres, 11 dwelling units, one institutional (church) and approximately 26 people. The total tax base is estimated at \$2,180,930. The

area proposed to be annexed complies with the standards set forth in the North Carolina General Statutes.

After examination and discussion of the report of plans for extending services to the area to be considered for annexation under Resolution Number 44 RES 1-03, adopted the 9th day of January, 2003, Mr. Talmadge Baker moved approval of the report, seconded by Mrs. Linda Carter, and the motion passed 7 votes to 0.

2. Discussion of Proposed Merger of Solid Waste Programs Operated by the County of Randolph and the City of Asheboro.

City Manager John Ogburn reviewed the city's cost for operation of the recycling transfer station. Mr. Ogburn reported that the city collects approximately 19,085 tons of garbage per year. The budgeted internal cost for the transfer station is \$197,313. The external costs, which include the cost to ship to Uwharrie Landfill is \$155,542 (19,085 @ \$8.15), and the cost to dispose at Uwharrie Landfill is \$391,242 (19,085 @ \$20.50). The total cost to dispose of the city of Asheboro's collected garbage is \$744,097 or \$38.99 per ton, which is \$1.00 more expensive than the county.

Mr. Ogburn called on Sanitation Superintendent Kermit Williamson to present the layout of the transfer station and how it operates.

Mr. Williamson reviewed the layout of the transfer station and gave a detailed report of each step of the operation. He also reported on how the transfer station would handle the additional garbage and traffic if the city and county consolidates their solid waste operations.

Several private waste haulers were in attendance to express their concerns with the proposed merger of the city and county. Mr. Greg Russell with GARCO, Inc. stated that BFI, one of its competitors, will have a controlling interest over the county landfill and will have a monopoly on industrial waste. BFI will have an unfair advantage in the market place. Two other gentlemen expressed their concerns that BFI would put the small companies out of business. (It is being proposed that BFI be allowed to utilize the county's landfill and rent it for \$2.00 per ton and to maintain the facility. BFI wants to internalize its 50,000 tons of waste per year.)

Mr. Scott Dunn, attorney speaking on behalf of the private waste haulers, stated that he is concerned about the monopoly BFI would have in the market place and that it would have an unfair advantage for competition.

Mr. Ogburn reported that the city has not set goals for the transfer station. He reviewed two sets of goals. One set of goals would be to control the city's own waste stream; provide safety for our employees; more efficient use of equipment, and some control over our costs.

Another set of goals would be to maximize the capacity of the transfer station; maximize revenue stream so that operation of the transfer station is paid for in tipping fees—not tax dollars; and enterprise fund operation. Mr. Ogburn said that the city cannot operate in the middle. The city can internalize its garbage and drive the costs down or it can pay off the note in five years, which would require obtaining more garbage customers.

Mr. Trollinger stated that the council's reasons for approving the transfer station was

to cut mileage on the garbage trucks; cut waiting time at the county landfill and to be able to haul garbage when the landfill was closed. Also at that time, the city thought that the transfer station would pay for itself in five years. During construction of the transfer station, there were a lot of cost overruns, and now the pay back will be in fifteen years. At this time, Mr. Trollinger is against the merger with the county because he wants to be cautious and doesn't want to make the same mistakes.

Mr. Smith stated that he agrees with Mr. Trollinger and that he is concerned about the impact of traffic on East Presnell Street.

Minutes

Page 3

January 23, 2003

Mrs. Carter stated that she feels the garbage operation should be profitable and that we need to look at everything.

Mr. Ogburn reported to council that the city spent approximately \$19,000 more for garbage collection than we would have paid the county.

Council felt that even though the city spent more for its garbage collection, the quality of service given to our citizens off-sets the cost.

3. Report on Winter Storm Emergency Response.

Mr. Ogburn reported on the timeline of events regarding the December 4, 2002 ice storm.

On December 2, 2002, city staff held a pre-storm planning meeting. The city departments involved in the emergency response or public assistance were assigned schedules and tasks. On Wednesday, December 4, 2002, around noon the city crews began work.

An Incident Command Center was opened at the public works facility at 5:00 PM. Between 11:30 PM – 12:00 midnight, city snow plow crews were notified to return to public works, as limbs and trees were down creating a dangerous situation. In the early hours of Thursday,

December 5th, city crews were assembled to “scout” the entire city and develop a response

to a city-wide emergency. The city crews returned and cleanup priorities were developed:

(1) hospital, public facilities, and schools (2) primary thoroughfares opened (3) secondary

roads opened (4) residential streets opened. City crews worked continuously until 7:00 PM

on December 5th and returned for cleanup on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Ogburn reported that the management team held an “after action review” meeting to determine what was done right and what needed improvements. Overall, the response was efficient and productive, as the various city departments worked as a team. Lessons learned were: the safety officer needs to step back so that he can review the entire operation; Incident Command Center needs more traffic control for personnel; a member of police command is needed at ICC; administrative support is needed at ICC; and building inspection personnel needs to be involved from the start.

4. Report on Storm Debris and Removal.

Mr. Ogburn reported that the ice storm generated between 8,000-10,000 tons of debris to be cleaned up and removed. Public works employees worked six days a week from sunup to sundown collecting an average of 75-85 tons per day. The governor requested President Bush to declare a major disaster in North Carolina. The president made the declaration, which made the city eligible for reimbursement from FEMA. The federal share of assistance is 75% for eligible expenses, and the state share is 25%. The total cost estimate of the ice storm is \$649,625, broken down as follows: \$57,000 labor force cost; \$100,000 equipment; \$160,000 landfill disposal; \$24,100 hauling-Ike’s Hauling; \$147,700

trimming and disposal-Littleton; and \$160,825 parks, cemetery, golf course.

Mr. Ogburn stated that the city crews and contractors combined have cleaned up 3,396 tons of debris. As of January 23rd, there are 1,892 piles of debris remaining to be picked up, and there are approximately 650 trees with broken limbs hanging in the rights-of-way.

A date will be advertised in the newspaper notifying the citizens when normal requirements for pickup will resume. At present, the size regulations for debris has not been enforced as a result of the ice storm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Carol J. Cole, CMC, City Clerk

David H. Jarrell, Mayor