

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 23, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Notice of a special meeting of the Asheboro City Council is hereby given. This meeting will be held on Thursday, the 23rd day of September, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Asheboro Municipal Building, 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203.

This special meeting has been called for the purpose of allowing the mayor and members of the Asheboro City Council to consider the following agenda items:

1. The adoption of two (2) resolutions will be considered by the City Council. The resolutions to be considered for adoption are:
 - a. A corporate authorization resolution for Bank of the Carolinas.
 - b. A resolution adjusting the methodology used to compensate members of the Asheboro ABC Board to reflect recent statutory amendments made by the North Carolina General Assembly.
2. Acknowledgment of the receipt of the minutes of the Asheboro ABC Board meetings held on June 7, 2010, July 6, 2010, and August 2, 2010.
3. Conceptual discussions concerning the following issues:
 - a. A potential inventory and appraisal of timber located on city-owned land around the city lakes.
 - b. Parking regulations for the municipal parking lot accessed from West Academy Street.
 - c. The regulation of the use of different types of weapons within the city limits.
 - d. Capital projects for the police and fire departments.
4. Update on physical improvements/enhancements to the water/sewer utility billing and collections office.

This notice is issued on the 17th day of September, 2010, in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the State of North Carolina and the City of Asheboro.

s/ David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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**SPECIAL MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

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

- David H. Smith) – Mayor Presiding
- Clark R. Bell)
Edward J. Burks)
Linda H. Carter) – Council Members Present
Stuart B. Fountain)
Michael W. Hunter)
Walker B. Moffitt)
- Talmadge S. Baker) – Council Member Absent

John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer
Holly H. Doerr, City Clerk/Senior Legal Assistant

Cassandra M. Fletcher, Marketing Specialist
R. Reynolds Neely, Jr., Community Development Director
Deborah P. Reaves, Finance Director
James W. Smith, II, Fire Chief
Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney
Rickey D. Wilson, Police Chief

1. Call to order.

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

2. Action items:

a. A corporate authorization resolution for Bank of the Carolinas.

Ms. Reaves presented and recommended adoption, by reference, of the above-described resolution.

Upon motion by Ms. Carter and seconded by Mr. Burks, Council voted unanimously to adopt the aforementioned resolution by reference. Council Members Bell, Burks, Carter, Fountain, Hunter, and Moffitt voted in favor of the motion.

[A copy of the above-referenced resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office.]

b. A resolution adjusting the methodology used to compensate members of the Asheboro ABC Board to reflect recent statutory amendments made by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Sugg presented and recommended adoption, by reference, of the above-referenced resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell and seconded by Dr. Fountain, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution by reference. Council Members Bell, Burks, Carter, Fountain, Hunter and Moffitt voted in favor of the motion.

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RESOLUTION SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ASHEBORO ABC BOARD

WHEREAS, by means of adopting a resolution on February 19, 2009, the Asheboro City Council previously determined that each of the members of the Asheboro ABC Board, including the chairperson, were to be compensated in the amount of one thousand two hundred and no/100 dollars (\$1,200.00) annually; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2010, Section 18B-700(g) of the North Carolina General Statutes will provide as follows:

Compensation of Board Members. A local board member shall receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per board meeting unless a different level of monetary compensation is approved by the appointing authority. If a different level is approved by the appointing authority, the appointing authority shall notify the Commission of the approved level of compensation in writing. Any change in compensation approved by the appointing authority shall be reported to the Commission in writing within 30 days of the effective date of the change. No local board member shall receive any nonmonetary compensation or benefits unless specifically authorized by this section; and

WHEREAS, the Asheboro City Council, as the appointing authority for the Asheboro ABC Board, has determined that the methodology for determining the amount of compensation to be received by the chairperson and members of the Asheboro ABC Board should be updated to conform, effective October 1, 2010, with the amended text of Section 18B-700(g) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Asheboro, North Carolina that, effective October 1, 2010, each member of the Asheboro ABC Board, including the chairperson, is to receive compensation in the amount of one hundred and no/100 dollars (\$100.00) for each board meeting he or she attends.

This resolution was adopted by the Asheboro City Council in open session during a special meeting that was held on the 23rd day of September, 2010.

s/ David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, City Clerk

c. Acknowledgement of the receipt of the minutes of the Asheboro ABC Board meetings held on June 7, 2010, July 6, 2010, and August 2, 2010.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Smith acknowledged the receipt of the minutes of the Asheboro ABC Board for meetings that were held on June 7, 2010, July 6, 2010, and August 2, 2010.

3. Discussion items:

a. A potential inventory and appraisal of timber located on city-owned land around the city lakes.

Mayor Smith introduced Mr. E. Gerald (Jerry) Tugwell of Henderson and Tugwell Consulting Foresters, P.A. and asked him to briefly discuss with the staff and council members the possibility of conducting a timber inventory and appraisal of the city's property in and around the city lakes for a fee of approximately \$5,000.

During a discussion of the proposed agreement, Council Members expressed a desire to explore managing the timber on city-owned property while ensuring the safety and quality of the city's water supply. A consensus emerged that the proposed inventory and appraisal would provide information that could help with future decisions about his property. A contract with the consulting foresters will be considered at the next regular meeting.

b. Parking regulations for the municipal parking lot accessed from West Academy Street.

Mr. Sugg presented a parking plan for the Bicentennial and Academy Street parking lots within the downtown area. The map illustrated locations of marked parking spaces allowing parking all day, marked parking spaces allowing parking for only two (2) hours (Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.), and locations where parking is prohibited.

Mr. Jerry Hill, a representative from the Christians United Outreach Center, presented comments in support of the parking plan.

With the general consent of the Council Members, a final parking plan for the above-referenced parking lots will be presented to the Council for consideration during an upcoming regular council meeting.

c. The regulation of the use of different types of weapons within the city limits.

Mr. Sugg presented, for Council's review and discussion, a proposed draft of an ordinance amending provisions of the Code of Asheboro pertaining to the bird sanctuary and the discharge of weapons within the corporate limits of the City of Asheboro.

During discussion, Chief Wilson of the Asheboro Police Department reported on specific accidents that have occurred while individuals were using certain weapons while target practicing. On behalf of the police department, Chief Wilson suggested that hunting should not be permitted within the city limits.

Throughout discussion, Council Members expressed comments and concerns for the possibility of allowing an urban archery season within the City of Asheboro. Specifically, some Council Members felt that allowing an urban archery season may be a solution to address the increase in the deer population within the community. On the other hand, some Council Members had concerns relating to the possible accidents that may occur if hunting was permitted within the city limits.

A final draft of the above-referenced ordinance will be presented to the Council for consideration during the Council's regular October meeting.

d. Capital projects for the police and fire department.

Chief Smith emphasized to the Council that a third fire station should be built sometime in the future in order to address the growth that has taken place on the east side of Asheboro. Additionally, Chief Smith reported that new equipment may need to be purchased in the near future in order to better serve the citizens of Asheboro.

Chief Wilson reported that the police department has outgrown its current building, having little room for offices and storage space for evidence and records. Chief Wilson noted that consideration for a new police station should be given priority in the near future.

e. Update on physical improvements/enhancements to the water/sewer utility billing and collections office.

Ms. Reaves reported that approximately 1,700 payments are processed between the 13th and 15th of each month resulting in a lot of traffic coming in and out of the water/sewer utility billing and collections office. In order to address the traffic congestion issue, Ms. Reaves reported that the city hall parking lot has been modified with angle parking and additional directional signage. Currently, traffic is only allowed one way coming between Acme McCrary and City Hall.

Additionally, Ms. Reaves discussed the importance of redesigning the office layout in order to efficiently serve the utility billing customers. Ms. Reaves stated that the layout of the office will be similar to that of a bank. With this setup, there will be adequate room for approximately four (4) payment stations along with a handicap accessible payment station. During the redesign of this office, Ms. Reaves proposed that billing operations be temporarily located in the Council Chamber beginning on October 8, 2010. The project will be completed prior to the Council's regular November meeting.

4. Upcoming Events:

- Friday, September 24, 2010 and Saturday, September 25, 2010 – Lake Lucas Boat Ramp will be closed.
- Wednesday, September 29, 2010 – Elected Officials Picnic
- Friday, October 1, 2010 – Fall Festival Parade
- Saturday, October 2, 2010 and Sunday, October 3, 2010 – Fall Festival
- Trick or Treat in the Park – Friday, October 29, 2010
- The City of Asheboro is encouraging trick or treating on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

s/ Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, City Clerk

s/ David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor