

**CITY OF NORTHWEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020
7:00 PM**

ASSEMBLY

The Northwest City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present were; James Knox, Mayor; Councilwoman: Sheila Grady and Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy and Haywood Miller.

Absent was; Aaron Perkins

Also present was: Donna Strickland, Clerk and Captain Johnny Albertson, Police

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Knox stated that ten(10) people is the maximum that will be allowed inside the City Hall. The ten(10) people count includes Council & Staff.

Councilman Haywood Miller gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CENSUS UPDATE

Mayor Knox stated that the City of Northwest has had the highest 7-day percentage increase of any City or Town in NC for the week of July 12 - July 18 by 2%. Mayor Knox stated that the current self-response rate is 50.1%. Mayor Knox stated that the City of Northwest was spotlighted in the NC newsletter for voter registration and census engagements for having a cookout event and to encourage everyone to register for the census. The City of Northwest gave away license tags with the City's new seal on them. Mayor Knox stated that since Northwest has had their cookout other municipalities have done the same. Mayor Knox stated that at our event and other municipality events all Covid-19 requirements must be met. Mayor Knox thanked everyone that participated in making the event a success.

B. BUDGET AMENDMENT 2020-2021 #1

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated the intent/purpose of the budget amendment is to acknowledge those employees that have provided excellent service to the Citizens of Northwest despite the pandemic. The employees have continued the level of service that the Citizens of Northwest deserve while in the community and from working at home & City Hall. This amendment also allocates funds for Mayor and Council who have despite the pandemic encouraged citizens to follow all Covid-19 regulations and encouraged each to remain calm, wear mask and maintain at least 6' distancing. The allocation will also be applied to the PPE cost the City has incurred.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Troy to approve the budget amendment as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. DECLINE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDING

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that declining the Federal Cares Act Funding will allow the City to get the funding from Brunswick County based on population.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to send County Manager Woodruff a letter declining any distribution of the federal Cares Act (CRF) funding. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORTS

A. BRUNSWICK COUNTY LAND USE PLAN AND THE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN MEMO

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that a copy of the memo will be placed in Exhibit Book V.

B. BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUMMARY REPORT ON:

- **CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITY**
- **PLANNING PROJECTS IN NORTHWEST**
- **ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECT**

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that a copy of the reports will be placed in Exhibit Book V.

C. CITY OF NORTHWEST NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION & MOBILE HOME SURVEY

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that a copy of the survey will be placed in Exhibit Book V.

D. POWELL BILL CERTIFIED STATEMENT AND MAP

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that in the agenda packets is a copy of the Powell Bill Certified Statement and Map and if anyone has questions to let her know.

4. LIAISON REPORTS

Administration.....Councilman Haywood Miller
Nothing extra to report.

Annexation.....Councilman Aaron Perkins
No report

Park.....Mayor James Knox
Playground is still closed.

Police.....Councilman Charles Carroll

Police Captain Johnny Albertson stated that anyone driving a 4-wheeler on the roads will be stopped and if need be, the 4-wheeler will be confiscated. Officer Albertson stated that he has had many complaints that they are driving the 4-wheelers without helmets at high rates of speed.

Roads.....Councilman Michael Troy

Councilman Troy stated that he would be using a 4-wheeler to spray weed killer on the City owned roads.

After discussion,

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to have the City Clerk contact the City Attorney and determine if a 4-wheeler would be allowed on the City roads if doing City business.

Sewer.....Councilman Aaron Perkins

None

Water.....Councilwoman Sheila Grady


None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.


James A. Knox, Mayor


Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer