

**CITY OF NORTHWEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022
7:00 PM**

ASSEMBLY

The Northwest City Council held their regular council meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present: James Knox, Mayor; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, Sylvester Ballard, and Councilwomen Sheila Grady and Alexis Clemmons

Also present: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

• **2ND ANNUAL YARD DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS**

Mayor Knox presented the following to the winners:

- 1st Place – Hubert “Toby” Ballard
- 2nd Place – Mearline Perkins
- 3rd Place – Gwen Spicer and Nealie Perkins
- 4th Place – Lee McLaughlin

• Councilwoman Sheila Grady presented a Thank You card to Jacqueline Hill for all the hard work she put into the decorations for the Council meeting in December as well as all the hard work she does throughout the year.

Norris Corbett stated that wanted to let Council know the work on his road is the best it has ever been. Mr. Corbett also stated that he would like to thank Lieutenant Everett for helping him with a family situation. He stated that LT. Everett helped him not make a huge mistake. Mr. Corbett asked what rules does the City Council have to follow? Mayor Knox stated the rules are set in the City Charter and NC State Statue.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEM

1) UPDATE ON PORCH AND HANDICAP RAMP PROJECT

Councilman Sylvester Ballard stated that the handrails for the handicap ramp and the back porch, have been delivered and the contractor said he will be here on Thursday and should be finished with the work this weekend.

2) SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – ORGANIZATION & GOAL SETTING MEETING

Mayor Knox stated that along with organization and goal setting, Council needs to Discuss: policies, projects, planning, grants, personnel, processes, and procedures.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons to set a special meeting on January 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM to discuss organization and goal setting, policies, projects, planning, grants personnel, process, procedures and provide an update on the work in the park. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

LIAISON REPORTS

Administration & Human Resources

Mayor James Knox

City Clerk Donna Strickland stated that she has talked to the BLET instructors at Brunswick Community College and Cape Fear Community College asking them to provide the class with our job advertisement. Both instructors stated that they would be glad to do that.

Annexation, Marketing, Planning & IT

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons stated that City Council each has a notebook at their seat that shows the City Seal on it. She also stated that if anyone from the audience would like to order a notebook to please see the City Clerk.

Park, Park Equipment, Buildings & Grounds

Councilman Sylvester Ballard

Councilman Sylvester Ballard stated he would like everyone to know that Councilman Carroll's company did all the work that can be seen in the park. He stated that it would not have been possible if it had not been donated since the cost to have the work done was 75,000 dollars. He also stated that we have found out that the work that was done as a tax break can be used as a portion of the amount the City would have to pay if the City is able to qualify for a grant.

Police

Mayor James Knox

Police Report

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to adopt the Police report. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Roads

Councilman Charles Carroll

Councilman Charles Carroll stated that work is still being done on the roads and we hope to be finished with all the roads by the beginning of January if not before.

Finance, Emergency Management, Recreation & Grants

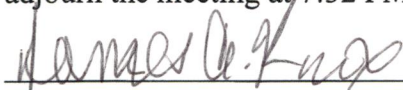
Councilwoman Sheila Grady

Councilwoman Sheila Grady stated that a great big Thank You should go out to everyone on the Recreation Committee. The First Annual Christmas Parade & Festival was a success and everyone is looking forward to next year. She also stated that the next event will be at Easter.

*Mayor Knox invited everyone to stay and enjoy repast and blessed the food. *

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.


James A. Knox, Mayor


Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer