

January 23, 2023

The Lenoir City Council met in its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2023. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon. Simpson was **ABSENT**. Maggie Hunt, Walter Johnson, James Wilburn, Amber Scott Kelso, and LaVonne Barbour were also present.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/item on the agenda:

Rio Valariano – 660 Highway 70 W – spoke on Agenda Item #8.

Tim Purcell – 614 Hwy 70 W – spoke on Agenda Item #8.

Barry Hough- 1076 Britts Drive – spoke on concerns with Greenway.

Jim Calloway – 1499 Biscayne Drive – spoke on concerns with Greenway.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Shields to approve the closure of Broadway from Kingston Street to C Street for “Spring Fling” event on Saturday, April 22, 2023 with closure from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Brandon to approve the closure of Broadway from Kingston Street to C Street for “Nights on Broadway” event on Friday, June 16, 2023 with closure from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Wampler to approve the Mayoral appointment of Mr. Chris Swafford to the Industrial Development Board. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Shields to approve the Mayoral appointment of Mr. Chris Swafford to the Codes Enforcement Board of Appeals. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to approve the recommendation regarding filling full-time vacancy in the Police Department with Jesse Robinson. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to approve the recommendation regarding filling full-time vacancy in the Police Department with Spencer Tatham. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to cancel the Monday, February 13, 2023, City Council meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

There was discussion concerning the legal annexations of the following properties: WNW Properties LLC C/o Dan Smith and Belle West Pointe LLC. Mayor Aikens and the following attorneys spoke:

Lenoir City Attorney Walter Johnson

Lenoir City Co Council T. Scott Jones

Attorney Robin Askew representing Bell West Pointe LLC.

Attorney Jim Price representing WNW Properties LLC c/o Dan Smith

Lavonne Barbour informed the Mayor and City Council that the City Employees appointed Tammy Powell as the Employee Civil Service Representative.

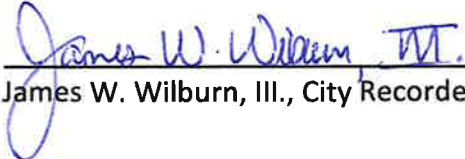
Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items not on the agenda.

A motion was made by seconded by Shields to approve all bills and accounts to be paid when properly approved and funds available. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Shields to adjourn the January 23, 2023 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Simpson was **ABSENT**.



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



James W. Wilburn, III., City Recorder/Treasurer

