

November 25, 2024

The Lenoir City Council met in its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, November 25, 2024. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: Mike Henline, Todd Kennedy, Jennifer Wampler, Jim Shields, James Brandon, and Eddie Simpson. Amber Scott Kelso, LaVonne Barbour, Shawn Bunch, and Walter Johnson were also present.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Mayor Aikens spoke on Agenda Item #2 to clarify that it is only to clean up some of the language, and his recommendation is to extend the moratorium for at least another year when it expires and is brought back before City Council.

Mayor Aikens presented a plaque recognizing Mike Henline for his 16 years of dedicated service while serving on City Council.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding and item/items on the agenda. Ms. Robin McNabb spoke on Agenda Item #2 sharing her concerns over the amended Ordinance.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Wampler to adopt Resolution amending language of Section 6.3, Holiday Leave, Holiday Pay for Police Department Employees and Firefighters (to reflect current practice). The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Resolution 2024-11-25-2416.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Simpson to adopt Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2024-06-24-2400-O-D which established a moratorium prohibiting the building of apartments/multi-family housing within the Corporate Limits of Lenoir City for a period of one (1) year. This amendment was clarified by Mr. Buckner stating that the only material change was to require that two of the five listed exceptions be met in order to be exempt from the Moratorium. It was also explained by Ms. Kelso that this amended Ordinance does nothing to the original decision to conduct and create a Comprehensive Land Use Study. Ms. Kelso stated that this had been recommended earlier in the year, and the Budget Committee recommended this be funded, and it was passed by City Council in June 2024. Ms. Kelso went on to say that they are currently working on creating the Request for Qualifications to begin the process. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

First Reading.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to approve Employee Christmas Bonuses in the amount of \$250.00 for full-time employees and \$150.00 for part-time employees (those that have worked at least once in the past six months) of the City of Lenoir City. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to grant employees two (2) hours of time on Monday, December 23, 2024. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Kennedy to approve closing Broadway between C Street and Pike Street on Thursday, December 5, 2024 for the Christmas Parade from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

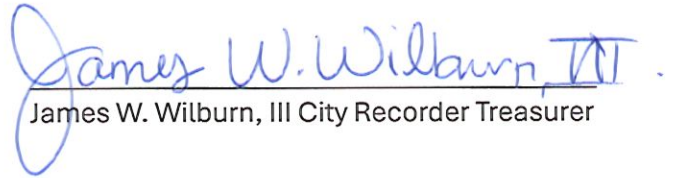
A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to approve filling vacancy in the Fire Department with Mr. Landon Armes, a certified Firefighter. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

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

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the November 25, 2024 Meeting.



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



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OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Harrison administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Tony Aikens, City Councilmembers: Robin McNabb, Eddie Simpson, and Jennifer Wampler, and School Board Members Mitch Ledbetter, and Tammy Powell.

Mayor Aikens called the City Council Meeting for Monday, November 25, 2024 to order. The following City Council Members were present: Robin McNabb, Jennifer Wampler, Todd Kennedy, Jim Shields, James Brandon, and Eddie Simpson.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Simpson to appoint Jennifer Wampler as Vice-Mayor. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSTAINED**.

Mayor Aikens shared a personal statement that he looks forward to working with City Council.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Brandon to adjourn the November 25, 2024 meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.



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