

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Beal, Perdue, Perkins, Rohr, Stevens, Thomas and Willis. Also in attendance were City Manager Hildebran, and City Attorney Blair.

ABSENT: City Clerk Shirley Cannon.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gibbons.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Upon a recommendation by City Manager Hildebran, the following Consent Agenda items were submitted for approval:
1. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 20, 2018, as submitted.
 2. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Tuesday, November 27, 2018, as submitted.
 3. Minutes: Approval of closed session minutes of Tuesday, November 20, 2018 and Tuesday, November 27, 2018 as reviewed by the city Attorney, City Council and City Manager.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, Council voted 7 to 0 to approve the above listed items on the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by City Manager Hildebran.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Items of Information

LUMINARY

- DISPLAY:** 1. The annual Luminary Display is scheduled for Friday, December 7 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Memorial Park. A rain date will be held on Friday, December 14.

FABULOUS FILM

- NIGHT:** 2. Fabulous Film Night is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 with the movie “Christmas with the Kranks” being shown at the LHS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Santa is scheduled to greet everyone from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MEETING CANCELLATION:

3. The City Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 18 has been cancelled. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY

- CLOSING:** 4. City offices will be closed on December 24, 25, & 26 for the Christmas Holidays and also on Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year’s Day.

B. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**NO-THROUGH TRUCKS; BRADFORD STREET SW AND LUTZ STREET:**

1. Due to an increase on and around Bradford Street SW and Lutz Street SW, and traffic related incidents resulting in damage to public and private property, City Staff along with the Public Works Department and Police Department, wish to post a portion of Bradford Street SW and Lutz Street SW (in its entirety with “No Through Truck” Signage). The public right-of-way width of Bradford Street is twenty-five feet and the public right-of-way width of Lutz Street SW is sixteen-feet. A portion of Bradford Street is used as the primary truck access for an industry. The posting would not include this portion of Bradford Street.

City Staff recommends that Council call for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, to consider amending the City Of Lenoir’s Charter Code of Ordinances, Appendix B, Traffic, Section 123, “No through Trucks” to include this portion of Bradford Street SW and Lutz Street SW (in its entirety) as “No through Trucks”.

Public Works Director Jared Wright addressed Council and explained there were a number of traffic issues with this portion of Bradford Street. Director Wright showed a map of the location to be designated as “No Through Trucks” and stated a tractor trailer truck that was traveling to Bruex Industries missed the turn for Bradford Street and attempted to turn onto Lutz Street. Director Wright pointed out that Lutz Street was too narrow for the tractor trailer which ran over the stop sign and encroached eight-feet onto private property causing property damage. He emphasized the area needs to be posted.

In addition, Director Wright clarified the City of Lenoir was seeking restitution for damages caused by the truck and the property owner would also be seeking restitution from the owner of the vehicle. He further clarified on the map the area on Bradford Street that would remain as a primary entrance for Bruex, Inc. Director Wright also mentioned he has spoken with officials at Duke Energy and others about fixing this street in order to make it more accessible. Mayor Gibbons also noted he has spoken with Mr. Johnson at Bruex, Inc. and he is in agreement with Staff’s recommendation.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Rohr, Council voted 7 to 0 to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15 to consider designating a portion of Bradford Street SW and Lutz Street SW (in its entirety with “No Through Truck” signage) as recommended by City Staff.

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COMMENDED; CITY

STAFF: A. Councilmember Crissy Thomas commended City Staff and others who volunteered during the annual Turkey Tuesday event held on Tuesday, November 20. The event was a huge success with over 400 frozen turkeys given out to families in need.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor