

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

- PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem Crissy Thomas, Todd Perdue, Ike Perkins, Ralph Prestwood, David Stevens and Ben Willis. City Attorney T. J. Rohr and City Manager Scott Hildebran were also present.
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Beal and Communications Director Joshua Harris.
- ZOOM:** City Clerk Shirley Cannon along with Fire Chief Ken Hair, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Recreation Director Kenny Story, Economic Development Director Kaylynn Horn, Finance Director Donna Bean, Planning Director Jenny Wheelock, Public Works Director Jared Wright and Public Utilities Director Radford Thomas participated via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED;
PAUL BROYHILL FAMILY:**

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons extended condolences to the family of Paul H. Broyhill who passed away on Tuesday, October 5, at the age of 97. Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the Broyhill family in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mayor Gibbons stated Mr. Broyhill was a true pillar of the community and his influence on the City of Lenoir cannot be overstated. Mayor Gibbons remarked Mr. Broyhill also helped to make Broyhill Furniture a household name across the country and he helped put the City of Lenoir on the map as the Furniture Capital of the South.

In addition, Mr. Broyhill, along with his brother, U.S. Senator Jim Broyhill, were instrumental in establishing Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute (CCC&TI). Mr. Broyhill also donated millions of dollars to support education and many other charitable causes through the work of the Broyhill Family Foundation.

In 1992, Mr. Broyhill built and gifted the T.H. Broyhill Walking Park to the City and the Broyhill Family Foundation has continued to provide assistance to help maintain and improve the park ever since.

Mayor Gibbons further expressed appreciation for everything Mr. Broyhill has done for the City of Lenoir, our community and our residents and noted he will be missed and remembered by everyone.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED; CITY MANAGER

SCOTT HILDEBRAN's FATHER:

- C. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons extended condolences to City Manager Scott Hildebran on the passing of his father, Daniel Edward Hildebran on Monday, October 18.

Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep Mr. Hildebran and his family in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

- D. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to continue to pray for the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and the community along with all the people that are currently hospitalized as well as those that have lost family members due to the COVID-19 virus. Mayor Gibbons encouraged everyone to continue to be safe and to wear a mask during this time.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2021 as submitted.
- B. Request for Meeting Time Change: City Council recommends moving back the time of the November 2 Council Meeting to 5:00 p.m. in lieu of the regular scheduled time of 6:00 p.m. due to election night. As a reminder, there will only be one meeting in November.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, Council voted 6 to 0 to approve the above listed items on the Consent Agenda as recommended and as presented by City Manager Hildebran.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

STAND DOWN EVENT; J.E.

BROYHILL CIVIC CENTER:

- A. Mr. Stanley McCormick, NC Works Career Center, addressed City Council about the Stand Down Event scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Center.

Mayor Pro-tem Crissy Thomas will serve as the first Emcee for this event. Caldwell Community and Technical Institute along with a number of other partners help sponsor this event which is open to active and retired veterans and their spouses from Caldwell and surrounding counties. The Caldwell County Health Department will also be present to administer the Covid-19 vaccine to anyone who wishes to participate in this vaccination clinic.

Mr. McCormick remarked the Stand Down Event began in 2015 as a way to provide services to veterans in a safe, secure and friendly environment. He mentioned the Veterans Administration will have counselors available as well as a mobile unit. Masks and social distancing will be required. Mr. McCormick stated their goal is to help veterans be a success.

Mr. McCormick thanked City Council for their support and invited them to attend this event. Councilmember Stevens commented he volunteered to help serve food that day.

Mayor Gibbons mentioned that Mr. Irv Eurto, American Legion Post 29, also invited City Council to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Plaza on the square on Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Gibbons is one of the guest speakers for this event.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Mr. McCormick for the good report.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

A. Items of Information

PLANNING BOARD:

1. The Planning Board will meet on Monday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the City/County Chambers

VIRTUAL DOWNTOWN HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

- MYSTERY HEIST:** 2. The Downtown Association is hosting a virtual Haunted Halloween Mystery Heist from Monday, October 25 through Sunday, October 31. Teams of up to ten (10) people can play for a prize pot of \$1,500.00 cash money. Visit downtownlenoirnc.com to register for this event.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

3. The Committee of the Whole will meet on Tuesday, October 26 at 8:30 a.m.

FOOTHILLS REGIONAL AIRPORT

- AUTHORITY:** 4. The Foothills Regional Airport Authority will meet on Wednesday, October 27 at noon.

ANNUAL FALL LEAF

- PICKUP:** 5. The City of Lenoir's annual fall leaf pickup service begins on Monday, November 1 and ends on January 31, 2022.

ANNUAL TURKEY

- TUESDAY:** 6. The 7th Annual Drive-By Community Turkey Tuesday will be held on Tuesday, November 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center to assist families in need.

B. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT; LENOIR
HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

- A. Mayor Gibbons announced that Ben Boaz will be presented for re-appointment to serve a three-year term on the Lenoir Housing Authority at the November 2 City Council meeting.

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

**CLOSED
SESSION:**

- A. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a),(4), and upon a motion by Councilmember Willis, which carried unanimously, City Council entered into closed session to discuss economic development.

**OPEN
SESSION:**

- B. Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, City Council voted unanimously to re-enter into open session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor