

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Jonathan Beal, Todd Perdue, Ike Perkins, Ralph Prestwood, Kimmie Rogers, David Stevens, Crissy Thomas, City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Shirley Cannon and City Attorney Timothy Rohr.

CITY STAFF: In attendance was Finance Director Donna Bean, Fire Chief Norman Staines, Deputy Fire Chief Kenny Nelson, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Police Major Andy Wilson, Planning Director Hannah Williams, Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper, Public Services & Public Works Director Jon Hogan, Director of Special Projects & Grants Jared Wright and Public Information/Communication Director, Joshua Harris.

ABSENT: Brenda Floyd, Economic Development and Main Street Director was absent from the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was opened by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance as led by Mayor Gibbons.

**HURRICANE
HELENE:**

B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to continue to keep the City of Lenoir and all of the surrounding communities in their thought and prayers due to all of the damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Helene. Mayor Gibbons also thanked the staff of the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Utilities, Public Works, Emergency Management Services and all other City Departments for all of their dedication and hard work during this storm.

City Manager Hildebran also gave an update on the storm and pointed out the City will work with Caldwell County on debris removal.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024 as submitted.
- B. Construction Contract; Mulberry Recreation Center Pickleball Court Conversion Project: Staff recommends awarding the construction contract for the Mulberry Recreation Center Pickleball Court Conversion Project to North State Resurfacing for a contract price of \$87,445.00. North State Resurfacing is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, is appropriately licensed to perform the work, and specializes in sports court construction and renovation. (A copy of the bid tab is attached to these minutes as reference.)

- C. Capital Project Budget Ordinance; Close-out of Smith Crossroads Sewer Project: Staff recommends approval of a Capital Project Budget Ordinance to close-out the Smith Crossroads Sewer Project. The project is now complete at a total cost of \$2,259,923. The project was under budget by \$320,677 and the total loan amount was \$2,209,323. (A copy of the Capital Project Budget Ordinance is attached to these minutes as reference.)
- D. Authorizing Resolution; Lenoir-Valdese Water Interconnect Project: Staff recommends City Council approve the acceptance of the Drinking Water/Wastewater State Reserve offer of \$16,745,000 for the Lenoir - Valdese Water Interconnect Project by Resolution and authorize the City Manager and successors so titled to execute such documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

(A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes by reference.)

Councilmember Stevens shared the offer by the State Reserve is at zero percent interest.

- D. 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule: Approval of the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule as submitted. (A copy of the meeting schedule is attached to these minutes as reference.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, City Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt items A through D on the Consent Agenda as described above and as recommended by City Staff.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

Items of Information

CANCELLED; NATIONAL

NIGHT OUT: 1. The Police Department's annual National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, October 1 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in downtown Lenoir was cancelled due to issues caused by Hurricane Helene.

2025 HOLIDAY

SCHEDULE: 2. The 2025 Holiday Schedule was provided to City Council and Staff as information. (A copy of the schedule is attached to these minutes as reference.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY BOARD:

- 3. The Economic Development Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 8:15 a.m. at the J. E. Broyhill Civic Center.

ABC

BOARD: 4. The ABC Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

LENOIR BUSINESS

ADVISORY BOARD:

- 5. The Lenoir Business Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor.

CITY/COUNTY**SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

6. The City/County Services Committee will meet on Monday, October 14 at noon at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

EARLY

- VOTING:** 7. Early voting will be held at the Caldwell Resource Center (former Library) beginning on Thursday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Early voting will continue through Saturday, November 2 at the Caldwell Resource Center. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

- B. Items for Council Action

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR****IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS****CLOSED**

- SESSION:** A. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11.4, and upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens which carried unanimously, City Council entered into closed session to discuss economic development.

OPEN

- SESSION:** B. Upon a motion by Councilmember Perkins, City Council voted unanimously to re-enter into open session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ORDINANCE #2024-CR

**CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE TO CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE
CITY OF LENOIR**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lenoir has adopted a Capital Budget Ordinance on January 8th, 2020, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to recognize the completion of the following Capital Project and

WHEREAS, The City adopted the Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Crossroads Sewer Replacement Project on the 8th day of January, 2020 with a total project budget of \$2,830,500.00. The project was amended on 18th day of August, 2022 to a total cost of \$2,580,600. The project is now complete at a total cost of \$2,259,923. The City paid closing cost of \$50,600.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR,
NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:**

The Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Crossroads Sewer Replacement Project be closed.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2024

SEAL



Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

CITY MANAGER
SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN



CITY OF LENOIR
NORTH CAROLINA

MAYOR
Joseph L. Gibbons

CITY COUNCIL
J.T. BEAL
T.H. PERDUE
J.I. PERKINS
R. PRESTWOOD
K.R. ROGERS
D.F. STEVENS
C.D. THOMAS

**RESOLUTION BY LENOIR CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT AN
OFFER OF FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Lenoir has received an earmark for the Drinking Water/Wastewater State Reserve as established in Session Law (S.L.) 2023-134 and amended in S.L. 2024-1 (hereinafter referred to simply as S.L. 2023-134). To assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, The City of Lenoir has received funding in the amount of \$16,745,000, after administration fees, from the Drinking Water/Wastewater State Reserve. The funding will be used to fund the Lenoir – Valdese Interconnect to provide a back-up water source for the City of Lenoir.

WHEREAS, the City of Lenoir intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LENOIR CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LENOIR:**

That City of Lenoir does hereby accept the Drinking Water/Wastewater State Reserve offer of **\$16,745,000** for the Lenoir – Valdese Interconnect. That the City of Lenoir does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That **Scott Hildebran, City Manager**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the 1st day of October, 2024 at Lenoir, North Carolina.

SEAL

A handwritten signature of Joseph L. Gibbons in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

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SEAL



Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

CITY OF LENOIR
LISTING OF
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2025

JANUARY

City Council	Tuesday, January 7	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, January 21	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, January 28	8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

City Council	Tuesday, February 4	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, February 18	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, February 25	8:30 a.m.

MARCH

City Council	Tuesday, March 4	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, March 18	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, March 25	8:30 a.m.

APRIL

City Council	Tuesday, April 1	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, April 15	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, April 22	8:30 a.m.

MAY

City Council	Tuesday, May 6	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, May 20	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, May 27	8:30 a.m.

JUNE

City Council	Tuesday, June 3	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday, June 17	6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, June 24	8:30 a.m.

JULY

City Council	Tuesday, July 15	6:00 p.m.
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**Only one meeting in July.*

AUGUST

City Council	Tuesday, August 5	6:00 p.m.
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City Council	Tuesday, August 19	6:00 p.m.
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Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, August 26	8:30 a.m.
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SEPTEMBER

City Council	Tuesday, September 2	6:00 p.m.
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City Council	Tuesday, September 16	6:00 p.m.
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Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, September 23	8:30 a.m.
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OCTOBER

City Council	Tuesday, October 7	6:00 p.m.
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City Council	Tuesday, October 21	6:00 p.m.
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Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, October 28	8:30 a.m.
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NOVEMBER

City Council	Tuesday, November 4	6:00 p.m.
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**Only one meeting in November*

DECEMBER

City Council	Tuesday, December 2	6:00 p.m.
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City Council	Tuesday, December 16	6:00 p.m.
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2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NCLM MEETINGSEvent

TBA

Town & State Dinner

April 29- May 1

Annual City Vision Conference
(Greenville, North Carolina)

NLC MEETINGSEvent

March 10 - 12

Congressional City Conference
(Washington, DC)

November 19 - 22

City Summit
Salt Lake City, Utah

CITY OF LENOIR

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
December 24, 25, & 26

Christmas Holiday