

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
DECEMBER 18, 2017

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2017 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem David Ham
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember Bevan Foster
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jim Womble, Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director
Chad Edge, Public Works Deputy Director
Mike West, Police Chief
Mike Wagner, Deputy Public Works Director - Utilities
Bernadette Carter-Dove, HR Director
Ashlin Glatthar, Travel & Tourism Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
James Farfour, Interim Fire Chief
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Felicia Brown, Assistant P&R Director
Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector
Keith Smith, Consultant
Rochelle Moore, Goldsboro News-Argus
Ken Conners, News Director-Curtis Media Group East
Carl Martin, Citizen
Lonnie Casey, Citizen
Bobby Mathis, Citizen
Della Mathis, Citizen
Shirley Edwards, Citizen (arrived 5:09 p.m.)
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Sylvia Barnes, Citizen (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation. Councilmember Broadaway provided the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

Modify City Charter to Change Voting Structure. Mr. Womble stated at the last meeting a question was asked regarding the Mayor voting on all issues or changing it so that the Mayor only votes to break a tie. It is outlined in the Charter that the Mayor votes on all items before the Council. There are two ways to amend a charter, one is by local legislation and the other is a process in G.S. 160A-102 where you vote to show intent to change it, also vote to have a public hearing, advertise the public hearing and then take a vote within 45 days after the public hearing is held.

Council discussed the options and debated the issue.

Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to keep the Mayor's voting rights as they are currently laid out in the Charter (to vote on all matters before the city council).

Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens, and Aycock voted in favor of the motion.

Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 5:2.

City Attorney Discussion. Mr. Stevens shared a draft agreement from Mr. Ron Lawrence and hourly rates were provided to Council. The draft agreement does include a 90 day out clause should Council want to do something different. It would take 2 or 3 months to go through a selection process.

Mayor Allen stated at the end of the year, Attorney Womble is retiring as City Attorney and we need legal counsel beginning in January. I know I have personally looked at trying to have our own staff attorney and it is not cost effective. I would recommend we keep it like we have it and go with Ron Lawrence.

Councilmember Foster asked about Attorney Justin Minshew.

Mr. Womble stated you would have everyone within the law firm doing whatever is needed for the City.

Council discussed options.

Councilmember Williams expressed concerns regarding not having a contract in place for over 40 years with previous city attorneys and not letting other attorneys bid.

Councilmember Williams also expressed concerns regarding conflict of interests and friendships between councilmembers and Attorney Womble.

Council continued discussion.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to move forward with the contract for Mr. Ron Lawrence as city attorney. Councilmember Broadaway seconded the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 5:2.

Stormwater Declining Block Fee Structure. Mr. Rick Fletcher continued discussions with Council regarding the stormwater declining block fee structure. Mr. Fletcher provided a declining block comparison; Scenario 1 was based on \$4.50/\$3.00/\$2.00/\$1.00; Scenario 2 was based on \$4.50/\$3.75/\$3.00/\$2.50.

Councilmember Foster expressed concerns regarding fairness to residents.

Councilmember Broadaway stated we also have to think about recruitment of businesses.

Council discussed rates.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to hold off on until they get more information. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Councilmember Foster and Williams voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens and Aycock voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion failed 2:5.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham made a motion to accept the declining block schedule presented in Scenario 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 5:2.

Councilmember Foster left at 6:03 p.m.

2018 Summer Youth Employment Update. Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter provided an update on the 2018 Summer Youth Employment Initiative which included the following:

- Program Committee Recommendations:
 - 60 youth participants for Summer 2018
 - Continue to partner with Goldsboro Housing Authority, Wayne Community College and NC Works Career Center
 - City provide funding of \$45,400 for (47) slots; \$35,900 from General Funds and \$9,500 from CDBG. (13) additional slots are recommended to be funded from sponsor partners when cash support for the program is available.
 - Two tracks with no more than (30) youths for at least (20) hours a week.
- Eligibility Requirements including income guidelines
- 2018 Program Schedule

Ms. Simpson-Carter also provided a copy of the application, worksite agreement and worksite job description forms.

Mayor Allen stated I'm thinking of two or three employers that I believe would hire 5 or 10 kids and I believe they would pay for them, themselves. If that did work and we grow the program, do we need to hire a couple of people to help you administer the program? Ms. Simpson-Carter stated maybe as a part of the strategic plan, five years down.

Mr. Stevens stated we have talked about someone part-time to assist this summer. If you have companies interested in hiring and paying for kids to participate in the program, then I do think we bring someone on now, to work with employers. If you have two or three that we could talk to and we just need to vet two or three and we do not go with a large call, if they are going to pay for themselves, the logistics are, do they hire the kids directly and we just give them kids they can interview, if we are going to payroll them and the employer pays us that gets a little more logistically challenging. We do not want to open it too broad too fast.

Mayor Allen stated he would make contact with the three he has in mind and if he receives positive feedback he will let staff know.

Ms. Simpson-Carter reviewed the hiring process.

Councilmember Williams stated I am hearing a lot of round, and round talk and no solutions. The Mayor and I attended a session in Charlotte and saw what other cities were doing; 47 jobs are inadequate. I asked to be a part of these committees and I have not received any information. Who is on these committees and who is creating these jobs? Mr. Manager, was that your call; 47 jobs?

Mr. Stevens stated Councilmember Williams we have talked consistently, it is not a money thing; it is a managing of people. If the Council wants us to hire more kids, and you want us to dramatically hire more, we will bring back a proposal, it will take another person to do it and it will take coordinating with businesses. To put more on existing staff is not right. Councilmembers should not be involved in the hiring of these kids, no offense, that is a staff responsibility.

Council continued discussion. Council asked staff to bring back at the first meeting in January.

Mayor's Quote. Mayor Allen shared he recently saw a quote "Ecce quam bonum" which basically means, "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity." He asked Council if they were ok with him placing posters around city hall with this phrase. Council agreed the Mayor could proceed.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item on the Consent Agenda was reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on December 18, 2017 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem David Ham
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Bill Broadway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent: Councilmember Bevan Foster

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Anthony Slater with Tehillah Church Ministries provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017 and the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017 as submitted.

Mayor Allen read the following Resolution.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by James P. Rowe, Jr. as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 37 Years.
Resolution Adopted. James (Jimmy) Rowe retires on January 1, 2018 as the Planning Director with the Planning Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 37 years of service. Jimmy began his career on February 20, 1980 as a Planning Technician II with the Planning Department. On October 24, 1984, Jimmy was promoted to Planning Technician III with the Planning Department. On July 3, 1985, Jimmy was promoted to Zoning Administrator with the Planning Department. On April 8, 1998, Jimmy was promoted to Assistant Planning Director with the Planning Department. On September 4, 2013, Jimmy was promoted to Planning Director with the Planning Department where he has served until his retirement. Jimmy has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Jimmy Rowe their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. We express to Jimmy Rowe our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. We offer Jimmy our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY JAMES P. ROWE JR. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 37 YEARS”

Mayor Allen stated Jimmy knew the ordinances and would always do whatever he could to help. Mayor Allen stated he is the best dressed city employee we have ever had. We appreciate everything you have done and we are going to miss you.

Mr. Scott Stevens stated I have worked for Jimmy for 6 ½ years, much more closely these past 3 plus years. Jimmy is a quiet natured fellow, public recognition he does not appreciate but he is certainly deserving of it but he is one that doesn't really want to be in the limelight. He's dependable, he is here early, he is here late, someone has to close up the building, he is one of the one's taking care of us, and making sure things are taken care of here. He is good natured, he has a sense of humor and like the Mayor said, he knows the rules; part of being the enforcer is working with the development community and I know Jimmy has worked awfully hard to help the community understand and get through our rules. I just want to say thank you Jimmy on behalf of myself and other city employees, you are one of those shoes that will be hard to fill. We will have someone else as our Planning Director in the future but it will not be Jimmy Rowe, it will be someone who takes time to catchup, we can't replace the experience and years of service. Thank you, thank you. I wish you a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Jimmy Rowe stated first of all I want to thank Scott for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Planning Director. I want to thank the Lord for giving me the abilities that I have and for giving me the opportunity to work for the City of Goldsboro. I've enjoyed my career with the City of Goldsboro. I've worked with some good people. I've worked with a lot of city councilmen, 4 city managers and I have to say I've enjoyed every one of them. I have not had one problem with my managers or either one of the councilmen. I appreciate all you have done. I appreciate the hard work that you do for the City of Goldsboro and just continue to do what you do. Thank you. I appreciate the citizens who have supported me throughout the years. Thank you.

Golden STAR Awards. Ms. Bernadette Carter-Dove, Human Resources Director shared the STAR award is to recognize employees in a timely manner for their contributions to the organization and the community. These contributions go above and beyond the normal scope of responsibilities of the performance of their duties.

The award focuses on customer service/professionalism, problem solving/quality improvement, teamwork/community partnership or other professional/personal achievement in a way that relates to the City's values and beliefs of integrity, professionalism, collaboration and promoting the quality of life. Anyone having knowledge of such characteristics displayed by an employee or group of employees may submit a nomination. The monthly recipients will receive a monetary award, a certificate signed by the City Manager and Mayor, and a pin signifying their STAR status.

Mayor Allen and Ms. Carter-Dove, Human Resource Director presented an award to the following employees for going above and beyond:

- Columbus Taylor, Jr., Annie Williams-Kornegay, Demetrius Cogdell, Jimmy Williford, Mehujael Corbitt, Donald Stokes, Matthew Langley, Michael Best, Nelson Artis, Kelvin Ferebee, and Brandon Young – Public Works Department

Presentation of Plaque to James Womble, City Attorney. Mayor Allen presented a plaque to Mr. James Womble that stated "In recognition of 10 years of dedicated and valued contributions to the City of Goldsboro as City Attorney." Mayor Allen stated Jim we appreciate everything you've done, we are going to miss you.

Mr. Womble stated I appreciate the honor to have worked with Council and the City. You have some fine employees. I've worked with them, walked neighborhoods getting easements signed at night. You have some dedicated people. I appreciate the opportunity.

Z-11-17 Caudill, Cooke, and Warrick Properties – East side of North Berkeley Boulevard between Fallin Boulevard and Northwood Drive. Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests a zoning change from Office and Institutional-1 to Shopping Center Conditional District with site plan approval required prior to development.

Frontage: 581.02 ft.

Depth: 420 ft. (average)

Area: 4.0 Acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: Office & Institutional-1
South: R-9 and R-16 Residential
East: R-9, R-12, R-16 Residential
West: R-16 Residential

The property is currently vacant woodland.

A Conditional District designation has been requested which, if approved, would allow commercial uses subject to development plan approval by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The City's adopted Land Use Plan designates the front portion of the property for Office and Institutional uses. The rear of the property is designated for Medium-Density Residential development.

City water and sanitary sewer lines are available to serve the subject property.

The properties can be accessed through Warrick Circle and Caudill Avenue. It is doubtful that NCDOT would approve any curb cut or access from North Berkeley Boulevard.

Shopping Center zoning exists just south of Hill Drive Circle (Berkeley Commons) and on either side of Fallon Boulevard to the south which is currently not developed.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing. The following person spoke:

David Rouse, 123 E. Walnut Street, stated I am an attorney in Goldsboro and I represent Mr. Jackie Warrick and Ms. Dottie Warrick, property owners of the above referenced property. Mr. Rouse spoke in favor of the rezoning and the benefit of the rezoning to surrounding properties.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on January 8, 2018.

Planning Commission Excused.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Allen opened the public comment period and the following people spoke:

1. Margie Warrick, Gloucester Road, stated I was asked to be the spokesperson for my neighborhood Hanley Acres and Spring Valley. Ms. Warrick shared concerns regarding the greenway including safety, littering, unwanted gatherings, vandalism and parking.
2. Gerald McCall, Glen Oak Drive, also shared concerns regarding the greenway.
3. Ms. Gerald McCall, shared concerns regarding the greenway and flooding.

Mayor Allen shared information regarding the greenway plan and connectivity. Mayor Allen apologized for not communicating better with neighborhood residents. We will monitor and please if you see anything call and report it. You can also call any of us, if there are problems, we will work to resolve them.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham stated I have spoken with a number of residents and I understand and appreciate your concerns. We will try to address specific concerns.

4. Carl Martin shared concerns regarding the length of time the water bill is received and the time to pay before the \$5 late penalty is added. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

No one else spoke and the public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Scott A. Stevens, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Broadaway moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D, E, F, G, H and I be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Sale of Surplus Real Property, Tax ID #3600-00-4091, 826 N. Center Street, as recorded in the Wayne County Registry. Approved. In November 2017, the City of Goldsboro received an offer from Mount Carmel Free Will Baptist Church for said property. Mount Carmel Free Will Baptist Church as the adjoining property owner has offered to pay the City the sum of \$1.00 to acquire this property.

The City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne acquired this property in May 2017 through foreclosure. At the November 21, 2017 County Commissioners' meeting, the Commissioners declared the substandard property as surplus and authorized the sale. The property's tax value is listed as \$2,140.

Per the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session Law 2004-94, allows the sale of substandard surplus real property owned alone by the City or jointly owned by the City and by Wayne County by offering it to the adjoining property owners for \$1.00.

Staff recommended Council accept the offer from Mount Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in the amount of \$1.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed on behalf of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

Authorization of Public Information Officer Position. Approved. When the FY 2017-18 budget was adopted in June, Council reaffirmed the full-time positions outlined in the budget document. There were 456 full-time positions authorized. At the October 2, 2017 meeting, Council authorized two (2) Stormwater Maintenance & Equipment Operator positions, which brings the total to 458 full-time positions.

At the December 4, 2017 meeting, Council discussed adding a full-time Public Information Officer position to focus on the City's social media presence. This position would be authorized within the City Manager's Division. So that the City's budget document lists all of the full-time positions with the appropriate pay grades, I am recommending that the following position be authorized in the FY 2017-18 budget.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>
Public Information Officer	77	\$45,881-72,493

Current salary allocations should be sufficient funding for this position and benefits.

Staff recommended Council authorize the Public Information Officer position within the FY 2017-2018 budget. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

Establishing the Capital Projects Fund Ordinance and Budget Amendment – Phase 4 Sewer Collection Rehab Project. Ordinance Adopted. The City of Goldsboro determined that it is necessary and in the best public interest to undertake a wastewater collection system rehabilitation project. The City Council was awarded a State Revolving Loan in the amount of \$6,268,382 for this rehabilitation project from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

In June 2017, we received notification from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that financing was being offered to the City of Goldsboro in the amount of not to exceed \$6,268,382 with \$500,000 in principal forgiveness at a zero interest rate. The City has signed the offer and acceptance for this State Revolving Loan.

Since this project has been approved by the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Environmental Quality in the amount of \$6,268,382, the Capital Projects Ordinance should be adopted to represent the balances of expenditures and revenues for this project.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Capital Projects Fund Ordinance in the amount of \$6,268,382. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-63 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PHASE 4 SEWER COLLECTION REHABILITATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS”

Resolution Authorizing AMI Change Order. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro awarded its new Water Utility Advanced Metering Infrastructure project to Ferguson/Sensus. Ferguson started the commercial meter installation in September with plans to start residential installation the first part of January 2018.

When Ferguson started the commercial installation, several of the 1” and 1 ½” meters had been installed using the MX1 boxes, which is the size meter box that is usually installed for residential ¾” meters. Since Ferguson will dig up the existing boxes during their installation, it is feasible to replace the boxes at that time. In addition, we observed that the meter lids downtown need to have the antenna recessed so that it would maintain a flat surface on the sidewalks.

Ferguson has estimated the additional MX5 larger meter boxes required were 200 and 20 lids for Downtown. The total cost of this change order is \$41,200.

Contingency funding is sufficient for this change order with the City’s AMI loan proceeds.

Staff recommended the following entitled Resolution be adopted authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to sign the change order to purchase the additional meter boxes and lids with Ferguson/Sensus for the Water Utility Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-87 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER FOR WATER UTILITY ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT”

City Personnel Policy Revision. Approved. The City Personnel Policy was last revised on April 4, 2016 to update several sections since the Policy was first approved July 12, 2007.

The Human Resources staff reviewed the Personnel Policy and identified Article VII, Section 2 – Holidays, which is being recommended for revision. After careful review, revisions were shared with the management team for comment and discussion. The recommended revisions will change the number of days observed at Christmas from two to three, resulting in an increase of observed holidays from a total of 11 to 12 days. In addition, the recommended revision will designate Friday as the day of the week to be observed when the holiday falls on a Saturday.

These revisions correspond to the holiday schedule of NC State Government and Wayne County Government.

The effected Article and Section is attached for your review. The recommended revisions will be made to the Personnel Policy upon approval of the attached document.

Staff recommended the City Council approve Article VII, Section 2 – Holidays, of the Personnel Policy as recommended. The revisions shall become effective December 18, 2017. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for the month of November, 2017 were submitted for the Council’s approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadaway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager’s Report. Mr. Stevens stated I would again like to thank Mr. Jimmy Rowe for his years of service and wish everyone a very merry and safe Christmas.

City Attorney’s Report. Mr. Womble stated I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Again, I enjoyed working with you all over the years, and I hope do to some more.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Allen read the following Resolution:

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Russell E. Sweet as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 16 Years. Resolution Adopted. Russell Sweet retires on January 1, 2018 as a Utility Systems Operator with the Public Works Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 16 years of service. Russell began his career on February 28, 2001 as a Laborer I with the Public Works Department. On September 13, 2003, Russell was promoted to Laborer II with the Public Works Department. On December 2, 2009, Russell was promoted to Utility System Operator with the Public Works Department where he has served until his retirement. Russell has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Russell Sweet their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. We express to Russell Sweet our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. We offer Russell our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-86 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY RUSSELL E. SWEET AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 16 YEARS”

Councilmember Williams stated I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, especially to my family, friends and citizens.

Councilmember Broadaway stated I would like to thank Mr. Womble for his service. I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Stevens stated I would like to wish Mr. Rowe and Mr. Womble a happy retirement. I would like to wish everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham stated last week we held our annual employee appreciation day and we had a large turnout. What I got to see was a group of dedicated employees who take their jobs seriously. We see it every day and I hope the citizens see it too. We had one gentleman who had been with the city for 40 years. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, best wishes to your family as well.

Councilmember Aycock stated I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Womble for being a friend as well as our city attorney. Over the last six years, I have come to really appreciate his wisdom. I can't say enough about Jimmy Rowe. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Allen stated I want to thank Jimmy for his many years of service. Mr. Womble, I want to thank you for your years of service, and all that you have done not only for the City of Goldsboro but for the City itself. You have been very involved and we appreciate that. It is Christmas time, please do everything you can to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. Please remember to shop local, help our community, merchants and small businesses. He also reminded everyone to help keep the community clean. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Chuck Allen
Mayor

Melissa Corser, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk