



February 6, 2023, City Council Meeting Recap

1. Call to Order

- Mayor Hooks recognized author Rick Smith on his second novel, *Crumbs from Heaven*. Smith described the context of the book as enjoying the blessings we all have.

2. Moment of Silence

3. Public Comments- No comments.

4. Consent Agenda was approved 5-0 by the council.

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Final Plat- Tupelo Junction, Ph. 2
- c. Final Plat Reapproval- Buckhorn Business Centre, Ph. 1
- d. Final Plat Reapproval- St. Barts Place
- e. Bi-Annual Disposed Asset List
- f. Quarterly Financial Report

5. DMDC Quarterly Report-

The Downtown Mebane Development Corporation (DMDC) meets every quarter to provide an update on its endeavors as the Mebane Main Street Program. Their mission is to assist with revitalizing and preserving historic Downtown Mebane through collaboration and partnerships with downtown businesses and the city. The DMDC is currently on track for its Main Street Program kick-off in July, which will attract more people to downtown Mebane, and they launched their website, www.VisitDowntownMebane.com, on Nov. 21.

6. Cycle North Carolina Event-

The Cycle NC Mountains to Coast Ride comes to Mebane on Tuesday, Oct. 3, with 1000 riders spending the night at the MACC soccer fields or surrounding hotels. An allowance was asked to help provide a one-hour, beer-only “Happy Hour” for riders before they explore shops and restaurants in the city. All transportation is being handled through the Alamance County Visitors Bureau.

- The council approved the alcohol allowance request 5-0.
- [Mountains To Coast Ride \(ncsports.org\)](http://ncsports.org)

7. Clay Street Improvements-

Project received only one bid from Breece Enterprises for \$793,450.00, which was above the estimated \$527,000.00. A discussion was had about the current bidding environment (inflation, supply chain issues, companies already taking on other projects), the project approach (replace lines by excavation), and possibly rebidding the project into smaller individual contracts. The best course was to move ahead with the single bid as settling continues to show up in Clay Street post recent temporary repairs. Through negotiations, the bid was lowered by \$31,525.00.

- A motion to approve the contract to Breece Enterprises in the amount of \$761,925.00 and to approve the related budget ordinance amendment was 5-0.

8. Fiddler Stage Project-

Received three bids for constructing a stage at the Community Park near the splash pad and playground. The stage will host events (concerts, movies, performances, etc.) with a completion date estimated in time for the Juneteenth event. The lowest bidder, WC Construction Company LLC, was over the estimated price by \$41,000.00 from the budgeted amount of 75,000.00.

- A 5-0 motion to approve the contract to WC Construction Company LLC for \$108,000.00 with a budget ordinance amendment of \$45,000.00 to complete the project and provide a \$4,000.00 contingency plan.

9. NCDOT Municipal Agreement-

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will install a traffic signal at the Buckhorn Road interchange ramps on Interstate 40/85 in Mebane. Funds are being provided by Al Neyer Inc., an industrial developer, for \$232,000.00. The NCDOT will pay any amount over \$232,000.00.

- Council approved the city enter into an agreement with the NCDOT with a budget ordinance amendment of \$232,000.00 to pay for the project.

10. Duke Energy NC 119 Street Light-

Duke Energy will install streetlights along NC Hwy. 119 with power lines positioned underground. Once the poles are installed and the lighting starts, the City will incur a standard monthly cost to upkeep the poles and lighting for ten years. Most of the work for this project will be done off the roadway, so no road closures are predicted.

- Council made a 5-0 motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment of \$109,195.00 for new streetlights along NC 119 for upfront costs associated with boring, tamping, and seeding.

11. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission-

Two seats are open on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission as two members had their terms expire. Three qualified applicants applied: Allison Tate, Tyson Smith, and Matthew Cummings.

- The Council appointed Matthew Cummings and Allison Tate to said commission in a 5-0 vote.

Announcements:

Thursday, Feb. 9 at 8:00 a.m. there is a ribbon cutting for Dunkin' Donuts.

Friday, Feb 10 there is a REAC/Council Workshop from 1:00 -6:00 p.m. at the MACC

Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. there is a Budget Meeting at City Hall

Thursday, March 30 at 1:30 p.m. there is a Budget Meeting at City Hall

City Manager, Chris Rollins, said a few words at the end regarding the now-working signal lights on Old Hillsborough Road and Mebane Oaks Road. NCDOT is reporting there will also be a slight delay in the original July completion date of the Mebane Oaks bridge to later in 2023 as they continue to work on doubling the size of the bridge.

Construction started on Monday, Feb. 6, with a new internet provider. Lumos is the company that will be providing fiber to homes throughout the county. Lumos was in Virginia as a separate company until it merged with North State Telephone in High Point. They serve multiple markets in North Carolina similar in size to ours.

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For more information, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation from the City Council meeting.