

award the contract to the lowest bidder, S.T. Wooten Corporation in the amount of \$543,518.50.

Ed Hooks made a motion, seconded by Bob Hupman, to award the contract to the lowest bidder as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. A budget amendment was requested in the amount of \$616,000.00 for the Lake Michael Park Improvements Project. Bob Hupman made a motion, seconded by Ed Hooks, to amend the budget to appropriate \$616,000.00 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Reich of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King reported the results of the February 26, 2008 Bid Opening for Contract 1: 2008 Street Resurfacing. He stated that 6 bidders submitted bids. The bids received ranged from \$476,160.05 to \$632,667.90. After review of the bids it was determined that Thompson Arthur Division of APAC-Atlantic, Inc., of Greensboro submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$476,160.05. The bid documents included provisions for the City to extend the contract amount up to 100% of the amount bid. A recommendation was made to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Thompson Arthur Division of APAC in the amount of \$476,160.05 for Sections 1,2 and 3 and a contract change order in the amount of \$47,519.00 for the fire training tower parking lot improvements. Section 1 consists of repairing and resurfacing all streets rated "Very Poor" and Section 2 consists of repairing and resurfacing approximately 18% of streets with a "Poor" rating condition. Section 3 consists of grading, widening and paving Maple Lane to the City's pump station.

Patty Philipps made a motion, seconded by Bob Hupman, to award the contract to the lowest bidder in the amount \$476,160.05. The motion carried unanimously.

Patty Philipps made a motion, seconded by Everette Greene, to approve the change order in the amount of \$47,519.00 for paving of the fire training tower parking lot within the same contract with APAC. The motion carried unanimously.

Patty Philipps made a motion, seconded by Bob Hupman, to amend the General Fund Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$49,019.00 for the paving of the parking lot at the fire training tower. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Hupman made a motion, seconded by Ed Hooks, to amend the Powell Bill Fund to appropriate \$100,000.00 for street resurfacing. The motion carried unanimously.

Ed Hooks made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to amend the General Fund Budget to appropriate \$81,500.00 for new sidewalks at North Fifth and Vance streets. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Bradley made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to amend the General Fund Street Department Budget in the amount of \$80,890.00 for street resurfacing. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Hupman made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to amend the General Fund Street Department Budget in the amount of \$101,270.00 for the grading, widening, and paving of Maple Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Harrington-Evans requested to come before the Council to discuss her concerns in regards to the City of Mebane's Water/Sewer Deposit Policy. Ms. Harrington-Evans told Council that she feels the retention of the deposit is unfair. She made comparisons to other city's policies. She discussed several alternatives that she would like the Council to consider. After much discussion among Ms. Harrington-Evans, the Council and staff, no formal action was taken.

The Council received a request for adoption of a Resolution Establishing Eligibility Requirements for Special Separation Allowances for Local Officers. City Attorney Charles Bateman explained the details of the resolution and recommended that the City of Mebane adopt the resolution. After some discussion, Ed Hooks made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

No one spoke during the Public Comment period.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the Mebane Oaks Road area. City Engineer Darrell Russell of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King discussed the possible actions that can be taken by the Council at the conclusion of the Public Hearing. He stated that the primary purposes of the proposed TIP are to:

- A. Plan for future transportation improvements to address traffic needs.
- B. Provide for the orderly extension of future roads in the planning area according to an approved plan.
- C. Improve access to Mebane Oaks Rd. from the local area.
- D. Improve traffic flow along Mebane Oaks Rd. by limiting direct driveway access.

Mr. Russell acknowledged that the TIP has been discussed publicly several times with the Council and an informational meeting was held involving affected residents and property owners. Mr. Russell stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow the Council to hear all public input on the proposed future street extensions as shown on the Mebane Oaks Road TIP.

Mr. Russell reviewed the 4 proposed options. The Council questioned Mr. Russell about his recommendation. Mr. Russell answered stating that after discussions with staff, DOT, his firm and after consideration of feedback from the property owners and residents at the informational meeting, Plan 1 is recommended.

Susan Greeson, 1333 Broadwood Acres Road, Mebane spoke in favor of the TIP because it would allow for another access road for her neighborhood.

Jim Bagby, Woodhaven Drive, Mebane, spoke in regards to the proposed TIP. He expressed his concern with the possibility of a connector/extension street at the end of

Woodhaven Drive. Mr. Bagby referred to a petition that was signed and mailed to the Council in opposition of the Woodhaven Drive extension. He stated that he along with adjoining property owners want to maintain the integrity and safety of their neighborhood. Mr. Bagby requested on behalf of himself and his neighbors that Council approve the recommended plan and not include the Woodhaven Drive extension.

Twillia Buffington, 1255 Woodhaven Drive, Mebane, spoke in opposition of the Woodhaven Drive extension. She spoke of her concern with the possibility of cut through traffic.

Jim Bagby spoke again stating that if the Council did approve the TIP option that includes the Woodhaven Drive extension, it would take away the possibility of him selling the property that he owns as residential lots.

Kelly Allred, Broadwood Acres Road, Mebane, questioned the Council, "On any of the new roads if property owners decide they are not going to sell for whatever reason and the roads can not be completed what then happens to the traffic?"

City Engineer Russell answered saying that the City and DOT would have the opportunity to complete gaps if it became a public necessity.

Mr. Allred also spoke to the Council in regards to the unsafe left turn off of Brundage Lane onto Mebane Oaks. Mr. Allred stated that he personally has contacted NCDOT and made 2 suggestions, with no outcome.

City Manager Robert Wilson stated that staff has brought this issue to NCDOT attention but they would continue to pursue this further.

After further discussion, Mayor Stephenson declared the Public Hearing over. Bob Hupman made a motion, seconded by Tim Bradley, to approve the Plan 1 as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Philipps requested a report pertaining to the concerns discussed in regards to Brundage Lane.

The Council received a request to consider approval of an agreement with the City of Mebane and The Wooten Company. The Wooten Company would provide amendments and advise on request for amendments to the UDO. Bob Hupman made a motion, seconded by Ed Hooks, to approve the proposed agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Robert Wilson addressed with Council the UDO recommendations made by the Planning Board to leave the 60' maximum height as adopted, leave the 400 square foot sign size as adopted and leave the requirements for double-faced sign as adopted. Mr. Wilson also explained to the Council that after several phone calls and meetings with several concerned citizens, it is the staff's recommendation to delete the Fifth Street

Overlay District from the newly adopted UDO indefinitely. It was stated that before any amendments can be made to the UDO a Public Hearing must take place.

Ed Hooks made a motion, seconded by Bob Hupman, to set a date of Public Hearing for April 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Wilson addressed concerns in regards to the Planning Board. He stated that it is staff's recommendation to have one of the Planning Board members replaced due to repeated absences. He stated that a letter would be sent requesting resignation. This is consistent with the current policy. Mr. Wilson also stated that staff has received a request, from another Planning Board member, that their term be extended. Mr. Wilson stated that in the current rules and bylaws, after 2 consecutive terms, the member must step down. No action was needed.

The Council received a report that unpaid taxes that are liens on Real Property on the second Monday in February, 2008 totaled \$179,570.65. By motion of Ed Hooks, seconded by Everette Greene, the Council voted unanimously to advertise the tax liens on April 9, 2008.

Tim Bradley made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to approve the Tax Releases. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request for adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. City Engineer Russell stated that this is the first step in the process of filing with the Local Government Commission (LGC) for the financing of two projects 1) renovation of the old recreation center, 2) the renovation of city hall. Ed Hooks made a motion, seconded by Patty Philipps, to adopt the Resolution as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

As an additional item, Councilmember Tim Bradley asked for the Council's consideration of an amendment to Public Hearing decisions. He submitted a change to Mebane's ordinances to include the following intent regarding Public Hearings:

No vote shall occur on any issue requiring a public hearing during the meeting in which the hearing is held. The vote may not occur until the next scheduled and advertised meetings thereafter. In the event that the Hearing is regarding an issue that is non-controversial, or of which timing requires that immediate action take place, the Council may take action on the issue if a motion to consider the request is made and a unanimous consent of all Council members present is shown through a vote on the motion to consider.

Councilmember Hooks stated that this procedure would give the ultimate perception that the Council is listening and will consider the public's comments.

After considerable discussion, Council instructed City Attorney Charles Bateman to study possible ordinances/policies to include changes discussed. No formal action was taken.

As an additional item, Councilmember Ed Hooks requested the Council's consideration to create a veteran's park for retired fireman at the corner lot of Washington Street and Fourth Street. The proposed site is now an empty lot since renovation of the old fire station. Council discussed consideration of including retired police officers in the garden. No action was taken.

The minutes of the January 30, 2008 Special Meeting, February 4, 2008 Regular Meeting, February 26, 2008 Bid Opening and February 28, 2008 Bid Opening were approved as presented.

City Engineer Russell gave a brief report on the progress of the Southeast Regional Pump Station.

Therefore being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk