



The Mebane City Council met for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers of the Glendel Stephenson Municipal Building located at 106 E. Washington Street.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Ed Hooks
Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Bradley
Councilmember Katie Burkholder
Councilmember Sean Ewing
Councilmember Montrena Hadley
Councilmember Jonathan White

Also Present:

Chris Rollins, City Manager
Preston Mitchell, Assistant City Manager
Lawson Brown, City Attorney
Stephanie Shaw, City Clerk
Ashley Ownbey, Development Director
Beatrice Hunter, HR Director and REAC Liaison
Kyle Smith, Utilities Director

Mayor Hooks called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence.

Mayor Hooks began the Council's formal recognition of retiring Police Chief Terrence Caldwell with the adoption of a Resolution Awarding his Badge and Service Sidearm. Mr. Bradley made a motion seconded by Mr. White, to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hooks then read aloud a Resolution Honoring Police Chief Terrence Caldwell on the Occasion of His Retirement and presented the framed resolution to Chief Caldwell.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BADGE AND SERVICE SIDEARM
TO RETIRING POLICE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, Terrence E. Caldwell, Police Chief will retire from the City of Mebane Police Department on July 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N. C. G. S. 20-187.2, Terrence E. Caldwell has requested his badge; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N. C. G. S. 20-187.2, Terrence E. Caldwell has requested his service sidearm, a Glock 19 9mm, Serial Number BLEW365.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mebane that the service sidearm, is hereby declared surplus to the City and the City Manager or his designee is authorized to present said badge, and service sidearm to Terrence E. Caldwell.

Adopted this the 10th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST: _____
Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

Ed Hooks, Mayor

**RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE CHIEF TERRENCE E. CALDWELL
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Mebane is proud to recognize the life, legacy, and accolades of Terrence E. Caldwell, Chief of the Mebane Police Department, on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Terrence Caldwell's background includes having served four years in the Army's Military Police Corps. During his enlistment, Chief Caldwell specialized in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations. Additionally, Chief Caldwell completed the Army's Non-Commission Officer's Leadership Program at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After active service, he served an additional two years in the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Chief Terrence Caldwell began his career with the Mebane Police Department in July of 1993 moving up through the ranks of the police department and being sworn in as Police Chief in September of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Chief Terrence Caldwell, is a graduate of numerous leadership and management courses including the Law Enforcement Executive Program at North Carolina State University and earned his Associates Degree from Alamance Community College in Criminal Justice before going on to Western

Carolina University to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in the same field; and

WHEREAS, Chief Terrence Caldwell has been a recipient of numerous recognitions, yet has always remained a humble public servant, who not only had the respect of the citizens, but the respect of the men and women who served under him and with him.

WHEREAS, Chief Terrence Caldwell's retirement from the Mebane Police Department will be effective July 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Terrence Caldwell has served his community with pride, and upon the occasion of his retirement, is deserving of recognition and the highest commendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mebane, hereby honor and take pride in bringing special public attention to Police Chief Terrence Caldwell, for his 30 years of exemplary service. His service and dedication have positively impacted many lives throughout his career. We offer our best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Adopted this 10th day of July in the year 2023.

ATTEST: _____
Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

Ed Hooks, Mayor

Mayor Hooks then introduced Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley and requested that he make an additional presentation. Mr. Bradley came forward to present Chief Caldwell with the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award for state service granted by the Office of the Governor. Chief Caldwell received a standing ovation.

The Mayor, each Council Member, and Mr. Rollins all took a moment to share their sentiments with Chief Caldwell, expressing admiration, gratitude, and best wishes. Mayor Hooks presented Chief Caldwell with a final gift, a Mebane Logo brick sculpture; hand sculpted by NC artist Brad Spencer. Chief Caldwell then took a few moments to speak about his 30-year law enforcement career, sharing that his desire and commitment to serve began when he was a young boy and remained strong throughout his career. He acknowledged his family, friends, Council, City Management, co-workers, and "Team Mebane" (Mebane Police Department), thanking them all for their support and the opportunity to serve and requested that "Team Mebane" continue the support and good work for the incoming Police Chief.

Mayor Hooks recognized Eastern Alamance's Women's Soccer Team for winning the 2023 NCHSAA 3A State Championship. He read aloud the following resolution honoring the team and coaches.

2023 NCHSAA 3A Women's Soccer State Champions

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2023, the Eastern Alamance High School Lady Eagles soccer team won the NCHSAA 3A Women's Soccer Championship with a 4-0 victory over South Point; and

WHEREAS, the championship victory completed a storybook 20-0-1 season for the Lady Eagles, which included 14 shutouts, conference and regional titles, and a 20-match winning streak; and

WHEREAS, the members of this team exhibited exceptional dedication, soccer skills, athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship required to win a championship; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bob Webber and his assistant coaches provided outstanding leadership for the Lady Eagles; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 roster included the following players and coaches:

Karsyn Johnson
Lucy Taylor
Ryen Gibbs
Aubrey Dial
Maddy Loranger
Maci Link
Adrianna Glancy

Alena Pak
Ainsley Dial
Carson Story
Genesis Chinchilla
Catherine Parker
Abby Stadnicar
Abby Brinker

Molly Widderich
Audrey Hupman
Mackenzie Webber
Hayden Todd-Gesty
Meredith Doi
Nadia Navarro

Head Coach: Bob Webber
Assistant Coach: Shawn Gibbs
Assistant Coach: David Peters

Team Managers: Lindsey Link, Katherine Mejia, & Rocio Rosa Quezada
Athletic Director: John Kirby
Principal: Whitney Fliehman

WHEREAS, these young athletes and their coaches represented Eastern Alamance High School, Alamance County, and the City of Mebane with great character and class: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, City of Mebane City Council hereby recognizes and commends the Eastern Alamance High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team for winning the 2023 NCHSAA 3A Women’s Soccer State Championship.

Adopted this day 10th of July, 2023.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

Mayor Hooks read aloud a Resolution designating July 2023 as Recreation and Parks Month.

Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Mebane; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation programming and educational activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation increases a community’s economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mebane recognizes the benefits derived from Parks and Recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mebane City Council that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Mebane.

Signed, sealed and delivered this 10th day of July, 2023.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

During the Public Comment Period, Ed Priola, 747 S. Eighth Street, Mebane, shared his concerns with an item on the agenda in which the Council will be considering the Racial Equity Advisory Committee’s (REAC) proposal to have the City become a member of the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE). He questioned what metrics the Council will use to demonstrate and

validate that paying the \$1,000 annual GARE membership fees is an ethical use of Mebane taxpayers' money.

Peter Huff, 134 Edinborough Drive, Mebane, continued the Public Comment Period, stating that he agrees with the previous speaker and questioned why the City would fund the GARE organization and what impact would it have on the town. He said his concern is that we are steering away from determining a person's value based on something other than the content of their character.

Concluding the Public Comment Period, Brenda Pattison, 716 Buena Vista Road, Mebane. She stated that she also saw the item on the agenda for the REAC's presentation and she wanted to speak out against using any public funds towards dividing people, whether by sex or color of skin. She stated that there are two amendments to the Constitution that addresses those issues.

Barbara Hollerand, Downtown Mebane Development Corporation (DMDC) Executive Director, shared that the DMDC received its Mebane Main Street Designation letter, making Mebane the 70th "Main Street" community in NC. She expressed their excitement as the City has been working towards this designation for several years.

Mayor Hooks read aloud the following Proclamation.

MEBANE MAIN STREET DAY- July 31, 2023

WHEREAS, Main Street America has been helping to revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, today, Main Street America is a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development; and

WHEREAS, Main Street America is a mark of distinction, a seal recognizing that participating programs, organizations and communities are part of a national movement with a proven track record for celebrating community character, preserving local history and generating impressive economic returns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mebane, in embracing the Main Street model, applied for participation in the North Carolina Main Street program and was named a Downtown Associate Community in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit Downtown Mebane Development Corporation was formed and then incorporated in 2022 as the managing body of the future Mebane Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to provide funding and other program support for the Mebane Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Mebane Development Corporation's volunteer board of directors has adopted an annual budget and program of work and has satisfied all other requirements of the North Carolina Main Street program necessary for full program designation in July 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed Hooks, Mayor of the City of Mebane, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2023 as Mebane Main Street Day, and invite all citizens and supporters of Downtown Mebane to celebrate this milestone achievement at a community celebration on July 31 at 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Mebane.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mebane, North Carolina to be affixed this 10th day of July, 2023.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered this day of 10th day of July, 2023.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

Ms. Hollerand then presented the DMDC's quarterly report for April- June 2023.

Mayor Hooks gave an overview of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes- June 5, 2023- Regular Meeting
- b. Petition for Voluntary Contiguous Annexation- Mebane Towne Center- Phases A2, A3 and A4
- c. Petition for Voluntary Contiguous Annexation- Elizabeth S. Woody- Montclair
- d. Final Plat Reapproval- Magnolia Glen Estates, Ph. 3

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Item b.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mebane, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at the Glendel Stephenson Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Being a portion of Keystone Group Inc, described in Deed Book 3831, Page 473, and Deed Book 3831, Page 476 of the Alamance County Registry (ACR), lying in the City of Mebane, Melville Township, Alamance County, North Carolina.

BEGINNING at a point running with the right-of-way of Cameron Lane, the following 16 calls:

Thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 20.00, a length of 31.99 feet and a chord of S13°08'04"E, 28.69 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 360.00, a length of 227.57 feet and a chord of S77°04'06"E, 223.80 feet to a point, thence N84°49'19"E, 104.01 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 460.00, a length of 172.76 feet and a chord of N74°03'45"E, 171.75 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 50.00, a length of 92.52 feet and a chord of N10°17'34"E, 79.87 feet to a point, thence N44°56'40"E, 45.04 feet to a point, thence S42°43'02"E, 16.52 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 50.00, a length of 33.67 feet and a chord of S62°00'24"E, 33.03 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 50.00, a length of 48.76 feet and a chord of N70°45'57"E, 46.85 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the left having a radius of 460.00, a length of 60.85 feet and a chord of N39°02'17"E, 60.80 feet to a point, thence N35°14'55"E, 10.59 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 540.00, a length of 188.37 feet and a chord of N45°14'31"E, 187.42 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 540.00, a length of 172.17 feet and a chord of N64°22'09"E, 171.44 feet to a point, thence N73°30'11"E, 186.18 feet to an existing iron rod, thence N73°30'11"E, 236.14 feet to a point, thence S16°30'29"E, 4.24 feet to an existing iron rod also on the western line of Keystone at Mebane Oaks recorded in Book 3326, Page 670,

Thence S27°38'18"W, 98.60 feet to an existing iron rod, thence S27°38'18"W, 151.34 feet to an existing iron rod, thence S24°38'18"W, 223.38 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence S19°25'08"W, 196.59 feet to a point, thence S29°41'37"E, 83.13 feet to a point, thence S28°44'35"E, 86.87 feet to a point, thence S60°18'23"W, 19.50 feet to a point, thence S29°41'37"E, 36.94 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence S29°41'37"E, 224.95 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence S71°54'52"W, 251.05 feet to a point, thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 3819.72, a length of 687.07 feet and a chord of S76°40'56"W, 686.17 feet to a point, thence N48°08'45"W, 3.75 feet to a point, thence N46°31'46"W, 301.91 feet to a point, thence N46°32'51"W, 444.56 feet to a point, thence N32°41'24"E, 194.85 feet to a point, thence N32°41'24"E, 115.04 feet to a point and the place of BEGINNING and being approximately 22.340 +/- acres according to a survey prepared by Jeffery Caison, PLS.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in the Mebane Enterprise, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Mebane, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

Item c.

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COMMENCING AT A NORTH CAROLINA GRID CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING REFERENCE STATION (CORS) NAMED "NCBU"; THENCE, S88°34'58"E, 52,793.66 FEET TO A ¾" IRON STAKE found AT THE INTERSECTION THE WESTERN MARGIN OF THE SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE NORTHEASTERN MARGIN OF THE OAKWOOD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING ALSO THE WESTERN MARGIN OF THE CITY OF MEBANE CORPORATE LIMITS AND THE EASTERN MARGIN OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION TRACT, BEING ALSO THE SOUTHERN CORNER OF THE ELIZABETH S. WOODY TRACT, WITH A PIN OF 9825.31.5555 AND A NC GRID COORDINATE OF NORTHING 851204.16 AND EASTING 1923744.26, being also the PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING:

THENCE, ALONG SAID WESTERN MARGIN OF THE CITY OF MEBANE CORPORATE LIMITS, S01°28'16"E, 115.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF SAID OAKWOOD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF OAKWOOD STREET AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID PROPOSED ANNEXATION TRACT, N32°41'27"W, 254.74 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID CITY OF MEBANE CORPORATE LIMITS; THENCE, N89°26'15"E, 132.06 FEET TO A POINT IN SAID WESTERN MARGIN OF THE CITY OF MEBANE CORPORATE LIMITS; THENCE, S01°28'16"E, 100.10 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.3270 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in the Mebane Enterprise, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Mebane, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

A public hearing was held on a request from GD Adams, LLC for approval to rezone the +/- 12,632 square foot unaddressed parcel located on St. Lukes Church Road from R-12 and HM to R-12 to eliminate the split zoning of the property. Ms. Ownbey gave an overview of the request. She stated that the property is currently vacant and in Mebane's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) in Alamance County. City utilities are not located on St. Lukes Church Road so any development of the property would be served by Orange-Alamance Water and a septic system. She shared that there was a formal home on the property but has been recently demolished. The surrounding zoning in the area includes R-12, Residential District and HM, Heavy Manufacturing District. Surrounding land uses include single-family residential, vacant land, and a church. The subject property is located in the Secondary Growth Area. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the guidance provided within *Mebane By Design*, the City's Comprehensive Land Development Plan.

The proposed rezoning will be a continuance of the R-12 zoning and residential uses of surrounding properties.

Jerry Adams, the applicant, stated that when he purchased the property, he did not know that it was split-zoned. He said everything around the property is residential. He shared a few details regarding the house he plans to build. He concluded his comments by sharing that from what he has witnessed in this meeting, the Council should be proud of the work they done to make Mebane what it is.

No one from the public spoke concerning the matter.

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Mr. White, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to approve the R-12 zoning as presented and a motion to find that the application is consistent with the objectives and goals in the City's 2017 Comprehensive Land Development Plan Mebane By Design. Specifically, the request is for a property within the City's G-4 Secondary Growth Area and is generally residential in nature. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Allison De Marco, PhD, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) organization and the value of membership. She shared that the REAC requested her to share information with Council about the GARE organization.

After several questions from the Council and after considerable discussion, Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing, that more information and clarification would be needed before Council can take action on whether to join or not join into a membership with GARE. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Ayes- Mr. Bradley, Mr. White. Mr. Ewing and Ms. Burkholder. Nays- Ms. Hadley.

Mr. Rollins presented a request for the adoption of Resolution establishing a General Fund Capital Reserve Fund. He explained that the budget ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 5, 2023, includes a transfer equal to two cents of property tax revenue to a capital reserve fund. Approval from the Council is required to establish the reserve fund for specific General Fund projects. North Carolina General Statutes 159 -18 and 159-19 give the City Council the authority to establish and maintain a capital reserve fund for any purpose for which it may issue bonds. The City Council maintains control over the capital reserve fund by establishing it, defining its purpose, and authorizing the use of money accumulated through a resolution or ordinance. The resolution will establish the fund and its purpose.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a need in the City of Mebane to provide funds for Fire Station Four, a Police Facility, and a recreation project(s); and

WHEREAS, the City of Mebane shall bear the cost of constructing Fire Station Four, a Police Facility, and a recreation project(s) at an estimated cost of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEBANE THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby creates a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the following capital projects related to the City's General Fund:

Fire Station Four – estimated cost of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)

Police Facility – estimated cost of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)

Recreation project(s) – estimated cost of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)

Section 2. This Fund shall remain operational during the life of these projects.

Section 3. The City Council shall appropriate or transfer an amount of two cents of actual property tax collections each fiscal year to this Fund. The budget for FY23-24 is \$840,317.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective and binding upon its adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of July 2023.

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burkholder, to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith presented an item regarding the AIA Grant for the Study of Existing Water Infrastructure as related to the January 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR). He stated that staff is requesting approval of the American Rescue Plan Fund Acceptance Resolution and the Budget Ordinance Amendment, along with awarding Alley Williams Carmen & King, Inc. the engineering services for Asset Inventory and Assessment in the amount of \$300,000. He explained that as part of the revised Lead and Copper rules, the City is required to provide the State an inventory by January of 2024. In August of 2022, the City received a letter of intent to fund an Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant in the amount of \$300,000 through the American Rescue Plan. On November 28, 2022, the City put out a Request for Qualifications for qualified firms to submit a statement of qualifications to provide engineering and surveying services for the below objectives:

- Grant/Loan Administration
- GPS or Survey Mapping of Water Infrastructure
- Review of As-Builts confirming material type and age
- System Evaluations
- Lead and Copper Rule Revision Evaluation and Inventory Preparation

Alley Williams Carmen & King, Inc. was the only firm that submitted their statement of qualifications by the December 21, 2022, due date. On June 21, 2023 the City received the official Offer & Acceptance for American Rescue Plan Funding.

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Mr. White to approve the American Rescue Plan Fund Acceptance Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the related Budget Ordinance Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Burkholder made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hadley, to award Alley Williams Carmen & King, Inc. the engineering services for Asset Inventory and Assessment in the amount of \$300,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
FUND ACCEPTANCE
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund was established in S.L. 2021-180 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 to perform an Asset Inventory and Assessment study detailed in the submitted application; and

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

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

That the City of Mebane does hereby accept the American Rescue Plan (ARP) offer of \$300,000.00.

That the City of Mebane does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award

Offer will be adhered to.

That the City of Mebane, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the 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 10th day of July 2023.

Mayor Hooks called forward a woman that wished to speak earlier in the meeting.

Carolyn Burns, 600 Bunker Drive, Mebane, shared comments regarding her views on the previously discussed GARE organization. She encouraged Council to slow down, stating that Mebane can be a leader in equality for all but it requires much more forethought and ingenuity.

Mayor Hooks commended Public Works Director Chuck Smith and his employees for the great work they did on refurbishing some of the City's old Christmas star decorations and turning them into patriotic stars.

Mayor Hooks concluded the meeting with reading aloud announcements for upcoming City events.

Mr. Bradley commended the Recreation and Parks Department for the great job they did on the City's July 4th Celebration. He also thanked Public Works, Police and Fire.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

Ed Hooks, Mayor