

**MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Brevard met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jimmy Harris presiding.

The following were present: Mayor Jimmy Harris, Council Members Larry Canady, Rodney Locks, Mack McKeller, Mayor Pro Tem Mac Morrow and Dee Dee Perkins; City Manager Joe Moore, City Attorney Mike Pratt, and City Clerk Desiree Perry.

Staff: Fire Chief Craig Budzinski, Planning Dir. Josh Freeman, Bldg & Grounds Dir. Lynn Goldsmith, Police Chief Phil Harris, HR Dir. LeAnn McCraw, Admin Service Mgr. Callie Nef, Executive Assistant Jeanette Owen, and Finance Dir. Terry Scruggs.

Press: Derek McKissock, Transylvania Times

Welcome - Mayor Harris called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and introduced council members and staff.

Invocation and Pledge – Pastor Hank Moffitt, Brevard Wesleyan Church, offered the Invocation. Mayor Harris led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification of Quorum – The City Clerk certified a quorum present.

Agenda – Ms. Perkins moved, seconded by Mr. McKeller, the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Canady moved, seconded by Ms. Perkins, the January 24, 2010 meeting Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office – Oath of office was administered to Planning staff member, Ms. Callie E. Nef, Administrative Service Manager, by the City Clerk.

Special Presentation – Bomb Threat Debrief

Chief Phil Harris provided a power-point presentation and debrief on the recent bomb threat. He described an individual came into the Police Department on January 17th at 10:11 AM and staff became concerned due to the man's comments and actions, and the events following which led to an officer being told by this same man that there was a bomb in his vehicle. As appropriate for a bomb threat, Police advised and received assistance from the Henderson County Bomb Squad and the State Bureau of Investigations Bomb Squad. A 300 yard radius area from the vehicle location between the Sonic Restaurant and Food Lion Store was evacuated and secured providing safety for citizens and a clear area for officers and bomb technicians to work. Both the Brevard Fire Department and Public Services staff provided excellent assistance throughout the situation. The bomb tech determined there was no bomb, and around 6 PM all was clear and traffic resumed as usual. It is estimated the cost to the City's Police and Fire Departments to be about \$8,000.

Public Hearing - None

Public Participation – Prior to the meeting the following person(s) signed-up to speak:

Mr. Mal Johnson, 22 Lakeview Avenue, Brevard. Mr. Johnson asked Council the status on the street resurfacing study; asked if Council is considering negotiations with the County with respect to the Animal Shelter; and, shared it is unfortunate the County did not move more quickly to purchase the Vitalie property, and hopes if the City should have such an opportunity that they would quickly move forward to do so.

Mr. Pete Peters, 111 Park Avenue, Brevard. Mr. Peters stated construction signs have remained near the highways after the projects have been completed and feels the City and/or NC DOT should have them removed. (No specific location was stated or identified.)

Also, he is interested in having a recycling pickup at his commercial business located at 63 Four Seasons Plaza.

Consent Agenda – Mayor Harris explained Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion. He read aloud the one (1) item listed and asked if Council desired to remove the listed item for discussion, or, recommend adding any items to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. McKeller moved, seconded by Mr. Canady, the Consent Agenda as presented be approved. Motion carried unanimously. The following item was approved:

Consent Item #1 – Staff Reports by Brevard Police Department and Public Services Department.

Mayor Harris noted the Police Department report shows overall crime has dropped 11% from 2009 to 2010, which he believes to be the result of the Police Department's great management, supervisors and officers. He requested Chief Harris extend his appreciation to the Police Department staff.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Remarks by Officials

Mayor Harris encouraged people to attend the "Dancing with the Stars" a Arts Council fundraising event being held this coming Saturday night, February 12th.

Ms. Perkins provided Council members with the Transylvania County Sesquicentennial brochure that outlines the year long events. The opening ceremony is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 15th, 6:00 PM at the County Courthouse with a reception following at the Library.

Annual Council Retreat – The annual City Council Retreat will be held on Thursday, February 10th and Friday, February 11th, at the Schenck Job Corps.

Mr. Moore noted the printed Agenda shows a Closed Session; however, he believes it to be a misprint. Council and City Attorney confirmed there is no need for a closed session tonight.

Adjourn - There being no further business before Council, Mr. Locks moved, seconded by Mr. McKeller, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Desiree D. Perry
City Clerk

Jimmy Harris
Mayor

Minutes Approved:
March 7, 2011