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**STATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2025**

**EVENT CENTER – 300 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 9:00 A.M.**

**Council Present:** Mayor Hendrix presiding, Jones, Allison, Pressly, Robertson, Pressly, Pfeufer, Lawton

**Council Absent:** Pearson

**Staff Present:** Ron Smith, Messick, E. Kurfees, Bridges, Bailey, Vaughan, G. Kurfees, Harrell

**I. Welcome and Manager Overview – Ron Smith**

Smith welcomed the new Council and provided an overview of the meeting.

**II. Team Building – Charles Page**

Page asked what we would like to get out of today.

Council Member Allison stated knowledge to use it, fun, effective time

Council Member Lawton stated understanding of self and others in the room

Mayor Hendrix stated to seek to understand versus being understood

Council Member Jones wanted to get effective communication out of this meeting.

Council Member Pfeufer wanted to know how to work together to make a decision as a group.

Charles Page led the group through several team building exercises. He reviewed the DiSC assessment for each Council Member and how that can affect the team overall.

Charles Page led the group through creating a list of Norms for the group. Each Council Member provided ideas for the Norm list.

Transparency

Everyone has a voice.

Frequent communication to council and manager/staff

Staff/Council collaboration

Dedication

Demonstrate respect

Agree to disagree when necessary

Be informed and participate

Timeliness and attend and prepare for minutes

Open-minded

When problem arise, council needs to self-regulate

Be honest

In the case of mayor or council member misconduct, the council must self-regulate.

Page asked how the Council can hold each other accountable for this list of norms.

The group collectively decided to use communication without confrontation and to talk to the person individually first.

**III. Closed Session – Ron Smith**

**Council Member Pressly made a motion to go into closed session, and it was seconded by Council Member Lawton. The motion passed unanimously.**

- a. G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), Attorney-Client Privilege
- b. G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5), Property Disposition/Acquisition

Coming out of closed session, Mayor Hendrix stated that an attorney-client privilege and a property acquisition matter was discussed. No decisions were made.

#### **IV. Fire Station 5 – Glenn Kurfees**

Smith stated that this project has significant financial implications on next year's budget. He stated that the full cost of the salaries would be 3 cents on the tax rate.

Council Member Nicholson asked about the Absher Park Road bridge.

Council Member Pressly asked about the station study. Kurfees provided an overview of the station study.

#### **V. Bethlehem Road – Ron Smith**

Ferguson stated that this road realignment project has been discussed since 2019.

Smith stated that there is a discussion to try to get an aviation grant to add additional projects to it. Part of the funding stream is to request funds from the state.

Council Member Pressly asked for a project summary to send to the state legislators.

#### **VI. Emerging Issues – Ron Smith**

- a. Street Paving Costs

Bridges stated that the pavement index is 51 currently. There will not be much of a difference. The funding sources is approximately \$1 million in Powell Bill funds.

- b. Water and Sewer Rates

Vaughan outlined the water and sewer fees. He included the reasonings for the significant increase projected for this year.

- c. Growth Strategies

Smith stated that the Growth Strategies will be discussed at a later date.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

Mayor Hendrix asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Council Member Nicholson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pressly. The motion passed unanimously.**