# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Regular Meeting December 22, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Baker, Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2014: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Ridge to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent(Burch)

**ABSENT:** Mayor Burch.

Moved by Councilmember Dyer, supported by Johnston to excuse the absence of Mayor Burch. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Clay Summers, Eaton County Parks Director, introduced himself and gave a brief background of his experience. He stated he is looking forward to working with the park system.

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, stated that he has attended 21 out of 24 meetings in the year and urged council to make wise decisions in the coming year.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** None.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Conway to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **a)** Approve reappointment of Kim Curran to the Board of Review with term expiring 12/31/2019
- **b)** Approve purchase of Torque Tube purchase for WWTP in the amount of \$19,500.00 from Duperon
- c) Approve Resolution 2014-22 to approve meeting dates for Sustainability Committee for 2015
- d) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$511,073.77

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Moved by Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Ridge to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A. <u>CONSIDER ADOPTION OF BOND REFINANCE</u> ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CITY ORDINANCES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES TO PAY COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE A RESERVE FUND FOR THE REFUNDING BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEGREGATING AND DISTRIBUTING CERTAIN SYSTEM REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS;

# AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE REFUNDING BONDS.

#### THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:

- **Section 1. Definitions.** Except when the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply to terms used in this ordinance. Terms not defined in this section shall have the definitions provided by the Prior Ordinances (defined below).
- (a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
- (b) "Authorized Officer" means the City Manager or the Finance Director of the City or either one of them acting alone.
- (c) "Bondholder" or "Bondholders" means the holder or holders of the Bonds.
- (d) "Bonds" as defined in the Prior Ordinances shall include the Series 2015 Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds, and any additional Bonds of equal standing hereafter issued.
- (e) "Bonds to be Refunded" means such of the Series 2005 Bonds as the Authorized Officer determines to refund.
- (f) "City" means the City of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan.
- (g) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (h) "Escrow Agreement" means an Escrow Agreement which may be executed between the City and an Escrow Trustee providing for deposit of the proceeds of the Bonds with the Escrow Trustee for the purpose of investment and administration. (i) "Escrow Fund" means the Escrow Fund established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement for the purpose of paying principal, interest and redemption premiums, if any, on the Bonds to be Refunded being redeemed.
- (j) "Escrow Trustee" means a bank, trust company, or other organization designated by the Authorized Officer, and the

- Escrow Trustee under the Escrow Agreement, to administer the Escrow Fund pursuant to the terms of the Escrow Agreement.
- (k) "Government Obligations" means any bonds or other obligations not callable at the option of the City thereof, which as to principal and interest constitute direct obligations of the United States of America, or obligations the principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, including U.S. Treasury Trust Receipts, or any other obligations permitted under the terms of the Escrow Agreement.
- (l) "Paying Agent" means the paying agent designated and serving pursuant to section 8 of this ordinance.
- (m) "Prior Bonds" means the Series 2005 Bonds that remain outstanding.
- (n) "Prior Ordinances" means City Ordinance Number 99 1 and the Ordinance adopted on June 27, 2005, authorizing the issuance of the Series 2005 Bonds.
- (o) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" mean the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues," the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by the Prior Ordinances and this Ordinance.
- (p) "Sale Order" shall mean an order signed by the Authorized Officer with respect to the Series 2015 Bonds.
- (q) "Series 2005 Bonds" means the City's Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005, dated August 4, 2005.
- (r) "Series 2015 Bonds" means the City's Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, issued pursuant to this ordinance.
- (s) "System" means the entire water supply and sewage disposal system owned and operated by the City as defined in the Prior Ordinances.
- **Section 2. Necessity, Public Purpose**. It is determined to be necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the City to refund the Bonds to be Refunded.

**Section 3. Issuance of Bonds**. If the refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded would accomplish a net present value savings equal to at least 3% of the Bonds to be Refunded, bonds of the City designated Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, are authorized to be issued pursuant to Act 94 in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,700,000, as finally determined by the Authorized Officer in the Sale Order, for the purpose of refunding the Bonds to be Refunded as determined by the Authorized Officer and to pay the legal and financial expenses and all other expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds. Any remaining costs of the refunding shall be paid from such funds of the System as shall be determined by the Authorized Officer.

**Section 4. Period of Usefulness**. The estimated remaining period of usefulness of the improvements financed by the Series 2005 Bonds is determined to be in excess of 11 years.

**Section 5. Bond Terms**. The Series 2015 Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest, in denominations of \$5,000 each or any whole multiple of that amount not exceeding in any one year the amount maturing in that year. The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively in the order of their registration, shall be dated the date of delivery or such other date as determined by the Authorized Officer in the Sale Order, and shall mature serially or as term bonds subject to mandatory redemption as determined in the Sale Order. The Series 2015 Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 4.0% per annum, payable semiannually on the dates and at the rates determined in the Sale Order. The Series 2015 Bonds may be offered at a discount or a premium as determined in the Sale Order.

Section 6. Payment of Bonds; Pledge of Net Revenues. Principal of and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States to the person appearing on the Series 2015 Bond registration books as the registered owner thereof. Payment of principal of the Series

2015 Bonds shall be made at the principal office of the Paying Agent. Payment of interest on the Series 2015 Bonds shall be paid to the registered owner at the address as it appears on the registration books as of the determination date. Initially, the determination date shall be the date as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment; however, the determination date may be changed by the City to conform to market practice.

The principal of and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds, as Additional Bonds authorized by Prior Ordinances, shall be payable solely from the Net Revenues of the System and the Net Revenues of the System are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds. To secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds, there is created a statutory lien to and in favor of the Bondholders upon the Net Revenues of the System. The statutory lien on the Net Revenues securing the Series 2015 Bonds shall be a first lien of equal standing and priority with respect to the lien on the Net Revenues of the System securing such of the Prior Bonds as remain outstanding. The Net Revenues so pledged shall be and remain subject to such lien until the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Bonds or until the Bonds are defeased.

The Series 2015 Bonds, including both principal and interest thereon, shall not be a general obligation of the City and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City for the purpose of any debt limitations imposed by any constitutional or statutory provisions.

# Section 7. Prior Redemption.

(a) Mandatory Redemption. Principal designated as a term bond maturity in the Sale Order shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, by lot, at par plus accrued interest, on the redemption dates and in the amounts provided in the Sale Order. When term bonds are purchased by the City and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancelation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Series 2015 Bonds so redeemed in the order determined by the City.

(b) Optional Redemption. The Series 2015 Bonds shall not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

# Section 8. Paying Agent and Registration.

- (a) Appointment of Paying Agent. From time to time, the City shall designate and appoint a Paying Agent, which may also act as transfer agent and bond registrar. The initial Paying Agent shall be designated by the Authorized Officer. In the event of a change in the Paying Agent, notice shall be given in writing, by certified mail, to each Registered Owner not less than 60 days prior to the next interest payment date. The Paying Agent shall keep the official books for the recordation of the Registered Owners of Series 2015 Bonds.
- (b) Book-Entry Eligible. At the option of the initial purchaser of Series 2015 Bonds, Series 2015 Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only for as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York; if this option is selected, DTC will act as securities depository for Series 2015 Bonds, purchase of Series 2015 Bonds will be made in book-entry-only for, the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in Series 2015 Bonds purchased. Payment of principal and interest will be made by the Paying Agent to DTC.
- (c) Discontinuance of Book Entry Only. In the even the book-entry-only system is not selected or is discontinued, the following provisions would apply to Series 2015 Bonds. Series 2015 Bonds may be transferred only by submitting the same to the Paying Agent, together with a satisfactory instrument of transfer signed by the Registered Owner or his legal representative duly authorized in writing, after which a new Bond or Bonds shall be issued by the Paying Agent to the transferee (new registered owner) in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond submitted for transfer. No transfer of Series 2015 Bonds shall be valid unless and until recorded on the bond

registration books in accordance with the foregoing. The person in whose name any bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the City and the Paying Agent as the absolute owner thereof, and any payment of principal and interest on any Series 2015 Bond to the Registered Owner thereof shall constitute a valid discharge of the City's liability upon such Bond to the extent of such payment. No Series 2015 Bond shall be transferred less than 15 days prior to an interest payment date nor after the Series 2015 Bond has been called for redemption.

**Section 9. Bond Form.** The Series 2015 Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference, with such completions, changes, and additions as may be recommended by the City's bond counsel and approved by the officers of the City signing the Series 2015 Bonds.

**Section 10. Sale of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be sold at a public sale. The Authorized Officer shall set the date and time for sale of the Bonds, which date shall be at least seven (7) days after the publication of the official notice of sale. The City Clerk shall cause notice of the sale of the Bonds to be published in The Bond Buyer, which notice shall be in substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer.

The Bonds shall not be sold at a price that would make the true interest cost for the Bonds exceed three and 25/100 percent (3.25%) per annum or sold at a price less than 99% or more than 103% of their par value.

Section 11. Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer is designated, for and on behalf of the City, to do all acts and to take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Series 2015 Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the Authorized Officer is authorized within the limitations of this Ordinance to determine the specific interest rate or rates to be borne by the Series 2015 Bonds (provided that the True Interest Cost of the Series 2015 Bonds shall not exceed 3.25%), the principal amount, denominations, interest payment dates, dates of

maturities, and amount of maturities, the amount of good faith deposit, if any, optional and mandatory redemption rights, term bond options, the title of the Series 2015 Bonds, date of issuance, and other terms and conditions relating to the Series 2015 Bonds and the sale thereof. The Authorized Officer's approval of the terms shall be evidenced by his or her signature on the document or agreement stating such terms. The Authorized Officer is authorized for and on behalf of the City, without further City Council approval, to do all acts and take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Series 2015 Bonds, including to: (a) award the sale of the Series 2015 Bonds; (b) negotiate, approve, and execute the Escrow Agreement; and (c) apply to rating agencies for a rating on the Series 2015 Bonds.

The Authorized Officer, the Mayor, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, or any one or more of them, are authorized to execute, by manual or facsimile signature, any orders, receipts, agreements, pledge agreements, escrow agreements, bond purchase agreements, documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any issuer's certificate, any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules or regulations, and any applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury, including, but not limited to, the Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities. The Authorized Officer is authorized to select and retain on behalf of the City such professional services as the Authorized Officer deems necessary for the Series 2015 Bonds, including, but not limited to, a verification agent and an escrow trustee.

**Section 12**. **Execution of Bonds.** The Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the City are authorized and directed to sign the Series 2015 Bonds, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the City. Upon execution, the Series 2015 Bonds shall be delivered by the City Treasurer to the purchaser of the Series 2015 Bonds.

#### Section 13. Use of Bond Proceeds.

(a) Refunding Proceeds. A portion of the proceeds of the Series 2015 Bonds designated by the Authorized Officer to be used to refund the Bonds to be Refunded, together with any monies transferred by the City from the debt retirement funds and bond reserve account for the Bonds to be Refunded and any other funds made available by the City, all as determined by the Authorized Officer, shall be deposited in the Escrow Fund, to be used pursuant to the terms of the Escrow Agreement to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds to be Refunded, being called for redemption.

The Escrow Fund shall be held in trust by the Escrow Trustee pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, which agreement shall irrevocably direct the Escrow Trustee to take all necessary steps to call for redemption the Bonds to be Refunded, including publication and mailing of redemption notices, on the first call date on which the Bonds to be Refunded may be called for full redemption. The proceeds of the Series 2015 Bonds to be deposited in the Escrow Fund shall be invested in deposits of cash and/or Government Obligations. The investments held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the principal and interest payments received thereon will be sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Bonds to be Refunded being redeemed as they become due at their maturity or at the call for redemption required by this section.

The Authorized Officer is authorized to select the Escrow Agent, to approve and execute an Escrow Agreement, to determine which Series 2005 Bonds to refund and to take all other actions or sign any other documents, agreements, or certificates necessary to complete the refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded.

(b) Cost of Issuance Fund. The balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2015 Bonds shall be deposited into a fund to be designated "2015 Refunding Bonds Cost of Issuance Fund" to be used to pay legal, financing, or other expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds. Any amounts remaining after the payment of the costs of issuance shall be transferred to the Redemption Fund.

Section 14. **Bond Reserve Account**. The Bond Reserve Account in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, as established by the Prior Ordinances, shall be adjusted in such amounts so that upon issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds, the Bond Reserve Account shall total a sum equal to the lesser of (a) the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on the Bonds outstanding after issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds but not including the Bonds to be Refunded that have been defeased (the "Outstanding Bonds"); (b) 125% of the average annual debt service on the Outstanding Bonds; or (c) an amount equal to 10% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds. In the event that the amount in said Bond Reserve Account is greater than such largest annual debt service requirement, such excess amount shall be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. If it is necessary to increase the amount in the Bond Reserve Account, the City shall deposit a sum from the moneys on hand in the System prior to or concurrently with the delivery of the Series 2015 Bonds so that the Bond Reserve Account is fully funded as of the delivery of the Series 2015 Bonds.

Section 15. **Defeasance**. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional or mandatory redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this ordinance shall be defeased and the owners of the Series 2015 Bonds shall have no further rights under this ordinance except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2015 Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Series 2015 Bonds as provided herein.

**Section 16. Contract with Bondholders.** This ordinance shall constitute a contract between the City and the Bondholders

from time to time, and after the issuance of any of such Series 2015 Bonds, no change, variation, or alteration of the provisions of this ordinance may be made that would lessen the security for such Series 2015 Bonds. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforceable by appropriate proceedings taken by such Bondholder, either at law or in equity.

Section 17. Bonds Mutilated, Lost, or Destroyed. If any Bond shall become mutilated, the City, at the expense of the Bondholder, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the Paying Agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the Paying Agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both the City and the Paying Agent and indemnity satisfactory to the Paying Agent shall be given, the City, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor, which shall bear the statement required by Act 354, Public Acts of 1972, as amended, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Paying Agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 18. Municipal Bond Insurance. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to acquire municipal bond insurance to enhance the marketability of the Series 2015 Bonds. If the City acquires municipal bond insurance from a municipal bond insurer (the "Insurer"), the Authorized Officer, or any other officer of the City, is hereby authorized to take all actions, and to execute any documents, certificates, orders, applications, agreements, conditions, covenants or other instruments necessary to effectuate the issuance of the policy of bond insurance, including, but not limited to the execution of an order containing such provisions as the Insurer may require with respect to the insurance and the Insurer.

**Section 19. Official Statement.** The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute and deliver a

preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement on behalf of the City in such form as they deem necessary in order to assure that the statements therein are true and that it does not contain any untrue statement or material fact and does not omit a material fact necessary in order to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 20. **Continuing Disclosure**. If necessary, the City hereby authorizes the Authorized Officer to agree on behalf of the City to undertake continuing disclosure as issuer of the Series 2015 Bonds. Pursuant to the terms of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the City would provide, or cause to be provided, (a) certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, (b) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds, and (c) timely notice of a failure by the City to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date required in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The Authorized Officer is authorized to execute a Continuing Disclosure Agreement on behalf of the City in such form as the Authorized Officer shall determine, in consultation with bond counsel, to be appropriate.

**Section 21. Tax Covenant.** The City shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Series 2015 Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code, including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditures and investment of Series 2015 Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Series 2015 Bond proceeds.

**Section 22. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation.** The City reasonably anticipates that the amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations that will be issued by or on behalf of the City and all subordinate entities during the calendar year 2015 shall not exceed \$10,000,000. The City hereby designates the Series 2015

Bonds in their total principal amount as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Code Section 265(b)(3)(B).

**Section 23. Bond Counsel**. Dickinson Wright PLLC, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is appointed to act as bond counsel for the Series 2015 Bonds.

**Section 24. Financial Advisor**. Stauder, Barch & Associates is appointed to act as financial advisor for the Series 2015 Bonds.

**Section 25. Subject to Prior Ordinances.** Except to the extent supplemented or otherwise provided in this ordinance, all of the provisions and covenants provided in the Prior Ordinances shall apply to the Series 2015 Bonds.

**Section 26. Publication and Recordation**. This ordinance shall be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under state law to publish legal notices, and the same shall be recorded in the records of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and the City Clerk.

Section 27. Ordinance Subject to Michigan Law. The provisions of this ordinance are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

**Section 28. Section Headings**. The section headings in this ordinance are for convenience of reference only and are not a part of this ordinance.

**Section 29. Severability**. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 30. Effective Date.** Pursuant to Section 6 of Act 94, this ordinance shall be approved on the date of first reading and this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

YEAS: Council Members; Conway, Johnston, Dyer, Ridge, Sanders, Baker

NAYS: Council Members, None.

ABSTAIN: Council Members. None.

ABSENT: Council Members Mayor Burch

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

# <u>DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S</u> <u>PURCHASING POLICIES:</u>

City Manager Guetschow stated that this item of discussion is being brought before council to see if they feel a revision needs to be looked at for the current purchasing policy.

Discussion was held among councilmembers regarding the current purchasing policy and what changes would need to be made to help local bidders.

It was the desire of the council to have staff draft an ordinance amendment to the current purchasing policy and bring back for discussion.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** None.

<u>CITY MANAGER REPORT:</u> City Manager Guetschow reported that the Armory building has been inspected for asbestos and very little was found. The report will be coming in the near future with all of the results. There has been confirmation on the AT&T cable franchise and they should have services available soon. City Hall will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday for both Christmas and New Years and open on Friday of each week.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Coop met and they are still working on the softball fields and the web page should be available soon.
- Councilmember Conway stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in December.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, stated that he wished everyone a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. He encouraged council to use money wisely. He

stated that he calls Charlotte home and encouraged citizens to let their voice be heard and become involved.

# **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Conway stated that the sale of the property by the City garage took place in 2002. He stated that the Armory couldn't be turned into a business without zoning issues. He thanked staff for the state of the budget over the past few years. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked Clay Summers for attending and looks forward to working with him in the future. She thanked everyone for coming out to speak. She encouraged everyone to vote for the new board at the Chamber of Commerce. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for speaking. He stated that he would like to hear from more citizens. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Councilmember Johnston wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.
- Councilmember Dyer wished everyone a good New Year's and Christmas.

Councilmember Conway moved to adjourn at 7:42 P.M. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders	
Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk	