

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2006  
COUNCIL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 WEST CHURCH STREET  
5:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held a special meeting Thursday, May 4, 2006. The meeting was held in the upstairs council room of the Municipal Building beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Honorable Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Rembert DeBerry, Lisa D. Griswold, Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr.

Also present were: Craig F. Honeycutt, City Manager, and Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk.

Mayor Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**AWARD OF BIDS**

Mayor Slaughter stated that the purpose of the meeting is for discussion and possible approval of a demolition bid for the old Scotland County Memorial Hospital.

Bill Riemer, Director of Administration and Development, stated that bids were received Thursday, April 27, 2006. The apparent low bidder was Contaminant Control, Concord, North Carolina, in the amount of \$826,500.00. This amount is in excess of the funds available for the project.

Mr. Riemer introduced Mr. Michael W. Schrum, Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists, who put together the specifications for the demolition as well as the asbestos abatement plan for the project. Mr. Riemer then stated that the recommendation for this project is that Council approve the apparent low bid subject to such reductions in price as may be negotiated through value engineering. He then stated that he and Mr. Schrum have met with the general contractor and have negotiated a lower price. He informed Council that a meeting is also scheduled next week with the general contractor in order to re-negotiate further the price and try to decrease the amount even more.

Mr. Schrum stated that with the negotiations thus far have resulted in a decrease of \$28,500.00.

Following further discussions concerning re-negotiations and safety issues, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, and unanimously carried to award contract to the low bidder, Contaminant Control, in an amount not to exceed \$826,500.00 less such adjustment as may be negotiated through value engineering.

Upon further discussion, it was the consensus among Councilmembers that staff send notices to the residents in the area regarding the start date as well as other pertinent information concerning the project. They also directed the City Manager to provide appropriate press releases to the media with the same information.

Mayor Slaughter thanked Mr. Riemer and Mr. Schrum for the work they have done on the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember DeBerry, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor

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Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk