

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
AGENDA WORKSHOP
APRIL 13, 2010
W. CHARLES BARRETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
305 WEST CHURCH STREET
LAURINBURG, NC
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held an agenda meeting April 13, 2010 at 7:0 p.m. in the conference room of the W. Charles Barrett Administration Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Kenton Spencer and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. Councilmembers Thomas W. Parker, III and Amanda Doerffel were absent.

Also present were Edward F. Burchins, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk and Charles L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Block called the meeting to order. Councilmember Leak gave the invocation.

Councilmember Leak reported that the event for the 2010 Census that was held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 was very successful.

Mayor Block reviewed the proposed consent agenda.

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the meetings of December 22, 2009; January 11, 2010; January 19, 2010; January 21, 2010; and January 23, 2010
- b. Resolution No. R-2010-08 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents related to the FY 09 Community Development Block Grant #09-C-2015
- c. Contracts for Professional Services for a preliminary plan for architectural drawings for a proposed Recreation/Community Center
- d. Set public hearing to be held May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs council room of the Municipal Building on a request to rezone from Industrial to General Business property located at 10301 McColl Rd./US 15-401 South
- e. Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Participation
- f. North Carolina Rural Water Association, Inc. - Annual Business Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates

There was a brief discussion on the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Participation and the annual business meeting. The items below are for review and discussion:

2. Ordinance No. O-2010-07 which rezones from Residential-15/General Business to Residential-6 44.08 acre tract of land adjacent to the College Park Subdivision along Emily Drive
 - a. *No discussion-information only - public hearing*
3. Conditional Use Permit to develop a single family subdivision on a 44.08 acre tract of land adjacent to the College Park Subdivision
 - a. *No discussion-information only - public hearing*
4. Quarterly Financial Report
 - a. *The Finance Director reported on the quarterly financial status of the City from July 2009 to March 2010. The benchmark for this timeframe is 75%. General fund revenues are at 78.47%; General Fund expenses are at 73.5%. There was a brief discussion on the City Manager's travel expenditure and capital purchase (meetings attended, computer crashed); an update followed on each department-remove from agenda.*
The City Manager advised Council that a street resurfacing list is available for review.
5. Gas Fueling System - Public Works

- a. *Harold Haywood, General Services Director, reported on the joint City/County Fueling Facility which houses seven underground storages tanks. There are five steel tanks that are over their expected life span. During requirement testing, two steel diesel tanks failed their test. The next steps will be to either replace the tanks or eliminate the tanks. Included in the five-year plan is a plan to remove all five tanks - proposal is to not replace the five tanks that are over their life span and because the two fiberglass tanks - one for gas, one for diesel - these will be sufficient for use - remove from agenda.*
6. Mowing Contract – US 401/501 Bypass
 - a. *Stacey McQuage, Utilities Director, reported that the proposal is for the City to take over the mowing of all contracted mowing services.*
7. Recycling Cart Grant
 - a. *Harold Haywood reported that the City of Laurinburg was one of nine municipalities that was awarded a grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) in the amount of \$100,000.00. This would assist in replacing the current recycling bins with 95-gallon carts over a period of three years.*
8. Budget Calendar
 - a. *The City Manager stated that the proposed dates for beginning budget workshops would be the week of May 24-28, 2010 if Council so desires - remove from agenda.*

Councilmember Spencer stated that he would like to receive any budget information electronically.

The City Manager informed Council that a citizen had called and complained about land clearing that had taken place on Blue's Farm Road. He also reminded Council that this issue was brought to his attention by citizens in another subdivision. He asked Council if staff could research what other municipalities require when someone begins to clear land. A consensus was given to have Planning Board research this issue.

The City Manager stated that there is a group called the Phoenix Housing Community Development Corporation that desires to clean up the Newtown area in Laurinburg. They have proposed to have a clean up day on June 6, 2010 which will involve volunteers from churches and the area. He informed Council that City crews will help. It will be a pilot project for City crews to work side by side with people in the community, help them clean up this area and, if successful, it could be a program that would be moved from neighborhood to neighborhood. He explained that the thought process is to take down several homes that are not occupied and possibly burn them down to give our firefighters practice in putting out residential fires. Other ideas are to clean up the overgrown trees, vines, and try to make the neighborhood look different and then go in and work closely with the Phoenix group to build new homes. Assistance would be sought from other groups that have completed these type projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Matthew Block, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk