

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

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held an agenda meeting July 13, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Herbert M. Rainer, Jr., Thomas W. Parker, III, Kenton Spencer and Joy Ellison.

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 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Spencer gave the innovation.

The City Manager reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting to be held July 20, 2010. He explained that at this time there are no items for the consent agenda.

1. Consider piggyback bidding opportunity for the purchase of an Automated Leaf Vacuum Truck (in order to qualify, must be acted on before July 16 meeting)
 - a. *Mr. Harold Haywood asked that Council consider acting on this item at this meeting in order to qualify for the piggyback bidding rules*

Councilmember Leak motioned to award the piggyback bid for an Automated Leaf Vacuum Truck to Virginia Truck Center, Inc. in the amount of \$115,645.00. Councilmember Rainer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Consider Ordinance No. O-2010-14 which amends Chapter 16, Article II. Nuisances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurinburg (upholstered furniture)
 - a. *Councilmember Ellison asked if the City had an ordinance on paving entrances to businesses that use gavel for entryways. Staff will research.*
3. Consider replacing existing position for the Public Works Department (Street Department) and the Waste/Wastewater Treatment Plants
 - a. *The City Manager stated this position is a supervisory position in Public Works Street Department. They are also two positions in the Waste/Wastewater Treatments.*

There was a consensus among Councilmembers that those departments that have a budgeted position and it becomes vacant that the position can be filled without coming before Council.

4. Consider Ordinance No. O-2010-15 which amends the 2010-2011 Budget Appropriations Ordinance (O-2010-12) \$5,489 from the Contingency (990-509900)-to Administrative-Salaries (420-500200) \$3,100, FICA (420-500500)-\$237, Retirement (420-500700)-\$197, 401K Contribution (420-500800) \$155, Car Allowance (420-503100)-\$1,800
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and this item will move to the consent agenda*

5. Adjustment to City Manager's Contract
 - a. *The City Manager informed Council that he had additional moving expenses to be moved from Wilmington in addition to Raleigh and this is to inform Council.*
6. Consider Resolution No. R-2010-11 which is the process for the second year of a four-year grant of the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program /Report on issue Downtown
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and the item was moved to the consent agenda*
7. Consider Resolution No. R-2010-12 which declares cost, exclusive of costs incurred at street intersections, and ordering preparation of a Preliminary Assessment roll, and setting time and place for public hearing on preliminary assessment roll for Deluca Street
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and the item was moved to the consent agenda*
8. Consider Resolution No. R-2010-13 which declares cost, exclusive of costs incurred at street intersections, and ordering preparation of a Preliminary Assessment roll, and setting time and place for public hearing on preliminary assessment roll for Peele Street
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and the item was moved to the consent agenda*
9. Consider Resolution No. R-2010-14 which directs the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a petition received for annexation inside the City Limits (Wagram Rd.-St. Johns Holiness Church)
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and moved to the consent agenda*
10. Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation (recommendation from LDRC-Neil Smith-Plaid Piper)
 - a. *A brief discussion was held and appointment will be made at regular meeting.*
11. Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation
 - a. *Mayor Block discussed taking steps to improve the downtown area. Parking issues, the planters downtown, parking lot behind the old Firestone, old Market Furniture Building and several other concerns were mentioned. He also mentioned the idea of the downtown area being involved in the "Main Street" Program. A full time director would need to be put in place to participate in the "Main Street" Program. A discussion ensued regarding LDRC and consensus was that the City would leave the operation to them.*
12. Update on the water system-Consolidation with Scotland County
 - a. *The City Manager stated that there have been discussion between him and the County Manager concerning consolidating the County's two water districts with the City. He discussed financing, a Water District Board, and other criteria that the City would have to complete in order to take the County system over-No decision*
13. Update on open gyms situation
 - a. *The City Manager explained that Scotland County Recreation Department and a number of volunteers and the school system have developed a program called GYM-Growing Young Minds-staged structured activities-There will be someone to address Council regarding this program*

14. Discussion regarding an early fall retreat-what items to be on it and when
 - a. *Council is to decide topics for retreat*

15. Fire Department Update
 - a. *The City Manager stated he had appointed Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Evans to be Interim Fire Chief until a decision had been made about a new fire Chief. There will be a fence installed around the Fire Tower. There was further discussing regarding fencing the perimeter of the property at the North Fire Station. The City Manager stated that there is a severe problem with bats at the Fire Station as well as one of the air conditioning units that need to be dealt with. He stated that he would like to bring in a professional fire fighter or consultant to do an evaluation of the Fire Department and the fire trucks and to report back to Council in order to make a decision about the condition of the Fire Department.*

Councilmember Leak stated that he did not see any reason for a consultant. The previous Fire Chief presented Council with a needs assessment for the Fire Department in a meeting in 2007.

Upon question by Councilmember Ellison, the City Manager stated with would take 60-90 days to conduct an assessment of the Fire Department.

Councilmember Parker suggested that the City Manager bring before Council a proposal on how the Fire Department should be structured and then Council ca review the proposal and then take action.

Consensus of Council is that the City Manager investigate hiring a consultant for the Fire Department.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEES FOR SWEEPSTAKE CAFÉS

Councilmember Parker stated that the question has been asked whether the privilege license fee should be paid for sweepstake cafés since they will be banned December 1, 2010. The Assistant City Attorney stated that the ordinance says “no license tax, the payment of which is required under this article shall be abated nor shall any refund of any part thereof be made in any case where the licensee discontinues his business before the end of the period for which such license was issued.

He stated that this ordinance should be followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.