

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 13, 2010
W. CHARLES BARRETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
305 WEST CHURCH STREET
LAURINBURG, NC
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its October 12, 2010 workshop meeting recessed on that date until this date and time, October 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the conference room of the W. Charles Barrett Administrative Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. and Kenton T. Spencer. Councilmember Parker arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Also present were: Edward F. Burchins, City Manager and Dolores A. Hammond City Clerk.

Mayor Block reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The City Manager gave a brief history of the relationship with Datamatic, Ltd., a company which specializes in automated meter reading. He explained that in 2006 the City looked at ways to be more efficient and reduce labor in the City's meter reading process. The City piggybacked a bid from Goldsboro, NC to purchase equipment from Datamatic, Ltd. Fireflies were purchased which were installed in meters in order to acquire meter readings electronically. The equipment did not work properly and to this date, that equipment is not operable. Following a lengthy time frame, and then the absence of a City Manager, he had contacted Datamatic, Ltd. to try and come up with a solution to replace the fireflies that the City had purchased.

The City Manager explained that a pilot study for the meter equipment has been conducted with a more sophisticated firefly than originally purchased.

Mr. Richard Sanders stated that its firefly system would help the City of Laurinburg with automated meter reading.

Mr. Sanders explained the difference in the previous equipment purchased, which is now outdated, and the new MOSAIAC FIREFLY. He stated that the problem with the City's current equipment is not a product problem but an environmental problem.

He then explained the MOSAIAC FIREFLY equipment and the warranty included. He further explained that Datamatic is offering the City a full credit for the purchase price for the previous fireflies with a full deployment of the new fireflies.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was consensus among Councilmembers that Mr. Sanders draft a contract for Council to review to purchase automated meter reading devices for the City of Laurinburg.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Matthew Block, Mayor Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk