

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
LAURINBURG, NC
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its regular monthly meeting February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, Herbert M. Rainer, Jr., Kenton T. 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 7:07 p.m. Councilmember Leak gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Manager presented the Consent Agenda indicating all items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote.

The City Manager reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from the workshop January 12, 2011 and the regular meeting held January 18, 2011
- b. Authorize City Manager to execute contract for Mosquito Control
- c. Set public hearing on a conditional use permit requested by Michael's Amusements, Inc. for a carnival at the location of 900 US 15-401 By-Pass-March 31, 2011 - April 10, 2011
- d. Consider Resolution No. R-2011-02 which sets public hearing on a request for voluntary annexation by New Hope Baptist Church (property located on Hasty Road)
- e. Fireworks Contract for Fireworks Display – July 4, 2011

The City Manager explained that the January 12, 2011 agenda workshop minutes were not included in the agenda packet. They were, however, now available for each Councilmember. He stated that Council could remove this item from the Consent Agenda and not act on it until the March meeting or take a few minutes to read over them and approve.

Councilmembers reviewed the minutes from the agenda workshop of January 12, 2011.

Councilmember Parker asked that Item e-Fireworks Contract for Fireworks Display be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately.

Councilmember Rainer moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda, Items a-d with Item e being discussed and voted on separately. Councilmember Spencer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Rainer, Spencer, Parker, Leak, Rainer

Nays: None

FIREWORKS CONTRACT

Councilmember Parker stated that he felt that City should not fund the fireworks because of the economic crisis throughout the County and State. He also cited the fact that the State Budget has not been set and that some additional burden may fall upon cities and counties.

Councilmembers Leak, Spencer, Rainer, Ellison expressed their desire to continue the fireworks display for the citizens of Laurinburg and Scotland County.

Councilmember Leak asked if the Scotland County of Commissioners had agreed to jointly fund this project.

The City Manager stated he had discussed the fireworks display with the County Manager and that the County has allocated funding for half the cost of the contract for the fireworks. The City's cost would be \$5,500.00 which would also be the cost to the County.

Councilmember Rainer motioned to fund \$5,500.00 of the fireworks display. Councilmember Leak seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilmember Parker was the only dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-03 WHICH REZONES FROM RESIDENTIAL-20 TO OFFICE/INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY LOCATED OFF HASTY ROAD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH

Mayor Block declared the public hearing open. He then asked that Mrs. Brandi Deese, City of Laurinburg Zoning Officer, present Council with background information on the proposed request.

Mrs. Brandi Deese, Zoning Officer, stated that New Hope Baptist Church has requested that an 18.787 tract of land located off Hasty Road be rezoned from Residential-20 to Office/Institutional (O/I). She explained that the request would allow for construction of a proposed church facility at this location. She then informed Council that this property is surrounded by farm land, Fox Run Apartments, Camellia Acres Subdivision and is in close proximity to the Office/Institutionally zoned property owned by St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

She then explained that this request will be in harmony with the surrounding area and the uses permitted in the O-I zone would not create a significant impact on the surrounding property. Approval of this request is recommended. Planning Board heard this request at its January 13th, 2011 meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

Dr. Thomas Marshall, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, informed Council that the congregation is presently meeting at Avinger Hall at St. Andrews Presbyterian College on Sundays and at Scotland Place on Wednesdays. He explained that the church had recently purchased the property in order to construct their church with the possibility of expanding in the

future. He also outlined the layout of the proposed church.

There was no one to speak against this request.

Mayor Block closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Ellison moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. O-2011-03 which rezones certain the property located off Hasty Road from Residential-20 to Office/Institutional in order to construct a worship center and Sunday school space as such rezoning is:

- Consistent with other development in the area;
- Advances the public health, safety or welfare; and
- Provides a positive impact to the public at large.

Councilmember Rainer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ellison, Rainer, Spencer, Parker, Leak

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2011-03 is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT 44-ONE STORY ELDERLY APARTMENTS ON PLAZA ROAD

Mayor Block declared the public hearing open and requested that Mrs. Brandi Deese provide background information on the request.

Mrs. Brandi Deese, first duly affirmed, stated that Mr. Tommy Ward of Gateway Construction of Florence, Alabama has requested that a conditional use permit be granted to construct a 44-unit multi-family housing complex on a 5.89 acre site off Plaza Road. The application for the conditional use permit was reviewed by staff where it was determined that:

- The subject property is located within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Laurinburg.
- The application is complete
- The proposed development is in substantial compliance with the regulatory provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance.

She concluded by stating that Planning Board concurred with these findings at its January 11, 2011 meeting and by 6-0 vote recommended that a conditional use permit be granted in this matter.

Mr. Thomas Ward, first duly sworn, explained the proposed apartment complex as being a one story complex for the elderly (55 years and older) as well as being handicapped accessible. He stated that these units would be built under the application of the North Carolina Tax Credit program for affordable housing.

He informed Council that his company has built apartments in Rockingham, Lincolnton, and Wilmington, North Carolina. He stated that this project as already been awarded a \$352,000.00 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank in Atlanta, Georgia. He explained that they have

applied to the State of North Carolina for potential tax credits.

Mr. Ward stated that this project is over \$4,000,000.00 and that ad valorem taxes would be paid.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Mr. Ward stated that there is an income threshold where an applicant has to qualify with 50% or 60% of area median income.

Upon question by Councilmember Parker, Mr. Ward stated that if the North Carolina Tax Credit application is not approved, the project will not be built.

Upon question by Councilmember Ellison, Mr. Ward explained that amenities, other than an emergency pull cord, will be a clubhouse which also has a laundry facility. He stated that the clubhouse has a community room with a kitchen. He then explained that there will also be a computer lab with two computers. There is also a gazebo and a picnic area.

Mr. Ward explained that children are not allowed to live in the complex. He reiterated that the complex is an elderly apartment facility for 55-year old or older residents. The exception would be if there are couples with one of the spouses younger than 55 years of age.

Ms. Tammy Odom, first duly sworn, stated that she is the property manager of Plaza Terrace. She stated that the Plaza Terrace apartments are located next to the proposed site of the apartments. She explained that she is not appearing in opposition to the request but that during the Laurinburg Planning and Zoning Board meeting Mr. Ward stated that there would be fencing on the west side and along the back side of the proposed project, but fencing is not proposed to be installed between the Plaza Terrace apartments and the proposed apartments.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Ward stated that he would not have a problem putting up additional fencing between the proposed apartments and Plaza Terrace.

There was no one else to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Block then closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Parker motioned to approve the conditional use permit for the construction of 44-one story elderly apartments on Plaza Road based on the following findings of fact:

- The development is within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Laurinburg;
- The application is complete;
- The development is in substantial compliance with the regulatory provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance;
- The request will not materially endanger the public health or safety;
- The request will not substantially injure the value of the adjoining or abutting property;
- The request will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located;
- The request will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan, Thoroughfare Plan or other plan officially adopted by Council; and
- The conditions should include a buffer as specified to be installed on the two sides and the rear, said buffer to consist of a 6-foot high privacy fence with material in good taste subject to the developers choice of vinyl or wood

Councilmember Rainer seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

DELEGATION

Mayor Block explained that Mr. Mark Roberts, NC Department of Commerce Certified Retirement Community Program was not able to attend.

TAXATION

Ms. Janice Morrison, City Tax Collector, explained that as required by G.S. 105-369(a), on the second Monday in February of each year, the municipal tax collector must report to the governing board the total of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. Ms. Morrison stated that there is \$266,309.58 in outstanding taxes that are liens on real property. G.S. 105-369(a) further states that the governing body shall thereupon order the tax collector to advertise liens. Ms. Morrison respectfully requested the order to advertise for March 9, 2011.

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried that the City Tax Collector be authorized to advertise the list of delinquent taxpayers on March 9, 2011.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2010 TAX LEVY

Ms. Janice Morrison, City Tax Collector, requested that the following adjustments be made to the 2010 tax levy:

RELEASES

NAME	PP/RE	Bill#	VALUE	YR	RATE	TAXES	REASON
Betty J Brown	RE	2203	11070	2010	0.42	46.49	Fire
Joyce F Campbell	RE	3235	15250	2010	0.42	64.05	SC Exemption
Dr Hugh McCarn Jr	RE	482	150010	2010	0.42	630.04	Garage/Porch
EZ Acctg Tax Service	PP	198	2537	2010	0.42	10.66	No Situs
Patricia C Locklear	RE	990	86330	2010	0.42	362.59	Prop Transfr
Paul Henry Powell	PP	506	1000	2010	0.42	10.50	MH Deprec Value
Platinum Gaming	PP	498	45658	2010	0.42	191.76	Situs
Sam Butler-Svc Thrd	PP	551	140108	2010	0.42	588.45	Situs
Scotland Broadcastg	PP	558	40901	2010	0.42	171.78	Prop Transf
St Moritz Bldg Svc	PP	603	1967	2010	0.42	8.26	Situs
Thomas McGirt	PP	8613	700	2009	0.42	2.94	MV Not in City
Wells Fargo Fin	PP	684	5043	2010	0.42	21.18	Equipmnt Situs
Various Accts	RE	multiple	106774	2009	0.42	448.45	Senior Citzn

Various Accts RE multiple 79591 2009 0.42 334.28 Veteran's Exemption

Ms. Morrison also reported the following Discoveries:

DISCOVERIES

NAME	PP/RE	PROPERTY	VALUE	YR	RATE	TAXES	REASON
AT&T Communicat.	PP	8216	434460	2010	0.42	1824.73	Public Service Co
AT & T	PP	8217	8712840	2010	0.42	36593.93	Public Service Co
EJ Pope & Sons CSX	PP	8227	133020	2010	0.42	558.68	Public Service Co
Transportation	PP	8218	675470	2010	0.42	2836.97	Public Service Co
DUKENET Communic	PP	8220	240920	2010	0.42	1011.86	Public Service Co
Greyhound Lines	PP	8219	17300	2010	0.42	72.66	Public Service Co
L'burg/Southern RR	PP	8221	197350	2010	0.42	828.87	Public Service Co
Level 3 Communicat	PP	8228	18240	2010	0.42	76.61	Public Service Co
Lumbee River EMC	PP	8222	120500	2010	0.42	506.10	Public Service Co
NC EMC	PP	8223	6310	2010	0.42	26.50	Public Service Co
Piedmont Nat Gas	PP	8224	3006650	2010	0.42	12627.93	Public Service Co
Progress Energy	PP	8225	2438320	2010	0.42	2438320	Public Service Co
TWC Digital Phone	PP	8229	40070	2010	0.42	168.29	Public Service Co
Qual Pak LLC	PP	6026	94420	2010	0.42	396.56	County Valuation
Eva Jones	RE	13-28-15	64250	2010	0.42	269.85	County Valuation
David Wilkins	RE	19-1-9	86330	2010	0.42	362.59	Prop Transfr

Councilmember Rainer pointed out that it appears there needs to be a correction on Progress Energy. He stated that in the taxes column of the discoveries there should be a decimal point. He further explained that it appears the amount should be \$10, 204.94.

Ms. Morrison stated that she would correct the error.

Councilmember Rainer motioned to approve the releases and discoveries with the correction in the discoveries taxes column as pointed out. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Leak and it unanimously carried.

CITY OF LAURINBURG QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Cindy Carpenter, Finance Director, informed Council that the report shows revenues and a comparison of budget verses expenditures for the time period July 2010-December 2010, or 50%

of the 2010-2011 Budget Year. She reported that the revenue in all funds covers the expenditures.

Upon question by Mayor Block, she stated that is nothing out of the ordinary for this time frame.

CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAURINBURG AND LMK COMMUNICATIONS (CLARITY COMMUNICATIONS) FOR INTERNET SERVICE

The City Manager explained that this agreement allows LMK Communications, LLC to provide internet services for the City. This company is now providing the services that Schoollink, Inc. was once providing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to execute agreement between the City of Laurinburg and LMK Communications (Clarity Communications) for internet service.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-04 WHICH AMENDS THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. O-2010-12) BY ALLOCATING THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: \$233,400 FROM FIBER LEASING - (30-437701) TO FIBER OPTIC - (833-504500)-CONTRACT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,741.20 AND ELECTRIC CONTINGENCY-(991-509900) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,658.80

The City Manager explained this budget amendment needs to be adopted in order to expend monies and receive monies for the City of Laurinburg's Fiber Optic system from LMK Communications (Clarity Communications). He further explained that these monies were not included in the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget because of pending issues with Schoollink, Inc.

He explained that the City will receive \$233,400.00 in fiber leasing fees from LMK Communications (Clarity Communications). He also explained that the contract for services is a total of \$37,741.20 which leaves a total of \$195,658.80 to be put into the Electric Fund Contingency.

Councilmember Parker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. O-2011-04 which amends the budget Appropriation Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-2010-12) by allocating the following amounts: \$233,400 from fiber leasing-(30-437701) to fiber optic-(833-504500)-contract services in the amount of \$37,741.20 and electric contingency-(991-509900) in the amount of \$195,658.80. Councilmember Rainer seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Parker, Leak, Ellison, Rainer, Spencer

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2011-04 is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-05 WHICH AMENDS THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS (\$9,000.00) FROM CONTINGENCY (990-509900) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (530-501600) MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT

The City Manager explained that this amendment is for maintenance and repairs to fire equipment. He stated that the request is for \$9,000.00 from the contingency line item to be put into the fire department maintenance and repair of equipment line item.

Chief John Evans explained that over the past several months the Fire Department has experienced major problems with the City's fire trucks. He then explained that due to earlier repairs the maintenance and repair line item has been depleted. He stated that there is a need for the budget amendment in order to have the necessary funds to repair the presently existing problems with the trucks.

Councilmember Parker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. O-2011-05 which amends the Budget Appropriation Ordinance to transfer funds (\$9,000.00) from Contingency (990-509900) to the fire department (530-501600) maintenance & repair of equipment. Councilmember Spencer seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Parker, Spencer, Rainer, Ellison, Leak

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2011-05 is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

AWARD TO LOW BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM PUMPER FOR THE LAURINBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Evans explained that four bids were received on February 1, 2011. He stated that Slagle's Fire Equipment and Supply of West Columbia, South Carolina was the low bidder at \$376,631.00.

Councilmember Rainer expressed that Councilmember Leak has concerns regarding the South Carolina company. He stated that the preference is that someone in North Carolina be given the contract.

Upon question by Councilmember Rainer, Chief Evans stated that the next low bid was Crimson Fire, West Jefferson, North Carolina in the amount of \$387,868.00.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, the Finance Director stated that the piggyback process was researched and was found to cost more than the bid received with the requirements needed by the Fire Department.

Upon question by Councilmember Parker, the Finance Director stated that she would review the bid packet in order to determine whether the City can negotiate with the next low bidder. She further stated that the next low bidder did not meet all of the criteria that the low bidder met.

Councilmember Ellison expressed her desire to negotiate with the bidders if the bid packet allows.

Councilmember Parker motioned, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried that this item be tabled and that staff review the bids and negotiate the price if the bid specifications allow the same to take place.

AWARD TO LOW BIDDER THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE WEST BOULEVARD DCA PROJECT (SCOTTISH GLEN PHASE II)

Brandi Deese explained that the City received a grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce (Division of Community Assistance-DCA) in the amount of \$250,000.00. This grant will allow the installation of 1,300 feet of sanitary sewer, storm drainage, sidewalks, the widening of the road and a turning lane all in conjunction with the West Boulevard DCA Project (Scottish Glen Phase II). She reported that six bids were received for this project. She stated that Hudson Paving of Rockingham, North Carolina was low bidder and is recommending award of the contract to Hudson Paving.

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to award to the low bidder of Hudson Paving of Rockingham, North Carolina in the amount of \$239,289.00 the sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and street improvements contract for the West Boulevard DCA Project.

CITY OF LAURINBURG YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Spencer explained that the Youth Council has met twice and the next meeting is next week. He stated that there are two projects that the Youth Council is pursuing. One is revitalizing the Learning Center on Stewartville Road to incorporate it into a resource center for the community as well as for the City. The second project is the summer program in regards to recreational activities for the youth. He then stated that these items will be discussed at Council's retreat.

He explained that a fundraiser will be implemented at the end of March. There will a t-shirt design for the City of Laurinburg Youth Council.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Councilmember Spencer stated that there is \$2,800.00 remaining in the Youth Council line item from a budgeted amount of \$5,000.00.

LAURINBURG/MAXTON AIRPORT

The City Manager stated that at the agenda workshop held Tuesday, February 15, there was a discussion regarding the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport runway paving project. He informed Council that investigation was made of the City's ability to transfer funds to the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport for the runway paving with the understanding that the funds would be repaid. He stated that if the City transferred \$500,000.00 with the funds to be repaid over a period of five years the City would not need Local Government Commission (LGC) approval. The annual payments from the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport (LMA) Commission would be approximately \$110,000.00 per year at a 4% interest rate.

He then explained that originally the discussion centered on a ten-year pay back in which the payments would be in the range of \$59,000.00-\$61,000.00. He explained that it takes four weeks

from the date of a formal application to the LGC to obtain approval to loan/borrow funds with a ten-year pay back. He stated that the City has the information to make formal application to the LGC. He further stated that if Council would like to proceed with a ten-year pay back, then the City would proceed with formal application to the LGC. He explained that he did not feel there would be a problem in collateralizing the debt.

He stated that the City Attorney and the Airport Attorney have discussed and will talk further about developing a memorandum of understanding or contract to lay out the terms of the arrangement and other legal matters that may need to be completed.

He then stated that staff would like to proceed with a formal application to the LGC for borrowing funds to pave the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport Runway.

Councilmember Parker, an Airport Commission member, stated that there was discussion about applying to Golden Leaf for a grant.

Councilmember Spencer, also an Airport Commission member, explained that a prerequisite for a Golden Leaf grant is that there be an existing industrial partner to create jobs. He feels it would, therefore, be a long shot to ask the Golden Leaf for a grant.

Councilmember Spencer inquired as to the likelihood that the LGC would allow the City to borrow the money.

The City Manager stated that the City could investigate the five-year pay back and ask LMA if it can afford annual payments of \$110,000.00 year payment and, if so, the City could transfer the funds itself from the Electric Fund.

Councilmember Leak stated that he thought that LMA was requesting \$600,000.00.

Councilmember Spencer stated that there was discussion about the \$600,000.00 but in reality the amount is \$455,000.00.

Councilmember Parker stated that with rising costs since the original bid, the cost could rise to \$500,000.00.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Councilmember Spencer stated that the LMA Commission will meet on Thursday, February 24, 2011 to discuss the matter.

Upon question by Councilmember Ellison, Councilmember Parker explained that LMA has a company that has an escalating lease at the airport, and LMA anticipates the pay back to the City would come from the lease payments.

Following further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to move forward to take the necessary steps so that if the City needs LGC approval for the proposed transfer, it can obtain it.

Councilmember Leak then suggested that if all Boards do not agree with the proposed terms, then the City should not move forward with the transfer.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Block stated that there are two appointments that need to be filled or reappointed to the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation. He explained that one is the reappointment of the City Manager if Council so desires and the other is because of a resignation by one of the members.

Councilmember Leak recommended John Alford be appointed as he owns property in the area and is also a Scotland County Commissioner.

Councilmember Rainer motioned to reappoint the City Manager to serve a term of two years which expires June 30, 2012. He also motioned to appoint John Alford to fill the unexpired term which will also end June 30, 2012. Councilmember Leak seconded the motions and they were unanimously carried.

SUPPORT LETTER

Mayor Block stated that Mrs. Jan Schmidt, Storytelling Art Center, has requested a support letter from the Mayor and Council to support a grant that the Art Center is applying. There are no funds involved from the City.

There was consensus among Councilmembers to have the Mayor draft a letter of support for the grant that the Storytelling Art Center is seeking.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

There were no comments from members of Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Parker stated that the Lumber River Council of Governments had its annual retreat and the main topic was sustainability. He indicated that his fear from the State budget cuts is that there are things that may be passed on to the County. He stated that the City would need to get creative during the budget process.

Upon question by Mayor Block, some of the proposals from the State are that Counties need to take over state road maintenance and provide school buses both of which are now State functions.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:30 p.m., Councilmember Parker motioned to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss the qualifications, competency performance, character, fitness, condition of appointment or conditions of initial appointment of an individual public officer or employee. Councilmember Spencer seconded the motion and it

unanimously carried.

At 9:02 p.m., upon returning to the council room, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

The City Manager recommended that Marcus Smith, the City's IT Technician, Salary Grade be changed to reflect a Grade 22 with a salary increase to \$51,888.00 as well as be deemed a department head reporting to the City Manager.

Motion was then made by Councilmember Spencer, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to take the recommendation of the City Manager to change Marcus Smith's Salary Grade to a Grade 22 with a salary increase to \$51,888.00 and to consider him a department head reporting to the City Manager.

RECESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to recess to 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Diane Honeycutt Center (RCC), Room 130, located at 600 McLean St., Laurinburg, North Carolina for Council's Annual Retreat.

The meeting recessed at 9:04 p.m.

Matthew Block, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk