

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2012  
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 on October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Mary Jo Adams, Curtis B. Leak, Kenton T. Spencer, Andrew G. Williamson, Jr. and J. D. Willis.

Also present were: Edward F. Burchins, City Manager; Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk; and William P. Floyd, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Spencer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Parker stated that the Economic Development Group would have a meeting on October 17, 2012 at the Diane Honeycutt Center, Richmond Community Center, at 8:00 a.m.

There was no one present to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager discussed the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Approve minutes of the following meeting: June 5, 2012 budget workshop
- b) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-33 amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance transferring \$11,108 from the General Fund Fund Balance to Planning and Zoning Contracted Services (for condemnations)
- c) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-34 amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance transferring \$5,684 from Personnel Salaries and FICA to Administration Salaries and FICA (for temporary part-time assistant)
- d) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-35 condemning the property located at 317 Douglas Street and authorizing the Building Inspector to demolish and clear the property
- e) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-36 condemning the property located at 12500 Laurelcrest Road and authorizing the Building Inspector to demolish and clear the property

- f) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-37 condemning the property located at 16205 Omega Street and authorizing the Building Inspector to demolish and clear the property
- g) Consider awarding piggyback bid for automated side loading refuse truck to Ingram Equipment Company in the amount of \$231,951

Councilmember Spencer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Spencer, Williamson, Adams, Leak, Willis  
Nays: None

Mayor Parker introduced Tonia Stephenson, new Chamber President, and presented her with a City pin.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG APPLICATION**

Mrs. Brandi Deese, Planning and Community Development Director, explained that the City in partnership with the Lumber River Council of Governments would be making application to the Department of Commerce for the 2012 Catalyst Grant, with a maximum grant amount of \$500,000.00. She explained that the required Grant Committee met on Monday, October 15, 2012 to begin framework of the application. She added that in the Glen Acres area, the Committee was considering rehab of several homes and possibly develop a small park, and in the Newtown area, the Committee discussed rehabbing one (1) or two (2) houses and demolish two (2) properties. She further added that the Department of Commerce had extended the grant deadline to November 30, 2012. She explained that cost estimates were being obtained and details of the grant application developed. She then requested that Council continue the public hearing to November 20, 2012 so that definitive details of the grant application could be provided to Council.

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

There was no one present to speak in favor of or against this matter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer, seconded by Councilmember Adams and unanimously carried to continue the public hearing on CDBG Application to Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Building.

## **DELEGATION**

### ***SCOTLAND COUNTY MANAGER, KEVIN PATTERSON***

Mr. Kevin Patterson, the County Manager appeared before Council to explain the referendum on the proposed ¼ cent sales tax.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **VOTING DELEGATE TO NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Mayor Parker explained that Councilmember Curtis Leak would be representing the City at the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference being held October 20-23, 2012. He added that the City needed to appoint Councilmember Leak as the Voting Delegate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to appoint Councilmember Curtis Leak as the City's Voting Delegate at the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference.

### **VOTING DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESS OF CITIES**

Mayor Parker explained that City Manager Ed Burchins would be representing the City at the National League of Cities Congress of Cities being held November 28-December 1, 2012. He added that the City needed to appoint City Manager Ed Burchins as the City's Voting Delegate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to appoint City Manager Ed Burchins as the City's Voting Delegate at the National League of Cities Congress of Cities.

## **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL**

Councilmember Leak cautioned everyone to be careful on October 31<sup>st</sup> as it is Halloween.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:19 p.m. Councilmember Spencer moved to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of considering qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried.

At 8:50 p.m., motion was made by Councilmember Spencer, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

## **SCOTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC)**

Mayor Parker explained that he would resign from the SEDC since Councilmembers Leak, Willis and Williamson also serve on this corporation, citing the need to prevent a quorum of Council.

Councilmember Leak stated that he would also resign to prevent a quorum issue for Council.

## **RECESS**

Councilmember Willis suggested the meeting be recessed in order to follow up on goals for the

Manager.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Willis, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting to October 23, 2012 at 7:00 in the conference room of the Barrett Building.

The meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m.

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Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk