

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2012
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its January 22, 2013 meeting on January 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Thomas W. Parker, III, 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 Harold W. Haywood, Interim City Manager, and Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk.

Mayor Parker reconvened the January 22, 2013 meeting on January 28, 2013 at 6:02 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Adams.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as prepared,

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Parker administered the oath of office to two (2) new Police Officers, Philip Shane Butler and Michael Bryan Walker.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:08 p.m. Councilmember Spencer moved to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the City, and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4), to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried.

At 7:16 p.m., motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

Mayor Parker explained that Item 6 on the agenda to consider an ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance was not necessary at this time.

SEPTIC TANK ISSUE AT 12480 HOLLY LANE

The Interim City Manager explained that staff met with Mr. Ladson last Wednesday and he chose not to accept Council's offer for financial assistance in purchasing and installing a pump. Mr. Ladson would like Council to consider providing financial assistance for installation of a new septic tank.

Councilmember Willis explained that he ran into Mr. Ladson who explained that he had met with City staff and preferred to have a septic tank with Council's assistance. Councilmember Willis stated that he told Mr. Ladson that the best bet for him was to install a pump.

Mrs. Carpenter explained that Mr. Ladson stated he had met with a representative from the Scotland County Health Department regarding septic tank location.

Mr. Stacey McQuage stated that he was concerned about the setback between Mr. Ladson's well and the proposed site of a new septic tank. He added that Brian Lowery of the Scotland County Health Department had had preliminary discussions with Mr. Ladson.

Further discussion ensued concerning this matter including the cost of sewer tap, the cost of the pump and that Mr. Ladson paid for a water tap several years ago. Councilmember Willis requested that Mr. McQuage contact Mr. Lowery to ensure that he fully explains the situation to Mr. Ladson.

The Interim City Manager explained that according to the City Code, the City has an obligation to assist Mr. Ladson since he cannot hook up to City sewer. He explained the City's responsibilities as well as the property owner's responsibilities if the City provides assistance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis to pay up to \$500.00 for a pump that will allow Mr. Ladson to pump sewer into the City's sewer line that will provide him with sufficient sewer service that will be healthier for the environment.

Following further discussion, Councilmember Willis retracted his motion.

Further discussion ensued concerning the necessity of ensuring that Mr. Ladson understands all of the issues involved in this matter. Mr. McQuage explained that if Mr. Ladson cannot have a septic tank approved by the Scotland County Health Department, his only option would be to install a pump.

Mayor Parker explained that Mr. Ladson's concern in addition to having adequate sewer is the financial impact of a solution. He added that Mr. Ladson indicated to him that he wanted to install a new septic tank because it was less money out of his pocket.

Following further discussion, Council requested that Mr. McQuage work with the County Health Department to assess the property to determine if a septic tank can be installed and to ensure that Mr. Ladson fully understands this issue, and for staff to continue working with Mr. Ladson to negotiate a fair option.

CITIZEN INPUT SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Willis, and unanimously carried to hold the Citizen Input Session on February 21, 2013 or on March 14, 2013, depending on availability of the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk