

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2013
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its February 19, 2013 meeting on March 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the 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 Harold W. Haywood, Interim City Manager, and Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk.

Mayor Parker reconvened the February 19, 2013 meeting on March 6, at 6:00 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 approve the agenda as presented.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer to go into closed session 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 6:34 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSIDER REQUEST BY SCOTLAND COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR GRANT TO ASSIST IN LAND PURCHASE

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing to consider a request by Scotland County Economic Development Corporation for a grant to assist in purchasing land for economic development purposes and consider Ordinance No. O-2013-05 amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance

(O-2012-21) which allocates \$180,150 from the General Fund Balance Appropriated (10-439900)- to Contribution to Economic Development (660-502201)

Mr. Greg Icard, on behalf of the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation, formally requested this grant of money be allocated to purchase land for industrial park off US Hwy 401.

There was no one present to speak against this matter.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to approve a grant to Scotland County Economic Development Corporation to assist in purchasing land for economic development purposes.

Councilmember Willis moved to approve Ordinance No. O-2013-05 which amends the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance by allocating \$180,150 from the General Fund Balance Appropriated to Contribution to Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Willis, Williamson, Spencer, Adams, Leak

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2013-05 on file in City Clerk's Office)

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO OFFER ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO A PRIVATE COMPANY

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing to consider proposal to offer economic incentives to a private company.

Mr. Greg Icard explained that an economic incentives agreement had been proposed for a company in Scotland County that will be potentially locating on the industrial park off US Hwy 401.

Councilmember Willis explained that this is a major project that will be located in the City and incentives are part of the overall picture for locating an industry, and it is a great thing for the City of Laurinburg.

There was no one present to speak against this request.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to approve the economic incentives agreement between the City of Laurinburg and a private company and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said agreement.

INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing for the initial public hearing required to apply for funding from the NC Department of Commerce. He added that the second required public hearing would be held on March 19, 2013.

Mr. Greg Icard explained that this is a required public hearing before applying for funding through the NC Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant program.

There was no one present to speak against this matter.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing. No action was required or taken by Council on this matter.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Mayor Parker explained that Resolution No. R-2013-01 requests assistance from NC DOT to perform upgrades to facilitate economic development.

Mr. Greg Icard explained that on March 4, 2013, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution requesting assistance from the NC DOT to perform upgrades at the industrial park off US Hwy 401. He added that the improvements included a turnaround bubble off the median on US Hwy 401 and potentially to widen Heck Norton Road. NC DOT is identifying funding sources and to help facilitate the funding, the resolution is required to show that the City and the County will work together with DOT.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Mr. Icard explained that the proposed changes would not be detrimental to the residents in the area, and in fact would provide less impact to the residents.

Upon question by Councilmember Adams, Mr. Icard stated that the City would not be asked to provide funding at this point.

Councilmember Williamson moved to approve Resolution No. R-2013-01 requesting assistance from NC DOT to perform upgrades to facilitate economic development. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Leak, Spencer, Willis, Williamson, Adams

NAYS: None

(Resolution No. R-2013-01 on file in City Clerk's office)

RECESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Laurinburg Maxton Airport located at 16701 Airport Road, Maxton, NC for a joint meeting with the Town of Maxton and the Laurinburg/Maxton Airport Commission.

The meeting recessed at 6:47 p.m.

Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk