

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
AGENDA WORKSHOP  
JULY 9, 2013  
W. CHARLES BARRETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
305 WEST CHURCH ST.  
LAURINBURG, NC  
7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held an agenda meeting on July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the W. Charles Barrett Administration Building with the Honorable Thomas W. Parker, III, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Mary Jo Adams, Curtis B. Leak, Andrew G. Williamson, Jr. and J. D. Willis.

Also present were Charles D. Nichols III, City Manager; Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk; and William P. Floyd, Jr., City Attorney.

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Leak gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Parker suggested that a discussion regarding the City's Mosquito Program be added to the agenda.

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

**AGENDA FOR JULY 16, 2013**

The City Manager reviewed the July 16, 2013 agenda as follows:

- 3) Recognition of Retiree – Kimothy Monroe
- 4) Recognition of Employees
- 5) Consent Agenda
  - a) Consider minutes of May 8, 2013 special meeting; May 14, 2013 reconvened meeting and agenda workshop
  - b) Consider Ordinance No. O-2013- amending the 2013-2014 Budget Appropriation Ordinance (O-2013-17) to receive \$23,400 into the Electric Fund Contingency and receive \$36,600 in the Water/Sewer Fund Contingency
  - c) Consider Resolution No. R-2013- requesting NC DOT reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on SR 1360 (Scotland High School Drive) from SR 1381 (Railroad Street) southward for 0.666 miles to US 74 Business (West Church Street) 30 minutes prior and after school hours

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4) Consider request to rezone from Residential-6 to Office/Institutional property located at 1021 Shaw Street
- 5) Second Hearing on Grant Application  
*Mrs. Deese explained that because of the State budget uncertainty, she was requesting that Council open the public hearing and then continue it to August.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- 6) Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laurinburg and Scotland County

- 7) Consider Resolution No. R-2013- Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse  
*The City Manager explained that items 6 and 7 deal with the FCC Project. He said that because the County will be receiving the grant funding on behalf of the City, the Interlocal Agreement is necessary. He added that the resolution will allow the City to use grant funds and City funds prior to LGC approval for financing, and then allow the City to reimburse itself once the financing is approved by the LGC. He added that the City's financing would be on the LGC's October agenda.*  
*Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Mrs. Carpenter stated that the FCC would be a separate Capital Project Fund.*  
*Upon question by Councilmember Williamson, the City Manager explained grants had been awarded for the FCC Project as follows: two (2) \$1,000,000.00 grants, \$500,000.00 grant and \$550,000.00 grant, for a total of \$3,050,000.00*  
*Councilmember Willis expressed concern that he had requested a breakdown from Mr. Icard of the projected total cost of the FCC Project and which entity was paying for different portions, the breakdown of grant funding and what would have to be financed.*  
*Following further discussion of costs, the City Manager explained that he would contact Mr. Icard for this information*

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 8) City Manager Appointments  
NCEMPA Board of Commissioners/Rate Committee  
Laurinburg Fireman's Relief Fund  
Chamber of Commerce  
Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation
- 9) Beautification Committee – reappointments & appointment of Terri Purcell
- 10) Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (former Councilmember Spencer's appointment)  
*Councilmember Adams expressed interest in being appointed to LMAC.*
- 11) Filling Vacant Council Seat

Following discussion, it was consensus since it was so close to the November election, to remove this item from the July 16<sup>th</sup> agenda and allow the position to be filled by the voters.

- 12) Election of Mayor Pro

#### **TREE ISSUES**

The City Manager explained that two (2) Councilmembers had received phone calls concerning the oak trees planted several years ago on South Main Street at its intersection with US Highway 401. He explained that the trees were large when planted and are top heavy making some tilted. He added that one way to fix that is to cut the top part of the trees off; however, there is a greater chance of losing the trees if that is done. He added that out of the 80 trees planted in July, the City was fortunate to lose only 15 of those.

Upon question by Councilmember Williamson, the City Manager explained that in two (2) more years, the trees should straighten out.

Further discussion ensued concerning the trees and removal of the dead limbs and suckers.

#### **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS**

The City Manager discussed the total costs of the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display. He added that the

invoice from the School system has not been received. He added that this year the City was fortunate as the fireworks debris did not fall on McCoy Field; therefore making clean up fast and easy this year.

A brief discussion ensued concerning overtime for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display.

### **FARMERS MARKET**

Mayor Parker explained that he had clarified with Johnny Woodard that part of the article appearing in The Laurinburg Exchange recently regarding the Farmers Market was taken from an old article, specifically the statement that it was a partnership between the City, Chamber and LDRC. He added that Jim Willis of LDRC called him and volunteered for LDRC to champion the Farmers Market.

Councilmember Willis commented that Councilmembers should not be involved with the Farmers Market and the Youth Council as they should be coordinated by staff members. He suggested that the City Manager look at his staff to determine the best staff to work with these projects.

Mayor Parker suggested that perhaps a liaison was necessary between the City Manager and LDRC with regard to the Farmers Market

A discussion ensued concerning the history of the Farmers Market. Councilmember Leak cautioned that the City maintain control over the City tents that are used for the Farmers Market.

Mayor Parker explained that Mr. Willis had suggested that the Farmers Market be held every week instead of every other week as it was being held currently and that it also needed to be more farm-oriented rather than craft oriented.

Following further discussion, Mayor Parker suggested that the City Manager meet with Mr. Stacey McQuage and LDRC in order to make the best decision on the Farmers Market.

### **YOUTH COUNCIL**

Mayor Parker explained that he had received an email from two (2) of the former advisors of the Youth Council requesting that the Youth Council continue.

Mrs. Carpenter explained that last year and the prior year, \$1,475.00 of the Youth Council funding was spent on scholarships for the Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA) through the Chamber of Commerce. She also discussed other expenditures from the Youth Council line item over the past several years.

A discussion ensued concerning the history and activities of the Youth Council. Councilmember Willis suggested that the City Manager check with the School System and the Chamber and then present a plan to Council in September for the Youth Council.

### **LAURINBURG & SOUTHERN BUILDING ON RAILROAD STREET**

Mayor Parker explained that he had been approached to see if the City had any interest in purchasing the Laurinburg & Southern Building on Railroad Street.

There was no interest in this building expressed by Council.

## **MOSQUITO PROGRAM**

Mr. Stacey McQuage explained that \$11,000.00 was budgeted to purchase larvacide. He explained the history of the scale back of the Mosquito Program. He added he has received fewer complaints from citizens than when the City sprayed because the larvacide is more effective.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:52 p.m., Councilmember Willis motioned to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 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. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried.

At 8:10 p.m. motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open session.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

The City Attorney explained that the Mayor had received phone call regarding the Datamatic Settlement Agreement. He added that he sent a copy of the agreement to *The Laurinburg Exchange* for a copy of the Datamatic Settlement Agreement; therefore, there may be an article in the paper regarding this matter.

Councilmember Willis requested that the City Attorney present Council with his contract for services.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the Farmers Market Rules and Regulations.

## **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk