

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2014
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its regular monthly meeting on June 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. with the Honorable Thomas W. Parker, III, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Mary Jo Adams, Dolores A. Hammond, 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.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Willis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Parker explained that the agenda needed to be amended to include a closed session at the end of the meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Manager presented the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Approve minutes of April 22, 2014 regular meeting, May 12, 2014 reconvened meeting, and May 13, 2014 reconvened meeting and special meeting/work session
- b) Consider Ordinance No. O-2014-08 condemning the property located at 600 Duncan Street and directing the Building Inspector to repair or demolish the structure
- c) Consider Ordinance O-2014-09 condemning the property located at 348 East Vance Street and directing the Building Inspector to repair or demolish the structure
- d) Consider awarding contract to Gustaf C. Lundin & Company to audit FY 2013-2014 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract

Councilmember Adams motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hammond seconded.

Ayes: Adams, Hammond, Leak, Willis, Williamson

Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER XVI FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, DRAINAGE, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 253 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE.

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hammond moved to approve Ordinance O-2014-10 amending Article XVI Flood Damage Prevention, Drainage, Storm Water Management, Section 253 General Provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance in that:

- It is consistent with the Land Use Plan or other adopted plan;
- Advances the public health and safety or welfare; and
- Provides a positive impact to the public at large.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Willis, Hammond, Williamson, Leak

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2014-10 on file in the City Clerk's office)

FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

There was no one to speak for or against this matter.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Williamson motioned to approve Ordinance No. O-2014-11 Budget Appropriations Ordinance for FY 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Williamson, Willis, Leak, Hammond, Adams

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2014-11 on file in the City Clerk's office)

DELEGATION

Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission

Mayor Parker asked Councilmember Adams to deliver the 2014-2015 budget for the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (LMAC). Mayor Parker explained that Mrs. Gentry was attending the Maxton Town Council meeting.

Councilmember Adams discussed the following in connection with the LMAC FY 2014-2015 budget:

- Total budget is \$1,202,100.00 which is \$34,850.00 greater than the previous year's budget.
- Includes 1.5% employee COLA for all employees and salary adjustment for two (2) employees.

Councilmember Adams provided an update on LMAC projects:

- Completed parallel taxiway project in October, 2013.
- Taxiway G, H, L & I Rehabilitation was bid at an estimated cost of \$800,000.00 and it is hoped this project can be completed between 2014-2020.

The Mayor stated that Mrs. Gentry had announced the Goodyear Blimp would be at the airport for the next two (2) weeks due to the US Open.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to accept the FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget for the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission.

CITY MANAGERS REPORTS

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

The City Manager explained that Resolution R-2014-12 is to purchase property at the corner of Alpha Street and Old Lumberton Road for the sewer infrastructure project at a price of \$7,500.00.

Councilmember Hammond motioned to approve Resolution R-2014-12 authorizing the purchase of property at the corner of Alpha and Old Lumberton Road Tax ID number 010079074906012 from Allen Rogers at a price of \$7,500.00. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Hammond, Adams, Leak, Williamson, Willis

Nays: None

(Resolution No. R-2014-12 is on file in the City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT

The City Manager explained that Ordinance No. O-2014-12 amending the FY 2013-2014 Budget Appropriations Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-2013-17) is the yearly amendment to the current budget ordinance to transfer budgeted funds as needed throughout the current year's budget.

Councilmember Adams motioned to approve Ordinance No. O-2014-12 Budget Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Leak, Willis, Hammond, Williamson

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2014-12 is on file in the City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER THE REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

The City Manager explained revisions to the Fee Schedule were to add fees for bulky items and yard waste for commercial customers and revise commercial dumpsters to reflect purchase price of dumpsters for the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, and unanimously carried to adopt the revised fee schedule.

CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR CONTRACT 5.0 BRIDGE CREEK PUMP STATION

The City Manager explained this was to award the bid in the amount of \$375,850.00 from Step Construction Inc. for the Bridge Creek Pump Station. He added that the budgeted amount was \$450,000.00.

Mr. Chuck Willis of Willis Engineering explained that this pump station is located south of St. Andrews University and was originally a small wastewater treatment plant for the City. He added that the equipment at the pump station is at the end of its life and overflows occur at the pump station.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, Mr. Willis explained that when the wastewater is pumped across town and comes out in a receiving manhole, if it sits around for too long it can have a hydrogen sulfide odor to it which is very objectionable. He explained that if there is an area that complains about the odor, there are techniques that can be used to minimize the hydrogen sulfide formation or to seal the receiving manhole.

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to award the bid for the Bridge Creek Pumping Station to Step Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$374,850.00

CONSIDER REVISING POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND LIST OF CLASSES FOR THE POSITION

The City Manager explained that adopting Resolution No. R-2014-13 amending Resolution No. R-2012-20 is a revised position classification plan providing for the \$1,000.00 increase in salaries across the board to all employees.

Councilmember Adams motioned to approve Resolution No R-2014-13 amending Resolution No. R-2012-20 adopting a revised Classification Plan and List of Classes for the Position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Williamson, Leak, Willis, Hammond

Nays: None

(Resolution No. R-2014-20 on file in City Clerk's office)

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:22 p.m. Councilmember Adams motioned to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of considering the 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 Hammond, and motion was unanimously carried.

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hammond and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

CONTRACT

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis to approve employment contract between the City of Laurinburg and Charles D. Nichols for a term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams and unanimously carried.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Adams thanked Mr. Nichols for his work the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk