

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION
AUGUST 12, 2014
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held a special meeting/work session on August 12, 2014 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.

Councilmember Hammond gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA FOR AUGUST 19, 2014

The City Manager reviewed the agenda for August 19, 2014 as follows:

- 3) **Consent Agenda (Item A)**
 - a) Approve minutes of May 21, 2014 reconvened meeting, June 3, 2014 reconvened meeting, June 10, 2014 special meeting/work session, and June 17, 2014 regular meeting

DELEGATION

- 4) Chamber Re-entry Council-Rob Macy and Chris Mitchell
- 5) Storytelling & Arts Center of the Southeast-Jan Schmidt

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- 6) Authorize Mayor to execute Order to Collect Taxes to Tax Collector
- 7) Set public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a request to rezone 44.0 acres on north side of X-Way Road from Residential-20 to Industrial
Upon question by Councilmember Hammond, Mrs. Deese explained that at its meeting, Planning Board unanimously recommended denial of this request.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Following a brief discussion, it was consensus of Council to move Item 6 to the Consent Agenda.

UPDATE ON FCC PROJECT

The City Manager provided an update on the FCC Project as follows:

- Electric and fiber work completed in February of this year
- Wastewater Contract 1.0 Industrial Park Piping has been completed
- Wastewater Contract 2.0 Pump Station has been completed and pump station undergoing testing
- Wastewater Contract 3.0 Sewer Lines to Leith Creek completed
- Wastewater Contract 4.0 which is the Leith Creek Parallel Sewer Line has been started and will be completed in this calendar year
- Elevated water tank will be completed by the end of September
- Currently have six (6) water production wells
- Currently only using one (1) of those wells to meet FCC needs
- Testing on the facility has taken longer than originally projected
- Anticipated start of production at FCC is the fall

The City Manager explained that he would be meeting with FCC the following day to discuss progress of the facility.

UPDATE ON UDO REVISION

Mrs. Brandi Deese, Planning & Development Director, explained that the Planning Board will review Articles one (1) through eight (8) of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) with those articles to be presented to Council in September.

UPDATE ON SOLAR FARM ON CITY PROPERTY

The City Manager explained that issues with the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between the City, Duke Progress Energy and ElectriCities had been resolved. He added that when Duke purchased Progress Energy, Birdseye Renewable Energy had to re-negotiate with Duke Progress Energy.

The City Manager explained that the current issue is whether the City will clear the 70 acres of land for the solar farm or Laurinburg Farms LLC will clear the land and pay the City a reduced amount for the lease.

Following discussion concerning the terms of the lease regarding land clearing responsibility and the lease amount, it was consensus of Council for staff to further research the cost for the City to clear the land versus the reduced lease amount if Laurinburg Farms LLC clears the land.

CHAMBER FLY-IN

The City Manager discussed the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce's arrangements for the 2014 Chamber Fly-In.

Following a brief discussion concerning events in September and October, it was consensus of Council to hold the September special meeting/work session on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 and to hold the October special meeting/work session on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

LEADERSHIP SCOTLAND LUNCHEON

The City Manager explained that the City Clerk needed to know by Friday, August 15, 2014 who would be attending the Leadership Scotland Luncheon on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at the Emergency Operations Center.

NCLM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The City Manager explained that the City Clerk had made reservations for the Mayor and all of Council to attend the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Annual Conference; however, she needed input from all attendees as to what events they wished to attend at the Conference.

RETREAT

The City Manager explained that the Council Retreat would be held Monday, August 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Following discussion, it was consensus of Council that the Leadership Team would be present at the Retreat and no facilitator was needed.

Councilmember Hammond requested that the Council Rules of Procedure be added to the list of items to be discussed.

The City Manager explained that he would provide an updated list of Retreat topics with his Weekly Report.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Upon question by Councilmember Willis, Mayor Parker explained that he had discussed with Scotland County Board of Commissioners Chair McCook that Council wanted a joint meeting. He further explained that the Board of Commissioners preferred not to meet with Council to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He added that he and the City Manager would be meeting with Chair McCook and the County Manager Thursday, August 14, 2014.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the MOU with Scotland County for the 911 Call Center/EOC.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., Councilmember Adams motioned to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes 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 and pursuant to G.S. 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 concerning Shoeheel Farms, LLC vs. City of Laurinburg. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried.

At 8:27 p.m., motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk