

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
LAURINBURG, NC
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its regular monthly meeting on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. 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, 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 Hammond.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Parker explained that the agenda needed to be amended under City Manager Reports to add Appointments to Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC) and Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present to speak.

Mayor Parker recognized Ms. Evalena Kelly, a UNC-P student, and Mrs. Jeannie Hardee, a Fayetteville State student. He presented both with City pins.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Manager presented the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Approve minutes of May 21, 2014 reconvened meeting and June 3, 2014 reconvened meeting
- b) Authorize Mayor to execute Order to Collect Taxes to Tax Collector

Councilmember Adams motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hammond seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Adams, Hammond, Willis, Leak, Williamson

Nays: None

DELEGATIONS

Scotland Re-entry Council – Rob Macy and Chris Mitchell

Mr. Rob Macy, Chair of the Scotland Re-Entry Council, appeared before Council and gave an update on activities of the Re-entry Council. He explained that the Council is working on an employers' workshop for October to assist participants find employment. He added that the Re-entry Council meets monthly on the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at Richmond Community College, and the meeting is open to the public.

Storytelling & Arts Center of the Southeast – Jan Schmidt

Mrs. Jan Schmidt introduced Erin Rembert, new Executive Director of the Storytelling & Arts Center of the Southeast (SACS), and Sabrina Malloy, Administrative Assistant. She explained that on behalf of the SACS, she was seeking a letter of support to the North Carolina Arts Council to name SACS as the Arts Council of Scotland County. She added that SACS would utilize both names and that the designation as Arts Council of Scotland County would provide grant opportunities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to NC Arts Council supporting designation as Scotland County Arts Council.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY

The City Manager explained that a public hearing to consider a request to rezone 44.0 acres of land on X-Way Road from Residential-20 to Industrial needed to be set for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Upon request by Councilmember Adams, Mrs. Brandi Deese, Planning & Development Director, explained that the rezoning was necessary for development of a solar array.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Willis, and unanimously carried to set a public hearing to be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a request to rezone from Residential-20 to Industrial a 44-acre tract of land on X-Way Road.

APPOINTMENT TO LAURINBURG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

The City Manager explained that three (3) appointments to the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC) Board needed to be made.

Discussion ensued concerning the number of City appointments, the By-laws of LDRC, that Councilmember Williamson was a Chamber-appointed member of the Board and whether Mr. Jim Willis was a City-appointee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Willis, and unanimously carried to appoint Councilmember Mary Jo Adams and Mrs. Brandi Deese to the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC) Board for two-year terms expiring August 31, 2016.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The City Manager explained a meeting held the prior week comprised of the Mayor, County Chairman Guy McCook, County Manager Kevin Patterson and himself to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 911 Call Center/EOC. He added that the main issue of discussion was the financial part of the agreement. He further added that the following terms were discussed and Chairman McCook indicated that the Board of Commissioners should not object:

- Five (5) years at fixed contribution by the City of \$250,000.00.
- City's contribution would decline in years six (6) to 10 so that after year 10, the City would no longer provide any contribution towards personnel costs for the 911 Center/EOC.
- The City employees would not be treated any differently than County employees with regard to being hired as dispatchers as long as they have the required certifications.
- The mediation clause does not refer to the financial arrangement.

Following discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Scotland County for operation of the 911 Call Center/EOC subject to approval by the Scotland County Board of Commissioners.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Leak explained that school starts the following week and urged everyone to be safe.

Councilmember Hammond requested that everyone fill out and return the survey for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Williamson thanked Mr. Greg Icard, Scotland County Economic Development Director, for his work in getting Cascade to move to the County.

Mayor Parker explained that he had received a phone call from a friend in Charlotte concerning a news article about a Davidson student from Laurinburg. He added that he told his friend about Jaylend Ratcliff and that this community comes together and cares about each other.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk