

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION  
JUNE 9, 2015  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 WEST CHURCH ST.  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held a special meeting/work session on June 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Councilmember Hammond requested a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, second by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

**AGENDA FOR JUNE 16, 2015**

The City Manager reviewed the agenda for June 16, 2015 as follows:

- 3) Consent Agenda
  - a) Consider minutes of April 13, 2015 special meeting/retreat; April 14, 2014 special meeting/work session; April 21, 2014 regular meeting; May 11, 2015 special meeting/budget work shop and possibly the following if completed: *May 12, 2015 special meeting; May 12, 2015 special meeting/work session; and May 19, 2015 regular meeting*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4) Consider Adoption of Land Use Plan
- 5) Consider FY 2015-2016 Budget

**DELEGATIONS**

- 6) McNair Evans-Arts Council Grant
- 7) Charles Quick – Request for Golf Cart Ordinance  
*Mr. Mac McInnis explained possible wording for a golf cart ordinance based upon other municipalities' ordinances.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- 8) Budget Amendment(s) *(Year-end as needed)*
- 9) Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laurinburg and North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning Advanced Warning Signs and Pavement Marking

*The City Manager explained that this MOU will increase signage at several railroad crossings, increasing safety and would not cost the City any money.*

- 10) Consider amending the City of Laurinburg Fee Schedule  
*The City Manager explained that the water and sewer and solid waste fees are increased in the Fee Schedule.*
- 11) Consider Resolution No. R-2015- endorsing the City of Laurinburg's application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, NC Main Street Center for participation in the Downtown Associate Community program and committing the Community Development Director position to the administration of the local Downtown Associate Community Program  
*Mr. Teddy Warner explained that this resolution designates his position to administer the Downtown Associate Community Program, if the City is selected.*

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 12) Planning Board (Sallie Jones' term expires 6/30/2015)
- 13) Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (Mayor Parker's term expires 6/30/2015)

The City Manager added that there would also be a closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

Upon questions by Councilmember Leak, the City Manager explained that the City tents purchased for the Farmers' Market would not be loaned to a private business for use; however, if it was an event that the City was partnering in, the tents could be used. He added that there would not be a Farmers' Market this year.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was consensus of Council to add numbers 8, 9 and 11 to the Consent Agenda.

#### **LAURINBURG-MAXTON AIRPORT COMMISSION FY 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Ms. Jo Ann Gentry, Executive Director of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (LMAC), presented the FY 2015-2016 budget. She explained that budget was approved by the Board on May 28, 2015. She further explained that the total budget is \$1.16 million and includes a two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment for Employees and a one percent (1%) increase in the employer's contribution for the 401k plan.

Upon question by Councilmember Hammond, Ms. Gentry explained that LMAC hopes to pay off the loan to the City in 2015-2016, and that it has been making two (2) payments a year to accomplish that.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, and unanimously carried to approve the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission FY 2015-2016 Budget.

#### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAURINBURG AND CARRIE H. NEAL**

The City Manager reported that Mrs. Carrie H. Neal had been hired to be the Interim Finance Director.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreement between the City of Laurinburg and Carrie H. Neal.

### **DISCUSSION ABOUT SENATE BILL 369**

The City Manager explained that Senator McInnis had requested support for Senate Bill 369 and the modifications to that bill concerning distribution of sales taxes. He added that the current version of the legislation would benefit the City.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, the City Manager explained that the League of Municipalities is staying neutral concerning this matter since it will negatively impact larger municipalities and positively impact rural municipalities.

Councilmember Hammond suggested that a resolution be adopted supporting the legislation. It was consensus of Council for staff to draft a resolution supporting the legislation and add to the June 16, 2015 agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:29 p.m. Councilmember Adams moved 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 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 Leak, and unanimously carried.

At 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Willis moved to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried.

### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LAURINBURG AND CYNTHIA B. CARPENTER**

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement between the City of Laurinburg and Cynthia B. Carpenter.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk