

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Mary Jo Adams, Mary Evans, James J. Garby, Jr., Curtis B. Leak, and Andrew G. Williamson, Jr.

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

Mayor Block called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Councilmember Adams gave the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Manager explained that there were three (3) necessary additions to the agenda: Mr. Mark Ward, Scotland County Economic Development Director, needed to be added in open session for Economic Development Update, a closed session for personnel needed to be added, and adoption of the Springsted Classification and Compensation Study and adoption of the pay scale.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Block reviewed public comment procedures.

Mrs. Wanda Bethea, 20080 Bayridge Drive, expressed concern about crime in the community. She requested that Council consider hiring a crime consultant. She also discussed community policing, Crime Stoppers and Community Watch to help the younger generation.

Mr. Jacob Pate, 10361 Havelock Drive, discussed the closing of local schools, and asked Council if it had an opinion on the matter.

Councilmember Mary Evans explained that she was opposed to the closing of I. Ellis Johnson School as it was of historical value. She added that she was not sure about the authority of the City in closing a school. She further added that in the event the school is closed, that it would

provide an opportunity for the City to purchase the school and use all or a part of it for a community center.

Councilmember Leak explained he was one of the first blacks to attend the integrated Scotland High School. He added that the reason several blacks left I. Ellis Johnson to attend Scotland High School was because of the better equipment, better books, and better facilities. He further added that Wagram and Laurel Hill have new schools, but the children of inner-city Laurinburg attend old schools. He further explained that the community needs new facilities.

Mr. Donald Anderson, 10421 Leisure Road, explained that he and a delegation had planned to inquire about Council's position on crime and to urge it to consider hiring a crime consultant after the Risk Management Assessment had been completed. He added that he planned to postpone the delegation based on the necessary research to provide details for Council on such a broad topic and because several City leaders requested that he conduct more research into the matter before coming to Council. He discussed the request by leaders for citizens to conduct research. He further explained that he believed the amount of time needed to discuss the crime issue would exceed the allotted 10 minutes for a delegation and that it would be better suited if a public hearing could be set. He further added that he would continue to speak and update on the progress being made on the issue.

Mayor Block explained that Ms. Bethea and Mr. Anderson had requested that Council reconsider hiring a crime consultant. He asked how Council wanted to handle the requests.

Motion was made by Councilmember Evans and seconded by Councilmember Garby to hire a crime consultant. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Evans, Garby

Nays: Williamson, Adams, Leak

Mayor Block stated that for the record, he agreed that hiring a crime consultant was a good idea and would be money well spent.

Mayor Block explained that the other item brought up by Mr. Pate as to whether City Council wanted to advocate on behalf of citizens on closing of I. Ellis Johnson School and to be involved with the disposition of the building if it is vacated.

Councilmember Garby explained that he believed Council should wait to see what happened.

Councilmember Williamson stated that he agreed with Councilmember Garby to wait and see how the situation plays out.

Councilmember Garby stated that he does not support school consolidation; however, Council can only voice its concern to the Scotland County School Board.

Mayor Block explained that he thought that Council was supposed to represent the interests of the City and its citizens, not the interest of the Scotland County School system. He discussed the loss of employment sources in North Laurinburg by the closing of North Laurinburg School, Washington Park School and I. Ellis Johnson School. He also discussed that if a new school is built, the children in the North Laurinburg area would go to a new school facility but would go home to a deteriorating side of town to live. He added that he had spoken with hundreds of people in the community, and none of them wanted I. Ellis Johnson School to close, nor did they want to see North Laurinburg School and Washington Park School closed.

Councilmember Williamson explained that he believed that if Council is representing the community, Council would want the community to grow and have good facilities. He added if Council is to look out for the benefit of citizens, he believes that being able to say that Laurinburg/Scotland County provides quality educational facilities is helpful for the growth of this City. He further added that he attended Covington Street School many years ago, and it was not a new facility then.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Councilmember Williamson explained that he does not feel that Council is more responsible towards potential people moving to Laurinburg; however, it should be a consideration. He added that it was unfair of Mayor Block to say that Council was not fulfilling its responsibilities if Council believes that new schools would benefit the community.

Mayor Block stated that he did not see any citizens, students or parents complaining about the school facilities.

Councilmember Evans explained that the reason schools were consolidated in the beginning was because of unfairness. She added that education is still unfair as teachers do not have enough supplies or books, the same curriculum is not being taught, and other things she could name. She further added that buildings do not teach children, teachers do. She further explained that her suggestion was that I. Ellis Johnson School is closed, that at least it be used for something that the community could benefit from.

Mayor Block stated that if I. Ellis Johnson School is closed, he hoped that Council would be involved in the disposition of the building.

Councilmember Adams explained that she fully supports school consolidation. She added that she and her children attended Covington Street School, and that she worked in many of the schools including I. Ellis Johnson. She further explained that she knew firsthand the conditions of the facilities, and that she agreed that all of Scotland County students need to have equal opportunity and to be in nice updated facilities. She further added that this topic was a school issue and not a City issue.

Councilmember Leak explained that there is another aging school in the County, South Scotland. He added that years ago the City had to run a water line straight to South Scotland School because of water issues at the school.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Block presented the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Consider minutes of April 17, 2018 regular meeting
- b) Consider Resolution No. R-2018-12 Pertaining to the Conditional Use Permit Request for the Operation of a Ground-Mounted Solar Array

Councilmember Williamson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Williamson, Adams, Garby, Evans, Leak

Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET

Mayor Block explained that prior to holding the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, Council needed to first consider the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Fee Schedule and to adopt the Springsted Classification and Compensation Plan and Pay scale.

The City Manager explained that before adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, the Fiscal year 2018-2019 Fee Schedule, the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Springsted Classification and Compensation Plan and Pay scale needed to be adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Councilmember Evans, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Fee Schedule.

The City Manager explained that there were some minor changes to the Fee Schedule based upon industry standards.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Evans, and unanimously carried to approve the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

SPRINGSTED CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

Mayor Block explained that the City Manager led a long and exhaustive look into the employees' pay and how it compares to surrounding and like municipalities. He added that the consultant, Springsted, Inc., developed a pay scale that would be equitable. He thanked the City Manager and staff for the many hours devoted to the study. He further added that Council had discussed this study over the past few months.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and unanimously carried to adopt the recommended list of job classifications and grade/salary schedules, place each employee on their respective grade at one (1) step per year of service in a position per the pay study recommendation, and issue a one-time check for any employee whose pay adjustment is less than two percent (2%) such that their pay adjustment plus the one (1) time bonus payment equals two percent (2%).

FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET

Mayor Block explained that the City's budget runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. He added that Council had been meeting and discussing the budget for the last several months and discussing what projects to fund. He further explained that the City has four (4) funds, the General Fund, the Electric Fund, the Water/Sewer Fund and the Solid Waste Fund. He then opened the public hearing.

Mr. Donald Anderson requested that even though Council had just shot down hiring a crime consultant, that \$75,000.00 be added to the budget in the event Council wanted to reconsider. He added that he believed that downtown had not changed, yet citizens had been told there would be progress. He stated that Laurinburg will not prosper as long as downtown is projected as the image of Laurinburg. He also expressed concern about the adoption fees and process for adopting pets from the Scotland County Humane Society (Humane Society).

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Block closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Evans explained that the Humane Society makes its money through adoption fees.

The City Manager explained that the Humane Society is not a City department, and the City contributes funds to the Humane Society as does Scotland County.

Mayor Block expressed concern that City residents are double-taxed for funding the Humane Society and it could be suggested that City residents could receive a discount.

Councilmember Adams explained that the animal control fees listed on the Fee Schedule are for animals running at large, license fees, and failure to vaccinate, not adoption fees.

Upon question by Mayor Block, the City Manager explained that he was not sure when the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Police Department Risk Assessment Study would be completed; however, work on the study is ongoing.

Discussion ensued concerning Mr. Anderson's suggestion to add money in the budget for a crime consultant once the Risk Assessment Study was completed and presented. The City Manager explained that if Council wanted to hire a crime consultant, a budget amendment could be done at that time.

Councilmember Adams moved to approve Ordinance No. O-2018-07 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Williamson, Garby, Evans, Leak
Nays: None
(Ordinance No. O-2018-07 on file in City Clerk's office)

DELEGATION

MS. CALACIA DOUGLAS, SANDHILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. – UPDATE AND REQUEST

Ms. Douglas was not present.

The City Manager explained that he did not want to speak for her; however, she wanted to request that Council allow her to use a grill for her event, Colors of Light, to be held later in the summer.

A brief discussion ensued; however, no action was taken.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

DAN LAMBERT, MCADAMS AND COMPANY – MASTER PLAN FOR PARKING LOT BEHIND WALK THROUGH

Mr. Dan Lambert of Lambert, McAdams and Company explained that over the last few months he had been working with staff and the Downtown Advisory Committee to develop plans for the parking lot area behind the City's Walk Through. He presented two (2) options for portioning the site for use, a copy of which are attached as "Attachment A" and "Attachment B" and incorporated in these minutes. Highlights of the Mr. Lambert's explanations of the options are as follows:

- "Attachment A" showed in red dedicated parking for businesses along Main Street, in purple for outdoor seating or events, in yellow a flexible space which could be used for parking or for special events, in green as park space where special events could be held.
- "Attachment B" showed in red parking, in green open space, and in purple for outdoor seating.
- Parking on the edge of the space as shown on "Attachment B" was deemed not a good idea as it would not draw people into the space and the green area shown on "Attachment A" was deemed more likely to draw people into the space.
- When there is an event, removable barriers could be placed to protect space for vendors and to separate parking, and to highlight the vehicular route through the area.
- The area could be made more attractive with furnishings, lights, and trashcans.
- The area's use is only limited by imagination and could be varied.

Upon questions by Councilmember Leak, Mr. Lambert explained that the commercial building currently located on one (1) of the parcels is in very poor shape and would be demolished. He added that the house located on one (1) of the parcels could be obtained by the City and could be used as a museum or a cultural center.

The City Manager explained that the City does not own the parking lot property and staff would begin discussions with property owners soon.

Mr. Lambert suggested that the area should be used for flexible spaces and events.

Upon question by Councilmember Garby, Mr. Lambert explained that the next step would be to look at options and develop the construction documentation. He added that Lambert, McAdams and Company was under contract to develop the plan. He further added that ownership of all of the property in the parking lot area would be the biggest hurdle. He further explained that the overhead power lines needed to be underground.

The City Manager explained that putting the power lines underground was included in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. He added that if Council liked the plan, then Mr. Daniel Walters, Downtown Associates Manager, and Mr. Michael Mandeville, Community Development Director, would talk to the property owners about obtaining all of the property.

Upon questions by Councilmember Garby, Mr. Lambert explained that he did not include the items such as the light poles or the trashcans. He added that there are a lot of decision that must be made concerning utilization of the space.

Discussion ensued concerning the movement of traffic through the space and the number of parking spaces that could be available depending upon the event and the layout.

Upon question by Mayor Block, the City Manager explained that he and staff had discussed property acquisition options with the City Attorney. He added that staff would first discuss donation of property with the property owners and show them what the possible layout of the area.

Councilmember Leak explained that there are leased properties downtown, so not everyone located downtown are stakeholders. He added that the downtown property owners needed to be included.

Councilmember Adams explained that the Downtown Advisory Committee included some property owners.

Upon question by Mayor Block, the City Manager explained that the owners of Integrated Development have not been involved in the development of the master plan for the parking lot, but are aware of the plan.

LAURINBURG-MAXTON AIRPORT COMMISSION FY 2018-2019 BUDGET – JO ANN GENTRY

Mrs. Jo Ann Gentry, Executive Director of Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, explained that the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (LMAC) approved the budget on May 30, 2018, and both the City of Laurinburg and the Town of Maxton had to approve the budget. She pointed out that the water and sewer rates were increased by three percent (3%) and that they had not increased in five (5) years.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Mrs. Gentry explained that the City's board members were Mrs. Ella Morris, Councilmember Mary Jo Adams, and Mr. Thomas W. Parker III.

Upon question by Councilmember Evans, Mrs. Gentry explained that the LMAC Chairman receives a stipend of \$125.00 per month and the other board members receive \$75.00 per month.

Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Adams, and unanimously carried to approve the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission FY 2018-2019 budget.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-08 FOR MODIFICATION OF LEASE TO GRYPHON GROUP SECURITY SOLUTIONS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE MODIFICATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Mrs. Jo Ann Gentry, Executive Director, Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission (LMAC), explained that the Gryphon Security Group had requested a reduction in its monthly lease amount. She added that LMAC had approved his request, and it needed to be approved by the City of Laurinburg and the Town of Maxton.

Upon question by Councilmember Williamson, Mrs. Gentry explained that currently Gryphon Security Group leases approximately 380 acres, and in 2010, when the government cut back on training expenditures, Gryphon Security Group was greatly affected and should have requested a reduction at that time. She added that it is a great tenant and the community is fortunate that it is located at the airport.

Councilmember Williamson moved to approve Resolution No. R-2018-08 for modification of lease to Gryphon Group Security Solutions, LLC and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute modification of lease agreement. Councilmember Garby seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Williamson, Garby, Leak, Adams, Evans
Nays: None
(Resolution No. R-2018-08 on file in City Clerk's office)

Councilmember Leak requested that the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission appointment be made at this time instead of later in the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Thomas W. Parker III to a three-year term on the

Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission.

MARK WARD, SCOTLAND COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – UPDATE

Mr. Mark Ward, Executive Director of the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), provided an update on economic development:

- The following week the application for Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (LMA) to become a designated Free-Trade Zone would be submitted which would be extremely beneficial for the area.
- The EDC's website has been redesigned.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Mr. Ward explained that the website allows him to see how many visitors go to the website, but he was not sure if the website host would provide the location of the visitors.

Mr. Ward continued the update:

- The Incubator Park is moving forward. \$1.5 million infrastructure grant was received to provide infrastructure to the Incubator Park and to the Industrial Park on US 501. The work will be bid and awarded in two (2) phases, which have not been awarded yet.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Mr. Ward explained that the Incubator Park and the area on US 501 will be voluntarily annexed into the City in the future.

Mr. Ward continued the update:

- The Active Project List he maintains has had some activity from prospects. Some prospects have looked at the Incubator Park, the US 501 site, the SmartSite that the City owns, the spec building and other property near LMA, and the GOJO Building.
- The final payment has been made for property at LMA that the EDC purchased from St. Andrews University at LMA.

Upon questions by Mayor Block, Mr. Ward explained that the Abbott Building (GOJO Building) is being marketed and it is privately owned. He added that the inventory of sites around the City is increasing.

Discussion ensued concerning the Active Project List.

Upon question by Mayor Block, Mr. Ward explained that LMA would need to get approval to move forward with the FTZ designation, and that Senator McInnis was helping with the request.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-09 AWARDING KEY TO THE CITY TO DESCENDANTS OF MIKE AND PHOEBE

The City Manager explained that at the May 19, 2018 meeting, Mr. Frank McDuffie requested several items from Council, including the Key to the City for the Descendants of Mike and Phoebe.

Mr. Frank McDuffie explained that the Descendants of Mike and Phoebe (DOMAP) would be holding a reunion in Laurinburg July 12-15, 2018. He added that this is the first time the reunion has been held in North Carolina, and that it was being held in Laurinburg because of Laurinburg Institute. He discussed the connection with DOMAP to Laurinburg.

Councilmember Leak moved to approve Resolution No. R-2018-09 awarding Key to the City to Descendants of Mike and Phoebe. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Leak, Evans, Adams, Williamson, Garby
Nays: None
(Resolution No. R-2018-09 on file in City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-10 AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The City Manager explained that Council had previously authorized sale of the timber on City property; however the two (2) bids received did not meet the requirements as neither bid included a bid bond. He added that the Resolution No. R-2018-10 authorizes the rejection of the two (2) bids and authorizes the re-bidding of the timber.

Councilmember Garby moved to approve Resolution No. R-2018-10 authorizing sale of personal property and to reject bids received on June 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Garby, Williamson, Evans, Adams, Leak
Nays:
(Resolution No. R-2018-10 on file in City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT CONTRACT FOR \$2 MILLION FOR PRODUCE MARKET AREA SEWER PROJECT

The City Manager explained that the City was awarded this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$2 million, and the grant included many stipulations, including a deadline for submitting the executed grant agreement. He added that staff needed the Mayor's signature on the agreement tonight in order to meet the deadline.

Upon questions by Councilmember Leak, the City Manager explained that the citizens in the Produce Market area would not receive any funds as the grant was to rehabilitate the City's sewer infrastructure.

Upon question by Councilmember Evans, the City Manager explained that the project work would be bid out to North Carolina local government standards.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute Community Development Block Grant – Division of Water Infrastructure Grant contract for \$2 million for Produce Market Area Sewer Project.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. O-2018-08 AMENDING FY 2018-2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. O-2018-07) BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BY \$2 MILLION FOR PRODUCE MARKET AREA PROJECT

The City Manager explained that this budget amendment would create the capital project ordinance for the Produce Market Area Sewer Project which is being funded by a grant. He added that since the project would take multiple years to complete, the project ordinance would account for the funds over the years of the project.

Councilmember Williamson moved to approve Ordinance No. O-2018-08 amending FY 2018-2019 Budget Appropriations Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-2018-07) by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$2 million for Produce Market Area Sewer Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Evans, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Williamson, Evans, Leak, Garby, Adams
Nays: None
(Ordinance No. O-2018-08 on file in City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS WITH ROCHE, HEAD & ASSOCIATES, PLLC AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ROCHE, HEAD AND ASSOCIATES, PLLC FOR AUDIT OF THE CITY'S FISCAL RECORDS ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Motion was made by Councilmember Garby, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute Contract to Audit Accounts with Roche, Head & Associates, PLLC and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Engagement Letter with Roche, Head & Associates, PLLC for audit of the City's Fiscal Records ending June 30, 2018.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-11 APPROVING CITY OF LAURINBURG'S WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

The City Manager explained that all North Carolina municipalities are required to have a Water Shortage Response Plan, and adoption of the resolution would approve the City's plan.

Councilmember Evans moved to approve Resolution No. R-2018-11 approving City of Laurinburg's Water Shortage Response Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garby, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Evans, Garby, Williamson, Adams, Leak
Nays: None
(Resolution No. R-2018-11 on file in City Clerk's office)

CONSIDER CHANGING DATE FOR AUGUST 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The City Manager explained that he would be attending the Electricities Annual Conference from August 20 – 22, 2018, and therefore requested that Council consider changing the date of the August regular meeting from August 21, 2018 to August 28, 2018.

It was consensus of Council to change the date of the August regular meeting to August 28, 2018. The City Manager explained that a resolution to change the date would be presented to Council at the July regular meeting.

UPDATE ON COMMITTEE AND BOARD VACANCIES

The City Clerk explained that currently the following vacancies exist on City boards and committees:

- Laurinburg/Scotland County Crime & Drug Committee: Two (2)
- Beautification Committee: One (1)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Two (2) alternate members

She further explained that the Crime & Drug Committee vacancies have been advertised on the City's website and Facebook page several times with no applications submitted to date. She added that a citizen has expressed interest in serving; however, no application had been submitted. She further added that she will advertise the vacancies after July 1, 2018, and she also requested that Councilmembers talk with their constituents.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-13 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LOTS JOINTLY OWNED BY SCOTLAND COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAURINBURG TO SCOTLAND COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NC GENERAL STATUTE § 160A-274

The City Manager explained that Resolution No. R-2018-13 authorizes the transfer of lots which were acquired by the City and Scotland County through tax foreclosure. He added that the City Attorney has reviewed and discussed the resolution with the County Attorney.

The City Attorney explained that once the properties are sold, the net proceeds will be divided between the City and the County.

Following a brief discussion, Councilmember Williamson moved to approve Resolution No. R-

2018-13 authorizing transfer of certain lots jointly owned by Scotland County and the City of Laurinburg to Scotland County in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 160A-274. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Williamson, Adams, Leak, Garby, Evans
Nays: None
(Resolution No. R-2018-13 on file in City Clerk's office)

APPOINTMENTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and unanimously carried to reappoint Sandy Skamperle, Cory Hughes, Lynne Mabry, Terri Purcell and William Tyson to two –year terms on the Beautification Committee and to appoint Chris English to a two-year term on the Beautification Committee.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR COUNCILMEMBERS

Upon question by Mayor Block, the City Manager stated that the July 4th Fireworks Display would be held on July 4th at Pate Stadium. He added that the gates would open at 7:00 p.m. with the fireworks beginning around 9:15 p.m., depending upon light conditions.

Councilmember Leak requested that staff contact Scotland County next year to seek its participation in the July 4th Fireworks Display.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:56 p.m., Councilmember Adams moved to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) for economic development discussion and pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and carried unanimously.

At 10:05 p.m., motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular meeting.

SETTING THE CITY MANAGER'S SALARY

Motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and carried unanimously to increase the City Manager's salary by 4.25% which equates to \$121,901.38 effective July 1, 2018.

ADJOURN

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

Approved 8/28/18

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Matthew Block, MD, Mayor

Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk