

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2005
I.E. JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
815 MCGIRT'S BRIDGE ROAD
LAURINBURG, NC
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its meeting of October 25, 2005 on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room of the I.E. Johnson Elementary School located at 815 McGirt's Bridge Road, Laurinburg, NC with the Honorable Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Rembert DeBerry, Curtis B. Leak, and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. Councilmember Lisa D. Griswold was absent. Councilmember Thomas W. Parker, III arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Also present were: Craig F. Honeycutt, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk, Jenny Tippett, Deputy City Clerk, and the following Management Team Members: Bill Riemer, Bob Bell, Harold Smith, Robert Malloy, Cindy Carpenter and Robert Ellis.

Mayor Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Slaughter welcomed everyone and introduced Councilmembers. Councilmember DeBerry gave the invocation.

CITIZEN INPUT SESSION

Mr. Bill Riemer, Administration and Community Development Director, introduced the City Manager, Management Team members, the City Clerk and the Deputy Clerk. He explained that every year staff works on the ten-year plan in three different ways. He stated that the Finance Director and the City Manager review trends over the past few years to see how finances are doing. The staff contributes to the process by trying to plan on what major items will be needed for the next few years. The City Council contributes to the process by telling staff what its priorities are. He then explained that the Citizen Input Session is an overall process that the Council uses to obtain information and ideas for the growth and development of the City of Laurinburg and to aid in further development of the ten-year plan for the City. He concluded by calling upon the City Manager to give an overview of the accomplishments and ongoing activities from the 2004 Citizen Input Session.

The City Manager began by stating that it is a privilege to serve as manager for the City of Laurinburg. He stated that a lot of work has been done on the input that was received from last year's ten-year plan process. He then reviewed the list of priorities that were received from last year's meetings and the accomplishments during the past year.

Mr. Harold Smith, Public Works Director, explained the details regarding how the breakout groups would be formed. He stated that each participant should have received five green dots upon arrival to use during the exercise. He then stated that each group would discuss items that it feels the City needs to undertake in the coming year. He also stated that a Management Team Member would help each table of participants by listing their ideas on a sheet of paper. He then stated that after the participants list their ideas, they will be posted, and each member should place a green dot by the ideas he/she feels are most important. He then explained that, after the ideas are posted, if anyone has comments or concerns that were not addressed, he/she will have an opportunity to address them. Staff will then compile all the information, prioritize the list, and provide a summary of information to each participant.

The participants at the session then formed breakout groups. Following this session, Mr. Bob Bell reiterated that the participants should take their green dots and place a dot beside the ideas that are most important to them but should not place more than one dot by an idea. He then explained that staff would take the information that has been prioritized and divide them into groups. This information plus the information that is collected at the meeting to be held Thursday, November 3, 2005 at Scotland Place will be shared with Council and a copy will be mailed to all

participants.

Following this process, the following ideas were gathered and will be presented to Council for review at its upcoming retreat:

Code Enforcement

***	Better consistency of ordinances enforcement
**	Take some kind of action against unoccupied, dilapidated houses
*	Enforce code regarding Housing appearance as well as junk cars
	Remove satellites from front yards
	Satellite dishes - size & location
	Fix up old houses

Beautification

	Concern of increased littering due to carts being rolled to streets (make sure we have a way to deal with this)
	Signs for tree giveaways - north side. Better advertising for Washington Park/north side
	Community cleanup more visible - in community - more than twice a year

TRANSPORTATION

*****	Would like Alpha and Beta Streets paved
**	Produce Market Road sidewalks - back to Old Lumberton - back to North Main - McGirts Bridge Road (loop)
**	Street paving (i.e. Anne Street, Alpha, Beta)
*	Better lighting - north and south
	Speed bumps in neighborhoods that speeding is a problem
	Lights - South Main (from Church Street ? S. Main)

OTHER

***	Better cable
**	Staff look at racial make-up EOC numbers
**	Human Relations Committee - City have committee/County have committee
**	City more involved in City schools
**	Owners of dangerous dogs should be required to carry liability insurance
*	More citizen participation in council meetings and citizen input - look for ways to get input from citizens
*	Improve citizen morale
*	More police presence in neighborhood
*	Better relationship between Council and Scotland Co. Board of Commissioners
*	Enforce speed limit in neighborhoods
	Curfew for teenagers
	Senior citizen - solid waste - amount of \$ and pushing carts

	Look at animal ordinance
	Animal owners should pay for Animal Control Officer
	Law banning dangerous dogs from City of Laurinburg

OTHER - NOT UNDER CITY JURISDICTION

(to be referred to Scotland County Parks & Recreation Department)

***	More after-hours (i.e. 5:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.) recreation for youth
**	Public swimming pool
	More summer recreation
	More recreation north side of town

Mr. Shep Jones expressed his concern regarding the new rollout containers. He stated that if someone's garbage is not picked up; he is afraid that the trash will be taken somewhere and dumped.

Ms. Dalores Ingram stated that a stop light needed to be placed at the intersection of Produce Market Road and Lee's Mill Road.

Chief Robert Malloy informed the group that beginning November 28 the intersection will be a 4-way stop as this is a North Carolina Department of Transportation road.

Upon question by Shep Jones, the City Manager stated that there are no plans for annexation at this time. Mayor Slaughter stated that any annexation would be voluntary annexation at this time.

Mr. David Ellison expressed his concern regarding the low attendance at the Citizen Input Session.

Mayor Slaughter stated that one of the items on the priority list was a Human Relations Committee. She explained that the City and County had formed such a Committee but that, due to lack of participation, the committee had been dissolved. She then stated that if anyone would like to serve on any committee, please let her know.

The City Manager thanked everybody for coming. He stated that there would be an additional Citizen Input meeting on Thursday, November 3 at Scotland Place beginning at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to tell others about the upcoming meeting. He stated that he, the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff were all available anytime to receive citizen input. He concluded by reminding the group of the public comment session during Council's regular meeting each month.

Mr. Robert Ellis, Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants Director, thanked everyone for coming. He explained that if a participant had not previously left his/her name and address, he/she needed to see Ms. Tippett or Ms. Hammond in order to receive information regarding the Citizen Input Sessions. He reminded everyone that there would be a second Citizen Input Session held Thursday, November 3, 2005 at Scotland Place beginning at 7:00 p.m. He further stated that, if anyone knows of someone who would like to attend this session, he/she should let him or her know.

RECESS

Motion was made by Councilmember DeBerry, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until Thursday, November 3, 2005 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Scotland Place located at 1210 Turnpike Road, Laurinburg, NC.

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m.

Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk

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