

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2007
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
12:00 Noon**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its June 19, 2007 regular meeting on June 27, 2007 and on that date until this date and time (July 6, 2007 at 12:00 Noon) in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Rembert DeBerry, Lisa D. Griswold (Blalock), Curtis B. Leak, and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. Councilmember Thomas W. Parker, III was absent.

Also present were Craig F. Honeycutt, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk, and Charles L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Slaughter called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Councilmember Parker having been excused from the reconvened meeting of June 27, 2007, and not thereafter having been in attendance, he was likewise excused from this reconvened meeting.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER BLALOCK

Councilmember Blalock informed the Laurinburg City Council that she is moving out of the City Limits of Laurinburg and to Deercroft in Wagram, North Carolina. She stated that she has absolutely enjoyed serving on Council and that the position had never been a chore or a job. She explained that she had no political aspirations when she was asked to fill former Councilmember Barbara Frye's term. She further stated that she has viewed her service as a Councilmember as exactly that, community service. She continued by saying that the City has a very well-run City organization with the City Manager, Management Team, and appropriate structure in place. She said that she always knew that any time she needed any Councilmember that they would be there for her. She also said that even though she will not be on Council, if Council needs her to call her.

She then thanked Council for appointing her to the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She also thanked Council for sitting with her, laughing with her, and arguing with her in trying to do what was best for the City of Laurinburg.

Motion was made by Councilmember DeBerry, seconded by Councilmember Leak and unanimously carried to accept Councilmember Blalock's resignation from the Laurinburg City Council effective at 5:00 p.m. July 6, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER

Councilmember Blalock expressed to Council that she has approached a citizen and asked if she would be interested in fulfilling her unexpired term as a Councilmember. She informed Council that she is recommending Amanda Faulk. She stated that Ms. Faulk is young, energetic, intelligent, and is absolutely committed to bettering Laurinburg. She also stated that Ms. Faulk has been very involved with downtown, was a member of the committee during the 2003 All

America City event, and is very active in the Laurinburg/Scotland County Chamber of Commerce. She then stated that Ms. Faulk has a commitment to downtown, is a lifelong resident of this City, and is committed to staying in the County and making good decisions for the City.

Councilmember Blalock then informed Council that Ms. Faulk intends on running for the District 2 seat in the upcoming election.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blalock, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to appoint Amanda Faulk to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Councilmember Blalock which expires November 2007.

Following Council's appointment, Councilmember Blalock read the following statement prepared by Ms. Faulk:

Dear Mayor Slaughter and Council,

I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve Laurinburg as a member of the Council. I have lived in Laurinburg for a large majority of my life and I consider it my hometown.

Laurinburg has given me so much during my life, not just my educational background and an opportunity to operate my business but a sense of community that cannot be compared.

I hope that the decisions that I am apart of influence Laurinburg and promote positive economic prosperity and quality of life to our citizens.

Again, thank you for trusting me with this appointment and I am excited to learn more about how our city operates and how Laurinburg can move even further ahead in the future.

Sincerely,

Amanda Faulk

PRESENTATION TO COUNCILMEMBER BLALOCK

Mayor Slaughter presented a plaque of appreciation to Councilmember Blalock which read as follows:

CITY OF LAURINBURG
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
to
LISA D. BLALOCK
COUNCILMEMBER

APRIL 2002 – JULY 2007

This special tribute to Lisa D. Blalock is for outstanding service to the City of Laurinburg through creativeness, thoroughness, and an uncanny ability to question matters before the City Council. Her sense of community responsibility has made her a most valuable public servant and has helped to make Laurinburg a better place for all of its citizens.

Presented this the 6th day of July, 2007 by the Mayor and City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember DeBerry, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk