

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
JUNE 21, 2010
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
LAURINBURG, NC
6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its agenda workshop meeting held on June 15, 2010, and recessed until this date and time, June 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, Kenton Spencer, and Davian LaJoyce "Joy" Ellison. Councilmember Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Block reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. He explained that the purpose of this meeting is to interview four potential accounting firms to perform the City's financial audit for the upcoming year.

The City Manager stated that before the interviews begin that there is a grant application that needs to be considered that the Scotland Healthcare System had requested the City to submit for it. This grant is through the North Carolina Rural Center and will provide twelve jobs through construction job opportunities. The hospital plans to construct a new technology building on its campus.

Councilmember Leak stated that he would like this request to be included on the agenda for the regular Council meeting of June 22, 2010.

It was consensus among Councilmembers that this item be addressed at the June 22, 2010 regular Council meeting.

The City Manager stated that Council has questions provided by the Local Government Commission to be asked of the potential firms.

ACCOUNTING FIRM INTERVIEWS

Kenneth R. Anderson, CPA

Mr. Ken Anderson, Kenneth R. Anderson, CPA, Rockingham, North Carolina, informed Council of the firm's background, his team, what his company can provide in accounting services, and companies that his firm currently provides services to in Scotland County.

He listed companies in Scotland County as:

Scotland County School System
Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce
Childcare Directions

Mr. Anderson answered any and all questions by Councilmembers. He stated that he has an office located in the Heritage House located on South Main St. in Laurinburg.

Dixon Hughes PLLC

Mr. Scott Brewer and Ms. Jennifer Lambert, Dixon Hughes PLLC, Southern Pines, North Carolina informed Council of their interest in providing accounting services to the City of Laurinburg.

Mr. Brewer gave an overview of his firm and their auditing experience of local government. He stated that his firm has clients in Scotland County which are private clients, and he cannot reveal those.

Mr. Brewer and Ms. Lambert answered any and all questions by Councilmembers.

S. Preston Douglas and Associates

Mr. John Masters, S. Preston Douglas and Associates, informed Council that they have offices in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, Lumberton, North Carolina, and Whiteville, North Carolina. He then gave an overview of his company.

Mr. Masters stated that he has clients in Scotland County which include Z. V. Pate, Inc.

Mr. Masters answered any and all questions by Councilmembers.

Gustaf C. Lundin & Company LLP

Mr. Teddy Currie, Senior Partner, and Mr. Carl Head, Partner, Gustaf C. Lundin & Company LLP, Laurinburg, North Carolina gave an overview of the firm. Mr. Currie informed Council that Mr. Head is the governmental accountant and that his expertise is in governmental units. Mr. Currie stated that Lundin & Company has been conducting the City's audit for as long as audits have been conducted for the City.

They explained that their firm conducts audits for other municipal governments in the area including Scotland County, Town of Gibson, Town of East Laurinburg, and a few non-profit organizations in the area.

Mr. Currie and Mr. Head answered any and all questions of Councilmembers.

Councilmembers discussed the potential firms and what the firms had to offer and what Council expected from each firm. They also discussed the cost associated with each firm.

Upon question by Councilmember Spencer, the City Manager stated that he was most impressed by the local firm of Gustaf C. Lundin & Company because of its relationship with the Local Government Commission.

Councilmember Spencer motioned that Councilmembers vote on the firm to conduct the City's financial condition for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously passed.

Councilmember Parker motioned to appoint the firm of Dixon Hughes as the City's financial auditor.

The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Councilmember Spencer motioned to approve Gustaf C. Lundin & Company as the City's financial auditor. Councilmember Rainer seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Matthew Block, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk