

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2010  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
305 WEST CHURCH STREET  
LAURINBURG, NC  
7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its June 22, 2010 meeting recessed on that date until this date and time, June 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Matthew Block, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Joy Ellison, Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III, Herbert M. Rainer, Jr. and Kenton T. Spencer.

Also present were: Edward F. Burchins, City Manager (arrived at 7:20 p.m.); Jennifer M. Tippet, Deputy City Clerk; and Charles L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant City Attorney (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

Mayor Block called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Councilmember Spencer gave the invocation.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:05 p.m. motion was made by Councilmember Parker to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6), to discuss the qualifications, competency performance, character, fitness, condition of appointment or conditions of initial appointment of an individual public officer or employee. Councilmember Leak seconded the motion and it unanimously carried to adjourn to closed session.

At 8:15 p.m. motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Leak, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:16 p.m. motion was made by Councilmember Parker to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the attorney employed or retained by the City of Laurinburg in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the City Council relating to Schoollink. Councilmember Leak seconded the motion and it unanimously carried to adjourn to closed session.

At 8:32 p.m. motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session and resume the open meeting.

**AGREEMENT WITH CLARITY/LMK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

The Assistant City Attorney explained that he and the City Manager discussed the agreement with Clarity/LMK Communications earlier in the evening; however, some of the wording in the agreement needs to be changed. He explained that the terms of the proposed agreement include the following:

- Clarity/LMK Communications, LLC will pay the City \$233,400.00 per year for leasing space on the City's fiber optic.
- Clarity/LMK Communications, LLC will pay the City upon receipt of payment from the Scotland County School System and/or E-rate. If Clarity/LMK Communications, LLC does not get paid by the Scotland County School System and/or E-rate, then it does not have to pay the City.
- Clarity/LMK Communications, LLC will provide the City with a \$250,000.00 Letter of Credit or some other manner of securing payment.

A discussion ensued concerning the terms of the agreement with Schoollink for the same services.

Councilmember Spencer expressed concern about authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract when the contract is not finalized and he had not seen the contract.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Clarity/LMK Communications, LLC for lease of fiber optic space on the City of Laurinburg's fiber optic loops.

Furthermore, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with LMK Communications, LLC to provide internet service to the City of Laurinburg.

### **CITY MANAGER'S SALARY**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rainer, seconded by Councilmember Spencer, and unanimously carried to set the City Manager's salary for fiscal year 2010-2011 at 2.5% above his current salary beginning July 1, 2010, to increase the car allowance to \$600.00 per month, and to award the City Manager the \$600.00 bonus awarded to City employees.

### **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Matthew Block, Mayor

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Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk