

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2012  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 WEST CHURCH ST.  
LAURINBURG, NC  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its regular monthly meeting January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Curtis B. Leak, Herbert M. Rainer Jr., and Mary Jo Adams. Councilmember Kenton T. Spencer arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Also present were: Edward F. Burchins, City Manager, Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk, and William P. Floyd, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Leak gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Leak moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SCOTLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AS 2011 STATE 4A CHAMPIONS**

Mayor Parker explained that Resolution No. R-2012-02 honors the Scotland High School football team for its accomplishments in 2011 culminating in winning the State 4A Championship. He added that recently while recruiting an industry, it was mentioned to the potential industry and its representatives thought it was significant and a nice attribute to a community.

Councilmember Adams moved for the approval of Resolution No. R-2012-02 honoring the Scotland High School Fighting Scots Football Team, the State 4A Champions. Councilmember Leak seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Adams, Leak, Spencer, Williamson

Nays: None

(Resolution No. R-2012-02 on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Parker then presented the resolution to Coach Chip Williams, Coach William Clark,

Coach Will Clark and player Will Adams. He also presented each with a City pin.

Coach Will Clark thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He added that the team was comprised of good kids, and the team's success says a great deal about Coach Williams.

Coach William Clark thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the team and coaches.

Coach Williams stated that while the team has had success and the coaches did a great job of preparing the young men. He added that it takes a community to raise a child. He further added that the team had received a lot of assistance from throughout the community. He concluded by stating that the resolution was accepted for the whole community since it was a total community effort.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The City Manager reviewed the consent agenda.

- a) Consider Resolution No. R-2012-03 which amends Resolution No. R-2005-24, Procedures for Public Comment
- b) Consider Resolution No. R-2012-04 adopting Language Access Plan
- c) Set public hearing for request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a carnival at 900 US 401 Bypass from March 1, 2012 to March 11, 2012
- d) Set public hearing for a request for a Conditional Use Permit for 64.78 acre tract of land off US 15-401 Bypass to operate a Solar Photovoltaic Array (Solar Farm)
- e) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-02 amending the 2011-2012 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to extend sewer lines for the proposed Industrial Park
- f) Consider Resolution No. R-2012-05 Adopting a Policy for Mutual Aid Assistance with Other Law Enforcement Agencies
- g) Consider Ordinance No. O-2012-03 amending Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Section 18-41 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laurinburg

Councilmember Adams moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Adams, Williamson, Spencer, Leak

Nays: None

(Resolution No. R-2012-03, Resolution No. R-2012-04, Ordinance No. O-2012-02, Resolution No. R-2012-05 and Ordinance No. O-2012-03 on file in the City Clerk's Office)

### **CONSIDER ORDINANCE REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL-6 AND RESIDENTIAL-15 TO OFFICE/INSTITUTIONAL A 23-ACRE TRACT ON WOODLAWN ST.**

Mayor Parker declared the public hearing to consider an ordinance rezoning from Residential-6 and Residential-15 to Office/Institutional a 23-acre tract on Woodlawn St. open.

Mrs. Brandi Deese, City Planner, appeared before Council and explained that Mr. Jim Mason, on behalf of the property owners, has requested a 23-acre tract off Woodlawn Street be rezoned from Residential-6 and Residential-15 to Office/Institutional for the purpose of constructing a

nursing home facility. She added that although this property is surrounded by residentially-zoned property, staff feels that the uses permitted in the Office/Institutional zone would not create a significant impact on surrounding property.

Mr. Jim Mason, on behalf of the property owners, appeared before Council to request that a 23-acre site located on Woodlawn Street and Johns Road be rezoned from Residential-6 and Residential-15 to Office/Institutional. He explained that he and the owners feel strongly that this rezoning would not have any negative affect on surrounding property. He further explained that the rezoning should enhance the medically-oriented atmosphere located in that area due to the hospital. He added that he would be glad to answer any questions.

Ms. Margaret Lynch, Administrator of Century Care, explained that the rezoning request will allow them to construct a new nursing home facility. She further explained that the current nursing facility is 32,000 square feet, and would like to build a 56,000 square foot facility that is state-of-the-art. She added that Century Care is currently certified for 99 beds and the new facility would not add any beds. She further added that the additional space would be sued to enhance the quality of life for residents, such as to include a rehabilitation center to cater to short-term rehabilitation patients. She explained that the current facility has eight (8) private rooms and the new facility would have 32 private rooms.

Upon question by Councilmember Spencer, Ms. Lynch explained that the project would create approximately 40 jobs.

Upon question by Councilmember Williamson, Ms. Lynch stated all nursing home facilities must be automatically sprinkled by August 13, 2013; therefore, construction would begin as soon as possible.

There was no one present to speak in opposition to the request.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Spencer moved to approve Ordinance No. O-2012-01 which rezones from Residential-6 and Residential-15 to Office Institutional a 23-acre tract on Woodlawn St. as it is consistent with other development in the area, advances the public safety or welfare, and provides a positive impact to the public at large. Councilmember Leak seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Spencer, Leak, Adams, Williamson

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2012-01 on file in the City Clerk's Office)

## **DELEGATION**

Mrs. Jo Ann Gentry, Interim Director of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission, provided an update on activities at the Airport as follows:

- Completed Runway Project 5/23 on October 17, 2011 with positive comments from pilots and the community.

- The Airport 2010-2011 Annual Audit presented at December Commission meeting by Anderson, Smith and Wike was approved by the Commission.
- The Golden Knights go to Florida during the winter months resulting in fuel sales being down, which is normal for the months of December through February. The Golden Knights will be back to the Airport around the first of March.
- Received a grant from Department of Transportation (DOT) Division of Aviation in the amount of \$382,500.00 for a taxiway design update and a hangar design. The local matching funds are \$42,500.00.
- Received a grant for \$372,042 from the DOT Division of Aviation for the completion of the Runway 5/23 Project. She explained this is the overrun amount which the Airport is using Vision 100 State Aid to Airport Block Grant money.
- The Water and Sewer Department continues to perform and pass weekly and monthly tests as per permits.
- At joint meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, requesting the sale of 322 acres of land to Scotland County Economic Development Corporation, Mrs. Gentry and Mr. Greg Icard completed a Land Release for the 322 acres and the Release was hand-delivered to Richard Walls, Director of the DOT Division of Aviation Friday morning. She added that upon approval from the Division of Aviation, the Release will be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- Airport is planning on Open House and Celebration in early spring on a Saturday with a hotdog cook-out and other fun activities and will be a formal dedication of the new runway.

Mrs. Gentry stated that the Airport would like to thank the City of Laurinburg for its continued support.

Mayor Parker stated that Mrs. Gentry would appear before Council in May to present the 2012-2013 Airport Commission budget.

### **PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM**

The City Manager explained that at the January work session Councilmember Spencer proposed that the City participate in the Prescription Drug Card Program administered by the National League of Cities (NLC). He added that a prescription discount card will be provided for any member of the public without having to complete paperwork. He further added that there is no cost involved. He explained that the cards could be used at local pharmacies to obtain a discount on prescription drugs. He further explained that this card program is mainly for people who do not have existing drug cards or drug plans through a major medical program. He concluded by stating that the City has made application with the NLC and expects to receive the cards within the next three (3) weeks.

Councilmember Spencer explained that this program results in no cost to the City and there is minimal cost to staffing and labor. He added that there are no enrollment or membership fees and is open to all residents of the City of Laurinburg. He further added that the cards would have the City logo.

Upon question by Councilmember Leak, the City Manager explained that when the cards were

received by the City, a dissemination plan would be developed.

Councilmember Spencer moved to participate in the National League of Cities Prescription Drug Card Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson, and unanimously carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

There were no comments from the Mayor or Councilmembers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Thomas W. Parker III, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk