

**CITY OF LAURINBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2017  
12:00 NOON  
COUNCIL ROOM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the council room of the municipal building with the Honorable Matthew Block, MD, Mayor presiding. The following councilmembers were present: Mary Jo Adams, Curtis B. Leak, and Andrew G. Williamson, Jr.

Also present were: Charles D. Nichols III, City Manager; Jennifer A. Tippet, City Clerk; and William P. Floyd, Jr., City Attorney.

Mayor Block called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Councilmember Adams gave the Invocation.

The Honorable Regina Joe administered the oaths of office to re-elected Councilmember Andrew G. Williamson, Jr. and to newly elected Councilmembers Mary Evans and James J. Garby, Jr.

Mayor Block recognized the ministers present: Mr. Rob Macy, Mr. Michael Edds, Mrs. Essie Davis, Mr. Woody Pierce, Mr. Kenneth Blease, Mr. Mordecai Lewis, and Mrs. Linda Lewis.

**APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEM**

Mayor Block advised Council that the next item to consider was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Evans explained that she was prepared and would like the opportunity to be the Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Garby nominated Councilmember Evans to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination was seconded by Councilmember Evans. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Garby, Evans

Nays: Adams, Leak, Williamson

Councilmember Williamson explained that he was excited about working with Councilmembers Evans and Garby, and that he knew that Councilmember Evans would do a fine job as Mayor Pro Tem. He added that because Councilmember Adams had filled the position respectfully over the last several years, he nominated Councilmember Mary Jo Adams. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lead, and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Williamson, Leak, Adams

Nays: Garby, Evans

The Honorable Regina Joe administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jo Adams.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garby, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Matthew Block, MD, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk