

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
CITY OF SANFORD
AUGUST 13, 1998**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the August 13, 1998, open session of the Law and Finance Committee of the City of Sanford, the Committee went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(3) to consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney/client privilege and (5) to instruct the public body staff for the position to be taken in negotiating a price for a proposed contract or contract to acquire real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease. The following people were present in the closed session:

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| Mayor Winston C. Hester | Mayor Pro Tem Philip Dusenbury |
| Council Member Clawson Ellis | Council Member J. T. Kirkman |
| Council Member James Williams | Council Member Linwood Mann, Sr. |
| Council Member Joseph E. Martin | Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. |
| City Manager Leonard Barefoot | City Attorney Susan C. Patterson |
| City Clerk Lois Oldham-Simonson | |

Staff: Public Works Director Larry Thomas

Mayor Hester called the session to order.

Consider Purchase of J. R. Kelly Heirs Property

The City Manager presented a map and appraisal of 7.41 acres located in the City limits (see Exhibit "A"). The parcel is land locked but could be accessed from Colon Road or Third Street. It is bordered to the west by Seaboard Railroad and a power line to the east. The City owns the property adjacent to this parcel. A number of years ago the City was approached about buying the parcel at the estimated market value of \$11,500.

Mr. Barefoot said he has recently been approached by Paul Utley who says the owners will sell the property for \$15,000. Discussion followed. Council Member Ellis made a motion to offer \$12,000; Council Member Mann seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Consider Settlement with Terminix

Attorney Patterson advised that Terminix has agreed to settle on the Jonesboro Garden Club building (termite damage) in the amount of \$4,000. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept this amount; Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Ms. Patterson further advised that she has received three bids for demolition and cleanup of the building site. She recommends the low bid of Lonnie Johnson's Loader & Backhoe Service in the amount of \$3,700. It was agreed to place award of bid for demolition and cleanup on the August 18 Council agenda.

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Return to Regular Session

On motion of Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. McNeil, the Committee voted unanimously to return to regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON C. HESTER, MAYOR

LOIS OLDHAM-SIMONSON, CITY CLERK