

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF SANFORD
OCTOBER 31, 2001**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the October 31, 2001, open session of the Law and Finance Committee of the City Council, the Council went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the areas served by the public body.

The following people were present in the closed session:

Mayor Winston C. Hester	Mayor Pro Tem Joseph E. Martin
Council Member Clawson Ellis	Council Member Philip Dusenbury
Council Member J. T. Kirkman	Council Member Linwood Mann Sr.
Council Member James G. Williams	Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr
City Manager Leonard Barefoot	Operations Manager Tim Shaw
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson	City Engineer Vic Czar
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	

Public Works Director Larry Thomas
Community Development Director Ron Satterfield

Mayor Hester called the meeting to order.

City Manager Leonard Barefoot informed the committee that Mayor Hester received a letter from Atlantic and Western Railway on Tuesday requesting a letter of support for a grant to construct a \$1,000,000 transloading facility on a site across from Waste Management known as the Byrd property on Wilkins Road off of US Highway 421. The 3-M Company will be mining the granules near Pittsboro and is interested in moving the granules throughout the United States.

A&W will be transloading these granules from truck to rail and then transporting these railcars to be interchanged to either the Norfolk & Southern or the CSX Railroad. Mr. Barefoot discussed the issue with Community Development Director Ron Satterfield and both expressed concern regarding the truck traffic it would create on McNeil Road and Hawkins Avenue. A&W currently sends out 100 cars a month; if the plant is built, they will do 25 to 30 cars a day; this means 100 to 120 trucks per day. A&W states the trucks will not use McNeil Road; however, Mr. Barefoot commented they are state streets, and we cannot control them using those streets. John Lowry, Plant Manager, of 3M Company will look into this issue.

Council members were concerned about the noise from the plant since A&W claims it will be a 16-hour a day operation; Mr. Satterfield felt it would be 20 hours. It would also stop the traffic near Depot Park on Carthage and Wicker Streets by the

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railcars passing through. Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin commented that the overall concept is negative, and he did not see any advantage to the City. Council Member Kirkman added that it would not be fair to the residents of Glenwood Village or Forest Hills with the noise it would produce. He also noted the truck traffic it would add to McNeil Road and Hawkins Avenue. Council Member Ellis commented that if you move granules, you will also have dust. Council was not in favor of writing a letter of support.

Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts will be talking with Barry Waters from A&W Monday. Mr. Barefoot will discuss the issue with Mr. Heuts.

Council Member Walter McNeil made the motion to return to regular session. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin, it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Winston C. Hester

Bonnie D. White, City Clerk