

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANFORD
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

A special meeting of the City Council was held at the Sanford Municipal Center, on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 1:00 P.M., to Consider Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the City of Sanford for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grants Program for Red Wolf requested by Lee County Economic Development Corporation. The following people were present:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone	Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
Council Member Sam Gaskins	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
City Manager Hal Hegwer	

Absent:

Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Council Member Charles Taylor

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Governing Body of the City of Sanford to Apply for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grants Program for Red Wolf - Request by Lee County Economic Development Corporation – (Exhibit A)

Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts explained that the Rural Center has created a Building Reuse and Renovations Grant and they want to see job creation associated with it. It is a grant that gives Red Wolf an opportunity to receive up to \$480,000. They will move from the facility on Market Street to the old CAP building (old Avondale plant) on Boone Trail Road. Mr. Heuts said that we would like to assist Red Wolf in the process of renovating that building through this grant program. It does require the City or the County to apply for the money, and there will be some agreements between the City and Red Wolf to make sure that the loan gets paid off. The loan is forgiven by the Rural Center and the City, as the jobs are created for this particular grant application, and for this application it is 24 jobs.

Mr. Heuts said that this is just the application and there is no guarantee that this request will be funded. Mayor Pro Tem Stone clarified that this is the grant application and the City will not have to invest any funds; it will just be the City's time distributing the funds. Mr. Heuts replied yes.

Council Member Williams said that the resolution states the City will provide 3 percent of the total project costs of the project, if approved. Mr. Heuts replied that this 3 percent will come from local government but it will be paid for by public dollars from the private side. City Manager Hal Hegwer added that if the grant is awarded, then an agreement will be brought back to make sure we have a sound agreement. This is similar to the Rural Center funding that we

have received in the past for water and sewer projects for Walmart and Wyeth. Mr. Heuts added that at some point in time, we may have the opportunity to do something like this with the Hanesbrand building.

Mayor Olive asked if 24 jobs would be created. Mr. Heuts replied it would be more than 24 jobs; they are looking at possibly 150 jobs.

- Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Governing Body of the City of Sanford to Apply for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grants Program for Red Wolf – (Exhibit B)

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. made the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Governing Body of the City of Sanford to apply for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grants Program for Red Wolf. Seconded by Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Heuts gave Council an update on the efforts between the Lee County Economic Development Corporation and BRAC at the request of Council Member James Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone; seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK