

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
City Council Meeting
City of Sanford – May 18, 2010

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the May 18, 2010, open session of the of the City Council meeting, 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 area served by the public body.

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone
Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen
Council Member Sam Gaskins
Council Member James G. Williams

Council Member Walter McNeil
Council Member Charles Taylor
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie White
City Manager Hal Hegwer

Absent:

Council Member Linwood Mann, Sr.

Item #1

Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts explained that the Economic Development Board met and discussed three projects, two of which are located within the City. He spoke with the Lee County Board of Commissioners and they voted to proceed with the public hearings. He is seeking direction from Council as to whether they will hold public hearings for the projects.

Axxor N.A., LLC is a Dutch company that manufactures honeycomb which is a green product consisting of all natural paper and water-based glue (Attachment). Honeycomb is used in interior doors, furniture, packing materials, etc. It gives more strength to furniture. They are looking at locating in the United States. They are also looking at locating in Virginia because they have a customer located in Danville, Virginia; however, they may have additional customers in North Carolina and Sanford would be a good location between those two customers. They are looking at a \$5 million investment. They are looking at the empty Shell Building that is owned by Solis and is located on Wilson Road and a building in the Simpson Industrial park on Rosser Road.

The Economic Development Corporation recommends the five-year, 50 percent grant which would total \$121,550; the City's portion would be about \$44,450 and the County's would be \$61,000. They plan to hire eleven employees the first year and will hire additional employees as they expand.

Mr. Heuts explained the Impact Analysis that was done and the Employment Profile. North Carolina is granting \$35,000 from the One North Carolina Fund. In order to receive those funds, the State wants to see how many jobs are created and the wages they will pay. If they receive those funds, the State will send the money to the County and the County will write a check to the company.

It was the consensus to hold a public hearing on June 1 for the grant agreement.

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive

City Clerk Bonnie D. White

