

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

The City Council met at the Sanford Municipal Center, 225 E. Weatherspoon Street, on Wednesday, July 19, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Bob Brown

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No citizens signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 7, 2011 – (Filed in Minute Book 76)

Approval of City Council Budget Workshop Minutes Dated June 13, 2011 – (Pages 9 – 10)

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated June 15, 2011 – (Pages 11 – 15)

Approval of City Council Budget Workshop Minutes Dated June 15, 2011 - (Pages 16 – 22)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 21, 2011 – (Pages 23 – 35)

Approval of Special City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 29, 2011 – (Pages 36 – 42)

Approval of Resolution to Temporarily Close Bank Street – (Exhibit A)

Resolution was ratified for temporarily closing Bank Street on July 9 between the hours of 4 P.M. and 8:30 P.M.

Approval of Resolution Temporarily Closing Several Streets in Support of National Night Out – (Exhibit B)

Resolution was approved temporarily closing several streets on August 2, 2011, in support of National Night Out.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Vacant Property Off Cox Mill Road, Sanford, North Carolina - (Exhibit C)

Resolution was approved authorizing the advertisement of an offer to receive upset bids. Roy Harrington submitted an offer in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase a triangle parcel of land located off Cox Mill Road. It is the site of the old Clawson Williams water tank that was removed and sold to the Town of Elkin.

**ALL THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WERE DISCUSSED AT THE LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 13, 2011.**

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

Presentation of National Night Out Proclamation – (Exhibit D)

Mayor Olive read the proclamation proclaiming August 2, 2011, as National Night Out in Sanford. Council Member Williams stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to say that he believes, that over the years, National Night Out has had a profound impact on the reduction of the City's crime rate. He said that a lot of the neighbors have gotten to know the police officers and this has helped them feel more comfortable being around them. Mr. Williams said these citizens want to be more productive and want to be recognized. Mayor Olive thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the work they do and thanked Council Member McNeil and City Clerk Bonnie White for what they have done to make this event successful. Mr. McNeil added that the kids have really gotten to know the police officers and have learned to trust them; they see that the officers are their friend.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Subaward Agreement with the North Carolina State Energy Office – (Exhibit E)

City Engineer Paul Weeks explained that this subaward agreement is between the City of Sanford and the Town of Broadway. This is part of Round 2 funding from the State Energy Office. This agreement is required by the State Energy Office to make sure that the grantee - (City of Sanford) and the sub-grantee (Town of Broadway) are all on the same page and to make sure that everyone is aware that certain agreements flow down to Broadway, because they have some responsibility in this agreement as well. This agreement or project is for a total of \$106,454 with the City's match being \$17,527. The Town of Broadway has no match. The City of Sanford will be handling all the grant paperwork. The Town of Broadway will help facilitate the contractors who will be doing the work in their individual buildings.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins made the motion to approve the subaward agreement. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 – (Exhibit F)

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 – (Exhibit G)

City Engineer Paul Weeks explained that these two ordinances amending the annual operating budget are for the above project (subaward agreement). The reason there are two ordinances is because one of the City's buildings is funded by the General Fund and the other is funded by the Utility Fund. It was best way to divide the monies up for tracking purposes. The total is for the same amount as above - \$106,454 with the City's match being \$17,527.

Council Member Linwood Mann made the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 (Exhibit F). Seconded by Council Member L.I. "Poly" Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member L.I. "Poly" Cohen made the motion to adopt the second Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 (Exhibit G). Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins stated that he is in receipt of a letter that the County Manager sent to the City Manager regarding City/County contracts. He said that it seems that the County wants to invalidate contracts with the City and it appears to him that they are trying to move their excess cost to the City taxpayers; the same taxpayers who pay over half of the County taxes. He is not inclined to support any of these new ideas that the County has to reduce their taxes to maintain their campaign pledges. He feels if they came up with a reasonable algorithm instead of giving us numbers from which we have no idea where they came. He would appreciate that kind of submission better.

Council Member Taylor advised that Lowes in Sanford plans to open mid-September; Spanset plans to start construction in four weeks; and Static Control's corporate headquarters will be operational in February.

Mayor Olive stated that a farewell reception for Dr. Che was held on Monday. Dr. Che headed Sanford's Confucius Classroom for the last two years. Dr. Che has been away from her home in China since she started this program. Central Carolina Community College is the only community college in the country that has participated in this type of effort to bring cultural opportunities from China to the United States. Some of the events have included World Class talent and World Class athletes and they have only been done in Raleigh, New York, and Sanford. We have had the privilege of seeing such wonderful entertainment. Dr. Che gave the Mayor a beautiful scroll which the mayor displayed. On the scroll were peonies which are one of the national flowers of China. The brocade treatment that was done to create the flowers had to be done by two people at the same time. It took them one day's time to do 2.25 inches. It will be displayed in her office at City Hall for everyone to come by and see.

City Attorney Susan Patterson mentioned that at Council's seats there is a copy (Exhibit H) of Lee County's new Animal Control Ordinance Rewrite. We will soon be discussing what

needs to be changed in our ordinance to come into compliance or what needs to be improved in it. She asked them to review it and consider what they would like to include in the City's ordinance.

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that National Night Out falls on Council's regularly scheduled meeting night and if Council is in agreement, the meeting needs to be held at 1 P.M. in lieu of 7 P.M. Council was in agreement.

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell announced that the City has received another grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the Urgent Repair Program from the Housing Finance Agency.

**ALL EXHIBITS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK