

**BUDGET WORK SESSION - FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

The Mayor and City Council held a budget work session on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Mayor Black called the budget work session to order. The following were in attendance:

**HOUSER    CLONINGER    HEAVNER    HOVIS**

The following organizations appeared before Council to request funding for the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

**U.D.C. Building:** Hazel Andrews appeared on behalf of the Southern Stars Chapter #477, requesting that Council continue providing funding in the amount of \$ 1500. She had several DAR members in attendance to support her request. She noted that the amount requested is typically funded to assist in offsetting the UDC utilities expenses. She concluded thanking Council for their many years of support to this historical treasure.

**Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport:** Interim Airport Manager David Lowe provided an overview, and a handout, concerning the Airport. He commended Jeff Lynn, Airport Manager, for the hard work he put into this year's funding request to the City. Jeff has been out on leave due to a plane crash several months ago, but is recuperating well.

Mr. Lowe said the Airport continues to grow and serve more of the corporate aircraft in our community. He emphasized the continued need sewer to the Airport. He concluded thanking the City for it's continued support of the Airport.

His request for 2009-10 was: **Airport Operation: \$ 31,030.00**  
**Grant Match :        46,250.00**  
**Total Request:     \$ 77,280.00**

**Chamber of Commerce:** Chamber President Ken Kindley, and Chamber Board Chair Ken Morris were in attendance on behalf of the Chamber to present the request.

He reviewed a handout displaying the Chamber's program of work throughout the year. He concluded saying that he appreciates all the support the City has provided to the Chamber in past years. The total requested was \$ 19,000 from the City for fiscal year 2009-10.

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**Communities in Schools:** Billy Marsh, Director reviewed the services provided by Communities in Schools to both the schools within the City and County. He gave Council a fact sheet for the CIS. He discussed how CIS assists the local schools in Lincolnnton and provided a narrative of the work and benefits that the CIS program provides to our community as a whole. He thanked the City for their continued support of a much needed service. The total funding requested was \$ 5,000.

**Lincoln Cultural Center:** Lincoln Cultural Center Interim Director Tina Guffey, spoke on behalf of the Cultural Center and other organizations under their umbrella requesting continued monetary support from the City.

LCC President Christine Poinsett assisted Tina with her presentation. Shelley Johnson, President of the Arts Council, and Jason Harpe Historical Association Director, appeared to present their request for funding.

Their requests were as follows:

<b>Lincoln Cultural Center</b>	<b>\$ 64,790</b>
<b>Arts Council</b>	<b>\$ 6,500</b>
<b>Historical Association</b>	<b>\$ 19,000</b>
<b>Theatre Guild</b>	<b>(no one was present at this meeting)</b>

**Economic Development Association:** Director Barry Matherly spoke to Council reviewing the goals and objectives for Lincoln Economic Development Association, noting the changes from the previous year. He reviewed the EDA Action Plan for 2009-2010. He noted that LEDA funding request did not reflect an increase for this year.

City Council thanked Barry for the great job he and his staff do in recruitment and in providing positive communication throughout the community.

### **Other Funding Request:**

The Lincolnnton Rotary Club requested by letter a donation to the upcoming 2009 Rotary auction. City Manager Jeff Emory told Council of discussions with the School of Government regarding the request. David Lawrence with SOG recommended the City cautiously consider the request as it may not be deemed a legitimate expenditure.

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After much discussion, Councilman Hovis made the motion to direct the City Attorney to write a letter to Rotary Club President to deny the request for a donation based on the information received from the SOG.

The motion passed by a three to one vote. Councilmen Hovis, Heavner, and Houser voted in yes, and Councilman Cloninger voted no.

The City Manager updated Council on a request from Lincoln County regarding sewer to the industrial park.

Being no further business, Councilman Houser made the motion unanimously approved to ADJOURN the meeting.

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**DONNA C. FLOWERS, CMC**  
**CITY CLERK**

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**DAVID M. BLACK**  
**MAYOR**

*ATTACHMENT of the FUNDING REQUEST SUMMARY IS ATTCHED and will become a permanent part of these official minutes.*