

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton.

Mayor David Black called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members were in attendance:

CLONINGER HEAVNER

Councilman Cloninger made the motion unanimously approved the Regular Agenda.

Councilman Heavner made the motion unanimously approved the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

Approved Minutes of meetings held in January 2009.

Approved Budget Amendment (BA-02-09) - Transfer \$ 40,000 from Fund Balance to General Fund- Airport (additional amount requested for terminal)

Approved the following Calls to Public Hearing for the March 5th regular meeting:

ZMA-1-2009 – Application from Abernathy Holdings, LLC requesting the rezoning of approximately 7.13 acres from Residential-8 (R-8) to General Business (GB). The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Salem Church Road and Boggs Street.

ZMA-2-2009 – Application from Timberlake Nursery, Inc. requesting the rezoning of approximately 4.77 acres from Residential-25 (R-25) to General Business (GB) District. The subject property is located on the east side of Maiden Highway (Old US 321) approximately 1,600 feet north of the intersection of Maiden Highway and Bethel Church Road. It is bordered on the north by Luther Shrum Lane.

Approved Resolution (R-01-09) – Veteran Bond, Stamp, and Coin Program

Approved audit contract (C-01-09) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO THE LINCOLNTON HOUSING AUTHORITY:

(APPT-02-08)

Mayor David Black nominated Mr. Paul Byrd to serve on the Lincolnton Housing Authority beginning March 2009.

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Councilman Cloninger made the motion unanimously approved to appoint Mr. Byrd to serve a three year term beginning March 2009, to replace Mr. Charles "Smitty" Little who completed his second three year term in January of 2009.

Mayor Black said a second appointment would need to be made to replace Mr. Hubert Gilbert, who will complete his second three year term in May of 2009. This appointment will appear on the May agenda for consideration at that time.

Mayor Black called a short recess at 4:10 p.m. to await the arrival of Councilmen Houser and Hovis.

Councilmen HOUSER and HOVIS arrived to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

STATUS REPORT ON PHASE III OF THE MARCIA H. CLONINGER RAIL TRAIL EXPANSION:

Steve Gurley, Planning Director provided Council an update on the progress of the rail trail project since the January City Council meeting. He said staff attended a meeting of the Lincoln County Thread Trail Committee. The primary action taken was the selection of Greenways Inc. to prepare a greenway master plan for Lincoln County. Grant applications were submitted for \$ 468,000 in Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for rail trail Phase III construction and \$ 46,875 in Recreational Trails Program funding for easement purchases.

Steve said the City Attorney continues to work on deeds for easements for the remaining property owners along the corridor. City appropriated funds and or RTP funds will be used to pay for the properties as our offers are accepted.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS :

Jeff Emory, City Manager provided Council with an update on potential infrastructure projects should the City be eligible for President Obama's proposed stimulus package funding. A copy of a detailed memorandum drafted by Director of Public Works & Utilities Director Steve Peeler will appear as an attachment, becoming a part of these official minutes.

Upon review of the projects, Mr. Peeler told Council he was unsure when the City would actually have to expend monies for design. He noted that once the

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legislation is approved for the stimulus funding, there will be a thirty day window for applications to be submitted.

Mr. Emory said no monies would have to be expended at this point, but that the City wants to be in a position to apply for funding if it becomes available.

UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLNTON:

Jeff Emory, City Manager told Council that now that the City is half way through the current fiscal year, he felt it would be a good time to provide an update on our financial status.

He said, "It is no secret that the downturn in the economy has affected all units of government, including municipalities. I can assure you I am keeping a close eye on the status of the City's revenues and expenditures, in each of our major funds.. Fortunately we have made it to the halfway point in relatively good condition. Property tax revenues are right on pace with where they should be, and sales tax receipts have been pretty much in line. My biggest concern at this point is a decrease in water and sewer revenues. This primarily related to lack of water sales to other governmental entities, and our major industries not performing at peak production levels."

The attached financial summary was presented and will become a part of these official minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke during the public comment portion of this meeting.

NEWS MEDIA:

There were no questions from the News Media.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cloninger made the motion unanimously approved to adjourn.

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

**DAVID M. BLACK
MAYOR**

Attachments