

**MINUTES**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MAY 14, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - PUBLIC SQUARE**

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**ATTENDANCE:** **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**- County Council Chairman Jim Coleman and Vice Chairman Edward McDaniel; Council Members Diane Anderson, Ted Nash, David Pitts and Joe Wood.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT** – Council Member Keith Tollison (work out of state).

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Laurens County Administrator, Ernest Segars; Laurens County Clerk to Council, Betty C. Walsh and Sandy Cruickshanks, Laurens County Attorney.

**ATTENDING - LAURENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Laurens County Coroner, Nick Nichols Laurens County Communications Director, Joey Avery; Laurens County Detention Center – Major Chris Hudson; Laurens County EMS Director, Chad Burrell; Laurens County Finance Department Director, Lisa Kirk; Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker; Laurens County Public Works Director, Scott Holland; Laurens County Sheriff's Department, Captain Coats; Laurens County Sheriff's Department , Ricky Chastain, Sheriff and Laurens County Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement Officer, Billy Wilson.

**PRESS:** Iva Cadmus, *WLBG-Radio*; *The Laurens County Advertiser*, Corey Engle; *The Clinton Chronicle*, Vic MacDonald, and Rachel Ham of *Go-Laurens.com*.

**SCHEDULED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS** – (1) Approval of Agenda, May 14, 2013; (2) Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2013; (3.) Public Hearing – Laurens County Ordinance #748 - Laurens County Comprehensive Plan (a) Third Reading – Laurens County Ordinance #748 - Laurens County Comprehensive Plan; (4.) ) Public Hearing, Laurens County Ordinance #751 – “Conveyance of Wattsville Alley-ways to the Laurens City Commission of Public Works”; (a) Third Reading, Laurens County Ordinance #751 – “Conveyance of Wattsville Alley-ways to the Laurens City Commission of Public Works”; (5.) Agency Overview - Laurens County Literacy Council, Emil Finley, President; (6) Nominations (5) for Governor Re-appointment, Laurens County Water Sewer Commission; (7) Second Reading, Laurens County Ordinance #752 – “An Ordinance to Assign and or Transfer a Fee-in-Lieu-of-Tax Arrangement from Security Printing”; (8) First Reading, Ordinance #755 – “An Ordinance to Convey Real Estate Containing 7.56 Acres For An Economic Development Project Known As Project Application” And All Matters Appertaining Thereto.”; (9) Administrative Report; (10) Public Comments; (11) County Council Comments; (12) Executive Session - Contractual Matter; (13) Budget Work Session Immediately following Regular Session of Council.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Members, Press and requested public notifications were informed of the meeting in a timely and appropriate manner.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Coleman called the May 14, 2013 regular scheduled meeting of Council to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Laurens County Historic Courthouse and invited all to stand for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was delivered by Chairman Coleman.

Chairman Coleman informed Council that Councilman Tollison would not be in attendance due to his work carrying him out of state on business.

**APPROVAL – AGENDA – MAY 14, 2013** – VICE CHAIRMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the agenda for May 14, 2013 with any additions or deletions; SECONDED by COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON. COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL – MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2013 – REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL** – VICE CHAIRMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2013 meeting with any additions or deletions; SECONDED by COUNCILMAN NASH; COUNCIL VOTED 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING, LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #748 - “LAURENS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN”** – Chairman Coleman opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 P.M. for comments. Having none, Chairman Coleman closed the public hearing at 5:36 P.M.

- a.) **THIRD READING, LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #748 - “LAURENS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN”** – COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #748 upon third reading as presented with VICE CHAIRMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING, LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #751 – “CONVEYANCE OF WATTSVILLE ALLEY-WAYS TO THE LAURENS CITY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS”** - Chairman Coleman opened the Public Hearing at 5:37 P.M. for comments. Having none, Chairman Coleman closed the public hearing at 5:38 P.M.

- a.) **THIRD READING, LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #751 – “CONVEYANCE OF WATTSVILLE ALLEY-WAYS TO THE LAURENS CITY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS”** - COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #751 upon third reading as presented with VICE CHAIRMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**AGENCY OVERVIEW – LAURENS COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL, EMIL FINLEY, PRESIDENT** - Representing the Laurens County Literacy Council, Mr. Emil Finley, President of the Council, introduced others present that were on the Council and detailed a brief history of the organization.

Mr. Finley went on to say, “The times have changed and we are addressing improving the literacy in Laurens County. This Council has implemented a great program for pulling Laurens County to the forefront of Economic Development. With this we have two (2) charges for the Council that we would like to improve on. One, English as the second language (ESL). We offer English as a Second Language to our non-English speaking adults. This helps them to become independent and carry out a normal life, while communicating with others where English is the primary language. Second, Adult Basic Education (ABE) where we encourage and help adult students to improve their reading, writing, and math skills. We provide small group settings, and one on one tutoring which makes it easier to learn. Therefore, our work is to help them accomplish their educational goals in order to become independent and successful as well as teaching them more about our way of life. All of this aids in securing better paying jobs”.

Continuing, Mr. Finley asked Council to include the agency while preparing the county budget. Mr. Finley requested ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to help with the staffing of a part-time director to assist with the day-to-day activities. Mr. Finley added that presently there are a lot of volunteers, including the Board, that do put in a lot of hours helping to keep the program going.

Chairman Coleman noted the past funding by Council and how there has been an attempt to reduce the special appropriations during budget deliberations. Chairman Coleman asked if there were any grants available that they could apply for.

Administrator Segars asked if they were still in the building on Laurens Street and if they still had paying tenants. Mr. Finley replied that there were two (2) tenants presently.

Chairman Coleman stated that Council would take this as information at this time and would consider their request during budget deliberations.

Sheriff Chastain added that the Board would appreciate consideration as there were many board members that have also donated funds as well as volunteered to help with training.

**NOMINATIONS (5) FOR GOVERNOR RE-APPOINTMENT, LAURENS COUNTY WATER SEWER COMMISSION** – Chairman Coleman asked for Council consideration of appointments as requested by the Water Sewer Commission Executive Director, Jeff Field.

Upon a MOTION from COUNCILMAN NASH and a SECOND from COUNCILMAN WOOD, COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve the following for reappointment:

- Mr. John McMurray, Representing Council District #6 – June 30, 2013
- Mr. Patrick Jackson – Representing Council District 2 – Expiring June 30, 2013
- Mr. Jurrell Byrd – Representing Council District 3 – Expiring June 30, 2013
- Mr. Elbert Mason – Representing Council District 7 – Expiring June 30, 2013

Municipal Representation - Mr. Ted Davenport – Representing the Laurens City Commission of Public Works – Expiring June 30, 2013 (Ordinance provides for a two (2) year term in this position).

**SECOND READING, LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #752 – “AN ORDINANCE TO ASSIGN AND / OR TRANSFER A FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX ARRANGEMENT FROM SECURITY PRINTING”** - Attorney Cruickshanks introduced Mr. Brandon Norris of the McNair Law Firm who was representing the industry.

Continuing, Attorney Cruickshanks said, “This ordinance incorporates documents where Avery Dennison will be transferring certain assets to a company called CCL. Again, the County has three (3) Fee-in-Lieu-Agreements with Avery Dennison from 1996, 1999 and 2004. This is just an internal arrangement with Avery Dennison where one company will be taking over parts of Avery Dennison’s product line and will address a conversion of the former lease back to a regular simplified fee as well as the combined Fee-in-Lieu-of-Agreements”.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #752 upon the recommendations of Attorney Cruickshanks. COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

Councilman Pitts questioned if this would change any of the revenue stream? Attorney Cruickshanks replied that it would not.

**FIRST READING, ORDINANCE #755 – “AN ORDINANCE TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE CONTAINING 7.56 ACRES FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS “PROJECT APPLICATION” AND ALL MATTERS APPERTAINING THERETO”** - COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #755 upon first reading as presented with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** – Administrator Segars said that he had nothing to report at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Chairman Coleman opened the floor for public comments at 5:54 P.M. With no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Coleman closed the session at 5:55 P.M.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilman Wood asked for all to remember the Catfish Festival that will be held in late May.
- Chairman Coleman noted that he had received an email from Laurens District 55 High School thanking for the funds from Council and inviting all of Council to an appreciation ceremony held on Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Lecture Theater of the District #55 High School.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 5:56 P.M. Chairman Coleman asked to move into executive session. A MOTION was made by COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON and SECONDED by COUNCILMAN PITTS; Council moved into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter; VOTE 6-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Coleman reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Chairman Coleman adjourned the regular session of Council at 6:32 P.M. and stated that after a short recess, Council will continue with a Budget Work Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "BWalsh".

Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council

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Edward A. McDaniel, Vice Chairman  
Diane B. Anderson  
Ted G. Nash  
David A. Pitts  
P. Keith Tollison  
Joseph E. Wood, Jr.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Ernest B. Segars, Administrator  
Betty C. Walsh, Clerk to Council

June 20, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

There was no acquisition required for the implementation of the Joanna Mill Village Water/Sewer II Upgrade Project CDBG (#4-CI-12-018). All work is to be done in existing public rights of way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ernest B. Segars", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ernest B. Segars  
Administrator