

**Town Council Minutes
Morehead City, North Carolina**

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building Auditorium at 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. Those in attendance were:

MAYOR:	Gerald A. Jones, Jr.
MAYOR PRO-TEM:	Demus L. Thompson
COUNCILMEN:	George W. Ballou
	Paul W. Cordova
	David Horton
	John F. Nelson
CITY MANAGER:	R. Randy Martin
CITY CLERK:	Jeanne M. Giblin
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:	Janet Hill
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:	Nelson Taylor, III, Michael Thomas
OTHERS:	Bill Hettler, Beaufort Town Manager

Charlie Burgess, Laura Drewyor, Scott Lane, Planner Sandi Watkins, Dawn Gaskill, Phil Ross, Duncan Ross, Austin Chrisman, Public Works Director David McCabe, Ronetta Gaskill, Craig Hassler, Police Major Richard Abell, Fire Chief Wes Lail, Planning Director Linda Staab, Crystal Coast Boat Show Chairman Steve Miller, Reporter Mike Shutak, THE CARTERET NEWS TIMES

I. Regular Meeting Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Councilman Thompson gave the invocation and all joined in The Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of the CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Nelson requested that Items II.D. and II. E. be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA and discussed under New Business Items III.E. and III.F. The Council concurred.

II.A. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, January 11, 2011, Regular Meeting

Approved the Minutes of Tuesday, January 11, 2011, Regular Meeting and dispensed with the reading.

II.B. Approve the Requests for Release of Overpayment of Ad Valorem Taxes for January 2011, in the amount of \$9.07; and Accept the Tax Collector and Finance Director Reports for January 2011

Approved the requests for release of overpayment of ad valorem taxes for January 2011, in the amount of \$9.07; and accepted the Tax Collector and Finance Director Reports for January 2011.

II.C. Adopt Resolution 2011-01 Designating Official to Represent the City in Connection with Mosquito Control

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health requested that the Council adopt a resolution designating an agent to represent Morehead City in connection with mosquito control as part of the application for state aid for mosquito control. Phil Terry, Cemetery/Grounds and Building/Grounds Supervisor, has been selected by the City Manager and nominated to be designated as agent. He has the proper certification and training for this function.

Adopted Resolution 2011-01 Designating Official [Phil Terry] to Sign Papers and to Otherwise Represent the City in Connection with Mosquito Control. [Resolution 2011-01 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

- II.D. Adopt Resolution 2011-02 Endorsing the Fourth Annual Crystal Coast Boat Show and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011 [Removed from the CONSENT AGENDA.]**
- II.E. Adopt Resolution 2011-03 Endorsing the JWR Gaffer Dolphin Fishing Tournament and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011 [Removed from the CONSENT AGENDA.]**
- II.F. Award Sidewalk Plan for US Highway #760 in Front of Walgreens to the low bidder, Hardy Construction, Inc., in the Base Bid Amount of \$10,450; and to Award Sidewalk Plan for NC Highway #24 Behind Walgreens to the low bidder, S. F. Ballou Construction, in the Base Bid Amount of \$29,965**

The Public Works Committee of the Council reviewed the bids received for the installation of sidewalks at the newest Walgreens store in the west end of Morehead City. Two [2] separate invitations for bids were requested, one [1] for a sidewalk installed on the Highway #70 side of the store and one [1] for a sidewalk installed on the Highway #24 side. The bids are as follows:

Highway #70

Simpson Construction	\$16,460
S. F. Ballou Construction	\$13,865
Hardy Construction	\$10,450

Highway #24

Simpson Construction	\$38,280
S. F. Ballou Construction	\$29,965
Hardy Construction	\$36,650

Walgreens has provided the funding for the design and installation of both sidewalks which has been designed by Stroud Engineering. At the present time, there is insufficient funding available for both sidewalk installations, however, the engineer is in contact with the developer for the additional funding. The Public Works Committee recommended awarding both low bids, Hardy Construction in the amount of \$10,450 for the Highway #70 side and S. F. Ballou in the amount of \$29,965 for the Highway #24 side with the understanding that only the work on the Highway #70 side would be contracted until the additional funds have been received to fund both sidewalk sections. It is estimated that \$3,000 to \$4,000 in additional funds are necessary to fund both sections.

Awarded Sidewalk Plan for US Highway #70 in front of the Walgreens located at the western end of Morehead City to the low bidder, Hardy Construction, Inc., in the base bid amount of \$10,450; and to Award Sidewalk Plan for NC Highway #24 behind Walgreens to the low bidder, S. F. Ballou Construction, in the base bid amount of \$29,965, with the understanding that only the work on the Highway #70 side would be contracted until additional funds have been received.

II.G. Submittal of 2010 Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Lists as per G.S. 105-369[a] including Interest Due and Authorize Tax Collector to Post and Advertise the 2010 Delinquent Tax List

The Tax Collector is required by statute to report to the Council the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year and the Council must act to charge the Tax Collector to advertise liens between March 1st and June 30th. After the Council approves the advertisement of tax liens, a notice will be sent by first class mail to each property owner's last known address 30 days prior to the notice in the newspaper. This is a notice to the listed owners on file with the county as of December 31st of the affected tax year.

Approved the submitted 2010 Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Lists as per G.S. 105-369[a] including interest due and Authorized the Tax Collector to post and advertise the 2010 Delinquent Tax List. [Attached to and made a part of these minutes are the 2010 Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Lists.]

Councilman Nelson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Cordova, and carried unanimously, to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA in one [1] motion with the exception of Items II.D. & II.E. which will be placed under New Business Items III.E. & III.F.

III.A. New Business: Approval of the Morehead City Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan

Planner Sandi Watkins reported that in 2009, Morehead City received a grant in the amount of \$24,800 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] with a City match of \$6,200 to develop a jurisdiction-wide pedestrian plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide future connectivity, safety and accommodations for pedestrians in Morehead City. The Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee, which was comprised of business professionals, citizens, and Council, Board of Adjustment and Planning Board members, worked with City staff and consultants from the Louis Berger Group and Henderson Consulting to prepare the draft plan. Two [2] public outreach events were held and a survey was conducted between January and April 2010, various focus groups meetings were also held. The Steering Committee met as a group on a total of five [5] occasions between January and December 2010, to develop the plan as it is presented.

At the Planning Board Meeting held on January 18, 2011, Curtis Fleshman made the motion, seconded by Corinne Geer and carried unanimously, to recommend approval of the Morehead City Pedestrian Plan. The Planning Committee of the Council reviewed the plans at their last meeting.

Planner Watkins then introduced Scott Lane representing the Louis Berger Group. He reviewed the Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan saying that the plan emphasized the benefits of walking, gave a sense of community and focused on making connectivity and safety more important to the City. He recommended that Morehead City improve crosswalks and consider a pathway project further north of the City and into the extraterritorial jurisdiction areas. He continued that over time projects like the “Safe Routes to School” Barbour Road plans which the City has implemented and progress on the pedestrian projects make a difference in how people move around the City.

Manager Martin stated that he appreciated the efforts of the City staff on this project and especially Sandi Watkins who did a great job in soliciting public input and in the preparation of the plan.

Mayor Jones thanked all who served on the Committee. The Mayor then opened the floor for comments.

Greg Hassler of 105 North 19th Street stated he served on the Committee and is an avid bike rider. He appreciated the City funding the plan and for the time that was put into the project. He volunteered to work on developing the Progress Energy right-of-way that runs along Bay Street, crosses the Middle School property and Mandy Farms and ends in the vicinity of the Pet Smart shopping center along Highway #70.

Bill Hettler of Mitchell Village stated that he was part of the Committee and that the Pedestrian Plan is comprehensive in its scope. He continued that for the short term there are 23 projects at a cost of \$3 million delineated. He also offered his services to be part of the group to determine the projects to be undertaken.

Councilman Thompson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Horton, and carried unanimously, to approve the Morehead City Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan as recommended by the Citizen Steering Committee and Planning Board.

III.B. New Business: Approval of the Morehead City/Beaufort Extraterritorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] Boundary Agreement

By way of background information, Planning Director Staab explained that in 1997, Morehead City and Newport agreed to establish a common jurisdictional boundary in the vicinity of Highway 70 West between the two [2] municipalities. This agreement eventually required the consent of the County Commissioners to allow the two [2] towns to assume extraterritorial jurisdiction for planning and code enforcement responsibilities over the affected areas. Elements of the agreement also required authorization by means of a local

bill ratified by the General Assembly. The two [2] towns subsequently also agreed to interconnect the main water lines in the vicinity of the boundary to provide for water sharing in the event of emergencies. The two [2] towns have utilized the connection for shared water during emergencies a few times over the years.

In the late 1990's and early 2000's, Morehead City and Beaufort had discussions about a similar agreement. For various reasons, the discussions between the two [2] towns did not result in an agreement. More recently, communications on the topic have been initiated once again and a proposed boundary line recommendation has been drafted as depicted on the enclosed map. The boundary line proposal generally follows portions of the existing Beaufort extraterritorial jurisdiction east of Radio Island, then follows the west side of the Pivers Island access road, then the southern boundary of the causeway road right-of-way and then follows the Gallant's Channel waterway to the north of the causeway. Town of Beaufort representatives have indicated support for the proposed boundary as presented.

The Planning Committee of the Council recently reviewed the proposed boundary. If the Council agrees to go forward, the staff in cooperation with Beaufort officials will approach the legislative delegation regarding drafting a local bill to establish the boundary in a like manner to the local act approved for Newport and Morehead City. Once the local act is approved, the towns can proceed to get county approval and formalize the extraterritorial jurisdiction [ETJ] boundary for planning and code enforcement.

Councilman Ballou questioned who would continue to care for the plantings along the Causeway.

Manager Martin replied that the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] would continue that maintenance. The only impact of the boundary agreement would be in terms of building and zoning issues.

Mayor Jones commented that the approval of this mutual agreement will lead to the future connection of Morehead City and Beaufort water systems as Morehead City has done with the Town of Newport.

Charles Burgess, Manager of the Town of Beaufort, stated that Beaufort has recently made efforts to start the annexation process on the causeway but is working in conjunction with Morehead City on a boundary agreement which is their preferred option. The climate is right and so is the time. There is high interest in the interconnection of the water system.

In response to a question, Mayor Jones explained that instead of Carteret County doing the zoning, it would come under the two [2] town's jurisdictions. There are very few houses in the area in question, and only a few businesses.

Councilman Thompson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Ballou, and carried unanimously, to authorize staff to pursue a request to the legislative delegation for a local bill in cooperation with Beaufort officials to establish a common jurisdictional boundary line between the towns in the vicinity of Highway #70 East as recommended.

III.C. New Business: Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from State Homeland Security for a Medical Ambulance Bus in the amount of \$357,000 with No Local Grant Match Required

Manager Martin reported that Morehead City has recently been advised that an approved 2010 State Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$357,000 has been made available to Morehead City to acquire a Medical Ambulance Bus [MAB]. The funding was authorized for State Domestic Preparedness Region [DPR] 3 which includes Carteret County. The funding was made available because a lack of access to this equipment was an identified deficiency in Region 3. The state wanted to distribute resources throughout the region with a bus being located in this vicinity.

Since Carteret County did not pursue receipt of the grant, Morehead City has the opportunity to do so and keep the equipment available for our community and surrounding communities. There is no required match with grant funds being sufficient to purchase and equip the vehicle. The City is responsible to provide maintenance for the equipment [i.e., oil,

gas and tires] for the three [3] year grant period. The City gets to keep the equipment, but is not obligated to replace it.

The Council reviewed documentation which depicted sample floor plans for other jurisdiction's buses including Wilmington, Brunswick County, Guilford County and Wake County. All floor plans allow for transport of multiple patients either in beds, seats or any combination thereof. While typical ambulances can transport only one [1] or two [2] patients depending upon the severity of injuries, these vehicles can transport 12 up to 22 passengers depending upon whether a bed or seat is required.

The Public Safety Committee of the Council met recently to consider this since the window of opportunity on the grant was closing and asked that all other members of the Council be notified of their recommendation to accept the grant. The state is preparing the necessary documentation. The Committee recommends the City Council authorize acceptance of the grant upon receipt. The staff including both Chief Lail and Chief Johnson recommended approval as well.

Manager Martin further explained that Carteret County did not accept the grant at least in part because the county does not have the emergency medical staff to operate the equipment nor the place to house such equipment.

Mayor Jones stated that the only obligation is to maintain and use the mobile ambulance bus. If its use is requested within the county, it would be mutual aid. If its use is outside the county, the City would be reimbursed. After the grant period, the ambulance bus is titled free and clear to Morehead City.

Chief Lail explained the capability and capacity of the ambulance bus stating it could be used for transport, triage, a remote MASH facility or a temporary morgue. It is a fairly new concept and it would be up to the jurisdiction to determine the medical work. If its use is requested through FEMA, the costs are reimbursed. In case of transports, the use would be reimbursed through insurance as is currently done with regular ambulance transports.

Manager Martin stated that the City does not anticipate adding any personnel, however, the Chief will pursue cross training as many operators as possible including neighboring departments in the use of the equipment.

Councilman Ballou stated that as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, this is a win/win situation for Morehead City and surrounding communities, as well as emergency service providers.

Councilman Ballou MOVED, seconded by Councilman Nelson to authorize acceptance of the grant from State Homeland Security for the Medical Ambulance Bus [MAB] in the amount of \$357,000 with no local match required and authorized City officials to execute the necessary documents to finalize acceptance.

Chief Lail clarified for Councilman Horton that if the City Fire/EMS were FEMA activated through the state or county emergency management, it would be 100 percent reimbursement. Within the county, and not state or federally activated, it would be a mutual aid response. For transports, the cost would be billed to the patients as is currently done with a regular ambulance transport.

Councilman Horton was concerned that the City would undertake the responsibility when, in his opinion, it should be a county obligation.

Chief Lail replied that the mobile ambulance bus would benefit a regional jurisdiction as well as local citizens.

Councilman Thompson commented that it would be foolish to say "no" to the opportunity of acquiring this asset.

Councilman Horton commented that it was unusual for a small city to take this obligation. He is in favor of acquiring the equipment as our region needs it, however, it is too bad that Morehead City has to act like a county because Morehead City will be providing a service for the whole county. However, if Morehead City does not acquire the ambulance

bus, it would go to Lumberton. He was of the opinion that it was not a good precedent for Morehead City to take on this responsibility.

Councilman Nelson replied that although Morehead City may not be a big city, it is the biggest in Carteret County and someone has to “step up to the plate” and take it on.

Councilman Ballou commented that he had many of the same feelings regarding reimbursement issues, however, he believed that the community will greatly benefit from having this piece of equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

III.D. New Business: Adopt Fire/EMS Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01 for Anticipated Award in the amount of \$357,000 for a Homeland Security Grant for the Purchase of a Mobile Ambulance Bus [MAB] and Otherwise Alter the Fire/EMS Budget regarding Acquisition of a Reduced Cost Alternative Fire Boat

Manager Martin explained that Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01 is necessary since the Council agreed to authorize acceptance of the Mobile Ambulance Bus [MAB] grant as recommended by the Public Safety Committee of the Council. The purpose of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01 is to increase revenue and expenditures for the anticipated award of federal funds in the amount of \$357,000 for a 100 percent Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a Mobile Ambulance Bus.

This amendment also decreases revenue by \$180,000 and expenditures by \$200,000 because the City did not receive a grant for the purchase of a fireboat which was included in the FYE 6/30/2011 budget. The proposed amendment decreases interest expenditures budgeted for interim loan interest on the Fire/EMS Station #2 replacement project financing as the United States Department of Agriculture [USDA] agreed to provide interest free interim financing for the project. And finally, increase capital outlay for the purchase of a reduced cost alternative fireboat paid for solely with City funds as recommended by the Public Safety Committee of the Council. The staff is in the process of pricing alternatives for the reduced cost alternative fireboat with the results to be reported back to the Public Safety Committee.

Due to recent events [i.e., marina fire in Washington, N.C.], the Committee and staff recommend the City pursue the necessary equipment utilizing available funds in the previously approved budget amount for the acquisition of a fireboat. The Finance Committee of the Council was advised of these items via a memorandum and concurred with the recommendation by consensus.

Manager Martin continued that there are ample funds within the budget and no additional dollars are necessary for the budget ordinance amendment as the City has saved \$44,000 of interest that will not be necessary for interim financing expense during the construction of Fire Station #2, the Fire Chief has identified approximately \$25,000 within the existing budget line items which can be diverted for the fireboat and the local matching dollars for the fireboat grant in the amount of \$20,000. This budget ordinance amendment denotes an increase in capital outlay for the purchase of a lower cost alternative fireboat to best suit the needs of the department.

Councilman Horton stated he felt it would be better for the \$44,000 of saved interim interest to remain with the Fire Station #2 capital project fund for the construction of the Fire Station #2 and not used for the purchase of a fireboat. He felt that the City did not know all the construction costs of the Fire Station #2 project at this point. He continued that he would like to vote for the first part of the budget ordinance amendment regarding the acquisition of the mobile ambulance bus, but does not agree to move the funds from the interest savings for use in the acquisition of the fireboat.

Chief Lail updated the Council on the details of the proposed fireboat. He offered reasons why the proposed boat design would adequately meet the needs of the City and stated that right now the City has nothing in the way of fighting a fire on the water except the shared skill also utilized by the Police Department. He further noted that the old government surplus fireboat acquired several years ago was not operational nor did he recommend spending funds to attempt repair.

After much discussion, the Council conceded that the Fire Chief was best to determine the specifications of the proposed reduced price alternate fireboat to address the needs of Morehead City.

Councilman Ballou MOVED to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01 for an anticipated award in the amount of \$357,000 for a Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a Mobile Ambulance Bus and to otherwise alter the Fire/EMS Budget as recommended regarding acquisition of a reduced cost alternative fireboat since the fireboat grant was not funded. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion for adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01. Councilman Horton requested that the ordinance and motion be amended to reflect that the money appropriated in the operating budget for interim interest on the Fire Station #2 project debt in the amount of \$44,000 be transferred to the Fire Department Station #2 capital project fund in the future. Councilman Ballou and Councilman Thompson both agreed to accept the proposed amendment to the motion as a friendly amendment. The motion carried by unanimous vote including the friendly amendment offered by Councilman Horton. [Budget Ordinance Amendment 2011-01 is attached to Ordinance Book #6 in the vault.]

III.E. Adopt Resolution 2011-02 Endorsing the Fourth Annual Crystal Coast Boat Show and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011

The Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association [DMCRA] requested the use of Jaycee Park and the adjacent riparian area and docks, Katherine Davis Park, the 6th Street riparian area day docks, the Train Depot, Sugarloaf Island and other ancillary areas and services to hold the Fourth Annual Crystal Coast Boat Show [formerly the Morehead City Family Boating and In-Water Boat Show] on May 20th, 21st and 22nd. The event includes an in-water and land boat and yacht show, family oriented educational programs and associated gala events. The event promotes Morehead City and raises money in support of downtown revitalization efforts and worthwhile community projects within the township.

The Public Works Committee of the Council reviewed the resolution and recommended adoption with modifications to the organization's original request which are incorporated in the resolution presented.

Councilman Nelson was concerned with the numerous temporary street closings requested by the DMCRA and the ability of shopkeepers, property owners and restaurant owners being able to do business and having access to their properties during the boat show. He was also concerned with the volunteers who do Meals on Wheels having access to Harborview during the boat show.

Captain Steve Miller, Chairman of the Crystal Coast Boat Show, explained the necessity for the closed streets for the event. He stated he had talked with Jeannie Norris at Harborview and they were fine with the arrangements for the event. He continued that the DMCRA works with the charter boat operators and the restaurant and shop owners so that ingress and egress to their places of business are made available.

Manager Martin recommended stipulating closing only portions of the streets addressed in the resolution for the activities of the boat show. He explained that although the resolution is finalized, the City ultimately has oversight on what is happening during the event and efforts will be made to ensure access to parking lots and other necessary areas particularly on the side streets.

Captain Miller stated that event volunteers will be available throughout the days for any contingencies and that the DMCRA always works with the Morehead City Police Department and hires off-duty police officers for the event.

Councilman Ballou commented that it would be a good idea for event organizers to personally visit the property owners to make sure they are aware of the event happenings.

Councilman Nelson requested that Sugarloaf Island be cleaned after the event.

Councilman Ballou MOVED, seconded by Councilman Thompson and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2011-02, as amended, Endorsing the Fourth Annual

Crystal Coast Boat Show and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011. [Resolution 2011-02 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

E. Adopt Resolution 2011-03 Endorsing the JWR Gaffer Dolphin Fishing Tournament and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011

This is the first year that Morehead City has received a request to provide areas and services for the JWR Gaffer Dolphin Fishing Tournament to hold this event on the Morehead City waterfront on May 20th, 21st and 22nd. This non-profit organization promotes sportfishing and raises money for the Take a Kid Fishing Foundation, Inc. The dates for this fishing tournament coincide with the Fourth Annual Crystal Coast Boat Show. The Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association [DMCRA] which sponsors the Crystal Coast Boat Show has agreed to cooperate with and accommodate the JWR Gaffer Dolphin Fishing Tournament as both events dovetail and showcase the Morehead City waterfront. The Public Works Committee of the Council reviewed the resolution and recommended its adoption with modifications to their organization's original request which have been incorporated in the resolution presented.

Councilman Ballou MOVED, seconded by Councilman Thompson, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2011-03 Endorsing the JWR Gaffer Dolphin Fishing Tournament and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be held May 20, 21 & 22, 2011, on the Morehead City Waterfront. [Resolution 2011-03 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

IV. Citizen Requests/Comments:

Ms. Dawn Gaskill of 1208 Evans Street, thanked the Mayor and City Manager for their recent meetings with her. She requested the status of the vitex problem at South 20th Street.

Manager Martin reported that the Public Works Director had already been in touch with the state regarding this problem. The City is working with the state which has a program to provide assistance and funding for the target area. As to the vitex growing on the resident's property, Manager Martin explained that the owner can be asked to clean up his property, but the City can only clean up the public areas to the property line.

Ms. Gaskill distributed a letter to the Mayor and Councilmembers. She commented that she was concerned with the compensation the City receives from the Morehead Marlins for the use of O'Neal Field.

V. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Randy Martin reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were able to dredge the channel in the vicinity of the east end of Sugarloaf Island. It has been cleared of the limitations/obstructions brought to the City's attention during the harborline modification public meetings held last year.

VI. Council Requests/Comments: None

VII. CLOSED SESSION AS PER G.S. 143.318.11[a][3] TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011, AND TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman Ballou MOVED, seconded by Councilman Thompson, and carried unanimously, to enter into CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of G.S. 143.318.11[a][3] to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 11, 2011, to discuss personnel performance and to consult with the City Attorney.

Councilman Nelson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Ballou, and carried unanimously, to return to OPEN SESSION.

Councilman Nelson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Thompson, and carried unanimously, to approve and seal the Closed Session Minutes of Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne M. Giblin, City Clerk