

MINUTES
LAURENS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 1989

Members present: Mayor Dominick; Councilmembers Bolt, Franks, Griffin, Miller, Robertson, and Taylor.

Staff present: City Attorney Saunders, City Administrator Thomas.

Others present: Caroline Taylor, Sarah Okeson, Thomas Mitchell, and Mac Williams.

The press was informed of this meeting by mailed agendas.

Mayor Dominick called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with Mr. Bolt giving the invocation.

On a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 1989 meeting by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bolt, all members voting aye.

On a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter by Mr. Bolt, second by Ms. Miller; all members voting aye.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Dominick informed those present that Council had discussed one legal matter, one personnel matter and one contractual matter. No action was taken on the contractual or personnel matter.

Pertaining to the legal matter:

On a motion by Mr. Franks to respond to the appeal on the Sheppard/CPW lawsuit, second by Mr. Robertson. Mayor Dominick and Councilmembers Bolt, Franks, Griffin, Miller, and Robertson voting aye; Councilmember Taylor voting no.

Mayor Dominick recognized Mr. Thomas Mitchell, a citizen, who is concerned about an on premises beer and wine license that an adjoining property owner was trying to acquire. He said he did not want a beer joint in his backyard (on East Main Street). He asked if it was possible to have the adjoining property re-zoned. Mayor Dominick said he was not sure but that an application could be processed through the Building and Zoning office. The City Administrator commented that a re-zoning request by a non property owner may not be legal. After further comments, Mr. Mitchell presented a list of neighbors who are opposed. Ms. Miller suggested that he present his petition to the ABC Commission. The Mayor then recognized Mr. Mac Williams, owner of the property in question. He explained to Council that he wanted to put a pool table and pinball machines in the old "Dairy Twirl" building and that he was told the business would stand a better chance of succeeding if he sold beer. Mr. Williams stated this would be a place for recreation, "not a honkey-tonk". Mr. Bolt asked what hours the place would be open, to which Mr. Williams replied "I don't know, but I would be closed one or two days a week and not open any later than 12:00 midnight. Mr. Franks asked if this was the same address as the garage building located on the property. Mr. Williams said he would have to get another license to move to another building. Mr. Taylor inquired as to whose name the license would be in. Mr. Williams said

in his name and the location and building must also be named.

Mayor Dominick called on Councilmember Taylor for a report on the Industrial Park Committee. Mr. Taylor informed Council: that Trish Edmonds of U.S.C.O.G. had presented the committee a program on the availability of a grant for a "spec" building for the park. While the committee expressed interest, they determined they were not far enough along to apply yet. Mr. George Wright of the Hart Corp. also presented information on his company. They provide assistance and/or advice on "spec" building also. The Poore Company also proposed that they assist in the marketing of the area. Also, a timber sale had been advertised but no bids were received. Mr. Abercrombie would collect information about cutting and paying by the cord. Restrictive covenants were also discussed as was the agreement between the Council and the Commissioners as to the property.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor to approve the agreement, second by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Franks commented he was not opposed to the agreement but that he wanted to know what the City's portion would be and said he felt the agreement was premature. Mayor Dominick commented that when the time came to divide the money, we need an agreement up front. Mr. Franks said he wanted to know the proposed development cost and other figures. Mr. Robertson said he felt it would be better if we accepted this agreement. Mr. Bolt commented he felt expenses prior to this agreement should be added in. After further discussion, Mayor Dominick tabled the motion.

The City Administrator approached Council about a proposal for joint funding on a E-911 study. She, along with Clinton and County representatives had looked into the matter and decided that the decision would involve many dollars and therefore more expertise was called for. Council agreed to consider this when a firmer cost could be developed.

Mayor Dominick announced that Joe B. Cox, Building and Zoning Administrator, would retire on July 20 of this year. He praised Mr. Cox for his years of dedicated service to the City.

On a motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller at 8:18.

APPROVED: _____
Bob Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Julie A. Thomas, City Administrator

DATE: _____