

**MINUTES
CITY OF DUNN
DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The City Council of the City of Dunn held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunn Municipal Building. Present was Mayor Oscar N. Harris, Mayor Pro Tem N. Carnell Robinson, Council Members Buddy Maness, Bryan Galbreath, Billy Tart, Chuck Turnage and Joey Tart. Also present was City Manager Ronnie Autry, Finance Director Mark Stephens, Public Works Director Billy Addison, Public Utilities Director Dean Gaster, Recreation Director Perry Hudson, Planning Director Steven Neuschafer, Librarian Mike Williams, Police Chief B.P. Jones, City Engineer Ed Powell, City Attorney P. Tilghman Pope, City Clerk Debra West, and Daily Record Reporter Reece Murphy.

INVOCATION

Mayor Harris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked Police Chaplain Rev. Dennis Manuel to give the invocation. Afterwards, the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVAL

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Maness to adopt the October 14, 2008 meeting agenda with changes, if any, as listed below.

Items Added to the Agenda:

- Presentation – Letters of Commendation – Police Department
- Proclamation – Rotary 4-Way Test

Agenda Items Removed:

- none

Motion unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

**HAYES SNIPES
RECYCLING PROJECT**

In the absence of Ms. Hayes Snipes, Dunn Area Tourism Authority Community Marketing Director Sharon Stevens gave a brief update on the Recycling Awareness promotion. She read a letter from Hayes Snipes thanking the City for bringing recycling back to the City of Dunn. Recycling bins are now available at Tyler Park at the site of the old Civic Center. She presented the logo “Waste Not” and had on display, a recycling container which will be used at the upcoming Cotton Festival. After the festival, the containers will be donated to the City of Dunn for use at further events. The containers were made possible by businesses and individuals that she solicited. She thanked the Council for their support of this project.

Ms. Stevens pointed out that by going green at the Cotton Festival, it will qualify them to apply for grant funding.

**TYLER D. BRAY, NCDOT
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER -
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Tyler D. Bray, NCDOT Transportation Engineer, gave a report concerning the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for Harnett County. Mid-Carolina RPO requested they look at the County and they started this plan last February. This plan will encompass the entire county. The northern part of the County is covered by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the southern part of the county which includes the Spring Lake area, is covered by the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. This will be the first plan that NCDOT has ever undertaken which encompasses two MPO’s, one RPO and five different municipalities, including the County.

He pointed out the major difference in the Dunn-Erwin Thoroughfare Plan and this current plan. The Dunn-Erwin Thoroughfare Plan was completed in 2001 and focused on highways and roads whereas this plan will include highway/bicycle/pedestrian/public transportation and rail travel as well.

In late 2007, he met with the Harnett County Commissioners and Harnett County Planning Staff. One of the developments from this meeting was the creation of the Harnett County CTP Team which is composed of members of NCDOT, a member from each municipality within Harnett County, representative Jim Roberts from Campbell University, representative Ray Goff from Fort Bragg, representatives from both MPO's as well as the Rural Planning Organization.

A Thoroughfare Plan was completed for Harnett County in 1994. This plan will be a further update of the 1994 plan. They anticipate this plan to be complete in late 2009 and Dunn will be asked to adopt the plan for Dunn's ETJ area and to endorse the entire plan.

The City of Dunn will be asked to adopt a series of maps, including highway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation and rail maps of the proposed plan. A draft of the maps will be presented to Dunn before adoption.

This plan will not take the place of the Transportation Improvement Plan.

This plan will encompass all transportation deficiencies that will exist over the next 30 years and recommendations will be made on how to handle all those transportation deficiencies. As a result, a tool will be in place that will show long-range needs. It will allow the RPO and MPO's to use this document as a tool for future projects and to get these projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Interchanges and overpasses will be included in this plan. He pointed out that an item of discussion which was brought out concerning Dunn, was using Broad Street and Highway 421 as one-way.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Jones read a statement about an incident that took place on Friday, October 10, 2008 inside Hudson's Jewelry, when a call was made from an employee of Hudson's Jewelry to the Dunn Police Department with reference to suspicious males in Hudson's Jewelry. 911 Dispatcher Barbara McLamb dispatched officers Johnny Jackson and John Parker. They observed the same car in the parking lot of Buddy's Jewelry, a chase ensued and the driver was apprehended by Sgt. Register and Officer Jackson. In the meantime, Sgt. Regina Autry, Capt. Jimmy Pope, Lt. Rodney Rowland and Officer Ricky Jackson entered Buddy's Jewelry and arrested two additional suspects, who were armed. All three suspects were wanted by the Fayetteville Police Department and the State of Maryland for armed robberies. The Cadillac driven by the suspects was also stolen. Chief Jones praised the actions of all involved in this pursuit and capture and presented a letter of commendation to the following employees as well as the actions of the jewelry store employees who reported the suspects:

Lt. Rodney Rowland (absent)
Capt. Tony Strickland
Officer Johnny Jackson
Sgt. John Parker
Dispatcher Barbara McLamb
Dispatcher Nancy Fleming (absent)
Lt. Bill Brady
Sgt. David Register (absent)
Sgt. Regina Autry (absent)
Capt. Jimmy Pope (absent)
SRO Ricky Jackson (absent)
Mrs. Joyce Faircloth and Mrs. Donna Pope (store employees – absent)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Joey Tart to incorporate the Letters of Commendation into the official record of the minutes. **Motion unanimously approved.** *Letters of Commendation are incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #1.*

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION
ROTARY 4-WAY TEST**

Motion by Council Member Joey Tart and seconded by Council Member Maness to approve the Proclamation – Rotary 4-Way Test. **Motion unanimously approved.** Mayor Harris read the proclamation and presented it to Dunn Erwin Rotary Club President Mark Johnson. *A copy of Proclamation (P2008-16) recognizing the Rotary 4-Way Test is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #2.*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Harris opened the floor for a (30) minute public comment period.

Ms. Teresa Stephenson, Ponderosa Subdivision, Dunn, NC – She recently read complaints in the newspaper about the \$65.00 fee for the rental housing inspection. She stated that most landlords do not live near their rental property and do not have to deal with the problems that these run-down properties cause. Some have proposed to use a complaint system. A complaint driven system will not work because most tenants will not complain, fearing increased rent and/or eviction by the landlords. The only way some landlords will make necessary repairs to their properties is by the actions of the city inspector. An annual inspection is needed. The rental housing ordinance may need to be fine-tuned but with this ordinance in place, they will see improvements in their neighborhoods and it will keep property values from declining in an already struggling housing market.

Mr. Thomas Ellis, 400 S. Magnolia Avenue, Dunn, NC – He asked that the City of Dunn not consider accepting the Rosenwald School, noting that it is an African-American historical piece of property.

Ms. Elizabeth Crudup, 400 S. Magnolia Avenue, Dunn, NC - She spoke against Dunn accepting the Harnett County property. She asked what is in it for Dunn. The Rosenwald school has been vacant for a long period. Ms. Crudup directed some of her comments directly to Council Members Maness and Tart. Council Member Maness called for a point of order (the public comment period prohibits making direct comments to individuals). She stated that the City cannot afford to go through the same processes as they did with the Civic Center property. The City is not prepared to take on the renovation of a historic piece of property.

Hearing no further comments, the public comment period was closed at 7:49 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes-Council considered approval of minutes of the September 9, 2008 Council meeting.

Minutes-Council considered approval of minutes of the September 11, 2008 continued Council meeting.

Tax Releases/Refunds-Council considered approval of Tax Releases/Refunds #138 - #140. *Copies of Tax Releases/Refunds are filed in the office of the Tax Collector.*

Proclamation – Council considered approval of a Proclamation designating October 19 through October 25, 2008 as National Friends of Libraries Week. – Council Member Joey Tart read the proclamation. Council Member Joey Tart and Mayor Harris recognized and thanked Librarian Mike Williams and the Friends of the Library for the job they do for the citizens. *A copy of Proclamation (P2008-17) National Friends of Libraries Week is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #3.*

Motion by Council Member Joey Tart and seconded by Council Member Billy Tart to approve all consent items. **Motion unanimously approved.**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

**TEMPORARY BLOCKING OF STREETS
COTTON FESTIVAL**

Manager Autry stated that the NC Cotton Festival Committee has submitted a request to close the following streets for the 10th Annual Cotton Festival on November 1, 2008.

Friday, Oct. 31 from 7:00 pm until after the festival on Nov. 1 at 8:00 pm

- Broad St. from Clinton Ave. to Wilson Ave.
- Wilson Ave. from Edgerton St. to the Fire Station on Harnett St.

Saturday, Nov. 1 from 6:00 am until 6 pm

- Broad St. from Clinton Ave. to Layton Ave.
- Edgerton St. from Clinton Ave. to Fayetteville Ave.
- Wilson Ave. from Cumberland St. to the driveway to the Fire Station.
- Railroad Ave. from Cumberland St. to Harnett St.
- Lucknow Ave. to Broad St.
- Fayetteville Ave. from Cumberland St. to Edgerton St.
- King Ave. from Cumberland St. to Edgerton St.
- Layton Ave. from Cumberland St. to Edgerton St.

In addition, they also ask for assistance from city personnel (police, public works and parks and recreation) and that the street sweeper come through after the event on Saturday.

Motion by Council Member Galbreath and seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve the temporary blocking of streets as requested for the 10th annual NC Cotton Festival. **Motion unanimously approved.**

**TEMPORARY BLOCKING OF STREET
DIVINE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Manager Autry stated that Divine Street United Methodist Church, located at 400 W. Divine Street, has submitted a request to block W. Divine Street from Layton Avenue to McKay Avenue on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm to hold a Fall Festival.

Motion by Council Member Turnage and seconded by Council Member Joey Tart to approve the temporary blocking of W. Divine Street on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm as requested by Divine Street United Methodist Church. **Motion unanimously approved.**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT – STREET CLOSURE -
1600TH BLOCK OF S. WILSON AVE. FOR A
DISTANCE OF 401.85 +/- FT. RUNNING NORTH/
SOUTH BETWEEN CSX RAILROAD AND US HWY 301 SOUTH**

The adjoining property owners have requested the street in the 1600th block of S. Wilson Ave. for a distance of 401.85+/- ft. running north/south between CSX railroad and US Hwy 301 South be closed permanently. The Resolution of Intent is attached and the public hearing will be held at the December meeting if approved. As part of the procedures, the public hearing will be advertised once a week for four successive weeks prior to the December City Council meeting. Additionally, the adjoining property owners will be provided a notice of the public hearing and notice posted in at least two places along the street prior to the public hearing.

City Planner Neuschafer explained that this resolution of intent includes verbiage to retain utility right of ways in the street. This is a dead end street located behind Carver Equipment Company and in front of Dunn Scrap Iron. Dunn Scrap Iron owns the majority of this property with Carver Equipment owning a small portion.

Motion by Council Member Turnage and seconded by Council Member Billy Tart to adopt the Resolution of Intent and call for a public hearing to be held at the December 9, 2008 Council Meeting for the purpose of permanently closing the street located in the 1600th block of S. Wilson Avenue for a distance of 401.85+/- ft. running north/south between CSX railroad and US Hwy 301 South. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of Resolution of Intent (R2008-19) to permanently close the 1600th Block of S. Wilson Ave. for a distance of 401.85 +/- ft. is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #4.*

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
700 & 800 BLOCK ON N. LAYTON AVENUE
CURB AND GUTTER PETITION**

Manager Autry stated that the City of Dunn has received a petition from a majority of the property owners of the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue, requesting the installation of curb and gutter along this street. The signed petition also represents a majority in number of lineal feet of frontage abutting upon the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue.

Once a petition is received and examined to determine that it is represented by a majority of the property owners, then the City Clerk submits the petition to the governing body, accompanied by a "Certificate as to Sufficiency of Petition for Improvement".

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Galbreath to approve the Certificate of Sufficiency for the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue Curb and Gutter petition. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of the Certificate as to Sufficiency of Petition for the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue Curb and Gutter project is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #5.*

**PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION
700 & 800 BLOCK OF N. LAYTON AVENUE
CURB AND GUTTER**

Manager Autry stated that to proceed with this project, the governing body shall adopt a Preliminary Assessment Resolution and set a date for a public hearing to hear all matters covered by this resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be mailed to all owners of property subject to the assessment.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Joey Tart to adopt the Preliminary Assessment Resolution for the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue Curb & Gutter and set a public hearing date for November 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Dunn Municipal Building to hear all matters covered by this resolution. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of Preliminary Assessment Resolution (R2008-20) for the installation of curb and gutter in the 700th and 800th block of N. Layton Avenue is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #6.*

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT
IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Finance Director Mark Stephens explained that the North Carolina League of Municipalities sent notification explaining new Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements for municipalities that have utility accounts, even those that do not use computerized accounting systems.

By November 1, 2008, municipalities must have written procedures in place to help protect consumer identity and fight theft of customer account information. The procedures must identify, detect and respond to possible signals of identity theft known as red flags.

Motion by Council Member Galbreath and seconded by Council Member Maness to approve the City of Dunn Identity Theft Prevention Program. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of the Identity Theft Prevention Program for the City of Dunn is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #7.*

**CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT RURAL CENTER
BUILDING RESTORATION AND REUSE GRANT
FOR H & H PRODUCTS**

Manager Autry stated that during the June 5, 2008 Council meeting, approval was granted for an authorizing resolution to file an application with the Rural Center for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grant on behalf of H & H Products.

The grant has been awarded and the Council is being asked to consider accepting it.

Manager Autry explained that he and Finance Director Mark Stephens met with the Town of Angier City Manager and Finance Director to discuss the procedures they used in accepting a similar offer to renovate an existing building in downtown Angier. He recently spoke with Melody Adams with the Rural Center and he summarized the grant procedures as follows:

- Mr. Hartman would have to expend his monies up front
- If the City accepts the grant, nothing happens until Mr. Hartman begins work and expends all of his money
- During inspection periods, Mr. Hartman will request reimbursement for his expenditures, at which time the City would send the request to the Rural Center
- The check would be sent to the City of Dunn who in turn, would write a check to Mr. Hartman
- By receiving \$100,000.00, Mr. Hartman will be required to employ ten (10) additional employees for a two year period. If he does not hire the required number of employees, the City of Dunn would be responsible for reimbursing at a rate of \$10,000.00 per job.
- If the employees are not hired, the City of Dunn could be fined \$50,000 of which the City of Dunn would be responsible for
- The City of Dunn will be receiving the funds and dispersing the funds

Attorney Pope explained that if the jobs are not created or maintained for the amount of time that is required, the Rural Center will look to the City of Dunn for reimbursement of the monies that they have advanced, essentially \$10,000.00 for each job. As a part of adopting this grant, he pointed out the loan performance agreement which is basically a contract by H & H Products that essentially says that if the Rural Center looks to the City of Dunn for reimbursement for part of those monies, H & H Products will owe those monies to the City of Dunn. He also pointed out a promissory note to the City of Dunn for \$100,000 to help secure performance by H & H Products of what their obligations are under that program. This will provide the City with some form of recourse if H & H Products does not fulfill their obligation and the Rural Center calls upon the City of Dunn for payment.

Mayor Harris explained that this structure is the old meat processing plant built in 1979. It is in terrible shape and consists of 15,240 square feet on 6.44 acres. Mr. Hartman will spend \$320,000.00 for rehabilitation of this property.

Mayor Harris asked Attorney Pope if the City could require Mr. Hartman to place a performance bond on the commitments that he has made to the City of Dunn to assure that the City would not lose any monies. Mr. Pope responded that the Rural Center could answer this question. He was not sure if the Rural Center would allow a bond. Mr. Pope did point out that the City might be able to have Mr. Hartman personally guarantee the note back to the City and have him provide the City with the deed of trust which would be in a secondary position to whatever financing he is getting to perform the loan to make the necessary renovations which would give some additional security to the City but not as good as a bond. The Rural Center can be asked if a bond would be allowed.

Discussion was held about requiring Mr. Hartman to secure a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 if the Rural Center does not object.

Motion by Council Member Billy Tart and seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve and accept the Rural Center Building Restoration and Reuse Grant for H & H Products subject to the Rural Center allowing H & H Products to post a performance bond and making it a condition of H & H Products to provide this to the City before moving forward and if the Rural Center will not allow the City to require Mr. Hartman to give the City a performance bond, then the matter must come back to the Council for further action. **Motion unanimously approved.**

**CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING TO ACCEPT
PROPERTY FROM HARNETT COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

(Tabled 9-9-08)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Turnage to remove this item of business from the table. **Motion unanimously approved.**

City Attorney Pope has presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Harnett County for their consideration, as it relates to this property. This item of business was tabled at the September 9, 2008 meeting since Attorney Pope was still awaiting an answer from the County as it relates to the Council requesting the County to waive the tipping fees for this structure in the event that it had to be demolished.

Mr. Pope stated that the MOU has been informally presented to the County Commissioners and they are not requesting any changes to the language as it is drafted; however, Harnett County is not willing to add the language of waiving the tipping fees at this point but would agree to the MOU draft as proposed.

Attorney Pope stated that the MOU provides that the City would obtain a survey and if the Board of Education gave the property to the County, then the City of Dunn would agree to accept it from the County based upon the terms of that survey.

Council Member Joey Tart pointed out all the services offered by this facility.

Motion by Council Member Joey Tart and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dunn and County of Harnett.

Mayor Harris pointed out the value of obtaining the property to continue the current operations of the City. To replace this same property, the annual lease cost to the City would be \$74,000 to \$75,000 per year.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson stated that the City of Dunn has maintained this property since 1998. All of the repairs have been completed by the City or sublease tenants. He pointed out that this property is serving the entire community. Harnett High Alumni is also pleased at the possibility of the City accepting this property.

Council Member Turnage stated that he would like to know the intent for mothballing this property to avoid the same issues they faced with the Civic Center property such as theft and vagrancy.

Mayor Harris stated they need to secure the building. Manager Autry stated they are working on mothballing this property.

Mayor Harris stated that this property has historic significance as it is the only Rosenwald school in Harnett County. This property can be income-producing to the City and self-sustaining.

Motion unanimously approved to adopt the MOU. *A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Harnett and the City of Dunn is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #8.*

**VOTING DELEGATE FOR
2008 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Mayor Harris explained that as a result of a letter received by all municipalities from the NC Department of Treasurer about the current conditions of the financial market, he and Mayor Pro Tem Robinson have cancelled their reservations for the National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition Conference in November.

In addition, Mayor Harris announced that the Council retreat will not be held out of town.

Mayor Harris stated that he would like to recommend Manager Autry as the voting delegate to represent the City of Dunn at this conference.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson and seconded by Council Member Joey Tart to designate City Manager Autry as a voting delegate representing the City of Dunn, NC at the 2008 National League of Cities annual business meeting on Saturday, November 15, 2008. **Motion unanimously approved.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Motion by Council Member Maness and seconded by Council Member Turnage to accept the Administrative Reports. **Motion unanimously approved.**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Mayor Harris provided the following reports:

- Invitation to the Council from the Harnett Health Care System Central Campus, October 22, 2008 at Harnett Governmental Building parking lot in Lillington, NC.
- Schedule a special call meeting to discuss the rental housing ordinance. Attorney Pope explained that Judge Wiley Bowen is representing clients who wish to address the Council to express some of their concerns with the recently adopted Rental Housing Ordinance. The Mayor and City Clerk will be in touch with the Council to set a special call meeting to address Mr. Bowen's concerns.
- He presented the NCLM 100th centennial book received during the NCLM Annual Conference to Council Member Joey Tart for display at the Public Library.
- He spoke of the recent dinner hosted by the City of Dunn and the Dunn Area Tourism Authority for the Campbell University Football team. He read a thank-you letter received from head football coach Dale Steele.
- Announced that the census bureau is looking for forty partnership specialists in this area
- Extended an invitation to the Council from the Harnett County Board of Commissioners to attend a reception on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Board Commissioners room honoring County Manager Neil Emory in his upcoming retirement.
- He expressed appreciation to Hayes Snipes for her work on the recycling project and the Waste Not Logo she presented.

To clear the recent reports in the newspaper, Council Member Joey Tart pointed out that the City of Dunn inspectors spend approximately ten hours per week inspecting for the Town of Angier. It is an income producing opportunity and has benefited both municipalities.

Council Member Turnage thanked Public Works for their work and clean-up on Highway 421. He spoke about the need to revise the City of Dunn personnel policy and spoke of several concerns within the policy. Mayor Harris asked Mr. Turnage to speak directly to Manager Autry about his concerns.

Council Member Billy Tart thanked County Manager Neil Emory for all he has done for the citizens and he wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

Council Member Buddy Maness announced an upcoming clean-up and asked those that can help, to contact Tammy Williams with the Dunn Area Chamber of Commerce. He also thanked those that have contacted him recently regarding their concerns about the rental housing ordinance, both positive and negative.

Council Member Galbreath announced that the starting pay range for census workers is \$11 per hour. He commended Erwin resident Towanda Terry in receiving a \$1,000 grant from the NC Black Elected Municipal Officials organization during the NCLM Annual Conference in Charlotte.

Council Member Galbreath recommended that the City consider making a donation to the NC Black Elected Municipal Officials Scholarship program and asked that this subject be placed on the retreat agenda for consideration. A total of four scholarships were awarded.

Mr. Galbreath stated that the residents in the 700th Block of E. Divine Street are becoming anxious for the completion of the curb and gutter project and he asked Manager Autry to send a letter to the residents explaining the progress of this project. He recognized Mr. Bennie McDuffie, with the Police Athletic

League (PAL) mass communications program and thanked him for videoing the Council meeting tonight. He also recognized PAL Director Rodney Rowland and Youth Services Director Ryan Ray in the audience. He reminded the citizens to exercise their right to vote in November.

Manager Autry asked Finance Director Mark Stephens to give a brief update on the audit and the City's present financial situation. Finance Director Stephens reported that the auditors have completed their field work and the City is on target to meet the October 31st deadline to the Local Government Commission. The City took appropriate steps in keeping revenues projected cautiously. It's still early in the budget year to ask departments to make cut-backs. He will have a better idea in early 2009 because the largest revenue source that will be affected by the economy, is the sales tax, which is driven by consumer spending.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Joey Tart and seconded by Council Member Billy Tart to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Oscar N. Harris
Mayor

Attest:

Debra G. West
City Clerk