

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Town Council met on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Boyd Sturges, Joe Shearon, Tom Clancy and Bill Williamson were present.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

Council Member Sturges moved that the minutes be approved. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Pernell presented Council Member Joe Shearon with an award for his many years of service on the Town Council, as well as a jacket with the Louisburg logo. Council Member Shearon chose not to seek re-election.

Town Clerk Carolyn Patterson gave the oath of office to Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Boyd Sturges, Tom Clancy and Betty Wright.

Council Member Neal moved to appoint Council Member Betty Wright as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell explained that the approval of the contract with Pierce Manufacturing for the fire truck will be tabled until further information is gathered.

Council Member Sturges moved that Council Member Bill Williamson be appointed as Louisburg's representative on the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments Board, replacing Council Member Joe Shearon. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that Elizabeth Hathcock be appointed as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Jeffrey Tucker, 201 Cedar Street, Louisburg, N. C. said that although great things are happening in Louisburg, he doesn't know how the Town is going to attract new business with so many sweepstakes here. He stated he would like to see the Town do something about the architectural codes related to blacked out windows.

Denise Tucker, 201 Cedar Street, Louisburg, N. C., was also concerned about the growing number of sweepstakes in our town. Mrs. Tucker stated that she would like to see the Town Council meetings held on a different night than the County Commissioner meetings.

Council Member Sturges moved to go into closed session for the purpose of personnel and contracts at 7:50 p.m. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the Town purchase the Cooper Building at 118 North Main Street for \$96,530. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the meeting be adjourned. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Carolyn D. Patterson

Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk CMC