

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT
303 WEST CHURCH ST.
12:00 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg held its organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. in the council room of the municipal building with the Honorable Mayor James T. Willis presiding. The following council members were present: Mary Jo Adams, Mary Evans, Rosemary Rainer, and Andrew G. Williamson, Jr. Councilmember Barbara Rogers joined the meeting by phone.

Also present were Charles D. Nichols III, City Manager, Harold Haywood, City Clerk, and Amanda Futrell, Deputy City Clerk.

Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Councilmember Mary Evans gave the Invocation.

Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor James T. Willis.

Mayor James T. Willis stated that he is really honored to be able to serve again. He stated that he is proud of what this City Council has accomplished and he's proud of the City of Laurinburg. Mayor Willis stated he looks forward to working with Community Development next year on future initiatives. He thanked everyone for coming today.

Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae administered the oath of office to re-elected Councilmember Mary Jo Adams.

Councilmember Mary Jo Adams thanked her supporters for electing her to serve another term on the City Council.

Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae administered the oath of office to elected Councilmember Rosemary Rainer.

Councilmember Rosemary Rainer thanked her family for coming out to support her today. She stated that it has been a privilege to finish out her husband's term, but it is a greater privilege to begin her own term.

APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae advised the Council that the next item to consider was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor James T. Willis advised the Council that he will entertain a motion from Council to nominate someone to appoint as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Rainer explained that she would like to keep the City Council the way it is currently with Councilmember Mary Evans as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Rosemary Rainer nominated Councilmember Evans to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jo Adams. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: All
Nays: None

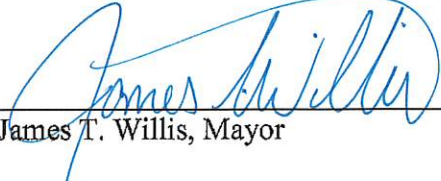
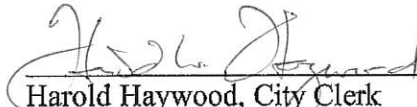
The Scotland County Clerk of Court Philip McRae administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Mary Evans.

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Evans thanked the Council for re-electing her for her second term as Mayor Pro Tem. She stated that she has enjoyed working with the members of the City Council and they work together so well. She thanked everyone for coming and stated the Council plans to do an even greater job for the City of Laurinburg this term.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Rainer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.


James T. Willis, Mayor
Harold Haywood, City Clerk