

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, February 17, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Notice of a special meeting of the Asheboro City Council is hereby given. This meeting will be held on Thursday, the 17th day of February, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Asheboro Municipal Building, 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203.

This special meeting has been called for the purpose of allowing Mayor Smith and members of the Asheboro City Council to consider a timber appraisal of the city-owned real property commonly referred to as the city lakes property. During the course of this meeting, the forester who prepared the timber appraisal, Mr. E. Gerald Tugwell, ACF, will present his findings. The forester will also be available to answer questions that may arise as the council members discuss, and possibly decide, what course of action to pursue in response to the information contained within the timber appraisal.

This notice is issued on the 11th day of February, 2011, in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the State of North Carolina and the City of Asheboro.

s/ David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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**SPECIAL MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011
5:30 p.m.**

This being the time and place for a special meeting of the City Council, a meeting was held with the following officials and members present:

- David H. Smith) – Mayor Presiding
- Talmadge S. Baker)
- Clark R. Bell)
- Edward J. Burks)
- Linda H. Carter) – Council Members Present
- Stuart B. Fountain)
- Michael W. Hunter)
- Walker B. Moffitt)

- John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
- Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer
- Holly H. Doerr, CMC, City Clerk/Senior Legal Assistant
- R. Wendell Holland, Jr., Zoning Administrator
- Deborah P. Reaves, Finance Director
- Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney
- Felix L. Ward, Cultural and Recreation Services Director

1. Call to order.

A quorum thus being present, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order for the transaction of business, and business was transacted as follows.

2. Report on timber inventory and appraisal of the city-owned real property commonly referred to as the city lakes property.

Mr. E. Gerald (Jerry) Tugwell of Henderson and Tugwell Consulting Foresters, P.A., reported on the timber inventory and appraisal of the approximately 353 acres of city-owned land in and around Lakes Bunch and McCrary as well as the old city landfill site. During his discussion, Mr. Tugwell utilized a power point presentation consisting of pictures of the property in question.

As of December 9, 2010, Mr. Tugwell placed the valuation of all merchantable timber on the site at \$642,723.50. However, the actual amount of value received from a potential timber sale would depend on the specific amount of acreage chosen for harvesting, the type of cut (e.g. clear cut or select cut), and other variables associated with any timber sale.

The council members discussed issues ranging from whether they want to approach the issue as a matter of harvesting timber, creating a passive recreation experience, or some combination of factors. The council members were very concerned about maintaining buffers and specifying what type of cutting may be used in different areas of the property.

After substantive discussion among the council members, Mayor Smith allowed for citizens in attendance to express their thoughts in regards to the timber inventory and appraisal. Mr. Lynn Lancaster offered his comments and concerns in regards to the possibility of destroying habitats for endangered species if the property in question were clear cut.

After hearing everyone's concerns, Mayor Smith and the council members came to the consensus that further discussion was needed before a course of action is decided upon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

s/ Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, City Clerk

s/ Talmage S. Baker
Talmadge S. Baker, Mayor Pro Tempore