

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina held a Special Meeting at the Town Hall on April 15, 2010, at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, Clifton Harrison, David S. Holmes, Veronica Lee and Gregory Rouse; (NOTE: Council Member Gregory Rouse participated by telephone conference); Town Clerk, Nelda H. Johnson, CMC.

Absent: John P. Craft, Town Manager (NOTE: Town Manager was asked not to attend) George Jenkins, Jr., Town Attorney (NOTE: Attorney Jenkins was attending a mandatory conference in Raleigh with the State Bar.)

Guest: None

### **ITEMS 1, 2, 3: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and thanked the Council Members for their attendance. Mayor Gurley then called for a moment of silence.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Mayor Gurley stated that in reference to the Special Extensions granted by the Council in February, only 10 extensions had not been paid and those utility accounts were due for disconnect tomorrow, April 16, 2010.

### **ITEM 4: CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Holmes to go into Closed Session as authorized by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion.

At this time, the Town Clerk, Nelda H. Johnson, requested the Council's permission to be excused and permission was granted.

No action was taken during closed session.

Motion was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Lee to return to the Special Meeting. Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Holmes that in addition to the automatic salary increase due May 1, 2010 as per John Craft's current employment contract, his annual salary would be increased to Step 30, Grade 8 in the amount of \$86,910 as per the Town of La Grange's Salary Schedule for 2009 – 2010 in order to have the Manager's salary in line with the average towns of Ayden, Farmville and Winterville. Manager Craft's new employment contract and salary would be effective May 1, 2010 and be for a period of five (5) years. Manager Craft's travel allowance would remain at \$6,000 per year. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion. (NOTE: Council Member Rouse was not available for the vote.) Copy of contract on file in Clerk's office.

Motion was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Holmes to give the Town Manager, John P. Craft a bonus in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be paid before July 1, 2010, reflecting the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion. (NOTE: Council Member Rouse was not available for the vote.)

**ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gurley declared the meeting adjourned.

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Nelda H. Johnson, CMC, Town Clerk

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Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor