

The Smithfield Town Council met in a joint Closed Session pursuant To NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (1) with the Governing Boards of the Town of Benson, the Town of Clayton and the Town of Selma on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Fire Station Training Room located at 111 South Fourth Street, Smithfield, North Carolina. Mayor John H. Lampe, II. presided.

Smithfield Town Councilmembers Present:

M. Andy Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem
J. Perry Harris, District 2
Travis Scott, District 3
Emery D. Ashley, At-Large
Charles A. Williams, At-Large

Also Present for the Town of Smithfield

Paul Sabiston, Town Manager
Pete Connet, Interim Public Utilities Director
Tim Kerigan, H.R. Director/PIO
Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk

Selma Town Councilmembers Present:

Cheryl Oliver, Mayor
William Overby
Eric Sellers

Also Present for the Town of Selma

Jon Barlow, Town Manager

Benson Board of Commissioners Present:

William W. Massengill, Mayor
Frederick D. Nelson, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem
Cassandra Stack
John R. Bonner
Jerry M. Medlin

Also Present for the Town of Benson:

Matt Zapp, Town Manager
Isaac Parker, Town Attorney

Clayton Town Councilmembers Present

Jody McLeod, Mayor
R. S. Lawter, Jr.
Art Holder
Jason Thompson

Also Present for the Town of Clayton

Steve Biggs, Town Manager
Bob Ahlert, Electricities Delegate
Dale Medlin, Electric System Director
Sherry Scoggins, Town Clerk

Also in Attendance

Richard Hicks, Chairman – Electricities Board of Directors

Call to Order:

Town of Smithfield Mayor John H. Lampe, II. called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Invocation:

Town of Clayton Mayor Jody McLeod offered the invocation.

Closed Session:

Smithfield

Mayor Lampe entertained a motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Moore to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (1). Unanimously approved at 7:32 pm.

Benson

Mayor Massengill entertained a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Bonner to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (1). Unanimously approved at 7:32 pm.

Selma

Mayor Oliver entertained a motion by Councilman Overby, seconded by Councilman Sellers, to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (1). Unanimously approved at 7:33 pm.

Clayton

Mayor McLeod entertained a motion by Councilman Holder, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (1). Unanimously approved at 7:33 pm.

Business Item: Discussion with ElectriCities Chief Operating Officer Roy Jones

Mr. Jones addressed the governing boards on current confidential negotiations between the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) and Duke Energy Progress (DEP) to sell generation assets. The ElectriCities Board of Directors and the NCEMPA Board of Commissioners have directed management to negotiate with DEP. Negotiations are estimated to last approximately twelve to twenty-four months with a target closing date of July 2015. All thirty-two members of NCEMPA must be in agreement to the sale of the generation assets.

Mr. Jones explained that by selling ownership in the power plants to DEP, this will allow NCEMPA to provide reliable power at the lowest possible rate. This agreement would allow NCEMPA members to increase stability and reduce risk.

There was general discussion of negotiations including; propose sale price, purchase power agreement, supplemental load agreement and four separate unilateral options. Other topics of discussion were federal conditions, regulations and risks; state legislature needed, debt service, rate study and the ElectriCities rate committee and fairness opinion by J.P. Morgan.

Reconvene to Open Session:

Smithfield

Mayor Lampe entertained a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Moore, seconded by Councilman Harris, to reconvene to open session. Unanimously approved at 9:07 pm.

Selma

Mayor Oliver entertained a motion by Councilman Sellers, seconded by Councilman Overby, to reconvene to open session. Unanimously approved at 9:08 pm.

Benson

Mayor Massengill entertained a motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, to reconvene to open session. Unanimously approved at 9:09 pm.

Clayton

Mayor McLeod entertained a motion by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Lawter, to reconvene to open session. Unanimously approved at 9:10 pm.

Adjourn:

Smithfield

Mayor Lampe entertained a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Moore, seconded by Councilman Harris, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved at 9:07 pm.

Selma

Mayor Oliver entertained a motion by Councilman Overby, seconded by Councilman Sellers, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved at 9:08 pm.

Benson

Mayor Massengill entertained a motion by Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Stack, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved at 9:09 pm.

Clayton

Mayor McLeod entertained a motion by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Holder, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved at 9:10 pm.

John H. Lampe II., Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk