

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 13, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Kirk deViere (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); James W. Arp (District 9)

Absent: Council Members William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore Mohn (District 8)

Others Present: Theodore Voorhees, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Representatives from Surrounding Municipalities
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2.1 Sales Tax Agreement

Mayor Robertson welcomed all in attendance and recognized the City Council members present. Mayor Robertson introduced the item and stated the City Council is looking for a win-win for everyone.

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation gave an overview of the sales tax distribution methods, Cumberland County distributions, original Interlocal Agreement, Fort Bragg/Pope Supplement, April 2013 renewal, reimbursement payments, total reimbursements by municipalities, Fayetteville reimbursements, recent history of negotiations, status of agreement, and current City proposal of reimbursement for Fort Bragg at 50 percent. Mr. Voorhees concluded by stating the City would like to develop a win-win agreement that minimizes financial impact to all jurisdictions, and negotiate in good faith as intended with current extension. We would recognize that many aspects of sales tax distribution and community growth have changed over the past 13 years. School funding is a County decision and the City has no desire to negatively impact schools. The County should acknowledge that City services, in particular public safety, transportation and infrastructure, are valuable to the health and prosperity of our community.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion and question and answer session ensued.

Mr. Clifton Turpin, Falcon Mayor, expressed his frustration and asked Mayor Robertson to help him understand why the fate of his community was tied to the City of Fayetteville and the County.

Ms. Jackie Warner, Hope Mills Mayor, stated the City of Fayetteville has left the smaller communities out of what should have been a unified front of all the municipalities together.

Mayor Robertson responded that the Mayor's coalition passed a resolution in support of the current agreement; an act that the Fayetteville City Council was unanimously opposed to.

Mr. Tad Davis, Spring Lake Town Manager, expressed support of the City's current proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.