

March 24, 2025

The Lenoir City Council met in its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon. Amber Scott Kelso, Shawn Bunch, LaVonne Barbour, Maggie Hunt, and Jim Wilburn were also present. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by McNabb to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

Mayor Aikens announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Aubrey's Restaurant will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Kennedy to accept the agenda as written. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items on the agenda.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Kennedy to adopt Resolution amending Part 6: Time – Off Benefits and Leaves of Absence, Section 6.1: Sick Leave, Sub-Section: Sick Leave for Fire Fighters, of the Employment Policies and Procedures (for TCRS roll-over credit, as City Council adopted for the other section). The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**. **Resolution 2025-03-24-2428-R.**

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve permanent full-time employment for Mr. David Mendez, six (6) months probationary period satisfactorily completed (effective April 7, 2025). The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Kennedy to cancel the Monday, May 26, 2025 City Council Meeting in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire G. Chance Harrison to fill the vacant position of City Attorney until August 2026. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. McNabb voting **NO**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens concerning item/items not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve all bills to be paid when properly approved and funds are available. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Brandon to adjourn the March 24, 2025 Meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields and Simpson were **Absent**.

  
Tony R. Aikens, Mayor

  
James W. Wilburn, III City Recorder Treasurer