

SWEARING IN / ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - December 5, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met for the organizational meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 114 W. Sycamore Street, Lincolnton, NC.

Mayor Ed Hatley called the meeting to order asking all in attendance to raise for a moment of silence, after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council Members were in attendance:

DEMENY

TIPTON

JETTON

Changing the order of the items on the agenda, Mayor Hatley began the meeting announcing the Mayor's Appointments as follows:

ABC Board – (1) appointment **Councilmember Demeny**

Lincolnton Housing Authority – (1) appointment – **Councilmember Tipton**

Centralina Council of Governments (COG) – (2) appointments

Delegate to the Executive Committee – **Mayor Hatley**

Historic Properties Commission – (1) appointment **Councilmember Johnson**

Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority – (1) appointment
Councilmember Johnson

Library Board – (1) appointment **Councilmember Tipton**

Lincoln Cultural Center – (1) appointment **Councilmember Jetton**

Recreation Commission – (1) appointment **Councilmember Jetton**

N.C. Municipal Power Agency (NCMPA1) – (3) appointments
(1) One Delegate – **City Manager Richard Haynes**
(2) Two Alternate Delegates **Mayor Hatley**
Business Services Director - David Ramsey

DDA Appointment – (1) appointment **Councilmember Demeny**

LEDA (Lincoln Economic Development Association)

(1) Appointment **Mayor Hatley**
Ex-Officio – City Manager **Ritchie Haynes**

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors –(1) appointment **Mayor Hatley**

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Transportation Advisory Committee – (1) appointment **Councilmember Demeny**

Nominations for and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Ed Hatley opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Jill Tipton nominated Councilmember Kevin Demeny to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Roby Jetton made a motion to close the nominations. Members voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. There being no other nominations, Mayor Hatley announced that Councilmember Demeny to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Appointment of City Attorney

Mayor Ed Hatley opened the floor for nominations for the city attorney appointment. Councilmember Demeny nominated Mr. John Friguglietti to continue as the City Attorney for the Lincoln City Council. With no other nominations, Councilmember Roby Jetton made a motion to close the nominations. Members voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Mayor Hatley announced the appointment of Mr. John Friguglietti as the City Attorney for another term.

Parliamentary Procedures

Councilmember Jill Tipton made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order (abbreviated version) rules of procedure to use for monthly city council meetings. Members voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Kevin Demeny made the motion to adopt the Calendar of Regular meetings of the Lincoln City Council as submitted. Members voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Ed Hatley administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Roby Jetton. Councilmember Jetton represents Ward IV. *Note: Councilmember Jetton ran unopposed in the general election.*

Outgoing Councilmember Christine Poinsette joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Ed Hatley asked Mr. Mark Johnson to come forward. Mayor Hatley administered the Oath of Office as his wife held the bible. Mr. Johnson ran unopposed in the general election to secure the Ward II seat, as Councilmember Christine Poinsette did not seek re-election.

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS:

After the oaths of office were administered to the elected officials, Mayor Ed Hatley gave special recognition to Christine Poinsette for her dedicated service to the City. He spoke to the “bittersweetness” of the moment, expressing his joy and sadness caused by the changing board members. Mayor Hatley presented Mrs. Poinsette with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of City Council and the City of Lincolnton, as well as a and a special ordered Boston Rocker.

Mrs. Poinsette took the opportunity to express her thanks and gratitude to the citizens of Lincolnton for the opportunity to serve stating that it was a wonderful privilege.

Having no other business for the Organizational Meeting of the Lincolnton City Council, Mayor Hatley called for a motion to **Recess until 7:00 p.m.**

Councilmember Johnson made the motion to take a recess until 7:00 p.m. Members voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

DAPHNE INGRAM, CMC
CITY CLERK

ED HATLEY
MAYOR