**Town Of Maxton**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Town Meeting**

**January 19, 2016**

**7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Mayor Emmett Morton**

**Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**

**Interim Manager Angela Pitchford**

**Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore**

**Commissioner Virgil Hutchinson**

**Commissioner James McDougald**

**Commissioner Paul McDowell**

**Finance Myra Tyndall**

**Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson**

**Chief Tammy Deese**

**Attorney Nick Sojka**

**The work session was canceled**

**Mayor Morton called the meeting to order and welcome everyone present**

**The Invocation was given by Commissioner McDowell**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add items 6,7,8 to New Business, Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the motion was unanimous the motion was carried

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda, Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**Consent Agenda**

1. **Minutes from Board Meeting December 15, 2015**
2. **Tax Adjustments**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion the consent agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**Public Forum**

* **Lisa Locklear from the Redhill Recovery Center briefly spoke to the Commissioners of the concerns she has with the way the Town of Maxton is operating, the changes she would like to see take place in the Town of Maxton**
* **Christy from the Local Government Federal Credit Union pasted out pamphlets and briefly spoke to the board about the different services available at the LGFCU such as college scholarships, loans, insurance, to name a few services**
* **Ray Oxendine briefed the board on the use of the library from the residents and other visitors that come to use the computers, dvds, books, a total of 729 visits the month of January, also Pat Middleton retired and the new librarian is Cynthia Lester was introduced at the last meeting along with Hattie McEaachin the new board member**
* **Stephanie Speece project director for the Project Green Build program briefed the board on how the program is operated and how students benefits from being enrolled in the program students earn up $7.25 per hour, 68 students has received some form of education / employment or training through the program, diplomas, GEDS, different types of skills**
* **Betty Campbell 105 Third Street concern was the leaves/limbs and trash side the road, a pothole at her driveway and major potholes through the town at other locations**

**Old Business**

1. **CDBG- McGill & Associates (Mike Apke)**

Mike Apke briefed the board on the status approval of the CDBG Water infrastructure grant will be eligible to replace existing waterlines throughout the town of maxton

1. **CSX- Final approval for mitigation**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to approval of the CSX mitigation Commissioner Gilchrist made the motion,seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Old Townsend Gym (lease)**

After the board briefly discussed the gym lease and the repairs of the gym , Mayor Morton entertained a motion for Attorney Nick Sojka to send a letter to the Public School of Robeson County asking the BOE to surrender the property before the lease is up from the Town of Maxton, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote passed 4 ayes 1 nay Commissioner McDowell opposed

1. **Town Manager Applications**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion for Attorney Sojka to re-advertise for the vacant town manager position Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Asset Management- (Jim Perry)**

Jim Perry briefed the board on a preliminary estimate cost for an asset management plan (AMP) it provides maps of the water lines / wastewater , GIS format, training, the town can research for grants that may be available to help with the cost of the project which would cost at least $28,000

1. **Admin Building repair- Discussion**

The board briefly discussed the pictures Mr. Sullivan had taken of the Patterson Building (Town Hall) during the time he was doing repairs on the clock of the roof and other areas of the building, Interim Manager Pitchford has spoken with Betty Hasty with the Preservation Maxton Committee concerning repairs on the building inside and out , Mayor Morton entertained a motion for Interim Manager Pitchford authority to get estimates for repairs for the Town Hall, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**New Business**

1. **Budget Amendment-$4500 for part-time police (uniforms and testing)**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to amend the budget $4500 for the part-time police uniforms and testing Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gilchrist the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Recognition of employee of the month**

Mayor Morton recognized Officer Michael Bullard as employee of the month for January

1. **Maxton Tree Committee appointments (5) seats**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to accept the (3) applicants to the Tree Board Committee and to re-advertise for the (2) vacant seats Mac Henderson, Flora Morton, Willis Sullivan, Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Planning and Zoning Board appointments (3) seats**

Mayor entertained a motion to accept the (2) applicants for the Planning and Zoning Board Vincent Hall, Earl McLean and to re-advertise for the (1) vacant seat for out of the city limits, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Presentation to RB Dean**

Mayor Morton presented Sherry Park principal from RB Dean Elementary School with a $10,000 check from the Birdseye Solar Panel Company

1. **Budget amendment $25,000 for sanitation collection**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion approval to amend the budget for $25,000 for the sanitation collection , Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

1. **Manager authority to search for a new sanitation truck**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion for the Manager to search for a new Sanitation truck, Commissioner McDowell made the motion**,** seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

1. **Budget amendment $13,250.00 to remove and replace, repair manhole and water lines on Mckoy and McNair street**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to amend the budget $13,250.00 to repair water lines and replace manhole, Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

Reports- Police, Manager, Library Board, Recreation

Commissioner Gilmore commented on the MLK program and how the citizens should get involved to make progress in the Town of Maxton.

**Adjourn**

**Mayor Morton entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous the motion was carried**

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**Mayor, Emmett Morton Town Clerk, Jacqueline Johnson**