**Town of Maxton**

**Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**

**Maxton Resource Center-7:00 pm**

 **July 19, 2016**

 **Minutes**

**Mayor Emmett Morton**

**Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**

**Interim Manager Angela Pitchford**

**Commissioner Margaret Gilchrist**

**Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore**

**Commissioner Virgil Hutchinson**

**Commissioner James McDougald**

**Commissioner Paul McDowell**

**Finance Myra Tyndall**

**Chief Tammy Deese**

**Mayor Morton call meeting to order and Welcome Everyone**

**The Invocation was given by Commissioner McDowell**

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting June 21, 2016
2. Tax adjustments – None

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda Commissioner Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**Recognitions**

Mayor Morton presented a plaque for Employee of the Month Evelyn Williams and Chief Tammy Deese accepted in her absence.

**Public Forum**

1. Francine McLaurin spoke about the success of the Health and Wellness program and ask for help to get the message out that Alliance Quality would be conducting a Diabetics Workshop.
2. Rita McEachin stated that GMED was sponsoring a camp for kids. She said the kids were selling tickets for $5.00 and ask for everyone’s support for their program. Ms. McEachin said there would be a meeting for “At Risk Kids” Wednesday July 20, 2016 10:30-12:00 to learn more about how to work with our youth.
3. Dolan Brown asked about the extra pick-up and if everything could be picked up at the same time. He also stated he supported the adoption of the saggy pants ordinance.

1. **Old Business**

**a. Freight Building- Lease Renewal**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to approve the lease renewal. Commissioner Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**b. Extra Pickup- Discussion** In discussion it was stated that the extra pick-up was not organized and that citizens were not getting work orders. Interim Town Manager Angela Pitchford stated that the town employees did a sweep and citizens put other items back out. Commissioner McDougald asked to table and let them discuss in the Public Works Committee meeting and bring back to the Board.

**II. New Business**

**a. Transportation Alternatives Program funding for Intersection ADA Compliance - Decision**

Commissioner McDougald asked if we could add Central Street. Commissioner Gilmore asked if handicap ramps could be put at Paul’s Barber Shop. Interim Town Manager Angela Pitchford explained that they were not those type of ramps.

**b. NC Indian Housing- Barbara Melvin**

Barbara Melvin spoke about the NC Indian Housing program partnering with USDA and how they had helped families in Robeson County and surrounding areas get financing and assistance to buy their homes. The program is income based and they can help with applications, purchasing of property and credit. The program is open to all races. Ms. Melvin states they would like to partner with the town to assist citizens and anyone wanting to move to Maxton.

**c. Ordinance on sagging pants- Discussion**

After discussion Mayor Morton asked that we advertise for a Public Hearing to discuss and listen to how the public feels about the saggy pants ordinance.

**d. Maxton Housing Authority- Discussion**

Mayor Morton and Commissioner McDougald states that they are getting complaints against the Maxton Housing Authority. Mayor Morton and Commissioner McDougald said they would meet with Ms. Walker and report back to the Board in the August meeting.

**Reports: Chief, Manager, Committees**

Commissioner McDowell stated that work was being done and the water was down on Croom Rd.

Complaint that not enough patrolling in the area of Croom Rd. Chief Deese addressed Croom Rd.

Mayor Morton commented on the fireworks, and good turnout at the July Celebration. He said there were nine vendors and thanked the chief for their support.

Chief Deese reported that an arrest had been made from the robbery at the Family Dollar.

She also stated that National Night Out was scheduled for August 2, 2016 from 6:00- 9:00.

Chief Deese asked for volunteers to help in safety at the event. Three of the Police Explorers graduated from the NC Justice Academy in Salemburg on July 1, 2016. Community Watch Meeting August 9, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

**Motion to go into closed session NCGS143-318 to discuss personnel issues and consult with**

**Town Attorney**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion go in close session. Commissioner Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

Mayor Morton entertained a motion open the meeting from close session. Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**Adjourn**

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**Emmett Morton- Mayor Date**

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**Myra Tyndall- Finance Director/Interim Clerk Date**